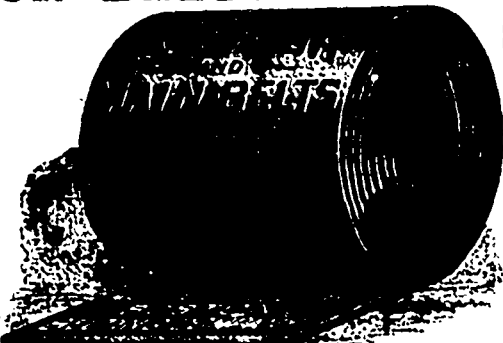


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MINING.

A CORNER IN LEAD.—It is said on the authority of the *London Times* that the principal American lead dealers have contracted with European firms to sell their output at £16 sterling per ton, for three years. This means a continued high price for this metal, and in connection with the corner which the French trust has in copper for three years, will give the mining industry in the West quite a boom.—*Chicago Mining Review.*

This is good news for the proprietors of the Jov Howe Silver-Lead mines.

We are indebted to Mr. D. J. Henderson of St. John's, Newfoundland, for a sample of asbestos taken from a deposit he is now opening up. He is prepared either to sell outright or to furnish the mineral in quantities as may be required. At the same place he has a deposit of soap stone which he will supply either in blocks or powdered.

The estate of The Steel Company of Canada, (Ltd.), has been transferred to The Londonderry Iron Company, (Ltd.), who will continue the business heretofore carried on by the Steel Company, at Londonderry, N. S., and elsewhere in Canada. A. T. Paterson is chairman of the Provincial Directors, and John Sutcliffe is General Manager. We are indebted to the latter gentleman and the book-keeper of the company for the following interesting particulars of the business done for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1887:—

	1st six months. Tons of 2000 lbs.	2nd six months. Tons.	Total Tons.
Pig Iron made.....	9613	9886	19499
Bar Iron, Nail Plate, and Car Axles made....	1470	1470	1470
Puddled Bar "	2128	2128	2128
Scrap Bar "	445	445	445
Casting and Car Wheels.....	54	80	134
Ore mined.....	22205	26358	48563
Limestone used.....	7112	8748	15860
Coal and Coke used.....	30423	47014	77437

DISBURSEMENTS.

Wages.....	\$70000	\$101000	\$171000
Fuel, etc.....	45000	73500	118500
Flux.....	6800	8000	14800
Railway Freights.....	47000	67000	114000

The Manager further says the increase in every department noticed during the last six months of 1887 will continue during this year in about the same ratio, if there are no unforeseen accidents or disturbances to upset calculations.

DEAR CRITIC,—Work on Vogler's Cove Gold District, Lunenburg Co., will be resumed by some of the companies, so soon as the weather will permit. Since any communication from the district has appeared in your valuable paper, the property owned by the Reynard boys, on which such rich quartz was found last autumn, has been bonded. A lode 11 feet wide has been discovered on the Pattillo Mill site claim, bearing gold. Also, one on the Hall property, 10 feet wide. It is understood here that the Liverpool Co. is negotiating for the sale of their large lot. This district is literally filled with quartz, but to be successfully worked, should be under the control of one large company. The water privileges are fine for driving a crusher, and the whole of the properties within two-and-a-half miles of the main road. I believe all of the claims in the district could be purchased (by any responsible firm who would work them) at very reasonable rates.

March, 1888.

We continue our extracts from the Report of the Inspector of Mines:

HALIFAX COUNTY.—*Waverly.*—This district shows favorable signs of being brought up again as a gold producer. Messrs. Wilson and Gue have been working on the American Hill, at the Old Dominion lead, and at the Taylor lead, for the purpose of testing the ore near the old workings, and opening up new portions of the leads. They have met a good measured success. It is expected that the DeWolf and Burkner properties will be opened next season.

Oldham.—J. E. Hardman has been carrying on the works on the Myflower and Dunbrack leads. He bought out E. C. McDonnell, and is now carrying on the McDonnell works with his own. Some tributing has been done on areas in different parts of the district. This district has always given good returns for the money invested in it, and there is a large amount of ore untouched near at hand, giving promise of a good return. Its returns show 2,599 oz. from 2,357 tons of quartz.

Lake Catcha District, Oxford Mines.—During the year the Oxford Company have worked steadily on the Battery leads, which, though very small, averaging only about one inch in thickness, have proved remarkably rich in coarse gold.

The Split lead has been re-discovered, and preparations are now being made to work it again. In July an angular was cut on the property which gave handsome returns for the first few tons, but the gold did not extend to any depth. The mine yield during the year was 3,050 oz. from 886 tons of crushing material, of which less than one-fourth was gold-bearing ore. Total returns to date being 10,613 oz. from 7,401 tons of ore.

Some prospecting has been done on adjoining properties, but nothing of note has been accomplished.

Tangier.—Strawberry Hill mine has been working on tribute. The Essex Company mine was re-opened and worked for a time. Some prospecting was done in the district. The interest of the past season has been centered at Mooselands, 12 miles distant by road from old Tangier, and lying on the outskirts of the Tangier district, as originally proclaimed. Messrs. Dissoway, Stenshorn, Irving, and others, took up areas on the