

enable the company to put the necessary plant and machinery on the mine to work it.

The company control two square miles of territory and feel confident they have a *bona fide* property in their possession.—*Exchange*.

WAVERLY.—The Lake View property is being rapidly equipped with a magnificent plant, the old shaft widened and retimbered, and in a short time the mine should become a large gold producer. The Burkner areas in this district are very valuable, and rumor has it that they may soon be worked by a syndicate with sufficient capital to test them thoroughly. A large amount of gold has already been mined from these areas, and there is every reason to believe that they constitute as good a gold property as there is in the Province.

CARIBOO.—The Lake Lode Mine and the old Caffrey Properties, under the wise management of Mr. Wadsworth, are giving steady and profitable returns. The work of developing the Heatherington areas, lately purchased by Truro parties, has already resulted in the opening of several gold-bearing leads.

PRINCE'S LODGE.—Arrangements are now about perfected to thoroughly prospect the Archibald areas, and the value of the district should soon be made known.

MONTAGUE.—The New Albion mine is fully meeting with the expectations of its owners in the large amount of gold mined, and all the other properties in the district now being worked are giving satisfactory returns.

LAKE CATCHA.—Work has been vigorously pushed at the Oxford Mine, and the crusher is kept busily employed in pounding out the gold from the large amount of quartz on hand. The new find before reported continues to show up well, and the prospects are of the best.

BEAVER HARBOR.—It is rumored that Mr. Currie has made a rich strike on his areas in this district.

MILLISIGATE.—Several properties in this district are being prospected, and leads have been opened up on higher ground than the ones previously worked, which are gold-bearing. Water greatly retarded the previous operations, but now that leads have been opened up in more workable situations there is reason to believe that this district will again come to the front.

QUEENS COUNTY.—A number of capitalists have lately been investing at Molega and other noted districts in this county, and gold-mining is fairly booming.

Prospectors are busy in all directions, and gold-bearing quartz has been discovered in close proximity to Halifax. Work is also being done near Dartmouth, and areas secured at Preston. The Mines Office is the centre of activity, and gold, or its equivalent, is just pouring in. The Province has certainly struck a bonanza in the gold mines.

IMMENSE GOLDEN NUGGETS.—In order to correct many misstatements that are going the rounds of the press in regard to the largest nuggets of gold ever found, the editor of the *Silver Dollar* desires to publish the following facts, which he obtained while commissioner to the great mining exposition held in Denver, Colo., in 1882. These facts were obtained from the gentleman having charge of the Australian exhibit, which included models of all the large nuggets discovered in that great gold field.

The largest piece of gold in the world was taken from Byer and Hartman's gold mining claim, Hill End, New South Wales, May 10, 1872. Its weight was 640 pounds; height 4 feet 9 inches; width 3 feet 2 inches; average thickness 4 inches; worth \$148,800. It was found imbedded in a thick wall of blue slate at a depth of 250 feet from the surface. The owners of the mine were living on charity when they found it.

Welcome Stranger nugget was found on Mount Molaigal, Feb. 9, 1869, weighed 190 pounds, and was worth \$45,600. This nugget was raffled for \$46,000 at \$5 a chance, and was won by a man driving a baker's cart. It was sold to the bank for its true value and melted.

The Welcome nugget was found at Bakery Hill, June 9, 1858; it weighed 184 pounds, 9 ounces, 16 pennyweights, and was worth \$44,356; was raffled for \$50,000, at \$5 a chance, and won by a small boy in a barber shop.

Lady Hotham nugget—named in honor of the wife of the Governor of New South Wales—was found in Canadian Gully, Sept. 8, 1854. It weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces, 12 pennyweights, and was sold for \$23,557.

Union Jack nugget, found at Buningorg, Feb. 27, 1857, weighed 23 pounds, 5 ounces, and was sold for \$5,620. It was found by a run-away sailor, who sold it for the sum named and spent the money in just four weeks.

No name nugget, found at Eureka, Daulton's Flat, Feb. 7, 1874, 50 feet below the surface, weighed 52 pounds, 1 ounce, and was sold for \$12,500.

The Leg of Mutton nugget was found at Ballarat, Jan. 31, 1853, at a depth of 65 feet. It weighed 134 pounds, 11 ounces, and was sold to the bank for \$32,380. This nugget was shaped like a leg of mutton, hence its name.

No name nugget found at Bakery Hill, Ballarat, March 6, 1855, near the surface, weighed 47 pounds, 7 ounces, and was sold for \$11,420.

No name nugget, found in Canadian Gully, Ballarat, Jan. 22, 1853, at a depth of 25 feet, weighed 84 pounds, 3 ounces, 15 pennyweights, and was sold for \$20,235.

The Kohinoor nugget was found at Ballarat, July 27, 1860, at a depth of 160 feet from the surface, weighed 69 pounds, and was sold for \$16,680.

Sir Dominic Daly nugget, found Feb. 27, 1862, weighed 26 pounds, and was sold for \$6,240.

No name nugget, found at Ballarat, Feb. 28, 1855, only 16 feet below the surface. The discovery was made by a small boy. The nugget weighed 30 pounds, 11 ounces, 2 pennyweights, and sold for \$7,365.

No name nugget, found at Weebville, Aug. 1, 1869, weighed 12 pounds, worth \$2,280.

No name nugget, found at Ballarat, Feb. 3, 1853, just twelve feet below the surface, weighed 30 pounds, and sold for \$7,360.

No name nugget, found in Canadian Gully, Jan. 20, 1853, at eighteen feet below the surface, weighed 93 pounds, 1 ounce, and 11 pennyweights, and sold for \$22,350.

No name nugget, found at Bakery Hill, March 6, 1855, weighed 40 pounds, and was worth \$9,600.

Nil Desperandum nugget, found at Black Hills, Nov. 29, 1859, weighed 45 pounds, and sold for \$10,800. Oates & Delson nugget, found at Donolly gold field in 1880 at the roots of a tree, weighed 186 pounds, and sold for \$50,000.

In addition to the above were the Heron nugget, worth \$20,000, and the Empress nugget, worth \$27,661.

Gold in the drift deposits has been found in larger masses in Australia than in any other country. Many large nuggets were found in California during the era of placer mining, but we have no record of any to compare with those we have described in Australia.

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