

employed all the time in operations not producing immediate results ; but as there is always more or less labor of this kind to be performed, it is only fair that the time of the men engaged in it, should be counted with that of the others.

Four stamp mills are at present in operation in the district, but they do their work so imperfectly that it may be safely said that only half the gold is saved in the majority of cases. The practice of using soft tallow candles or fish oil in the mines, thereby greasing the quartz, no doubt contributes to the great loss which is known to be going on. It is evident, therefore, that with larger mills and more efficient processes, still greater results will be attained. As an illustration of what may be done, I may mention that an improved mill which has just been started at Wine Harbor, produces two ounces, and upwards, from quartz which gave only about nine pennyweights by the system in common use in Nova Scotia.

The village of Goldenville (at the mines of the Sherbrooke district) is now a scene of great activity, and mining property is advancing rapidly in value.

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