

hang themselves or disappear, we shall remain as we are. The London mining market is simply the laughing stock of the world just now."

A visit to Whiteburn Mines the past week assured us that it was a busy place.

The Queens County mine were having a clean-up, the result was a substantial brick. Work is being carried on here with the most approved machinery, air drills, etc., and mining reduced to the lowest rates, under careful management.

At the Whiteburn Mining Co.'s mine we found Manager G. J. Partington and Capt. G. C. Smart very busy. The manager thinks it possible to make this the best mine in Nova Scotia.

At present two shafts are working on the Cole Lead, which averages about seven inches in thickness. We were shown some nice gold taken from this lead. The deepest shaft is sunk about 130 feet on the lead, which has been opened two hundred feet.

Steam pumps are at work on the Dunbrack lead for the purpose of doing some testing.

Mr. Crawford, merchant, of Boston, accompanied by his son, who has had experience in California mines, and Mr. Banker, visited the Royal Mine, Whiteburn, last week. During their stay they examined the different leads, and tested with mortar some of the quartz, all of which showed the presence of gold. They went away feeling that Whiteburn had a future before it.

While at the Camp we strolled over to the property a short distance south of the mines where Messrs. Robie Telfer and Sidney Chute are prospecting for a Bridgetown syndicate. The boys have done some good work, and are anxious to "strike it rich," saying that if there is "anything found it will be honest." When we left on Monday one lead was located. Considerable rich drift has been found on this property, and it looks as if it might make a gold mine.

We understand that the West mine is to have some prospecting done immediately.

MOLEGA NOTES.—A reaction in Mining in this, the Bonanza camp of Queens County, has of late taken place. Mr. Chas. McLeod is working in the Fisk block, and has a fine showing. We believe he intends increasing his working force.

Mr. W. H. Thompson and others are developing the Nelson block. If indications count they have a good thing.

Other properties have been leased to miners who will demonstrate that it's not a benefit for mine owners to keep their possessions idle, for the simple reason that they themselves are willing to hold on until they can sell on a boom. We think the time is not far distant when capital will lend a helping hand to the hardy prospector. If we can judge from mining history of other countries, the leasing of our now idle properties to men who are willing to work the same, will be the means of pacing mining on a firm business base, and show beyond doubt that we are rich in mineral. With the royalty taken off as it should be, and a remodeling of our mining laws in general, prosperity would be sure to follow.

The Boston Gold Mining Co. are still keeping up its former reputation. Hon. B. F. Whittemore, Secretary of the company, is spending a few days on the works. We hear that air drills will be placed on this property in the near future.

The Malaga Mining Co. are meeting with their usual success. Some prospective work is being done on this mine, and everything looks well for the future.

The Parker and Douglas Co. are still sinking on the Fraser lead, and will some time this month be opened to the 100 foot level. Ore crushed from this lead has given very satisfactory results. President Gilbert Parker and family are with us and intend remaining for the summer months.—*Gold Hunter.*

A rather peculiar accident occurred at the Foord pit shaft on Friday last. Several heavy sticks of timbers had been sent to the bottom on the cage. Two of them had been removed when one of those remaining canted over, and striking the rapping wire caused it to strike "one"—the signal to hoist away—in the engine house on the surface. The engineer thinking it was a proper signal hoisted away quickly. After the cage had got up the shaft a bit, the large stick of timber caught in the cribbing and went through the bottom of the cage, making a complete wreck of it. When the cage began to ascend the bottomer was afraid to wrap hold lest the stick might fall on top of him.

The Mabou Gypsum Co. have their new mill at Mabou about ready for operation. It will have a capacity of about 40 tons a day, but even this will be too small when the farmers of Eastern Nova Scotia and P. E. Island realize more fully the great value and economy there is in the use of gypsum.

The rails have been laid North and South at the Foord pit bottom, and everything is now ready for a big output. It will be some time before the places will be ready for a big force of men to give this output. Balances are being driven, and by-and-by the Foord pit will present the busy appearance as of old.—*Stellarton Journal & News.*

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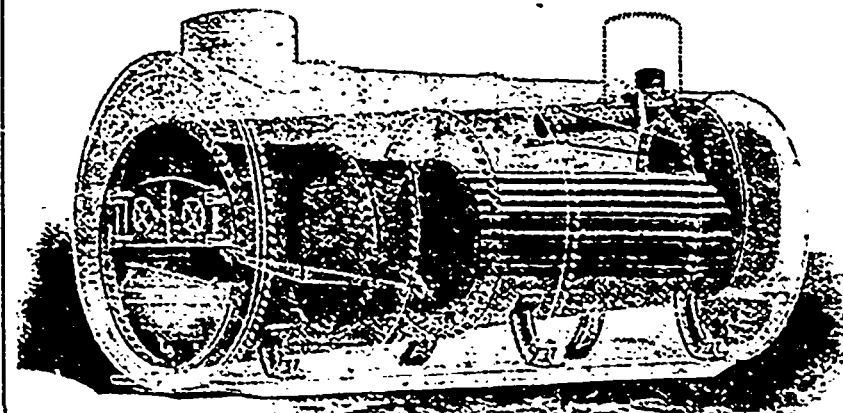
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