

The following are the Official Gold Returns so far received at the Mines Office for the month of July:—

District.	Mill.	Tons qtz. crushed.	Oz. Gold.
†Sherbrooke.....	Miner's	28	2½
Do.	Goldenville	28	4½
Salmon River.....	Dufferin	425	115
Oldham	Columbia	33	5
15 Mile Stream.....	New Egerton Mill	200	93½
Mentagu.....	Saisbury	90	113½
Killag	Killag Mill (Old Prov. Co.)	30½	74½
South Uniacke....	Eastville	15	177
Caribou	Truro Co.	30	18
*Moose River	D. Touquoy	377	58½
Stormont	Richardson G. M. Co.	611	233½
	†Quartz and dump.		
	*Quartz, slate and surface.		

CONVICTED AND SENTENCED FOR GOLD STEALING.—On Wednesday of last week Judge Johnson gave his decision on the charge of gold and amalgam stealing against John and Alexander Greenough. His Honor thought the evidence warranted a conviction, and he therefore found them guilty. Mr. Congdon, acting for the defence, made an application to have the matter made a crown case reserved for the Supreme Court. He contended that part of Mr. Hardman's evidence had been improperly admitted, and that the charge as set forth did not contain an allegation that the gold was feloniously taken. The matter was argued on the following Thursday, when His Honor dismissed the application, and the prisoners were sentenced to three years each in Dorchester Penitentiary.

"THE GOLD FIELDS OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA."—On page 16 will be found Mr. C. Ochiltree-McDonald's third article on the "Coal Fields of British North America." The articles have thrown a flood of light on the subject of which they treat, and have been largely read and most favorably commented upon.

WHITEBURN ITEMS.—The mining outlook here seems to be prosperous. Mr. Partington has had four men prospecting on his property for three weeks. They have trenched six hundred feet and cut fifteen leads, some of them showing gold.

Mr. R. F. Crocker is working on steadily. He has had placed in his mill a new amalgamating cylinder for grinding the sand. He has also put in a new cam shaft and cam shaft boxes with drip pans, and ten steel cams, and they work perfectly. The work of erection was done by Mr. J. W. Bright, of Mo'ega, who has had long experience in gold mining and milling in Nova Scotia. Mr. Bright is a first-class man in every respect and knows how to do his work.

SOUTH RAWDON.—A find of gold has been made at South Rawdon, and F. W. Ledham, James Briton and G. Manley, have taken up 60 acres.—*Chronicle.*

DARTMOUTH.—It is reported that a gold-bearing lead has been discovered in a mill race at Dartmouth.

MANGANESE.—Mr. Archibald, of Truro, Secretary and Treasurer of the Walton Manganese Co., returned Friday from Walton (Hants Co.) with some splendid samples of the manganese, and reports the prospects excellent. Extensive operations will be begun at once.—*Truro Times.*

Work is steady at Joggins Mines. A number of good, steady miners and loaders are wanted there at once. There has not been an idle day for lack of orders since 1st May.

Operations are going on briskly at Whiteburn at the Crocker Mine, and also on the Whiteburn Co's Mine. The latter Co. has determined to cut across the whole property. Up to Wednesday last about thirty new leads had been discovered.—*Gold Hunter.*

THE DOMINION COAL COMPANY.

The Toronto Globe's special correspondent in the Maritime Provinces has been looking into the workings of what the Conservative newspapers call the Whitney Coal Monopoly. It has only had a corporate existence of six months but so far nothing has transpired to shake the wildly entertained belief that the Dominion Coal Company, as the organization is known, is a very sensible combination of capital. It is not a monopoly because there are immense tracks of coal elsewhere in Nova Scotia which the company cannot acquire under the terms of its charter. Its supposed alliance with the Reading Coal Combine is a bogey used to scare the timorous for the Reading Combination merely controls the Pennsylvania anthracite output. It would be little short of impossible even with limitless capital to corner the soft coal mines of the American Continent; and the price of this article will always be determined by vigorous competition.

Up to date the output of the mines controlled by the syndicate at Sydney, C. B., has been seventy thousand tons in excess of the amount mined during a similar period last year. One of the advantages of the combination is that vessels are not now detained at Sydney waiting to be loaded; the combined output of all the mines is available for loading purposes and there is no unnecessary delay. A great advantage will soon be apparent when the line to Louisbourg harbor which is now in process of construction is completed. Then the mines, which now shut down when navigation closes at

Sydney not to reopen until the following spring, will run all the year round. The building of this road was quite beyond the power of any of the companies merged in the Dominion Coal Company.

The company expects to achieve most of its triumphs in the field of transportation. It is reaching out for a greater share of the western Canadian trade, and also has hopes of developing a considerable market in Boston and other New England states.

Two large first class steel tugs and two barges with 2000 tons capacity are shortly to be put on the St. Lawrence and Newfoundland trade. An official of the company told the *Globe* correspondent that Mr. Van Horne talked of tugs and lighters up the St. Lawrence, making it possible to land coal at Montreal at fifty cents, as against a present transportation charge of \$1.15 per ton. This the official regarded as somewhat improbable; and he expressed him as having hopes of accomplishing more at Boston than at Montreal. Two sample shipments to Boston cost the company \$1.75 for transportation, but by improving its unloading facilities at Boston and employing better vessels the cost of transportation per ton can be reduced to 75c. This would enable the company to pay the American duty of 75c per ton, and leave a good margin for profit. It is also intended to make an effort to get a part of the South American trade which at present goes to England.

The results promise to fully justify the business foresight of Mr. Whitney in grasping the possibilities of the combination, and the wisdom of the Nova Scotia government in providing the necessary legislation. Canada can stand any number of combinations which will bring foreign capital into the country and assist in developing its resources.—*Montreal Herald.*

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