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DEVELOPMENT AT DRUMMOND MINES.

(Continued from page 2.)

In the meantime the mine owners on assurances of a $6,400 a mile subsidy from the Dominion government and the Provincial Government guaranteeing the bonds for a branch line decided to construct the road themselves from the Mine to Black's Cut on the I. C. R. a few miles from here, the understanding being that the line would be extended to this port, the Dominion Government further agreeing to dredge Bathurst Harbor to permit shipments of ore; and the Gloucester County Council exempting the Drummonds from taxation for 20 years and voting a bonus of $25,000 to be paid when shipments would be made from a port in Gloucester County.

The new railway is about completed between Black's Cut and the Drummond Mines. The contract was given to Messrs. Wheaton Brothers and it is needless to say that the well known and reliable railway contractors are making a high class road in every respect. Ballasting is now being proceeded with and the line will be opened for traffic the present month.

Mr. James J. Taylor, now on the St. John Valley Railway Survey was in charge of the engineering work on the Northern N. B. and Sea board Railway the name of the Drumond Mines line. His associates were Messrs. Daniel Shaw and Charles Bruce—the latter now being in charge of the completion of the works.

Mr. Taylor is a man of experience, ability and character, and it is felt in engineering circles that the Provincial Government was fortunate in securing his services as an associate of Mr. D. E. Maxwell in the survey of the St. John Valley line.

Most Bathurst people hope to have their harbor dredged to such an extent that all the ore from the Drummond mine will be shipped from that port within the next few years. Some wise heads appear to feel however, that it is not practical to think of making Bathurst a port of shipment at all—that the cost would be too great, etc. Others see prosperity both for Newcastle and Bathurst through the shipment of ore within the next few years.

For over a year in the immediate vicinity of the mines the Drummond people have been making large improvements, clearing grounds, constructing dwelling houses, store houses etc., ad unearthing the iron preparatory to taking it out.

Immense machinery for the working of the mines is now being placed in position there.

Already a large store has been opened at the mines by Mr. T. M. Burns and it is expected that within a year what was a forest little more than twelve months ago will be a thriving village and rapidly going on to town or city size.

In a few months several hundred men will be engaged at the mines.

There are splendid farming lands between here and the mines. Mr. A. J. H. Stewart has induced Surveyor General Grimmer to instruct that these lands be surveyed into farms of 100 acres each and it is expected that the lands will be occupied at no distant date by between 160 and 200 new settlers.

What has been the effect of the Drummond Mines and the new railway on the business of Bathurst? Most marked, indeed. The population of the town is showing a very noticeable increase and property values have been greatly enhanced. There is a feeling of hopefulness to be observed on every hand; and while the leading business men hope for nothing like a mining craze all are experiencing the good effect of the advance of a genuine mining boom.

Who are the Drummonds? They are Montreal gentlemen, three brothers of the late Dr. Drummond, who next to Sir Wilfred Laurier, stood close to the hearts of the people of Quebec—Dr. Drummond who will long a place in the affections of French Canada as the discoverer of "The Habitant." The living brothers are Messrs. Thos. J. George E., and John J. Drummond. They are the moving spirits in the great Canada Iron Corporation of which Mr. Edgar Macdougall of Montreal is managing director of the Royal Bank of Canada, President of the Lake Superior Corporations at Sault Ste. Marie Ontario, and a Past President of the Montreal Board of Trade. The Canada Iron Company is the parent Company of the Drummond Mines Company, Northern New Brunswick and Sea Board Company, the N. B. Docks and Terminals Company at Newcastle, Londonderry (N. S.) Iron & Mining Company, Londonderry Pipe Works, Annapolis Iron Company, Pipe Works at Three Rivers, Quebec, Silver Ore Deposits at Cobalt, Iron Deposits and Mineral Springs at Radnor—the source of the celebrated water of that name—besides other companies of importance. It is understood that they have unlimited capital behind them and that in connection with the Bathurst mines, English capital to the extent of three millions of dollars has been placed at their disposal.

Messrs. John J. Drummond and Managing Director MacDougall were here the other day and in company with Mr. W. F. C. Parsons, went over the new railway to the mines.

They found things in excellent shape at the mines where the superintendent Mr. T. T. Fulton, had changed the aspect of the place from a wilderness into a hustling mining camp. About 50 men at present are at work there. The number will be increased to several hundred within the next few months.

Mr. Parsons referred to above, is chief engineer of the Canada Iron Corporation for the Lower Provinces. He had practical as well as scientific knowledge. It is said that the Drummonds had turned down the Batburst Mine proposition and were only induced to take it up again on the urging of Mr. Parsons. Of Mr. Parsons is too shrewd either to confirm or deny the story. There is no doubt however, that Mr. Parsons enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence of his principals; and that in the mountains of rich iron ore on the property acquired from Mr. T. M. Burns, it is believed that the Drummonds have one of the most valuable mines in the world. That property, as already stated, covers five square miles. Since securing that the Drummonds have obtained licenses to search on eighty additional miles in this county.

The discovery of the Drummond mine aroused active interest, and it is safe to say that hundreds of licenses were applied for and obtained to search for iron and other mineral deposits in all parts of Gloucester County.

Have any other rich discoveries been made in this County?

The writer shall endeavor to answer that question in another issue of The North Shore Leader.

MICHAEL McDADE.

(The above article, written by a gentleman, who has been associated with many important projects, including the Albert County oil wells, is of very general interest. It is the first account of the Drummond properties.)—Leader.

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SERMON FROM SHAKESPEARE.

O God, that men should put an enemy into their mouths
To steal away their brains.

Othello, Act II. Sc. 3.

The age of great Elizabeth was an age of extremes. Extravagance is the keynote of the time. There was no half-hearted performances and the men of the period went to excess in all things. Strong drink, the curse of the Anglo-Saxon race, had begun to fasten its shackles on high and low alike. Already the Englishman had a continental reputaation for drunkenness. This is admirably illustrated by the words of the Venetian Iago: "Your Dane, your German and your swag bellied Hollander—Drink, ho,—are nothing to your English" Shakespeare's keen mind was awake to the evil and it would be difficult to find in any other stronger condemnation of drunkenness. To him drink was an enemy of man. "The invisible spirit of wine" was to him "a devil." So often does he make his characters speak with passionate vehemence against strong drink that the reader can come to but one conclusion—the greatest genius of the race abhorred drunkenness.

It is difficult to conceive of the creator of Sir John Falstaff and Sir Toby Belch in the role of a temperance lecturer, but no more felling discourse on the evils of intemperance was ever delivered than that contained in Act II. Sc. 3 of "Othello." Cassio has "with joy, pleasure, revel, and applause," transformed himself into "a beast." By close application to his profession, by his genial manners and noble character he was winning his way upwards. A trusted soldier—he was carving out a brilliant career with his sword. One drinking bout apparently ruined all, and in his despair he could but exclaim, "O, I have lost my reputation. I have lost the immortal part of myself and what remains is beastly."

A man who, through strong drink, has once been guilty of a breach of trust is no longer believed in. His associates, friends and employers are always expecting that the enemy which he allowed to steal away his brains may again take hold of him. He is a tainted object, and it is difficult for him to live down his reputation. He lives under a cloud of his own creation, a cloud, hard to scatter.

Shakespeare has fittingly called strong drink "an enemy" of man. It is his worst enemy—destroying more lives, bringing more unhappiness into the world than war or pestilence. And yet how careless men are of its presence. If a plague is abroad in the land the plague-smitten are shunned through fear of contagion. But this enemy stalks boldly through the haunts of men. Few can put it in their mouths without being made the baser for it. It blunts the conscience; it is a destroyer of virtue; it is the parent of broils. Under its influence the heart of love is changed and parents neglect their children, children become callous to the suffering of their parents. It seizes upon the business man, and the structure reared by years of patient toil topples to the ground. The body is a temple in which the Infinite may dwell, and so far as it is kept pure and clean so far are men as gods. They defile their bodies by indulging in strong drink. The temple too often becomes a sewer.

Shakespeare strikes at drink on every fitting occasion. To him "every inordinate cup is unblest and the ingredient is a devil." It may be argued that Shakespeare's condemnation is only for excess in drinking. True. But "use doth breed a habit in a man" and in time the strongest-willed of men may through continued indulgence, become slaves to "the invisible spirit of wine."

Among men good fellowship is cemented by the glass. Healths are drunk in poison. Hand grasps hand in friendship while an enemy enters the mouth. It is a custom; many men conform it. Shakespeare has his warning words for such a custom. He makes Hamlet, the darling child of his brain, denounce this pledging of health in passionate language:

"It is a custom
More honored in the breach than the observance."

Shakespeare, although speaking of the Danes, is thinking of his England. Englishmen were fast earning a reputation for drunkenness, a reputation which still clings to them. Hamlet was right. The social drinking custom is more honored in the breach than the observance, and the man who refuses to conform to the custom is highly esteemed by his fellows. They may laugh at his scruples, but in their heart of hearts they say to themselves, "Go thou and do likewise." But few men fail to realise the danger they are in from the habitual use of strong drink.

Man has been made a little lower than the angels. "In apprehension how like a god, the beauty of the world, the paragon of animals." This is his birthright. He is this by reason of his brain. What a fool he is, with a deliberate hand, to put an enemy into his mouth to steal away his brain, to take from himself his partnership with the Infinite and to transform himself into a beast.

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