

Mr Douglas L. V. Browne, the very energetic manager of this enterprise, is at present in your city, (London), and his superintendent, Mr. Phillips, is hard at work on one of the old bars of gravel in a former bed of the river, and expects soon to be able to ship results. In one shaft in this gravel he is down 15 feet, all in pay dirt: so there is no lack of material for sluicing. It is understood that Major Burke will commence work in the adjoining portion of the Guyape, so as to reach results as soon as the Honduras Placer Company, and with that object in view has already shipped some of his machinery to the ground."

**MOOSE RIVER.**—Mr. D. Touquoy brought to town with him a handsome gold bar weighing 81½ ounces, being the result of work for the month of May.

**NEW BRUNSWICK MINING ITEMS.**—A considerable amount of money has been lately expended in opening up the Grand Lake Coal fields, and with the completion of the Central Railway, it is to be hoped that Grand Lake Coal will take quite a boom in the New Brunswick and Upper Province markets.

It is said that some further prospecting is being done in Albert County in the hope of finding a fresh deposit of Albertite. Silver and lead properties are being tested below St. John and with apparent promise of good results in the near future.

**NOVA SCOTIA GOLD FIELDS.**—Mr. Freeman, M. P., on Gold Mining in Queens County—Previous to the departure from Ottawa of Mr. Freeman, M. P. for Queens County, N. S., the *Empire* had an interesting conversation with him relative to the discovery and development of the gold mining industry in Queens County, which is just now attracting the attention of capitalists from England and the United States. On being asked for some information on the subject, Mr. Freeman said: "As nearly as I can recollect, the first practical development of the gold mining of Queens County commenced in 1884, since which time it has made wonderful strides. Only last week, I am informed, upwards of one hundred areas were applied for in one locality for the purpose of prospecting.

The gold-bearing leads, which are situated in the central part of the county, some thirty miles from the sea, extend over a large area. The first to be practically developed was that known as the Whiteburn district, where two crushers are erected and about 200 men employed. The yield from one of the leads has been remarkably large, and after three years constant working shows increased evidence of richness. West from these mines a short distance is another valuable property with a ten-stamp mill, which an English company is negotiating for, and which will shortly be worked on a large scale. An American company from Philadelphia is also commencing operations at a place called West Caledonia. North of this, at Westfield, is a mining property which sold last fall for \$30,000, on which a London syndicate is erecting buildings, and placing machinery for a forty stamp crusher, which is intended to crush 100 tons of quartz for each 24 hours. The lead is over 80 feet wide all pay ore. This company will employ over 200 men. All around this locality valuable leads have been discovered which will be developed during the coming summer.

At Brookfield, about four and a half miles east of this, a Philadelphia company is running a ten-stamp mill. They employ about 60 miners, and the last month's clean-up was over \$6,000. Next in the same locality is the Pleasant River property which covers about 460 acres. A ten-stamp mill is in course of erection, and will be running by the 1st of July. It will crush about 20 tons daily. The Molega Mines are a few miles from Pleasant River. The Molega company has a twenty-stamp mill, which crushes 25 tons of ore per day, and the monthly clean-up is about \$7,000. They employ 125 men, and have a property which promises grand results.

About a mile from the Molega is the Parker Douglas property. They are running a five stamp mill, and employ about forty miners. East from Parker Douglas is the Minneapolis Co. They have a twenty stamp crusher and have had over 100 men in their employ for some months. Adjacent to this a new company is just putting up machinery. It has a capital of \$500,000 and will employ about 160 men. It is composed of American and Nova Scotian capitalists. As early as July, I am informed, there will be 125 stamps at work in Queens County, crushing at least 260 tons of ore per day, which will average \$15 per ton, a daily yield of \$3,900, or a yearly output of \$1,142,350. By the latest advices I learn that a new lead recently prospected has yielded an output of \$25 to the ton. From these few facts you can easily understand how it is that the Queens County gold fields are acquiring prominence, and why, as a Nova Scotian, I have great confidence in the future of the country. There is, however, one drawback to the rapid development of this rich gold area, and that is the want of railway communication with the seaport towns of Liverpool and Annapolis. At present all machinery and supplies have to be hauled over rough roads, a distance of from 30 to 40 miles. When this difficulty is overcome, I can, I think, safely assert that the future of Queens County as a rich gold field is assured, and that it will become one of the best gold producing portions of the Dominion."

**ONTARIO, PORT ARTHUR DISTRICT.**—Notwithstanding the recent constant heavy rains and bad roads, travel into and traffic to and from the silver mining region is steadily increasing. Several heavy New York capitalists are now here in the interests of the railway, and the result of the conference of the combined companies is almost certain to result in a rapid rush of the work for the first fifty miles at least. The shipping of ore from the present rich workings on Silver Mountain East resembles towing in mud scows.

Several interests in the Silver Mountain region have recently changed hands at figures realizing handsome profits to the settlers.

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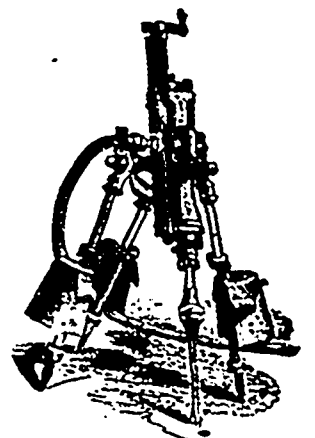
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