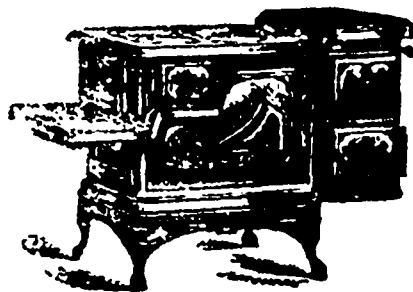


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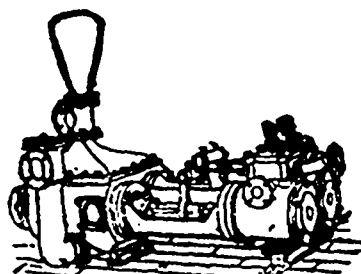
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"Analyst," care A. M. Fraser, Business Manager of THE CRITIC. Should a larger fee
be required, the sender will be notified.

PROSPECTING FOR GOLD.—It is demonstrated every day that but a very
small area of the great gold belt of this Province has been properly or syste-
matically prospected, and that there are great inducements and rich rewards in
store for those prospectors who will honestly and conscientiously perform
their work. In some few instances miners of means do their own prospect-
ing, but in the majority of cases a number of men club together and furnish
the money to fit out a prospector or prospectors, it being understood that
their men will report any finds that they may make to the company. There
are charms about the life of a prospector that are known only to the
initiated. Having carried their provisions into the wilderness, they
generally locate their camp on some rushing stream, where trout and salmon
abound, and where they are always sure of an abundant supply of fresh
fish. In season the barrens supply strawberries and blueberries in profusion,
and these delicacies, coupled with an abundance of coarse but wholesome
food, leave little to be grumbled at in the way of table hardships. If they
are industrious, the day is fully employed in exploring the surrounding
country, and at night, what citizen would not envy their refreshing sleep on
beds of fragrant spruce? The delights of the successful sportsman are well
known, but can they be compared with the exultation of the prospector
when he discovers a rich boulder, placing him on the scent of a valuable
lead? If he is honest, he will think of the welcome news he is to carry to
his company, but alas! in too many cases the lead is located, but carefully
concealed, until the finder shall have severed his connection with the
company and secure the find for himself. Then there are lazy prospectors,
who spend all their time fishing and sleeping, until, having devoured their
stores, they appear before their outfitters with fabulous stories of work done
and brilliant prospects to be still followed up, and, having thus secured
renewed supplies, they again return to the woods to repeat the former
discreditable tactics. Unfortunately, the lazy and dishonest prospectors are
numerous, and these deceivers have well nigh ruined the occupation of the
balance. Capitalists tire of throwing their money away, and, year by year,
the prospector finds his backers falling away, and the business no longer
self-sustaining.

Hardworking and reliable prospectors are needed, and when they are found
there is little doubt but what many new and valuable discoveries will be
reported, but at present most of the new discoveries are accidentally made by
farmers or sportsmen. During vacation college students often take long
walking tours, with no very definite object, beyond the scenery en route.
How would it do for some of these young men to form a prospecting club
and thus work off their superfluous energy in a pleasant, healthy occupa-
tion, which might turn out profitably. We believe that if the fashion was
once started the woods would soon be full of amateur prospectors, who,
while they could do no harm, might accomplish some good. Geology and
botany are both fascinating studies, and where could they be demonstrated
more practically than in the wilds frequented by prospectors. We make the
suggestion for what it is worth, but for ourselves nothing could suit us
better than a month's camping in the backwoods prospecting for gold.

WHITEBURN DISTRICT.—The McGuire mine still continues to yield
large returns, and is fast becoming noted as one of the best paying prop-
erties in the Province. The great secret of the success of this mine lies in
the fact that it is so well managed. Mr. McLeod, the foreman, understands
his business thoroughly, and puts the owners to no unnecessary expense.
Everything is worked on the most economical scale, and, although they are
fast accumulating wealth, the proprietors are not led to increase their small
but complete plant of machinery. The five stamp mill still continues to
meet all their requirements, and the proprietors are doubtless wise in
refusing to put up more stamps, thus increasing the necessity for more miners
and hurried working of the mine. Their motto seems to be to "let well-
enough alone," and their success proves it to be a good one.

The Hall-Anderson mine adjoining having been sold, we hope to be
able to report before long that steps are being taken to work it, and that a
quartz mill is underway.

A report is current that one of the quartz mills now working in the
district is to be removed to Malaga Lake District, but it still lacks con-
firmation.

MALAGA LAKE DISTRICT.—A sale of one of the properties in this
district at a good high figure is reported, but the particulars have not as yet
been received. Developments in all directions maintain the belief that this
is destined to turn out a most valuable district.

BROOKFIELD MINE.—At Brookfield mining operations are being vigorously
pushed, the property owned by Mr. McGuire and other Minnesota capitalists,
yielding regular and paying returns.

A new property has been opened at Voglers Cove, near Mill Village,
Queens County, and is reported as very valuable.

The Duluth Gold Mining Company, at Millisigato Lake, has been put
in good working order, and we trust that dividends may now gladden the
hearts of the patient and persevering shareholders.