

MINING—Continued.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR OF MINES.

SHERBROOKE.—Operations in this district present few points of interest. The depression which characterized the season of 1884 has continued, the returns for the past year showing 1,238 ounces from 2,426 tons of quartz. Although several veins on the north dip have been worked to a considerable depth, the belt hitherto operated is a narrow one, and it is to be hoped that fortunate discoveries may increase the width of productive ground. In view of the depth to which the northerly dipping veins have been followed, it hardly appears possible that the gold in the south dipping veins can be exhausted at the shallow depth to which they have been worked.

In the early part of the season, Mr. Williams worked in the New York and Sherbrooke areas, and Mr. Cameron opened a small lead north of the former workings on the Wellington. The big pump was started to take out enough water to permit a test of a lead lying close to the Dawa. Work was also done on the Caledonia and Alexandria properties by Messrs. Brown, McNab, and others. Mr. G. May did some work on the Meridian, in the old seven feet workings. On the Pactolus some work was done in the untried ground to the west of the open cut.

At Cochran Hill, a little work was done by Mr. Cumming, and in the fall, Mr. R. P. Fraser repaired the mill at the Crow's Nest, and resumed work, and also tested several promising new leads.

STORMONT.—The Gallagher Gold Mining Company continued mining on the leads referred to in previous reports, but on a smaller scale. A lead was opened at the mouth of Country Harbor, and preparations made for systematic mining.

TANGIER.—This district has shown little improvement last year. In the spring some work was done by the Essex Company, and work was continued on Strawberry Hill by Mr. Townshend. Mr. J. Irvine continued working at Mooseland.

In the spring a little work was done on the Pittsburg area, and in the fall the discovery of a large and rich lead was reported from Clattenburg's Brook, West Tangier.

UNISACK.—The returns show that 576 ounces were extracted from 2010 tons of quartz, an average of 5.7 dwts. Operations were continued by Mr. Davidson, Mr. Prince, and others, but no new work of interest was performed.

WAYERLEY.—In this district Mr. Huff continued prospecting, and in the fall opened a lead on American Hill, which promised well. Some work was done on the veins near the western mill.

UNPROCLAIMED, ETC.—At Wine Harbor, Mr. Colchester worked on a lead yielding about 15 dwts. to the ton.

YARMOUTH.—The Komptville mines have been successfully operated during the past year, and the district has proved the most promising of any yet opened to the west of Halifax. The returns show 624 ounces from 133 tons of quartz.

Some work was also done at Pubnico, a trial lot yielding 64 ounces from 5 tons of quartz.

At Lake Catcha work was continued by the Oxford Company on the leads already opened, and leads in areas 227 and 228 were worked. Other parties are making preparations for work, and it is anticipated that the year 1886 will show an improvement in the returns from this district.

At Millisigate, Messrs. Hall and Owen, and others, worked on leases 311, 282, and 284.

At Whiteburn (Caledonia), Queen's County, the Messrs. McGuire have opened a lead on their property to a depth of about 20 feet, and have taken out some unusually rich quartz, yielding at the rate of 17 ounces to the ton. They have made arrangements to put up a steam mill, and to begin regular work in the spring. Messrs. Hall, Owen, Barrs, and Messrs. Cole, Telfer and Annand, prospected the ground north of McGuire's, and proved about ten gold bearing leads, from 4 to 12 inches in width. Trial crushings of quartz from some of the larger veins showed 3 ounces to the ton. These leads will be worked in the spring. Prospecting was also carried on at Brookfield.

RAWDON.—Mr. McNaughton has continued working the Sims lead, which has been opened over a length of about 900 feet. The returns show 1,173 tons crushed for a yield of 2,759 ounces. Some prospecting was done in the vicinity of this mine, and there appears to be a large extent of auriferous ground in this district.

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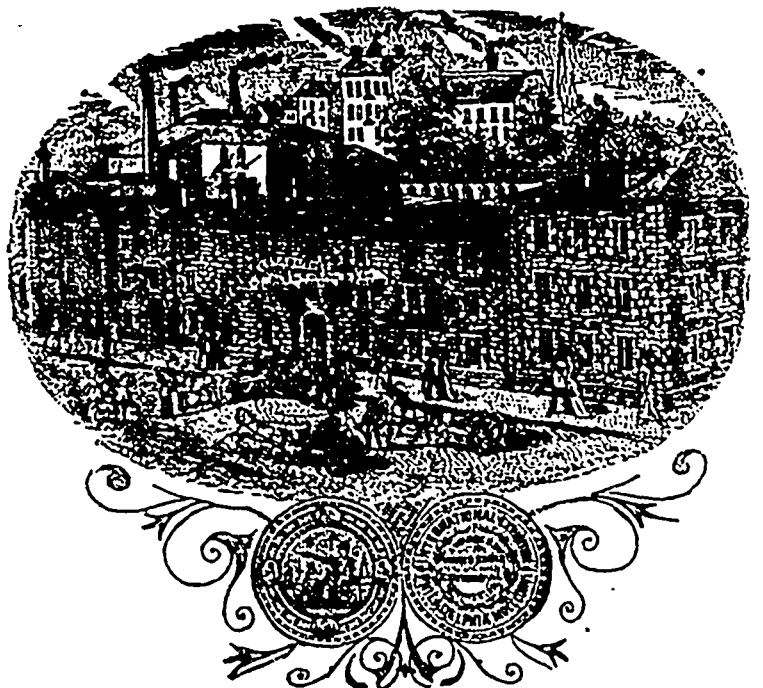
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