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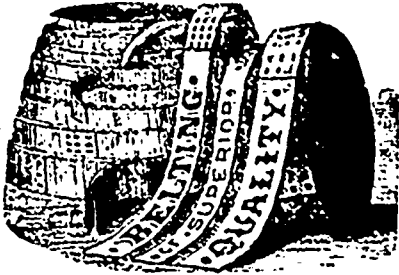
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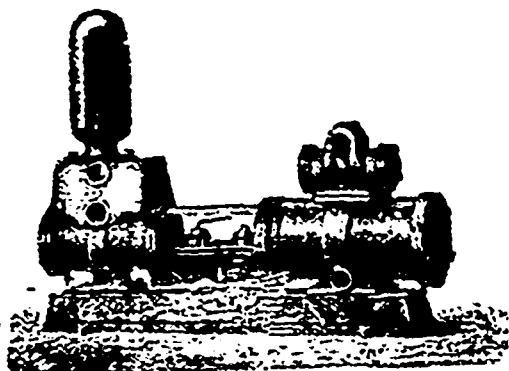
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MINING.

The mining law of this Province as amended up to date seems to be about as perfect in operation as it is possible to make it. What is needed now is a thorough revision of the text of the act, the elimination of all amended clauses and the substitution in their proper sections of the amendments. This is a matter of mere detail and should be attended to at once, as the slight expense of a revision would soon be recouped by the saving made in a large amount of unnecessary printing matter. It seems to be an absurdity to go on printing the original act, the text of which is completely altered by the numerous amendments which are now printed as appendices. It also makes it difficult for laymen to understand, while if the act was printed embodying the amendments it would prove simplicity itself. An index is also badly needed and a small outlay in this direction would produce results that mining men would duly appreciate.

Mr. G. F. Mouckton of Sherbrooke, whose timely letter on the *International Exhibition of Mining and Metallurgy* to be opened at the Crystal Palace London on July 2nd inst., appeared in a late issue of *THE CRITIC*, has been appointed by the Council of the exhibition their agent in Nova Scotia to receive applications for space &c. All intending exhibitors should at once communicate with him as the time of opening is close at hand. The Local Government would do well to co-operate with Mr. Mouckton and forward at the Provincial expense all exhibits from the Province.

SOUTH UNISCKE.—Mr. Thompson brought to town last week a bar of gold weighing something over 256 ozs., milled from 12 tons of quartz, an average of over 21 ozs per ton.

The following are the official gold returns so far received at the Mines Office for the month of May:

District.	Mill.	Qtz. Crushed.	Ozs. Gold.
Sherbrooke.....	Miners.....	53½	8½
Salmon River.....	Dufferin.....	740	213
Waverley.....	Palgrave Co.....	110	34½
Caribou.....	Moose River G. M. Co.....	130	24½
Uniscke.....	Phoenix.....	240	47½
Lake Catches.....	Oxford.....	112½	79½
Brookfield.....	Phild G. M. Co.....	244	170

In the suit of Putnam vs. Hardman and Taylor, William Twining, Master of Supreme Court, on Tuesday last sold the gold mines involved at auction. There was a large attendance and the bidding was spirited, both the properties being finally knocked down to Timothy P. Putnam, of Stewiscke, not the plaintiff in the case, as might at first be imagined, but a well known Nova Scotian, who is reported to be considerably interested in gold mining. The prices realized were for the Lowell and Andrews Mine \$20,500—the Baker \$2,350.

GOLDENVILLE ITEMS.—As an old resident and visitor to the district I feel anxious to see its welfare promoted, and while passing through the place I notice that none of the work is being carried on which I expected; only very little work going on with the exception of the Sutherland. Why capitalists don't come here surprises me. Goldenville has seen a day which very few mines in N. S. have. Property can be got here at very reasonable figures, and prospectors can get the very best terms. So those anxious to possess a good gold field should direct their attention to this place. The Sutherland Company are preparing for extensive operations during the summer season. The Sutherland lode, which is doomed to be one of the best in the Province for the production of gold, has one drawback, that is its situation, being in rather low ground and water heavy. During the last winter this mine has been worked by a six horse power engine, and it was found to be entirely insufficient to cope with the water and do the hoisting, consequently every rain storm during the time it was worked almost filled it to the top. Insufficient gear was therefore a great drawback. But even with its disadvantages "Sutherland" has the merits which make the company feel anxious to place on the ground a good substantial plant sufficient to handle the water and do the hoisting. Mr. Williams, supt. of the mine, was sent to Boston to purchase a first-class engine and boiler, but on arriving there and finding the duty on mining machinery still existing, came back to St. John, where he purchased a 25 horse power engine and locomotive boiler from E. Leonard and Sons. Mr. Williams is now rapidly laying the foundation for this machinery, and expects it to be running before very long. The light machinery has been placed on a new belt which runs quite close to the Sutherland, and from specimens already mined we may expect it to be a second Sutherland. A great amount of prospecting, I believe, is also to be done on this property during the summer; if so, very rich leads are sure to be unearthed, for those rich belts which were marked on the Wellington to the east, and Hayden Derry to the west, run through the full extent of this property, and never have been opened up on account of the water and no machinery to handle it. Mr. Jenner, an English capitalist, is also carrying on some work in this district, and from the present prospects his reward is foreshadowed. He has bonded the Chicago property, which like the Sutherland requires good machinery to make it a success. On it lies the old north lead in its soft bed of slate, worth an ounce to the ton, capital to work it thoroughly being badly needed.

MINING ITEMS.—In company with a gentleman from the West we made a visit to the Parker and Douglas Mine, and also to the Caledonia, on the 31st ult. We found that a large amount of work had been done since our last visit at the 100 feet level as well as on the surface. At the 100 feet level