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LOCHABER GOLD DISTRICT.—A despatch from Sheet Harbor on the
19th, conveyed the information that the mill of the Liverpool Syndicate Com-
pany, Mr. J. C. Ashton, manager, had been started up on the 18th. Six
miles of road have been built and all the buildings and machinery erected
inside of four and one half months. The Truro Foundry and Machine
Company supplied the machinery, which was put up by Mr. McNaughton,
who deserves great credit, not only for the workman-like way in which
everything has been completed, but also for the quick time made.

OLDHAM DISTRICT.—On the motion of plaintiff in Putnam vs. Hardman
and Taylor, for the appointment of a receiver, which was argued last month
and judgment reserved, Judge Townshend has ordered that defendants
pay the net proceeds of the sworn returns of the mine into court, failing
which a receiver will be appointed.

QUEENS COUNTY ITEMS CONDENSED FROM THE "GOLD HUNTER."—The
Philadelphia Gold Mining Company, Brookfield, N. S. own 306 mining
areas purchased from W. J. Nelson last September. The officers are E. V.
Douglass, President, Robert Wetherill, Treasurer, and Mr. J. H. Ortman,
Superintendent of the mining operations. The mine is owned by Philadel-
phia and Minneapolis capitalists. The company have purchased a ten
stamp mill, which was erected by other parties, and the main lead is distant
about half a mile from the mill, with which it has been connected by a tram-
way. Three shafts have been sunk on the lead, which is about one foot in
width, the ore yielding a little less than three ounces a ton. The lead does not
conform to the strike of the strata, or in other words does not run with the
formation, but diagonally across it. About fifty men are employed by the
Company.

Mr. Levi Nowcomb, in a brief letter, shows that \$205,820 will be
paid out in wages alone, during 1889 by the gold mining companies now
operating in Queens County. He gives the details as follows:

"At the present time, the year 1889, there will be paid out for labor alone
the sum of \$111,820.80. This is calling labor at \$1.40 per day. Add to
this the new camp at Westfield, which will disburse for labor, etc., at least
\$50,000, and it will amount to \$161,820.80. Now add the item, \$20,000,
for wood which will be consumed, and it will be \$181,820.80. The English
Co., who are to start up the West mine, Whiteburn, at once, will also pay
out for labor, etc., at least, \$24,000 per annum, making a total of \$205,820.
80. This is no small sum to distribute in this community, and it has come
from nature's storehouse, that holds the queen of metals."

To the Editor of The Critic:—

DEAR SIR,—I was called to Moose River Gold Mines a few days since
on business connected with my profession; and having had a very unpro-
fitable spell of the "gold fever" myself in the early days of gold mining
in Nova Scotia, I was very much interested in examining the gold mining
property of Mr. D. Touquoy at that place. This gentleman, who is a native
of France, and who has been a successful miner in Australia, seems to have
been equally as successful in Nova Scotia. He has in my opinion, the most
valuable gold mining property that I have seen in eastern Nova Scotia, at
least in this portion of Halifax County. Without going into specifications
in the description of his property, I will say that he has sunk quite a num-
ber of shafts from thirty to one hundred feet or more in depth along the
different lodes, all bearing the precious metal in abundance. These lodes
are but a short distance from the crusher, which is run by the never-failing
water power of Moose River, a large stream from which the mines take their
name. In addition to crushing the quartz it also performs the duty of pump-
ing the water from the different shafts that are now in successful operation.
I would not be surprised from what I could learn, to see this same water
power used ere long in transporting the quartz from the mines direct to the
crusher, thus placing the working expenses of the mine at the lowest possible
figure. The shaft houses are all enclosed and made comfortable with stores
in the winter time. The crusher is built on a firm and substantial basis,
scarcely a jar from the ponderous machinery is felt. So completely have
its builders, Messrs McPherson and Higgins, performed their work. The
crusher is supplied with all of the modern improvements of the day for
crushing the quartz and saving the precious dust.

The mining areas are so situated on a piece of land sloping towards the
river, that the "surface water," which is the "abomination" of all miners,
runs off to Moose River—a few shallow ditches being all that is necessary to
carry the water away from the mines. A large field of land, well cleared
and sown in grass, surrounds the property—except that portion next to
the river, which gives the place quite a farm-like appearance, as well as less-
ening the rate of insurance on the buildings I presume. Mr. Touquoy is a
practical man in his ideas. He went very cautiously about developing his
property here, and not until he found that he had a first class permanent
mine, did he make any extensive improvements in working his property.
He is fully alive to the fact that the great drawback to gold mining in the
country is, that companies are formed for the purpose of gold mining in
some particular place, and the managers of these mines frequently bank-
rupt the companies by foolishly expending money where it is of no avail in
testing the property and developing its real value. Gold mining, like rail-
roading or any other enterprise of a like nature, is fast being reduced to a
science, and only those who understand the art of gold mining in Nova
Scotia should engage in the business. I do not know whether Mr. Touquoy
wishes to dispose of his property or not, I know one thing, I should not if
I owned it, but if he does I presume there would be plenty who would like
to buy it, once they took a look into its value.

Yours truly

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