

The Leadville mines supply funds for the maintenance of over 15,000 people, whose entire supplies are drawn from the Western agricultural and Eastern and Southern manufacturing and cotton growing States, amounting to over \$5,000,000.

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Let manufacturers and merchants, who favor the demonetization of silver, and who consider the mining interests of the West of no importance, know how much of their trade, directly and indirectly, is due to the activity prevailing in the Western mining States and Territories.

The silver mines of Leadville produce annually fully half a million dollars worth of gold in connection with its silver product, which could not be mined for the gold alone.

The mining regions of the Rocky Mountains afford five times a greater market for the production of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Texas than the whole of Europe.—*Herald-Democrat*.

These facts apply with equal force to mining in Nova Scotia. Every mine that is opened up is of direct benefit to our manufacturing interests, our laborers and mechanics. The mines of Nova Scotia are one day destined to make her one of the most prosperous countries in the world.

**THE TIN AND COPPER CORNERS.**—The break in the tin market, when in a short five days the price collapsed from £166 to £79 15s. per ton, is still the "talk of the town," of the world in fact, and people who helped to boom the metal up in the face of large and rapidly increasing stocks are now astounded at the natural and inevitable results of their own acts.

The effect of the high prices which the tin cornerers imposed was, of course, to increase stocks in Europe and afloat, or as our English cousins euphoniously term it, "the visible supply," from about 840 tons, April 30th, 1887, to about 22,000 tons, April 30th, 1888. The total supply of tin increased from 35,891 tons in the twelve months ending April 30th, 1887, to 44,588 tons in the twelve months ending April 30th, 1888, while the consumption decreased from 37,338 tons to 29,773 tons in the same period. These figures illustrate well the effect of abnormally high prices on production and consumption.

The French syndicate, which of late was the cornerer, has for some time past been a free seller of futures, and so arranged its sales as to make its deliveries so rapidly at the close of the "deal" that the metal could not come back on its hands in any quantity before it "let the bottom fall out of the market." The syndicate is understood to have unloaded on the "boomers," who are now standing aghast wondering what struck them.

From many sides come the inquiries, "is copper to go the same way?" and "when will the collapse come?"

We do not pretend to report the inner secrets or intentions of the syndicate, but it is very evident that the copper deal is of a very different character from the recent tin corner. The copper production of the world is controlled for this year at least, and that from nearly every mine now producing is controlled for three years. The mining companies have sold their output for that time to the French syndicate, and the sales have been guaranteed by such responsible banking houses as Seligman's, the Comptoir d'Escompte, etc. So far as the mines are concerned, they will, no doubt, get at least the minimum price stipulated (generally 13 cents for Lake copper) during the next two or three years.

If the price of copper be maintained at 16 to 17 cents, as at present, the quantity that will be produced in the next three years will be enormous, and probably far exceed the anticipations of the syndicate, while consumption will certainly be much less than if the price were, say, 12 cents for Lake, at which figure the world's requirements could be supplied at a profit. It is certain, therefore, that before the expiration of the three years, the syndicate will have an enormous load of copper to carry, a load which will continually increase until it would eventually swamp even the strongest syndicate.

There is little use in speculating on the final outcome, which cannot occur for two years yet, and which may be affected by modifications in the present agreements should mutual interest dictate this necessity. For some time to come every thing favors the stability of the syndicate and of prices above the minimum basis. This of course, does not necessarily keep them where they are; in fact, we believe the syndicate would serve its own interests best by keeping prices but little above the basis—which was too high any way—and thus encourage consumption while discouraging any rapid increase in production.—*The Engineering and Mining Journal*.

**IMPORTANT SALE.**—The sale of the Manhattan Mining property in Nevada, is authoritatively reported to have been made to R. M. Whipple and others, of Chicago. This is among the most extensive properties in the State, and no doubt it will make the fortunate purchasers happy, as it has made the retiring owners wealthy.

Two men recently arrived at Lethbridge with \$1,500 worth of gold dust from the Sweet Grass Hills. Some of the dust found its way to Macleod. It is a fine quality of gold, and among it are some good sized nuggets.—*Macleod Gazette*.

A disastrous fire has occurred at East Rawdon gold mines. It got started in the brush wood around the mines, and a high wind drove it to the buildings. Thirty of these, and 300 cords of wood were burned, and some valuable gear badly damaged.

PEOPLE GENERALLY BELIEVE that if the blood is pure, the health will be good. The purity of the blood is guaranteed only when the kidneys are naturally active. The fluids may flow freely, and yet the kidneys fail to keep the blood clean. This will be indicated if you have **Malaria, Stomach Troubles, Rheumatism, Salt Rheum, Scrofula, Skin Diseases, Impotency, Headaches, Lame Back, Neuralgia, Carbuncles and Boils, Abscesses, Weak Eyes, Nervousness, Poor Appetite,** and in women **Female Troubles**. These disorders show that your blood is full of urea, kidney, acid poison, and you can never get well until you clean out the blood with the only recognized scientific blood tonic, "**Warner's Safe Cure.**"

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