

During the past season the operations of the Company, as suggested in last year's Report, have been entirely confined to the Bruce Mines. Soon after the acquisition of that property, it was determined, on the recommendation of Captain Roberts, the then Mining Agent, to procure from Cornwall a steam engine, calculated to perform the whole work of the Mine, in crushing and cleaning the ore, pumping the shafts, &c., and having transmitted the necessary orders, the engine and other machinery were shipped from Hayle and arrived at the Mines in October last.

Owing to the depressed state of trade in England at the time the order reached, the Directors have good reason to believe that the cost of the machinery was materially reduced, and they have no doubt that it will prove itself worthy of the well known house by whom it was manufactured. From the advanced period of the year at which it arrived at the Mine, considerable difficulty has been experienced in its erection, but by this time the buildings are in all probability completed, and the heaviest part of the work done. The cost of the machinery forms a large item in the year's disbursements—but it will be able to do more work than our present force at the Mine will provide for it, and as there are valuable Mining locations in the neighbourhood, it may be employed to dress ore for other Companies, which in the present stage of mining in Canada, would be mutually advantageous.

From the very favourable reports received last winter of the Mine, the large amount of capital invested, and the heavy future outlay necessary to develop its resources, it was deemed necessary to appoint a Superintendent, who, residing on the spot, should have the supervision of all the works, and the Honble. William B. Robinson was chosen for that office, which he held until November last, when the desire of attending his place in Parliament, as Representative for the County of Simcoe, induced him to resign.

Shortly after the appointment of Mr. Robinson, the Mines were visited by the Secretary, whose Report on the occasion has already been printed and circulated. Owing to the contradictory nature of the Reports of Mr. Campbell and Captain Roberts, the Directors made an application to Government for a Survey