

A. R. DICKEY, the member for Cumberland, N.S., has been visiting Ottawa in company with B. Baker and A. D. Provand, two gentlemen representing English capitalists.

A MANCHESTER man has invented a self-acting coupler, which he claims will couple any number of cars in as many seconds. The uncoupling can be done as fast as a man can walk from one end of the train to another. The present system of chains remains unaltered, and there is said to be no danger of accidental uncoupling.

THE receipts of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company to the end of July this year showed an increase of over \$31,000 over the figures of last year. The revenue from the Saguenay route alone has been nearly double that of last year. Things have seemed to take an upward turn with this company from the moment the management was assumed by Mr. Gildersleeve.

FOLGER BROS., Kingston, Ont., have purchased for the Thousand Island Steamboat Co., the interest held by Cornwall Bros., of Alexandria Bay, in the Alexandria Bay Steamboat Co. The purchase includes the steamers "Wanderer," "C. M. Depew," and "Island," and will give the Thousand Island Steamboat Co. a monopoly of the excursion business in that district.

A DISASTROUS railway accident took place early last month on the Eastern Division of the C. P. R. near Moosehead Station, Maine. While going at full speed, the express crashed through a trestle spanning a portion of the lake. Five persons were killed, and several injured. Little doubt seems to exist but that the immediate cause of the disaster was the malicious placing of sleepers across the track near one end of the trestle.

A PARAGRAPH went the rounds of the newspapers last month to the effect that the construction work on the Canadian "Soo" Canal had been done so carelessly that a portion would have to be rebuilt. Hugh Ryan, one of the contractors, subsequently wrote as follows, however: "The injury was of a most trifling nature. It was caused by the action of the frost in the new material placed behind the curbing. The damage has been about made good, and will not cause the slightest delay in the opening of the canal for traffic." The canal will be formally opened in September.

THE handsome new steam yacht "Athena," of Hamilton, was built by Johnson & Fearside, of that city. She is of California cedar and is 58 feet over all, 9 feet beam, 5 feet 5 inches draught, and was designed by Kerby of Detroit. The compound engine and Fitzgibbon boiler were designed and built by the Killey-Beckett Engine Company, Hamilton. She is owned by Messrs. McDonald and Clendening, of the same city. She is fitted out in all respects in the most luxurious manner, and is believed to be the fastest yacht of the size on Canadian waters, as she can easily make 16 miles per hour with 120 to 130 pounds steam pressure in boiler. She made a run from Hamilton to the Niagara River in less than 3½ hours under easy steam. The machinery was built and placed in the boat under the inspection of Robert Mackie, of the Stationary Engineers' Association.

GEORGE CHAPMAN was on the Dartmouth railway survey with the engineers. All the old routes were traversed and one new survey made. It crosses Wright's still-water, near Hardwood Grove, and then leads into a gulch that extends right through to West Waverley. Only one or two cuts of any depth occur, and no trestling to speak of. This line is 8½ miles long. It is east of Anderson's Lake, and does not go near the Enchanted Lakes or Lake Charles. This gulch suits admirably for railway construction, it is so level, and there are gravel beds right along for ballasting and grading. The survey terminates at Windsor Junction. At this end there is a choice to be made. The aim was to connect with the old branch at the bridge. But the idea is now to bring the line in on the highlands, and fall down slowly to some point nearer Dartmouth than the Narrows. The object of that is to enable mills and factories that are going to be built in the north end to have a siding that will bring raw material in as well as take products out. The old line was inconvenient in that respect. It was on the shore, and the land rises so abruptly from the harbor that it was folly to think of building sidings to factories above.—*Halifax Herald*.

SENATOR POIRIER and C. J. Weldon, of Shediac, have been examining the manganese mines at Markhamville, N.B., with a view, it is supposed, of purchasing them.

THE idea expressed by many old timers that on the recession of the water after the recent high floods, the crevicing on the Pend d'Oreille would yield good results, is being verified day after day. One man brought down to Waneta \$80 worth after four weeks' work; another had three ounces of dust, and a third a nugget worth \$6.—*Nelson Miner*.

Mining Matters.

JOHN SULLIVAN, of Lyndoch, Ontario, has discovered what he takes to be a valuable silver mine in that township.

A RICH deposit of gold and silver has been discovered by J. B. Waddell, of Green Oak, at South Maitland, N.S.

MR. NASH has discovered near the Cowan mine, Kempt., N.S., a 3-foot gold lead, with an extraordinarily good yield.

THINGS are rushing on Canon Creek in the Southern Cariboo district, B.C., gold discoveries having been reported in many places.

A TALC mine at Sharbot Lake has been opened by the School Supply Co., Berlin, Ont., for the purpose of supplying them with dustless crayons.

S. E. DRENNAN, of Camden township, Ont., believes he has discovered near there a bed of coal 18 by 11 miles in dimensions and 13 ft. deep.

COPPER mining operations on Little Bay, Nfld., have been suspended owing to the low price of copper. These mines were the means of support of hundreds of people, who will now be at a loss for a living.

MINING operations are now going on at the Crocker mine, the Whiteburn Company's mine, and the Rossignol mine, Whiteburn, and the ore is said to look encouraging.

THE Block House Coal Mine, at Cow Bay, N.S., was sold by the sheriff last month to Adam Burns, who represented the mortgagees, for \$86,000. The mortgage amounted to \$100,000.

THE Stevenson Gold and Platinum Hydraulic Mining Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated. Capital \$1,000,000. They will develop a placer claim situate near the first fork of Granite Creek, Yale District, B.C.

THE "Black Prince" Mine, Lardeau district, is said to be looking very well just now. Ten men are working on it. The pay-streak is 22 inches wide, very rich in ore, with a lode varying in width from 4½ to 5 feet.

JOHN CLINTON, who has had considerable experience in Alaska, Australia, and South Africa, is now undertaking a foreman's duties at the Nelson Hydraulic Company's claim at Forty-Nine Creek, succeeding George Atcheson.

MINERS in the Mountain Chief, Kootenay, struck a vein of peacock ore and gray copper, last week, on that property. The vein gives promise of being continuous. Specimens shown here have caused favorable comment.—*Ledge*.

ALEXANDER DICK, C.E., M.E., of the *Canadian Colliery Guardian*, has been appointed lecturer on mining for the Province of Nova Scotia. We hear that Mr. Dick is to deliver a series of lectures on mine surveying in the coal districts, for the benefit of those intending to try for mining managers' certificates.

THE Ramsay Lead Mining and Smelting Company has been incorporated. Capital, \$200,000. Its immediate purpose is to work lead mines in the County of Lanark, not far from Carleton Place. The following are directors: Theodore Hart (president), Henry Chapman, Thomas Kay, E. H. Parsons, and Hugh L. Fletcher (secretary).

ACCORDING to the *Kootenay Star*, there is considerable danger of everybody at Nakusp going mad with the gold fever, gold having been discovered on Cariboo Creek, about twenty miles below that town. About five miles of ground have already been staked off by enthusiastic fortune-seekers.

SOME workmen were engaged in removing some pipes which had been used in a lighting display of natural gas at Walkerville, Ont., when there was a terrific explosion. Several of the men were blown over fifty feet away, and injured severely. The pipes were supposed to be capable of standing a pressure of 500 pounds, though at the time of the accident the pressure was 325 pounds only.

A NEW mining company has been formed in Nova Scotia, to be known as the Caribou Gold Mining Co., with headquarters at Halifax. Amongst those interested are J. W. Longley, of Halifax; J. L. Jennison, New Glasgow; Premier Blair and W. Pugsley, of St. John. The capital stock is \$500,000. Seven good properties, covering in all about 1,000 acres, have already been secured, and four of them have quartz mills at present in operation. The following officers have been appointed: President, D. McLellan, St. John; vice-pres., N. Curry, Amherst; secretary, M. Cunningham, Amherst.