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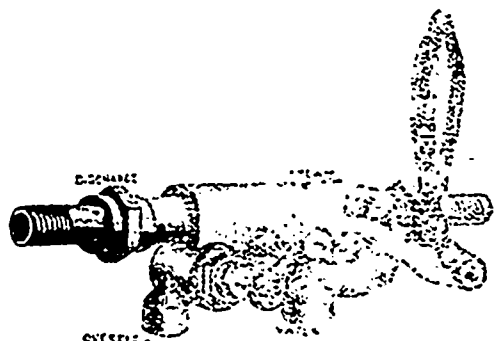
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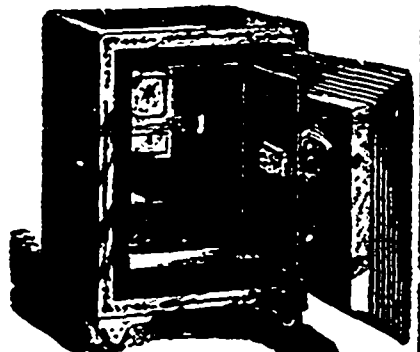
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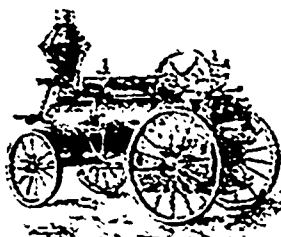
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## MINING.

Items From Our Travelling Correspondent. TANGIER—Concluded.

At present there are only about 10 men at work gold mining at Tangier. Five of these are tributaries, who are working upon the "Dunbrack" lead on the "Strawberry Hill" property; the others are working in the employ of Messrs Murphy and Burton on their property, formerly known as the "Kent." These gentlemen (Murphy & Burton) have been doing considerable prospecting for the last two years. Last winter they discovered about 50 ft. to the south of the old Levy lead, a 10 inch lead giving ore valued at 12 dwt. per ton. They are now working a lead about 10 ft. further to the south than that just mentioned. This lead, which was discovered by tributaries, is from 5 to 8 inches wide, and 7 tons of ore taken out by the tributaries gave an average yield of 1 oz. 16 dwt. There is one shaft house over a shaft of about 30 ft. in depth. This same lead was opened to the eastward some 20 or more years ago. Mr. Murphy is putting ten stamps into the Essex Co's mill, where his crushing will be done. It is to be hoped that he will make the mine pay, which he probably will, as he is a practical miner of great experience and can work a property on a small scale to good advantage.

Mr. S. J. Ritchie, President of the Central Ontario Railway, and a large proprietor of the nickel and iron mines in the Sudbury district, not content with securing his properties on terms that should yield him and his associates enormous returns, has turned his covetous eye on the Dominion Treasury, and in a letter to Sir John MacDonal, dated November 10th last, asks that his railway and proposed smelting works be heavily subsidised in order to secure the reduction and manufacture of the raw materials in Canada. His proposal is, as stated by the *Canadian Manufacturer*, "first, that the Government aid in the completion of the Central Ontario road from Coe Hill to Sudbury, the bonus to be of the usual amount, \$6 000 a mile, and secondly that a guarantee of three per cent. be given on the stock of the steel plant." Some 240 miles of railway have still to be built, so that the subsidy asked for amounts to the snug sum of nearly \$1,500,000, while the guarantee of three per cent. on a proposed capital of \$5,000,000 for the mining and reduction works equals \$150,000 a year.

It is hinted that Mr. Ritchie is supported by the Standard Oil Company, one of the richest and most grasping trusts in the world, and his scheme is so evidently an attempt to secure a monopoly of the nickel mining industry that we feel it will never receive the serious attention of the Government, or be brought up in Parliament, as on its face it bears its own condemnation.

The nickel district is reported by Mr. Archibald Blue, Chief of the Statistical Department of the Ontario Government, to extend over an area of several hundred square miles. Works are at present erected for the treatment of the ore by the Canadian Copper Company of Ohio, the Hussey Vivian Company of Swansea, Wales, and the Dominion Copper Company of Canada. Besides these, Mr. Krupp, of the celebrated Krupp Works of Germany, has been quietly investigating the district with a view to investment, and Thomas E. Edison, the great inventor, has secured through his expert, Mr. Sam G. Burn, large tracts of nickel lands and proposes to separate the metals by a simple and inexpensive process discovered by himself. These facts are proof sufficient that the great mineral wealth of the district has already attracted large capitalists, and that all the money needed to develop the mines and erect smelting and manufacturing works will be forthcoming from private sources as it is required.

The Government at present fosters the manufacture of steel and iron in the Dominion by the tariff and bonus system inaugurated, advantages that are open to every one, and Mr. Ritchie in asking for special favors is simply requesting the Government to aid in the promotion of a monopoly that would be at variance with the best interests of the country. This being clearly the case the Government should have no hesitation in promptly rejecting the proposals.

WINE HARBOR, Guysboro Co.—Things are going ahead here. Mr. McNaughton's mill is nearly finished. He is at present crushing in the Edwards mill. The Napier Mining Company are pumping out the old Mo-re pit. They will be at work in the bottom some time next week. This pit gave some very good returns and there is every hope that it may do as well in the future as it has done in the past. Mr. Cameron is forming a company to work the Romkey lead at Barasois.

BROOKFIELD, COLCHESTER COUNTY—Mr. G. J. Goodhue, of Chicago, has been continuing his investigations into the value of the conglomerate deposits near Brookfield, and is having special tests of the rock made at the Hardman mill at Oldham under his direct supervision. If the yield comes up to his expectation it is probable that a mill will soon be put up on the property. At Pembroke the work of prospecting has been suspended on account of the cold weather, but a mill may be put up at Burnside this winter. By panning sights of gold are freely obtained, as many as forty to sixty per pan, but as the gold is very fine it may prove difficult to save by the usual mill process.

PALGRAVE GOLD MINING COMPANY.—Mr. Fisher, the manager of this company, is the possessor of a unique document, being a warrant from the Government to enter upon Hurricane Point and Island and to remove any buildings that may be erected thereon.

GAY'S RIVER—The 50 stamp mill now being built for the Coldstream Mining Company by the Truro Foundry and Machine Company is nearing completion, being now ready to receive the mortars. It should be finished by the end of the year.