

MINING.—Continued.

The following are the coaling stations at which, according to the arrangement of the Admiralty, the British fleet in all parts of the world takes its supplies:—In the Mediterranean, Gibraltar, Malta and Port Said; in North America, St. John and Halifax; in the West Indies, Jamaica, S. Lucia, Antigua, Barbadoes and Nassau; in South America, Rio Janeiro, Rio de la Plata; at the Cape, Sierra Leone, Cape Coast Castle, Ascension, St. Helena, Cape of Good Hope, Cape de Verde Islands, Fernando Po, Congo and St. Louis; in India, Aden, Bombay, Trincomalee, Mauritius and Zanzibar; in Australia, Sydney, Melbourne, and Wellington; in China, Hong Kong, and Amoy; in Japan, Nagasaki and Yokohama, and in the Pacific, Vancouver and Tobago.

The Oxford gold mines are looking up, and the future prospects of that district are most encouraging.

Renfrew, under the able and energetic management of Mr. Hayward, is turning out well.

The Coxheath copper mines will, in no distant day, occupy a prominent place among the greatest mining centres of this continent. Wm. Van Slooten, the able manager, will yet see his efforts crowned with success, and the stock-holders receiving a well-earned dividend. The successful issue of the Coxheath mines will, doubtless, lead to the development of the valuable iron deposits of Cape Breton.

The new seam of coal opened at the Reserve Mines, Cape Breton, will place that property at the head of the mining market of America. Mr. Kimber, the general agent, and Mr. Routledge, the manager, are both deserving of the highest credit, in aiding the developing of the New Glasgow and Cape Breton mines.

A large number of miners have been in town during the week. Several of them have called at the office, and have expressed their pleasure with THE CRITIC. Our effort to disseminate news respecting our mines appears to be appreciated, both by those directly interested in mining and the public generally. When in town, miners will do well to give us a call.

THE AVERY SALT MINE, LOUISIANA.—A recent press despatch says that "in a few weeks, the first salt shaft in America will be finished, and two salt beds of twenty-two and fifty-eight feet thickness respectively, the lower one over 991 feet below the surface, will be ready for mining." The locality is in New York State, about forty miles south-west of Rochester, on the opposite side of the Genesee Valley from Mount Morris, at a hamlet called Piffardina. The work of sinking the shaft was begun September 1, 1884, and has since been carried forward day and night until now, at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars, the salt bed has been penetrated at the depth of a thousand feet. New York capitalists are backing the venture.

In carefully analyzing the Official Reports on the gold mining progress of this Province, we are fully convinced that it only requires skill and capital to produce such results as will lead to a more extensive and profitable development.

According to the *Hant's Journal*, there is much excitement in Rawdon over the discovery of a new gold mine. Jacob Coon, the exploring Indian, who has been so successful in the past, found a lead which runs directly under the Methodist Meeting House. It is thought to be very rich in deposit. Several claims have been taken up. The first was by Mr. Moxon. B. M. Davidson, and the MacLarens have also secured claims.

Some very fine specimens of gold-bearing quartz have recently been unearthed between Beaver Bank Station and the Springfield farm. Our correspondent, who paid a visit to the locality on Thanksgiving Day, reports a number of men at work diligently searching for the precious metal. It is said some of our capitalists have taken the matter in hand, and already invested some \$10,000 in the undertaking.—*Recorder*.

The Chignecto Colliery at Maccan, which cost the Steel Company of Canada over \$100,000 has been offered at sale for \$40,000. The "rolls" and "sulphur balls" in the coal made it unsuitable for the purpose the Company had in view when they purchased the mine. The coal is good for steam purposes and house use.

It is reported that the largest portion of the weekly quantity of coal used at the Londonderry Iron works, and which formerly came from the "Drummond," has been gobbled up by Spring Hill. Instead of five hundred tons being forwarded weekly from the "Drummond," as during last winter, only two hundred tons weekly will be furnished. The loss will seriously affect the colliery; and if the rumour is correct that the Spring Hill Company are negotiating for the Londonderry works, it is quite possible that the "Drummond" will be out in the cold altogether.—*Trades Journal*.

The coal operators of the Hocking and Sunday Creek Valleys, met on the 5th, in Columbus, and refused to grant the demand made by the Miners' State Convention for an advance of ten cents per ton in mining. Nearly all the miners in these valleys are out, and it is thought this will result in idleness for one or two months at least.

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Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

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By order.

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