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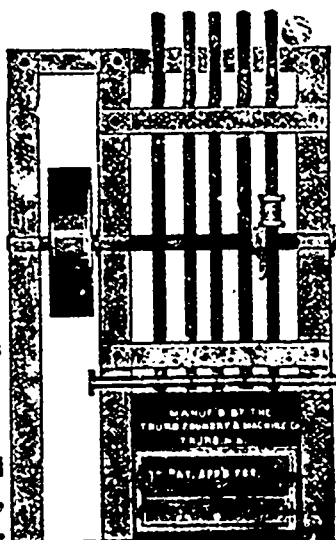
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## MINING.

The Rockland Mill, Stormont, returned for last month 193½ ounces from 222 tons crushed.

E. C. McDonnell purchased the free claim at Renfrew and has been at work for some time. The water wheel broke down about three weeks ago, which will necessitate the shutting down of the mill for some three weeks more. He is putting in new hoisting gear at the same time. A new lead has been struck in the cross tunnel 80 feet down, which is 3 inches wide and looks well.

Mr. D. Touquoy has been in town with another of his gold babies, weighing 72½ ozs., the product of 130 tons quartz and 260 tons surface stuff. The quartz was from the Copper and Little North leads and the gold was unusually pure and of extra good color.

Mr. James Baxter, of Montreal, has recently purchased an interest in a large asbestos mine in the Eastern Townships, and will in a few weeks operate it with English capital.

They have commenced hauling quartz on the new tramway at the Brookfield mine this week. Mr. Henry Christopher & Son have taken the contract. The company are getting up some quartz from their mine at Malaga for a test.

A large new crusher is soon to be built at North Brookfield by the owners of the Dunbrack lead.

Mr. Colchester, the well known Mining Engineer, formerly of the Belts Cove Copper Mines, Newfoundland, arrived out on the last mail steamer en route to take charge of a silver and gold mine in Mexico which is owned by London parties. Mr. Colchester, who is a son-in-law of Mr. Ellershausen, is at present visiting Ellershouse, where his wife resides.

An important discovery of magnetic iron ore has been made at St. George's Bay, Newfoundland, the quality of it proving, on analysis, to be the very best. As coal beds exist in proximity to the ore, great hopes are indulged of extensive operations being commenced there within a short period. Mining capitalists have sent an expert there to report upon the prospects, and if he reports favorably, it is said that the mines will be developed on a large scale without delay.

The Elmsdale Gold Mining Company, Capt. F. J. Sargeant manager, have a most conveniently situated mine about a mile and a half from Elmsdale Station. A commodious shop and cooking house have been built, and the timber for a stamp mill to be run by water power has been drawn out. A dam to supply sufficient power has been completed, and surface operations have been well advanced. In the way of mining much has been done, and ten or twelve leads showing free gold have been opened up. Within a space of 20 feet there are eight leads and a slate belt eight feet wide. One lead has been stripped for 108 feet and another for 300 feet with most gratifying results.

Returns continue to come in slowly at the Mines office. The Egerton Gold Mining Co., of Fifteen Mile Stream, make returns of 82 ozs. of gold from 195 tons of quartz crushed. The Moose River Gold Mining Company have crushed 117 tons of quartz which yielded 42½ ozs. This return was from ores supplied by various tributaries, Mr. McGregor and Wm. Bruce amongst others.

The case of Warren F. Putnam vs. John E. Hardman and Frederick Taylor is of great interest to mining men. As our readers will remember it was tried with jury at Halifax last October. The defendants introduced evidence that was not set out in their pleadings, and the cause was continued at their cost, to allow the pleading to be amended, the plaintiff being taken by surprise.

Messrs. King & Barza, plaintiff's solicitors, who in the trial had the brilliant services of Otto S. Weeks as counsel, have lately moved for the appointment of a receiver, and the Judge's minutes of evidence adduced at the trial accompany the plaintiff's affidavit marked T.

We print them below for the information of our readers.

E. D. King, solicitor for plaintiff informed and a large amount of documentary evidence was submitted and read, part of which was objected to. Warren F. Putnam was then sworn and testified as follows:—

"I reside at Exeter in New Hampshire, know Fred. Taylor the other defendant, have known him since I was ten years old, lived in Lowell where he resided till I was 25 years old. Know Hardman defendant, first knew him in Sept. or Oct. 1884. Taylor introduced me to Hardman. Wished me to incorporate a company to operate a gold mine in Nova Scotia at Oldham. They came to Exeter to see me. Taylor had seen me before in respect to it. I declined this proposal. There was then a proposition for partnership. It was made by Taylor in presence of Hardman. Had several conversations in regard to it. Terms of agreement were finally concluded and committed to writing. This paper contains the terms of agreement on which we finally decided. It was written by Hardman and handed to me by Taylor, and Hardman was present at time. Hardman made some inter-jections in pencil at the time. No other terms except those contained in this writing. It was left with me. I was asked to deliver this paper to General Morton, my lawyer, to have it drawn up in legal form. It was left with me for that purpose. It was given to General Morton. (I decline to admit evidence