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Intornational Geologicnl Congross at Borlir.

The following is the suhstance of a circular which has been forwamded by the Committe of Organization for the above Congress to the scientists throughont the worht, dated at Berlin, Maty Ijuh:
"The Tuternational Feological "Congress decided at its mecting on "Octolere ${ }^{\text {"nd, }}$ 1SS1, at Jologne, that "the thind session shouk be held at "Merlin in 1SS.!."
"Ihe Commitice of Orgimization, "formed in Germany, has appointed "the 2ith of September for the "opening of the session. The meet"ings will occupy from the $2 \bar{j} t h$ till "the 30th of September; and geolo"gical excusions will take place "between the lst mill $\overline{\mathrm{j} t \mathrm{l}}$ of "October.
"An exhilition of geologicai col"lections and charts will be held "during the session.


On the morninge of the the of dume it became the painfol duty of the l'ress of bibs contine $t$ to anmonnce the death of 1 kemy G. Vemmor. Estr. scientist and Weather propher, whose name had been masle fimons during the phat few years of his life, and hand becone fiown thronghout the entire civilized wo!ls?. The fiact that Mr. Vennor had been ill for some time had been genemally linown, and it had become spparent that there was little hope of his recovery. He passed away on Sumday creningr, the Sth inst., and his death will have been a sid sumprise to many: Mr: Vemor was born in Montreal, on 1)ecember 30th, 1S40, of English parcutage, his father being a nember of the firm of Buklen \& Vennor, an
old established havdware house. He was echucated at Philip's School and the High School there. During his boyhood that preference for matural science which led to his celebrity of late years manifested itsell, and while yet at school he collected and (exhihited specinens which gained hommable mention at a provincial exhibitiun, and which is now in McGill Cullege University. Afer a course in the \%oological and geolugieal chanses of MeGill, and a session of the classes in provincial land surreying and civil engineering. Mr: Vemnor thied, in the year 1560, meremtile life in the wholesale warchoise of Frothingham. d Workman. After tive years, however, he gave up that and received an appointment as assistant to the late Sir IV. E. Logan, tahing batt in all the surveys of the seologieal commision for fifteen yeas after his appointment, serving directly umber Sir W. J. Logan, Dr. 'J'. Stery Munt and Dr: A. J. C. Sclwin. Jn 1570 he was elected a feliow of the Geological Society of England. Mr: Vennor's revised classification of the old Laurentian Rocks of Canada, which were his especial field of survey, gained him a reputation as a scientific observer, and in 1572 his ability gnined further recognition by his researches into the phosphate resources of Oitawa County: In 1SSO Mr: Cemor resigned his position on the survey, having dariug his connection with it rendered the country and scicnce at large valuable service. But useful as these services were, and stamp)ing him as they did, as a matn of matred ability in his profession, it is mather to his !rognostica-
tions regarding the weather that Mr. Vemme owed his fane which dated from the correctness of a prophece that the Chistmas of 157.5 would be a green one, folluwed by a muddy New Year's Day. Following up his success and alding to his celehrity, he published the first of leuners Almernate, since then published yearls, wlich anomg other kinhred matter, contained, as is of course well known, monthly forecastsol the weatherfor the entire year, and which he supplemented with the Monthly licather Bulletin. Mr. Vemor دias also widely known as a student of ornitholugy; his woik on "Onv Birds of Prey," published in 1S75, is a valuable une, and his collection of repteres (biads of prey) is one of the most complete on the American continent. Bom, as aloove stated, in 1ist(), Mr. Vennor hat reached but the alege of tis years and 6 months at the time of has death. The sad result removes from our midst a thoughtinl student of seience, whose work will live after him.

In the Mars number of the Resvinw attention was called to the dissatisfaction which some of the clauses in the Dominion Mining Regulations had ereated among miners and others interested in mining industries in the NorthWest lerritories. We took occasion at the same time to point out the adrisability of the representative mining men in the North-West mecting together and formulating their objecions to the clanses in the regulations, forwarding the sime to the Alinister of the Interior for his consideration, and pointing out to him wherein they are distasteful, and the mature of
whe alterations that would make our north western country. the regulations generally aceept- Among other important remarks able to the miner and at the made by Mr: Phillips he gave sime time be reasomable in the expression to the following: interest of the Gwermment.! Since the publication of the atield veferred to, Mr. Burgess, Jeputy Minister of the Interior, on the ind instant, left Ottawa for Wimnipeg, and being most anxions that all dissatistaction amonge the miners of the NorthWest should be speedily dispelled, he proceeded on the $16 t h$ inst. to Calgary, where he is now in confenence with the leading practical mining men, with whum he will engage in an exhanstive discussion of the various points at issuc, and there exists no doubt that Mr: Burgess, who is invarially: disposed to act impartially, will agree to any feasible andadvisable alteration:s in the regulations that will have a tendency to encourage the prospectors and miners and to advance the mining industries of the North-West, which promise to become of so great importance in the country.

In the Rucky Mountain district mining matters are rather quiet, pending the return of the army of prospectors who are at present exploring the Purcell and Selkirk ranges. The latter range is considered to be the ricier in mineral, probably because it has been more explored, and years aro a considerable amount of mining was carried on there, but, on account of the wreat distance from other mining centres, it was abandoned, as less than "ounce diggings" did nut pay: The western siope of the Rorkies is the oljective point for the majority of prospectors who have flocked from l3ritish Columbia and from the Sast in hundreds since the openin: of spring; nerertheless a fair force of miners and prospectors will operate on the castem side in the foot hills.

In the September, 1ss.3, number of the Riturew we pulblished the upinion of Mr J. S Phillips, Minin'g Engineer and Alctillurgist, of Now York, respecting the mineral wealth of
"The trans-continental railway of Canada will cuter into and cut its way across-or in a mining mamner, costean-the whole mountainous portions of the country, and will soon enter the wide and most interesting mineral \%ones of the Rocky and Wasatch mountains, where intellifent observations and explorations will. in my upinion, cause Oid England to be (nee more proud of Colonial wealth.
"Ihis field for mining, with mountains rumning over 1,000 milesnortherty, the whole breadth of the Canaidis, will probably extend across the longitudes of Western Jakiota. Montana and Idaho, of the United States of America, but for lode or vein mining will not reach so far westas Cariluo in British Columbia, as the Sierra Nevada chain of monntains is thereabout broken and detached for a few hundred latitudinal miles. This does not prevent the possibility of auriferons discoveries in gravel formations, which are very likely to be found in many valleys that have received the water washed debris from the western declivity of the previonsly named mountains along the route. I have been freguently questioned by letters from Eingland: Where is the best wace tocaplure for minerals? and I answered Toth Englishmen and Canadians-Prospect the breadth of the Camadas on either side of the advancing malway, but more particulaly opposite to Western Dakota, Minniana and ldaho, for vein mining, aml thence westward for gravel and placer gold, where vasit mincral areas lie uncxplored.
"When this milway is sufticiently far advanced, the north and sunt?: branches of the Saskatchewan River, the Arthahaska, and Peace Rivers, and the Rivers Liard, leel, and McKenzic, will be found also conrenient for both prospection and power for mining this 1,000 miles long of the cast slope of the Rocky Mountains, whilst the five branches for mining the head waters of the orreat Yukon River may be utilized for the north-westen slope with its spurs and parallel range. A few brave and strong men may make immense fortunes along this range of inineral-bearing strata. I know of no other unexplored belt in North America that ex-
poses superior inducements, and there is probably nothing on this continent but the unexplored eastern slope of the mighty Andes, which extends 4,000 miles from north tusouth through the several rich countries of Columbia, Eeuador, Peru, Bolivia, the Aigentine Republic, and Patagonia; but Canada has the great advantages of youl own fanguage, laws, and llag; whilst these are mostly inaccessible, and more particularly so to foreigners."

## CANADA'S PHOSPHATE TRADE.

The reports that have reached us from the mines during the month are of a most satisfactory mature, and the managers of the difterent properties predict a very large output for the year. Besides the more extensive mines in operation many smaller ones have been opened since the snow left the monntains and new ground is being broken daily throughout Ottawa County, revealing the fact that the Townships of Buckingham, East and West Portland, Derry and Bowman are likely, for the future, to be the chief phosphate producing localities. Some of the mines in Templeton all. 1 Wiakefield, whose reputations have already been established, will, in all probability, continue productive for years to come; notably, those owned by Messrs. McLamin © Blackburn, J. A. Gemmill and M. Haldanc $\mathbb{S}$ Sons. The industry has been placed on a more permanent basis than formerly, and proper attention is now being directed to practical minine: and to shipping the output of the mines, in as pure a state as possible, by separating the mineral from toreign matris so fan as - it can be done by hand manipulation. Sone of the large producers contemplate the election of suitable machinery that will supersede hand cobbing and bring the ontput of their mines up to a high state of purity at a mach reduced cost.
It was expected by some that the reduced value of raw phosphate rock that ruled in the English market at the beginningoftho year would have had a tendency to discomarge the miners, but such has not been the case, and the mines have been as actively worked during the past six months as at any time since this industry was started in the country. Those who availed themselves of the low rates of freight from Montreal at the opening of navigation were en-
abled thus to realize almost as grood a price for their shipments as was obtained last year. Assuming that the present price of phosphate in Eugland and on the continent of Europe should not vary, and that Ireirhts should continue to rule at the average for the past five years, it would be difficult to point out any industry or mining venture that will return a handsomer prolit than phosphate mining when directed by grod management and economy. According to the present English quotations for Canardian apatitg, SO per cent. mineral is worth, say at Buckingham Station, cighteen dollar: per ton, and the average cost of mining and delivery at this point, from all the mines in the Riviere du Lievre district of the County of Ottawa does not exceed ten dollars per ton; thus returning to the miner the very handsome profit of $\$ 8$ per ton, equivalent to St per cent. on his outlay: The experience of the past few years has proved these tigures to be practically correct, and the owners of mines are thus enabled at the close of each diay's work to estimate to a nicety the resialt of their operations.

## THE MINES.

High Hock Mine.-Since the arrival of Mir: Pickford, President of the Company that owns this valuable property, from England, last month, imprortunt changes have. been made at the minc, and an entirely new management organized; stemm.drills, hoists, etc., have been introduced, :and it is thought that : jarger quantity of phosphate will henceforth be misel, and at a reduced cost. Some extensive deposits have been diseovered on the property daving Mr. Pickford's visit and are being opeued up. Under the new orgamation MI. P. II. Smith controls the Mining Department, and Mr. S. Hicks hies the genemal superintendence of thansportation from the mine to Buckingham Railway Station, from which point the output of the mine is consigued to Messis. Wilson and Green, of Montreal, the appointed general mamagers and agents.
Star hill iline-Mr. W. H. Wiliams, of New York, President of the Gnion Phosphate Company, recently seturned from the com. pany's property and reported everything gning ahead to his entiro satisfiction. This company begran work about a year ago, and up to the present time the operations have been confined to a very limited space, within an awe of about two acres, from which upwards of 3,500 tous of excellent phosphate have heen raised and the deposits are becoming more productive. The Union Com. pany owns 1,300 neres of
valuable phosphate lamd, and has thoronghly equipped its property. We are informed that the President, during his reeent visit, signed a contract for tho construction of a tranway from the mine to the River dut Lievre which will greatly facilitate the thansportation of ore.
The Vorth Star Mine, belonging to the Dominion Phosphate Company, contimues imy proluction and the quality of the phosphate is of a higher grade thon that of any other mine in the district; when separated from the gangue rock the mineral is fomad to be guite free from refiactory matter, and little dressing is required. This mine will be a steady producer for many years to come.
The Little Rapids Mine. owned by W. A. Allim, Esq., of Ottawa, is turning out a quantity of excellent plosif hate that will compare fivourable with that from the sorth Star mine. At the lonttom of one of the shafts, down ab ,ut 135 feet, a boody of solid phosphate stretehes from side to side and from the surfite down, for the full distance, broad viens of minemal are visible on each side of the shaift. At two different levels stoping has been begron in the veins and the phasphate that is being produced is of a pate bluishgreen colour, npparently free from objectionable foreign matter.

The Emerall Mine gives employment to a laree mumber of miners and other workmen, and the ontput of the mine drpends entirely upon the foree employed. The mineral is there in sight in thousimds of tons and powier :and fuse is all that is required to convert it into a merchantable commodity: Serea:al of the stock holders and directors of the Ottiwat Phosphate Company visited the mine during the present month, and those who had not seen the property before were much surprised at the sigint that met their eyes and congratulated each ather upon the prospective himdsome profits from their investment.

Z'he Xansdonone dinc, aljoining the Emevalal, the property of the Dominion Phosphate Company, is developing well, but as the miners have been, np to the present time, engaged in stripping, chere is nothing more to report than was published in the Mry number of the Review. This property is certainly a very valuable one and will improve with devclopment.

The mines aiove named give employment th about 375 men, all told, and the outputaggregates, as nearly as cam be estimated, 100 tons daily: The ontput from the lligh Siock, the Stur Mill and the Emerald mines is lecing forwarded in scows to luackinghan landing and thence in wiggons to the Intilway Station.

Four hundred and fifty car loads of Phesplate were shipped over the Canadian Pacilic Railway from Buckinghan to Montreal during May, arswegating 7,000 tons.

## PHOSPHATE QUOTATKONS.

The mose recent Toudon quotatfion for Chuadian apatite is 1 s .1 d 1 d. for 75 minenal, with one-fifth ot a penny rise, with alvices that the mumet is stiffening. A Lombon, England, corvespondent writes: "As regads Camadian Phosphate of Lime, one shilling per unit for $75 \%$ is the lowest price we have seen. Chatleston, S.C., people are combining to raise their prices, in which we think they will succeed to some extent, as it has been mainly their pushing to sell on a rather weak market that bronght prices down all along the line." Jeetter prices will doubtless be obtained later in the season.

## Facilitating Transportation of Phosphate.

Improvements on the du Liovre.

Short Line Railway from Buck. ingham Village to conneot with the C.P.R.

Eugineers, employed by the Departnent of Public Works, have completed the necessary survey for a lock at the rittlo Rapids on the Riviere du lieve, and when the detail plans have been prepared tenders will be invited for the construction of the work. The danivings we now heing made, anm, in all probability, the contane will be givers out in time for the contractor to proceed with tho work when the water in the river has sufficiently receded to enable him to put in the foumdations for the masomy. The lock will he huilt of stone :thed shonld be completed hay the ofening of mavigation on the river next yeur. This will be a great convenience to the phosphate miners as it will allord sulticient water for large vessels to ply between the Jigh Falls and Lackingham landing, the northern terminus of the proposed shont hine hammat
to comnect with the Canadian Pacific la:ilway at Buckingham station. That this comareting link will be constructed is now an assured fict. Mr. W. IH. Williams, Peesident of the Union Phosphate Company, has stated that he is co operating with a few other cappitalists who purpese building these fom miles of railway as a pivate enterprise, and that work wili he begun by them within a month or so. The oflicials of the Camadian Pacific Railway Compaing inforon us than Mr: Vin Hom, the Genemal Manager, has carefully considered tho feasibility and advisability of constructing this branch and that he has decided to begin work on it almost immediately in order that the line be in ruming order for the accommodation of phosplate shippers duting the :utumn, when the bad condition of the wigggon roat
between Buckingham Village and the raibay station rembers the transportation of ore so difficult. 'There now exists little or no donit that this work will be proceeded with during the summer either by Mr: Williams and his associates or by the C.P. R. Co., and of the two it would le more desiatable that the line become the property of the batter corporation than that of pivate individuals. The present road over which the output of the mines has heretofore been hanled has been a serions obstacle: to the phosphate producers in the din lievie district, and the progress of construction of a milway will la eagerly watched by them.

## mICA IN CANADA.

Systematic searching during the past year has resulted in the discovery of mamy important deposits of this valuable mincral and the quality of some of the specimens received at this olice is equal to any that has been mined in the United States or in any other part of thos world in point of clearness and its resistance of heat. As to the size of crystals many of the surface specimens will yieh pertect phates measuring as large as jx9. It is at true muscorite and was not known to exist in Cinada in conomic size or quantity until within the past year.
One of the most important discoveries ret made is in the lownship oi Villencuve, Ottawa County, within two and at half miles of the liviere du lievre, and the quantity of merchantable micat visible on the surface, imbedded in a gramoue of quatz amal feldspar, is sutficient to make the property one of great value. A party of miners have begran to open up one of the veins, and we are informed it is dereloping most satisfactorily.

In the 'Township of Palmerston, Comnty of Frontenate, some extensive denosits of very fine mical have been fomm, and we have received some heantiful specimens of muscocite from the Nipissing distriet, with a veport descriptive of the deposits, a:al showing that it exists there also in paying quantity and in merchantable sizo.
at Sydenham, Province of Ontavio, a fair quamtity of mica, of an amber or wine colour, is being mined and Mr. Allan's mine in Burgess, County of Lamark, has produced a large quantity of excelcat mica. Fron the mines at preseat in operation, and from those that are now being opened the Camadian market can be supplied and dealers will not, henceforth, be compelled to import their stock from the United Stites.

Applications will be received by The Nhehipicoten Copper Company, Alichipicoten Island, Lake Superior: from miners and mino labourers for contract work.

## Lake Muprioion Silyer Mines

## SATISFACTORY WORK AND RICH ORE AT

 THE RABBIT MOUNTAIN.THE TWIN CITIES MINE.
the huronian worxing in 8 feet of pay ORE IN BOTH DRIFTS.

## work at lambert island.

The Zinc Mines to be Opened up.

During the past few months much attention has been divected towards this rich mineml district which has been visited by a mumber of practical mining men and experts who have been unamimones in predicting at biliaiant future for the industries already established. Ihe Latic Superior Mining Jonerual of at recent late publishes an article under the above heatings and remarks that the Rabbic Mountain and Huroniam districts ave attracting most of the visitors on account of there being about $\$ 100,0100$ worth of silver ore now bying in the bims and on the dumps of the two mines.
Several of the owners of the liabbit Mountain Mine were on their property during the present. month and have expressed shemselves well pleased with theiv venture. A new shaft has been stated and from it warderfully rich ore is being taken.

The J'uin Cilies Mine is progressing with the greatest satisfaction to the owners. Wheir vein is well defined and they are taking out very rich high grade silver ore and mative silver, associated with zinc blende, which also assays very high in silver: The assives of this dave gone from $\$ 400$ to $\underset{\sim}{2}, 600$ per ton.

Armatgements have been conclud. ed for the working of other mines in the Rabbit Momatain region in which silver has been Sound. This section of country has evidentlybeen the centre of several violent disturbances of the earth's crust. as walike other parts of the comntry where the veins run parallel, the fissures are here found to run in every direction, with the formation, diagonally and directly across it, and ruming with and cutting the mumerous trap dykes which intersect that part of the country. lhese dykes have had a great influence on the mineal bearing features of tha district.

A party of miners in charge of Cilpt. Wm. Whecer have started for Inambert Island in I'humder Bay to commence work shere.

Arangements have also been made which will result in the immediate working of the zine mines on the north shore. The zine blende, tho black jack of the miners, taken from fa wonderfully lame deposit gielded
to the Assayer for the Dominion over 70 feet and there are over 100 Geological Survey 54 per cent. of metallic zinc.
The famous Huronian is a steady, reliable producer of both gold and silver ore. The mill is doing splendid work. The shaft is down
feet of drifts. The miners are working in 8 feet of pay ore in both drifts and the sylvanite seems more plentiful and the vein looks even better than the splendid showing it made at surface.

## Cold Mining in Beauce.

Although mining has been going on in this section of Canada, more or less, during the past thirty years, few people have any idea of the richness of many of the gold bearing localities in that portion of the Province of Quebec known as the County of Beauce. Owing to the great uncertainty heretofore existing as to the validity of the mining rights held by miners in the territory of Rigaud-Vaudreuil, mining operations have been very seriously retarded. A recent judgment of the court, however, in the DeLery patent case, a test case, has removed this uncertainty and Col. Duchesnay, Government Inspector for the Chandière Mining Division, in his official report for 1883, has expressed it as his opinion that the mining industry will now assume a flourishing condition and even attain great importance in the district. Col. Duchesnay also remarks that the conviction appears to be more firmly held then ever that the gold and silver mines of Beauce are as valuable as those of any other conntry. The thousands of dollars which have been already collected from alluvial workings, of the most primitive and insufficient description, are a proof of this; and the numerous quartz veins discovered in these alluvial workings, and at many other places, prove, through the frequent assays that have been made, that rich results may be expected from operations in this branch of mining. The preliminary expenses of this latter industry are very great, and, therefore, the proprietors of the soil did not dare to incur them before knowing that they could continue the work, a question which has been settled by the DeLery judgment referred to.

Some important work is at present being done at tarious points in the district by chartered companies and by individuals. The
canada gold company (limited),
up to the close of 1883 , had not resumed its ordinary operations since the destruction of its shafts in the fall of '82; it has only employed a few men to wash over the tailings of previous years; but this work, which is generally profitable, could not be so for this company, as it uses pulverizing machines before the first washing. The quantity of gold obtained was, however, more than sufficient to cover expenses. At the close of last year it was the intention of this company to have resumed work this season with a force of several hundred men, but to what extent operations lave been resumed we have not yet learned.

## north east rapid company.

In Octover last this company re-opened some old workings that had been abandoned for nearly twenty years, and though they had been, up to the close of 1883, only making repairs and explorations, they had the gool fortune to mett with some nuggets of considerable size, and the best possible indications of gold bearing quartz as well as alluvium.

## thomas richards \& co.

are working in St. Charles concession, River Gilbert, and give employment to an average force of forty men. In the spring of 1883 they constructed a long aqueduct which crosses the valley of the Gilbert on trestles and furnished the necessary supply of water for washing, after driving an immense water wheel which assisted a steam pump in draining the maderground workings. A nugget, weighing nearly twenty-two ounces was recently found on this claim, which is one of the richest in the district, and its yield, especially during the last few months of the past year has heen quite a fortune. A number of rich quartz veins have been roossed ly the galleries, and it is proposed to work them during the present year.

## messhs. allan \& humphrey

During last autumn these gentlemen reached the bottom of a second shaft at is depth of one hundred and seventeen feet, and found enough gold to show that they hat fallen upon an alluvial deposit. As this shaft appared, however, to be on the very edge of the deposit, they found it necessary to sink another more towards the centre. In this shaft (No. 3) they hatie struck the gravel at a depth of about one hundred and forty feet, and about three feet above bed rock. For some distance above the gravel they penetrated a heavy layer of tine sand which, when washed for test, was foumd to carry gold in paying quantity, a certain indication that he gravel will prove to be very rich.

The only work hitherto done at the Ruisseau d'A rdoise has been of a superficial character. This stream flows near the workings of Messrs. Allan $\&$ Humphrey., and the discovery lately made by these gentlemen has opened
to the mining industry an immense field, extending over the whole valley, of the Famine. "Gold has been found at several places on the Famine" is stated in the Canada Geological Report for 1866. Since that date there has been but little done in the way of exploration," but the precious metal has always been formd, especially on the river Veilleux, one of its tributaries, though scattered through the gravel, and not in compact deposits as on the Giltert. The result of the recent workings of Messrs. A \& H., leads to the supposition that the searches heretofore made on the Famine had becn confined to the unproductive side of the valley, and that by following the natural lay of the land from their claim upwards, along the left bank of the river, there would have been a greater probability of success.

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gold mining association of cavada.
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This wealthy English Company, which owns a large extent of gold bearing lands on the River du Loup, was enabled to wash uninterruptedly during last summer by means of its hydraulie power. The richness of the du Loup has long been established by the product of the mining operations which laave béen going on since 1850 , but the bed of auriferons gravel being nearly all above the level of the present flow of water, the hydraulic power cannot be made to work upon it with all the advantage that was expected.

The total product of gold in the Chaudière mining division during last year was larger than usual in proportion to the amount of work performed.

From the 1 st of April, 1879, to the 30 ch of September, 1883, there had been collected on the left bank of the Gilbert alone, in the space of a mile long by one hundred feet wide, 7902 oz., 2 dwts., 4 grs. of gold, worth, @ $\$ 17.75$ an ounce, $\$ 140,262.30$, according to the sworn monthly reports turnished by the miners. In view of the small number of men employed, and the luss of at least thirty per cent. by a defective system of washing, this is an exeellent result, yielding a reasonable profit to those engaged in the work after paying all expenses.

It is genrrally admitted, however, that alluvial gold mining, especially on the Gilbert, will snon be superseded by quartz mining, of which so many rich veins have been found. This will give employment to a much larger number of men, and will be the means of introducing greater activity into a district which has not, heretofore, received the attention from miners that it has deserved.

## The Central Ontario Iron Mines.

On the morning of the 4th instant a special train left Trenton for a run cver the line of the Central Ontario Railway, having the following gentlemen on board: Semator Payne, of Cleveland, Ohio, a director of the Central Ontario Railway and the Coe Hill Mining Companies ; Mr. James McLaren, of Ottawa, who is largely interested in both companies; Mr. S. J. Ritchie, of Akron, Ohio, President of the Railway, and also largely interested in the Coe Hill and other iron mines contiguous to it; Mr. Wm. Chisholm, of Cleveland, Ohio, President of the Coe Hill Mining Company ; Mr. Samuel Mitchell, of Marquette, Mich., an iron operator in the Lake Superior district, and interested in the Coe Hill Mine; Mr. F. A. Bates, a mining expert of Cleveland, Ohio, who has assumed the management of the Baker Mine, a portion of the C. O. Railway Company's property; Mr. Preston of Pittsburg, Ohio, another mining expert representing Pittsburg capitalists; Messrs. Arthur Coe and Geo. W. McMullen, Directors of the C. H. Mining Co., and Mr. James B. McMullen with others interested in the railway and the mines.

After leaving the G. T. R. Junction at Trenton the train proceeded to Weller's Bay, the shipping port for the railway on Lake Ontario. Here the company ownes a water front of over 150 acres, bordering the entire deep water on the north-eastern shore of the bay, thus giving it azcess to one of the most, desirable harbours on the lake, covering upwards of four square miles of deep water.

The party first visited the new dock, a portion of which will soon be in readiness for the reception and discharge of freight, and when completed will be 2,000 feet in length by 28 feet wide, covered with a massive superstructure, the crest of which will be 36 feet above the water. This superstructure will consist of a deck with double tracks and openings between the rails, communicating with 150 ore pockets, from which the ore can be dropped directly into the holds of vessels lying at the dock. After a careful inspection of this terminus of the railway and a visit to the roundhouses, at Weller's Bay and at Trenton, and the locomotive repairing and car shops, the party reached Picton towards evening, and on the following morning the journey was commenced over the newly constructed portion of the road. The line of the railway follows the valiey of the River Trent as far as Chisholm's Rapids. From this point it takes a northward direction and traverses the townships of Sidney, Rawdon, Marmora, Madoc, El-dorado, Tudor, Limerick, and, entering Wallaston, the roal terminates for the present, at the

## COE: HILL MNF:.

Arriving at this point the excursionists were greatly astonished at the sight it presented. On tho hill over-loofing tho ore platform wero no less than 50,000 tons of carefully selected rich magnetic iron ore, neatly piled, and beyond this the workings on the vein. These extended some 2,000 feet in a broad irregulat gash along the course of tho vein, which apperss to have an average of about 40 feet in thickness from wall to wall. The stopes are not steep, and ono cam only account for the enormons stock pile that has been taken from them by the fact that almost every pound that has been taken from them is grood marketable ore. lhree shafts lave been sunk to a depth of $55,55^{\circ}$ and 68 feet respectively, and these indicato that the vein is becoming thicker as lower lovels are reached. Several prospect holes have been sunk by tho diamond drill, tho deepest of which has cat the iron at a depth of 280 feet from the surface. At this depth the vein still carries its full thickness, and it is fair to assume that this enormons deposit will prove persistent to as great a depth as that to which it can be worked at a p:ofit. But even assuming that the vein were cut off short at the depth to which it has been tested, and that the strong indications shown east and west of it, which hatve not been tested, should prove valueless (two well nigh impossible contingencies) there would still remain practically in sight not less than $2,000,000$ tons of grod ore.

The expense of putting this ore on the market may bo estimated as follows, caro being taken to put the cost of every item at the highest figure:


The lowest wate for this grade of ore during the past ten years at Cleveland has been $\$ 0$ and the highest $\$ 12$ per ton. 'Ihus, judging by the past 10 years, $\$ 2.3 \overline{5}$ per ton profit on this enormous quantity of ore in sight is about the most unfavomable estimate that could be made, while $\$ 6$ per ton is quite within the mange of possibility, and an average of $\$ 3$ per ton maty sitfely be counted on.

The following analysis of the Coe Fill ore was made by the chemist of the Cleveland Rolling Mills:

| Phosphorus. | 0.023 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Silica. | 3.70 |
| Sulphur. | 0.91 |
| Metallic Tron | 66.40 |

It will thus be seen that the success of this mining venture is well nigh astablished, and that, in the face of a specific duty of fīc. per ton, these milway and mining companies (the proprictorships of which are for the most part identical) have expended over $\$ 0,000,000$ with a view to recouping themselves by the sale of Canadian iron ore in the American market.

The party next visited the
bakrir mine
where very little work has been done beyond mere prospecting. That this deposit is an extensive one there exists no doubt. The needle attractions indicate the presence of a body of ore varying from 40 to 70 feet in thickness, extending without a break, for fully a mile. A strong outcrop of excellent ore is traccable for the whole distance, and each of the nimerous test pits which have been sunk along the vein has uncovered a large body of it.

The following is an average of the analysis made of the samples of the mre taken from different portions of this vein:

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It has been feared that the amount of sulphur might possibly interfere with the value of this ore for shipment in its raw state, but from statistics obtainable regerding the treatment of poorer ores (carrying a similar percentage of sulphur) in Pennsylvania it is cvidest that in a country like this, where supplies of firewood and charcoal are practically unlimited, this will not prove userious obstacle. In fact it is probable that the cost of desulphurization would be more than balanced by the reduction in the cost of carriage of the ore thus treated as compared with raw ores.

At the Cornwall Mines, in Birks County, Pa.: the cost of roasting, in the leading furnaces, magnetic heluatite ore carrying in iron from 40 to 46 per cent., and from 3 to $\bar{i}$ per cent, of sulpher, varies from 18c. to 30c. per ton.

In the case of the Baker ore (should it necd roasting) charcoal would be used which, under existing circumstances, would render the desulphurizing procoss less expensive.

Mr. F. A. Bates has just assumed the management of this mine, and in a short time it will no doubt be sending out large quantities of ore. He also contemplates the erection of charcoal redaction works in this region, and when these are in running order much of the ore, which is now useless, as being of too low a grade for shipment and for the payment of specific duty, can be worked at the pit's mouth at a fair protit.

THE EMHI MNE,
which is only a fow miles from the Buker, is quite as promising as either of those already described, and lesides these there are many others in the townships of 'Iudor; Limerick, Wollaston, and Chandos that only await development to prove their value. In fact the iron industry of North Hastings has now obtained such a footing that its speedy development into a lasting source of revenua to the Province may be counted on. Much of the credit due to the accomplishment of this very desirable consummation unst attach to $\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{r}}$. Wm. Cue, of Madoc, who in spite of all sorts of discouragements has stuck steadfustly for the past fifteen years to his purpose of developing the iron interest of North Hastings.

After devoting two days to this pleasant and interesting excursion the entire party retumed to lrenton in high glee over the prospects for their enterpises.

## The Geelcgy and Economic Minerals of Hudson's Bay and Northern Canada.

In reporting the valuable memoir on the above subject, read by Professor Bell, Assistant Director of the Geological Survey, it the meeting of the lioyal Society lately held in Ottawa, we propose to give principally our notes on the portion of the paper which referred to the economic minerals. Wo understand that the article will be published at length in the Transactions of the Society. Dr. Bell has devoted so much time and attention to investigating the geulogy and minetals of Hudson's bay and our northern regions generally, that whaterer he says on these subjects is of interest. He illustrated his remarks by a latge geological map of Northern Camadi, which lie said extended into the polar regions of North America, or to the most northern points explored. A description was given of the chatacter and distribution of each of the groups of rocks as far as they are yet known in these territories. They ombraced the following, in ascending order: The Laurentian, Huronian, a pre-Cambrian formation, the Animikie and Nipigon series, the Silurian, Devonian, Carboniferous, Tiassic, Cretaceous, Tertiary and post-Tertiary. In regard to the damentian, Dr. Bell said that the great area which it occupied in Northern Camada and Greenland, had a somewhat circular outline, with patches of newer rocks in the centre or around Hudson's Bay. The Huronian was the great metal-bearing formation of Camada. It was intimately associated with the Laurentian amd was mostly found within the same general limits. Speaking of the Devonian, he said that although: it extended though an immense distance in the North-West 'Jerritories, it did not appear to occupy so great an area as had been supposed, as much of the rock which had been taken for Devonian had been found by Dr. Bell to be really Cretaceous. Referring to the post-Tertiary period, he thought that in some part of our northern territories we might find stores of fossil ivory like chose of Siberia, as he had obtained the renains of both the mammoth and the mastodon around Hudson's Bay; and tho tusks of elephants were not uncommon in the banks of the Rat River in the far North. West.

A great varicty of rocks and minerals of economic value had been alrady noted in the regions referred to. Among those of a non-metallic nature were limestone, dolomite, granite, slate, tlag-stone, marls, clays, ochres, cement stone, gypsum, stone and sand for making glass and porcelain, soapstone, nici, plumbago, asbestos, phosphate of lime, common salt, etc., etc. Fine dolomites and quartzites and limestones were abundant on the Eastmain coast of Hudson's Bay, and limestone was found on the islands in its northern parts. Gypsum formed the banks of the Moose River about forty miles up and was said to occur between Moose Factory and Albany. It was also met with near the Slave River. A pure quartzite, like fine white marble, occurred on Marble Island and to the west of Hudson's Bay. Saupstone wis found near Mosquito Bay and used by the Eskimo for making their lamps, kettles, etc. Mica was reported as abundant in Chesterfield Inlet and Hudson's Ştrait. Specimens of pure plambago liad been brought on board ships passing through the Strait by the Eskimo. Lumps of it had also been pieked uy, on Athabasca Lake. Phosphate of lime had been found near the Coppermine River, and Dr. Bell had also discovered it to the north of Lake Superior. Pure salt, ready for use, was found in great quantities on the surface at ono place on the Slave River, and salt springs were common on the Athabasca and the Mackenzie. Dr. Bell had found some rave minerals and a number of ornamental stones around Hadson's Bay. Among the former were lazulite, axinite, ctc. The lignitos of the Norti-

West extent throurhoal the great valley of the Athabasea-Mankengie and were ahmondant along the shores of the Aretic seat between the Markenzir and the Coprrmine liver. Lignite had beenforme by Dr. Bell on the Moose and Albany livers, and it was also said to oceur near Ccumberland Bay: Bituminoms coal was reported by tho Aretic explorers on Bathurst, Melville and Prince Patricl's Islanils amd Bank's Land. Anthatite existed on Jong 1slamd in Indson's Bay, hut the guantity might not be great. Petrolemm promised to be one of the mostathandant mineral products of the North West. It was foumd at the surface in a more or less thickened condtion abong the Athabasca, Peace and Mackenvie liverss and aromen Great Slave Lake, as well as at several localities in the interior. Dr. Bell considered that it was derived from the Devonian rocks, which constituted the great peerolemm-prolucing system in Ontario and the L'nited States, and he hand no doubt but that good oil wells wonh he found ly sinking duwn to these strata. The ovenlying s:ands and mank, of cretaceous ase, were saturated with inmense quantities of inspissated petrolerm, even to a thickness of 150 feet. This mass wonld bun like coal, and it vielded large quantites of oil ou distilation. The woth might be supphed from these very extensive asphatic deposits.

As to the netallic ores, those of iron were first notised and the inexhanstible stoms of carbonate of iron and mamganese of Hudson's Bay were despribed. The one is speat over the surface of thonsumds of acres on the Manitomick Islame, which are close to the east coast. Dr. Bell had also found a great deposit of spothic iron with limonite at the surtace, on the Mattagrami liver and another of magnetic on Knee Lake. He had indued the Indians of Ahavasca Lake to search for iron ore, the result being the discovery of a mass of magnetic ore of fine quality. (Cuptain Dawsun of the citcumpolar commission, at Dr. Dell's request, had looked for minctals on Great Slave Lake and had fomm at vein of specular iron. Massive iron pyrites, suitable for the manatacture of suphurie acid had been discovered at Inari on Ifudson's Bay: Copper pyrites had been met with on the east coast and near Lake Mistassini at the head of the lhupert liver. The mative metal was known to be abundant on the Coppermine liver in rocks like those which contain it on the sonth shore of Liake Superior. Galena was fonnd in masses, some of them of lage size, disseminated through a bed of himestone, thirty feet thick, at Richmond Gulf and Little Whale Jiver. Antimony had been noted by liehardson in the north, and eine, mansanese and molyblemm had been found by Dr. Bell on Hudson's Bhy. Ife had adso discovered taces of gold and silver in weins on the Eastmain cuast. The extensive momatainous region between the mouth of the Maekenzie River and the Pacific Ocean, bordering on Alaska, was spoken of as a very promising one for the precions metals. Gold had been alrealy diseovere? there. The conditions resembled those of Sevala and Colorado, and this great territory might one day become to Comala, ats a mining resion, wiat these States are to the American Enion.

QENENAL MINING NOTES.
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fil rillio, the fmons golil mine of Vencanda, is reported ans having produced and remitted to landon for the month of April $18,03 \mathrm{~N}$ onnces of golel worth aliwat $S$ is, 0 . 000 from which a divitend of St; per share was paid.

Investments in Californi: sold minnes are estimated at $\$ 150,000,000$; it is further estimated that up to $J$ Jamary, 1 SSt, the value of the total amount of yold mined bas reached upwards of $\$ 1,200,000,000$.

Favourable acws has been received from the lead and silver mines at Phecntia, Newfoundland, which are' s.ini to be in a promising condition, the gnality of the ore being exeelent.
It is suit that the Lake Suprior resion, embraced within the homadaties of the State of Michigan, has minal iton ant copper to dite to the value of $\therefore 810,900,000$.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Namamo Gubin Mans.-Last f.ll a number of chinamen were mpaged in mining on the Namamo Biner and its tilibatary Boulder Creek. 1atst week Messis. L. Page and J. Allen of Namamo visited the head waters of the River and its tributaries. They fomme that the Chinese haid abandoned the diggings, :pparently leaving in disgmst. On lBoulder Creck they had done but little work, while on Samimo liver work was of an extensive chanacter. There they had erected two large and substantial $\log$ houses, packing the timber at least a haif at mile. On the
twelve prospect holes down to the bed-rock, through tightitly packed gravel and latse boulders. Tho Chinamen had also run a tumel a short distance into the hill. In neither phace did they meet with :my satisfactory results. Messrs. Page and Allen saw the rockers, long toms :and sluices left by the Chimamen, also a pick stuck in a prospect hole.
This gravel bed is about a mile above N:amimo River Falls and consists of packed gravel and boubders, while on the opposite bamk of the river are high, alnost perpendicular, bluffis of conglomente rock.

Page and Allen did considerable prosplecting but could only find the colour of very fine gold, which it would never pay to mine in such haud gromad
The Nongolians were led away by finding a good poeket or two when they first commenced operations, and conseguently went into operations quite evtensively. From the work done it is estimated there must have been from twenty to thitiv working for several months.

The genetal impression is that paying diswings will yet be found on the Nanaimo liver, and even now men are ont there prospecting.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

Nova Scoma Consolimated Gold Concenthaths Cominn. - The work at Montague and Watverley will start י! this month. This company was formed with : capital of $\$ 100,000$, by the consolidation of the interests of the Noval Scotia Gold Concentrating Company and of J. C. Fostce © Co, for the purpose of working the quantities of rich mill tailings which abom, 1 in ine varions gold districts of the provinec. At present, the comprany has a concentiating plant at both Wavenley and Mlontignce, and chloridizing-work will be established on tide-water, at Dartmouth, during the summer. The Company is putting in two Golden Gate concentators, five of the Embery pattern, :and two of browne's patent. It hass ahready bonght uparal of 100,000 tons of tailings.

West Gom: Avthony Mnes.Paties intercsted in these mines ate tying to effect a sale. 'The minus, which up to the present time hase heen operated ouly in a swall way by priate mems, atw nut yet developed suticiently to demonstate the charicter and probable extent of the vein, amil a harge quantity of ore being already exposed, the property has a present as weil as a pospective value. The vein is a true fissure. As fir as developed in the mine, or i.rospected on the surface, it shows an average wilth of thitteen inches solid metal. Two shafts, 120 feet apart, have been suak on the vein to a depth of 110 feet, and short drifts of from 20 to 30 feet have been run cast and west on the 60 . foot level, while the two shafts are
connected by a dritt at the bottom. Returns from thren shipments of ore, aggregating 100 totis, made to Bath iE Son, London, ling., show 60 per cent. pure iutimony, aad netted a profit of $\$ 30$ per ton. From twenty to thirty tons a das com be mined with the present facilities, and the capacity of the mine can easily lee incereased by further development and improved methods of working. Tho mines are situated in Rawdon 'Township, Hants County, about lifteen miles distant from stations on either the Intercolonial or Windsor and Amayolis mailyoads. - (New York Enyineering und Mining Journal).

## EXPEDITIOŃ TO HUDSON BAY.

All arrangements for this important expedition have been completed and the tepprame, it wooden sealing steanship of abons Gon tons, has been chartered from Jub Bros., of Si. John, Newfomatland, for the purpose. The vessel will sail from Malifax on or about the 15 th of July and after coaling at Picton will sail north. The expedition will be nuder command of Itt. Gordon, 1R. N. who will establish observatories and locate the parties, about six in mumber, at different points, the object of the expedition being to examine into the condition of the ILudson Straits during the winter months. 1b: Bell of the Geological Survey will accompany the party in the capacity of scientist and surgeon :mid will take assistants with him to aill in examining into the geological. formation and mineral resources along the coast of Ihurson Bay. This paty will constitute a distinct hamah of the expedition and will return :about he end of Oetaber: The other six parties attached to the expedition will winter in the north and the Neptene will return for them in the spring.

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