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GLASS HOUSES.

An effort is being made in Mexico to push through legislation that will exclude foreigners from acquiring or retaining the ownership of Mexican mining properties. Our United States contemporaries are protesting vigorously against this drastic and short-sighted proposal. It is believed that President Diaz will not, under any circumstances, consent to the passage of such an unjust enactment.

The moment is opportune for the fervid Republic to our immediate south to do some soul-searching. Is it not so that in some of the States aliens are unable to locate or to acquire mining claims? Or, better, how does Mexico's treatment of the United States investor compare with the treatment accorded foreign investors in mining property in the United States? Is it possible that Mexico is not the only country that has considered enactments inimical to the interests of the stranger within her gate?

"On the question as to whether an alien can make a valid location," says a recognized United States authority, "there has been some conflict among the cases . . . An alien by making a location obtains rights in which he will be protected by the courts against all the world except the Government, which, as the owner of the land, has the sole right to dispute his possession . . . But this is true only so long as the alien allows his rights to rest in location; for he cannot obtain a patent because his citizenship, or declaration of intention to become such, must affirmatively appear before patent be granted . . . Some of the mining States have statutory provisions that the location certificate that is recorded must contain a sworn statement that the locator is a citizen or has declared his intention to become such."

In the light of these facts the situation is not devoid of humor.

CHAMBERS-FERLAND.

La Rose Consolidated was the subject of editorial comment in the last number of "The Canadian Mining Journal." The announcement of the Chambers-Ferland flotation is equally deserving of remark.

The Chambers-Ferland property comprises 124 acres situated advantageously, even strikingly. Part of the property surrounds La Rose. South, east and west the O'Brien and Nipissing are immediate neighbors. Other facts lead to the conclusion that, to say the most, Chambers-Ferland is a property of high promise.

However, none but the most superficial development has been performed. Thus, to a considerable degree,