

The Ontario Government has surveyed the new township of Scoble, lying between Paipoonge, Blako and Gillies.

CROWN POINT.—This mine, W. Montgomery superintendent, shipped \$7,800 of ore to Kansas City in September, and expects to make regular monthly shipments during the winter.

MURILLO.—A company has been organized in London, Eng., with a capital of £60,000, to work the Murilla Mine, 12 miles southwest of here. They are now engaged in erecting camps and other necessary improvements, preparatory to active mining in the spring.

PRINCE.—Some exploratory work is being done on the "Prince" location. This is the oldest mine on the Canadian shore of Lake Superior, having been worked in 1846 by the late Col. Prince.

SHUNIAN WEACHU.—Capt. Thomas H. Trithewz superintendent of this mine, shipped 15 barrels of ore on the 22nd inst., valued at \$2,200. This ore is shipped to Liverpool, Eng., the freight being \$7 per ton.

WEST END MINING COMPANY.—This company, A. Falco, superintendent, shipped \$12,500 worth of ore on Oct 25th, and has another large shipment ready.—*Engineering and Mining Journal.*

NUOGETS.—Prospectors are doing their level best during this Indian Summer weather. The clink of steel is heard from Hobbs Cross to Lapland, and several finds are reported within the week. One an eighteen inch straight away lead on a block recently taken up by McDonald, Morris and others. The islands of the Millisigate Lake even have not escaped attention. Dr. Calder and others are now the smiling owners of the upheaval with the funny name, covering four or five areas. About the centre of the island one of the sturdy settlers located a six inch lead showing considerable gold and judged to be a continuation through the lake of the birch brook vein. Reports seem to have it that the owners of the West Duluth Shafts near Mud Lake have an offer from a London Syndicate of a certain amount in cash and paid up stock with a guarantee to build a first class mill. The owners of the Mill Village area are now very hopeful of striking the rich lead for which they have been prospecting with so much pluck for the last year or two. A Montreal company is said to have taken a hand in, and work is to be commenced immediately with a view to cutting the hundred feet or thereabouts of surface which they believe is covering the lead of nearly two feet in size. All the float quartz from this lead is filled with fine and coarse gold, and is good for four ounces to the ton. This is a very valuable property and cannot sleep much longer.

Gold River seems to be rapidly coming to the front, as the owner of one of the properties in a letter reports boulders nearly all gold. If that keeps on we shall have to go back to platinum to hand over for value received.—*Argus.*

MOLEGA.—The mill at the Caledonia Mine is well advanced, and is a solid and becoming structure.

The South lead on this property has been cut in six places along an extent of 800 feet. These cuttings vary in depth from 30 to 15 feet, and what is quite remarkable there is a good showing of gold in all the workings. The lead has an average thickness of six inches with an increasing width at the eastern extremity. This lead undoubtedly extends several hundred feet into the unprotected ground, and being of such an extent along the strike, one would reasonably expect it to widen with greater depth, for the length and thickness of leads have always quite definite relations.

Mr. Harlow, the Superintendent, showed some very fine samples of gold from this lead, and altogether it is a very promising feature of the property.

At the Parker-Douglas Mine there is a business aspect. A new battery will soon be ready for operation, and two more are in rapid course of construction. A new tramway is nearly completed to the Slate lead.

The Twin lead at a depth of 118 feet is four feet in thickness, and making a good showing of gold.—*Gold Hunter.*

OPAL QUARRIES.—Opals of every variety are found in many species of porphyry in several distinct regions of Mexico. Don Jose Gonzolos Cosio is owner of 24 claims on an area of 360 acres of opal bearing claystone porphyry located 75 miles from the city of Queretaro and 16 miles only from the line of the Mexican Central Railway. This gentleman employs 100 expert miners, whose sole business is to blast out blocks of rock carrying opals. Thousands of common as well as magnificent gems are broken to pieces weekly by the very awkward process of blasting. By using a rock drill and severing opal rock blocks by the plug and feathering quarrying plan not five per cent. of the gems now ruined would be lost. Senor Cosio has lately established a lapidary at Queretaro. He has cut and polished several bushels of the precious or noble opals and fire opals. He contributed a very fine collection for the Mexican exhibit in the Paris Exposition. His uncut and unpolished opals cost him on an average three cents each. The most magnificent of his precious opals do not cost him to exceed fifty cts. each.

There is an opal bearing quarry being worked in the State of Morelos, and it supplies gems equally as fine as the Cosio quarry.

For twenty years of the seventeenth century, commencing with the year 1672, the Spaniards worked a quarry of opals and turquoises located about 360 miles due north-west of this city. The formation of porphyry there is exactly similar to that in which the famous turquoise stones are found in the quarries south of Santa Fe., N. M. The old Dons could not make much progress there for the camp was isolated, as it still is, and thousands of Apache savages harassed them. In 1602 the Indians fell upon the miners and garrison, massacring nearly 900 men, women and children.

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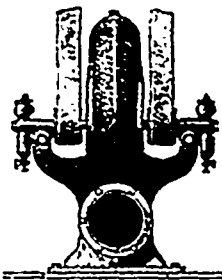
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