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## MINING.

We are pleased to note that our business men are beginning to take great interest in gold mining. This is as it should be and we hope we shall no longer hear the old complaint from abroad, that our own people seem to have no faith in the mineral wealth of the Province. At least we are now in a position to lately contradict such an assertion. In truth the benefits to the country, from the prosecution of gold mining are almost incalculable. The mines are generally discovered in barren localities which would always remain wildernesses but for the presence of the precious metal. In many districts the available timber has all been cut and the barren, rocky land abandoned as worthless. The fisherman and hunter occasionally penetrate the solitudes in search of trout and game, which generally abound, but otherwise there is nothing to tempt men to visit the dreary localities. The discovery of gold has changed all this and hardy prospectors now penetrate the most remote districts in their eager search. The moment gold is found other prospectors flock in, roads are opened up and the farmers for miles around find a ready cash sale for their products. Should a valuable lead be discovered, a company is soon formed to work it and thousands of dollars in cash are spent in wages; stamp mills, giving employment to our manufacturer are put up; and large villages spring into existence as if raised by the enchanter's word. And is not gold the real enchanter's word? Those who were familiar with the parts of Queens and Lunenburg counties where gold is now found, would be astonished, should they revisit Malaga Lake and Whiteburn, at the great change that has been wrought within the past year. From Yarmouth to Causo the discovery of gold has brought about similar transformations and the Province has been immensely benefited by the great amount of cash that has been expended in gold mining. All this has resulted from the labor of a few energetic men who have fought their way up to success against the most discouraging obstacles, not the least being the hostility and want of encouragement from their neighbours or friends. It is not so many years ago that a gold miner was looked upon as a crank, and every man, woman and child in the community seemed called upon to discourage his business. Now that the mines are yielding such large returns, they begin to see their great mistake and the gold miner of to-day is recognized as one of the most energetic and useful of citizens. Still the populace have only a faint idea of the great amount of capital invested in gold mining or of the skill required to successfully work a gold mine. Gradually they are beginning to see that there is money in mining and many a merchant who five years ago would not invest a dollar may now be seen in the mines office, eagerly securing gold claims. If they intend to develop their properties they should be welcomed to the ranks of the mining community, but if they only hold for speculative purposes, with no intention of working, then they should be forced to forfeit their claims. We want no drones in the hive.

**SOUTH UNIACKE MINE.**—The Withrow et al mine at South Uniacke in which George C. Hartlen and T. B. Putnam are associated with Mr. Withrow, is proving almost a Bonanza. As a result of 17 days crushing 207 ounces of gold were milled from 43 tons of quartz.

The Thompson mine yielded 10½ ounces from 4 tons quartz crushed.

**CARIBOO GOLD DISTRICT.**—Messrs. Henry Archibald, Herbert Dixie and Gordon Zwicker have purchased 17 areas just west of the Touquoy and Cossrey properties and has been prospecting for the past six weeks with complete success. They have opened a true fissure vein for over 60 feet which averages six inches in width. The noted flat lead also runs through their property and will soon be sunk upon. Eight tons of the quartz crushed at the mill of the Lake Lode Company yielded 10 ounces of gold.

**DARRS HILL DISTRICT.**—The yield of gold from the mine of the Dufferin Mining Company for the month of October was 267 ounces from 600 tons of quartz crushed.

**MOOSE RIVER.**—Mr. D. Touquoy and William Bruce were in town this week. Mr. Touquoy's returns for October at the mines office were 34 ounces gold from 380 tons of quartz crushed. Mr. Bruce is now prospecting but great surface depth (some 20 feet) and the wet weather have retarded his operations.

**LAKE CATCHA.**—The Oxford mine continues its steady yield of gold, its returns for October having been 144½ ounces from 149 tons quartz crushed. Manager Reid is to be congratulated on the superior way in which he conducts his mining operations.

**WHITEBURN.**—The Whiteburn Company have returned at the mines office, for October, 113½ ounces gold from 80 tons of quartz crushed.

The *Gold Hunter* is authority for the statement that the clean up at the Graves Mine at Whiteburn on Wednesday last gave a brick of gold weighing over 160 ounces. As this was mostly obtained from places on the property recently opened the result is very satisfactory, and will be pleasing news to the American shareholders.

**BETTER THAN DYNAMITE.**—The remarkable success of a young Swedish druggist, Rudolph Ericsson of New Britain, in conducting experiments with a new substance has surprised many experts in rock blasting. Up to 10 years ago young Ericsson worked in a powder mill in Sweden with his uncle. Desiring to win fame and fortune he left his native place and came to America. Here he worked at one trade and another, finally learning the drug business. He corresponded with his uncle in the old country, and

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