

by mounted escorts; and in the gambling hells of the larger towns, the earnings of the successful are often dissipated in a night. In Nova Scotia, gold mining, like everything else, has developed itself in an orderly and law-abiding spirit. The improvised community at Tangier has been permitted to govern itself. There has been no resident magistrate or policemen, on the ground, during the five months that the mines have been worked. There has not been an act of violence, or a life lost, hardly a blow struck. Two men detected stealing, were drummed out of the settlement, and larceny is unknown. Men sleep and work unarmed, leaving their property secure in their huts; and the roads are as safe in the neighbourhood of Tangier as in the streets of Halifax."

The discoveries at Tangier were followed by others in Musquodoboit, in Laurencetown, and in the vicinity of Halifax. Near Lunenburg also, auriferous veins have been found, and at the latter place a curious and unusual kind of surface deposit has been observed on the beach in front of the auriferous slates, an instance of a gold alluvium actually in progress of formation under the action of the waves.

Still more recently similar discoveries have been made at and near Wine Harbor, fifty miles east of Tangier. Specimens from this place have been kindly forwarded to me by James Primrose, Esq., of Pictou; they are precisely of the same character with those from Tangier, and appear to have been taken from a narrow vein of white quartz in fine grained, glistening, black slate. The following account of the discoveries at this place and the neighbouring harbor is given in a letter accompanying the specimens.

"A fisherman and farmer residing at Indian Harbor and who knew of the Tangier gold, has been prospecting in his own vicinity for about two years, and some weeks ago discovered an auriferous vein of quartz at the shore at Wine Harbor, a little above and very near high water mark. There are no high lands in the vicinity; the surface is covered by a gravelly reddish earth, in some places to the depth of five or six feet, and in others the whin and slate rocks crop out at the surface. Where the first discovery was made these rocks cropped out thus, showing a small irregular vein of quartz which on trial proved auriferous. The strike of the whin rock is pretty regularly south 63° east, and the dip nearly vertical, sometimes inclining a little on either side of the perpendicular. The shores both at Wine and Indian Harbor