

GOLDENVILLE.—There is not much doing here just at present. Mr. A. D. Williams and company are working on the old Rockville property with encouraging results. Some tributing is being done on the Striker lead on the "Chicago" property and the last quartz crushed yielded 17 dwts. per ton. Mr. J. H. McDonald is at work to the west of the Mayflower. His lead shows some nice gold.

KILLAG.—In our article on the sale of the Killag mine in the last issue of THE CRITIC we failed to give the size of the property, which is a very large one, extending 3,150 feet along the course of the lead by 1,500 feet across the metals. The large quantity of very rich drift that has been found on the property makes it almost a certainty that other, and perhaps more valuable leads than the one discovered yet remain to be found, and the great extent of the property gives room for the formation of several companies to thoroughly work it.

To the Editor of the Critic.—

In referring to the sale of the Killag mining property in your last issue, you were evidently misinformed on some points, as the amount expended by the previous owners (the Halifax Co.) was over twelve thousand dollars instead of two thousand dollars as reported. And it was only for want of means that we very reluctantly were obliged to stop the work of prospecting, finding as we had rich drift (extending fully two thousand feet on the property) of some 6 or 7 different lodes varying from 3 to 30 inches in thickness. Some of these drift boulders were rich enough to yield more than 20 ounces of gold to the ton, and I do not consider Mr. Stuart has found the richest lode in that district by any means. Yours truly,

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ANTIMONY.—The Hants Journal of the 26th of November contained a notice of the sale of Mr. John Sim's interest in the Rawden Antimony Mine. The property is evidently a very valuable one, being well developed and equipped, and capitalists looking for a good investment would do well to enquire into the merits of this mine. We hope to be able to give more details in regard to the property in a future issue.

PLEASANT RIVER.—A valuable lead is reported to have been discovered on the Pleasant River Mining Company's property. The vein is said to be four feet in thickness and well charged with the yellow metal.

In referring we presume to the above find, the *Bridgewater Enterprise* comments as follows:—"The new lead is a true fissure with a substantial four ft. working belt. This is simply a lead carrying gold and quartz, not quartz and gold, as is usual in most cases of mining. A hasty test from some ore experimented on gives a showing of from \$50 to \$2,000.00 per ton. A number of experts, strangers and visitors and last, but not least, the most prominent of our local gold mining men, pronounced this latest addition to the wealth of Lunenburg County second to no mine as yet discovered in Nova Scotia. In connection with this immense find several other well defined leads have been discovered showing iron, copper and galena on this property. We certainly feel bound to congratulate General Wilson on his investments made among us Bluebones. We note the General possesses not only the vim and shrewdness of the genuine business American, but carries with him the refinement and culture of a gentleman. We may add a gentleman who has faith enough in our County to make some big investments in other matters outside of gold and silver that will in short develop it himself."

BROOKFIELD.—An exchange reports that the gold mine at Brookfield, Queens County, formerly owned by John McGuire and others, has been sold to an American Company, who intend working it. Judging from its past record the purchasers have secured a fine property.

The number of companies receiving or applying for letters patent under the N. S. Joint Stock Co's Act with the object of carrying on mining is significant of the growth of the business, as the following list will show:—Letters patent have been granted to the "Napier Mining Company, Ltd." which proposes to purchase, develop, work and sell gold mines. The capital of the company is \$120,000, and the incorporators are W. J. Fraser, of Halifax, R. P. Fraser, of Pictou, Frederick Taylor, of Lowell, Mass., J. E. Hardman, of Oidham, and E. W. Newcomb, of Halifax.

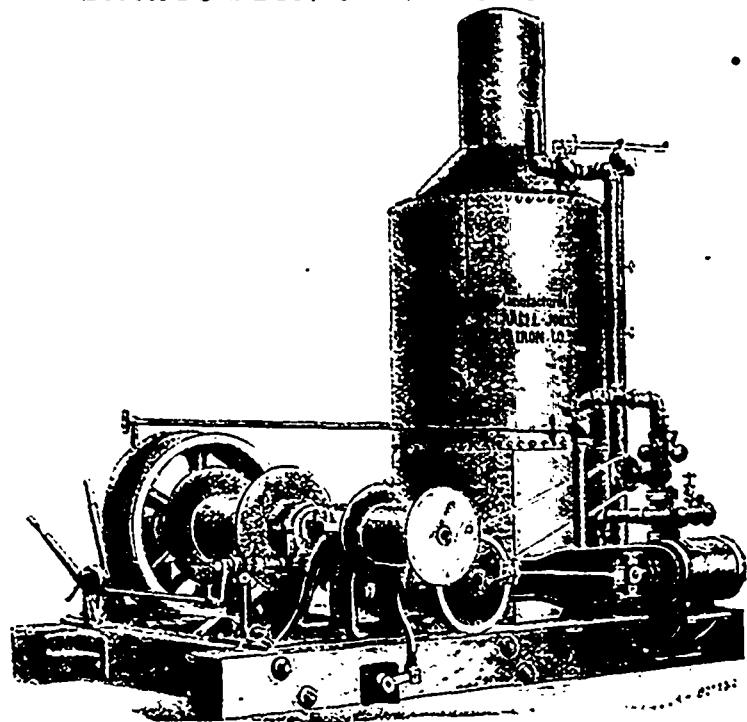
Letters patent have also been granted to the "North Star Mining Co., Ltd." with power to do a general mining and smelting business. The capital of the company is \$40,000, and the incorporators are H. K. Fisher, of Isaac's Harbor, R. Macdonald, W. G. Brookfield, W. H. Johnson and W. M. Cameron, of Halifax, G. Whittaker, of Mason, New Hampshire, and G. W. Churchill, of Hantsport.

Notice of application for incorporation has been given by the "Canadian Smelting and Refining Company," which proposes to do a general mining and smelting business, purchase ores for treatment, etc., etc. The proposed capital is \$100,000, the chief place of business Yarmouth, and the incorporators are E. K. Spinney, E. S. Williams, S. B. Murray, A. M. Perrin, E. F. Clements, G. E. Lavers and J. R. Wyman, of Yarmouth, and H. H. Brown, of Glasgow, Scotland.

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