GOLD IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Eight Million Dollars' Worth Taken Out Since the Discovery in 1858—Last Year's Product About $500,000.

Says a New York dispatch, of recent date: "More than $500,000 worth of gold was dug out of our mines last year, and there has been more than $6,000,000 worth extracted during the last twenty-five years, which is about all the time that the mines have been worked."

That was the reply given by F. W. Christie, one of the mining engineers in the employ of the Nova Scotia government, when asked, on his recent visit to this city, about the extent of Nova Scotia's gold mines.

"Gold was not discovered there," he continued, "until 1858, and for the first few years the discoveries did not amount to much. It was at that time thought that because of the abundance of coal in the province there could be no extensive gold deposits in their proximity. But valuable leads have since been struck within comparatively short distance of the coal mines. In fact, gold has been found throughout the entire length of the province, a distance of more than three hundred miles. It is almost entirely in quartz leads.

"Some mines have at times yielded seventeen ounces to the ton, while as a general rule it pays to mine them if a yield of less than ten pennyweights to the ton can be got. The average yield per ton of all the stuff crushed during the year 1896 was over sixteen pennyweights, and the average earnings per man were $5.35 per day, which I think is rather better showing than that of the gold mines of most countries. Our gold has also been found particularly pure, nesting within a few cents of the standard of $20 per ounce value. Of course our gold mining as an industry is still in its infancy. In fact there has been hardly any systematic development of mines. The miners have merely scratched over the surface and stripped the leads that were easily accessible, without going to the trouble or expense of putting in machinery necessary for deep mining, such as has proved most profitable in the western states. There are only one or two holes that are any way near one thousand feet deep, and very few deeper than two or three hundred feet. I know of one mine from which two brothers took out some $400,000 in three or four years, and then abandoned it simply because it would be necessary to put in a new set of machinery in order to go deeper.

"Miners' wages are $1.25 to $1.75 per day, fuel is cheap, and all other expenses are very light.

"The government proclaims the mining areas and leases the rights at a nominal fee in order to protect the workers. Most of the developments that have been so far made have been with local capital, but within the last few years several American speculators have interested in them to a considerable extent."

George and Laura.

"Laura," exclaimed the enamored youth, hastily bringing the corner of his frescoed silk handkerchief to view above the edge of his breast pocket and speaking in the low, impassioned accents of a ten-dollar-a-week tragedian out of a job pleading with a stony-hearted conductor for a lift of a few miles on his weary way across the country: "Laura the time has at length come when I may freely tell you of the deathless devotion with which you have inspired me, and can feel free to ask you to heed the voice of your own heart if it bids you to listen kindly to my plea. For three long years and some odd months, Laura, I have carried this burden in my heart without daring to hint to you in words of the passion which you must have seen by my actions was consuming me. Not until my prospects in life were sufficiently flattering to warrant me in presuming upon the kindness with which you have ever treated me, so far as to ask a higher and more sacred place in your esteem than that of a mere friend, could I honorably disclose my sentiments. I have now concluded business arrangements, Laura, by which my future is so far assured that the grim shadow of want shall never fall athwart the threshold of the home which I now implore you to share with me. While I shall not possess wealth, I shall have a sufficiency for the wants of a modest household. While it may not be in my power to array you in diamonds and seal-skin sacques—"

"George," said the girl, as a shadow of anxious hesitancy flitted across her eloquent face and a look of deep and searching inquiry glowed in the eyes which she lent upon the agitated young man, "what is your salary?"

"Fifteen dollars a week, Laura, for the next six months, with the certain prospect of an increase at the end of—"

"George," and the voice of the brave, noble girl as it vibrated through the sensitive fibres of the young man's whole being, seemed to come from the inmost recesses of a fearless, echoless cavern, "George, do you make me very tired?"—*Chicago Tribune.*

Webster Scared Him.

Captain Bassett, doorkeeper of the Senate, says a Washington letter, is a character, and he looks it. He is slightly bent now, and the hair, which was flaxen and curly when Daniel Webster first appointed him a page, is as white as snow, and it hangs down around his head, long and glistening, like spun glass.

"Yes," he said, wearily, in reply to my salutation, "it is a good while since I was appointed page by Webster, Calhoun was Vice President then, and, of course, presided over the Senate. A tall, lean, severe-looking man, I remember how jauntily he used to throw his long cleak over the railing. Jackson was President, and he used to come here occasionally during a quarrel over the United States Bank. I remember him as a thin, peaked man, and Mr. Webster called him quarrelsome.

"The goldike Daniel seems to have been fond of his toddy!' I said, with a rising indection.

"He had a powerful face and a deep bass voice," Mr. Bassett said further. "He frightened me once and made me angry. It was a hot, rainy night, and he called me to him just before time for the Senate to adjourn, and told me to go out and get a carriage for him. I could not find one and told him that they were all gone. I never shall forget the look he gave me. He took me by both shoulders, scowled at me and said in his severest voice, 'Go—and—get—a—carriage?' I was chagrined and angry. They were the first harsh words he had ever addressed to me. I started off and walked about the town, finding no carriage, and finally I went home. I refused to go out in the Senate next day. My father saw Mr. Webster, who explained to his rough way that he only did it for my good; he wanted to teach me to do whatever I tried to do. I went back to my duties, but there was no more familiarity between us after that."

A Book That Helped Him.

The book that most influenced Senator Ingalls' youth was "The Earth and Stars." I don't know who wrote it, says the Senator, but to it I am indebted for a larger horizon than I had before and a broader grasp of things. For it gave me the first faint conception of the infinite depths of the universe. It showed me that the earth is so far from Sirius, or even from Alpha Centauri, which is said to be 120,000 times as far off as the sun; that it takes years for a ray of light to come from them to us, and other stars so far distant that if they had machinery for looking upon the earth and seeing its inhabitants some of them would see it as it was during the battle of Marathon, others would see the wars of the Roman Empire, and the preaching of Jesus and his apostles; others would follow the movements of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and still more remote gazers toward the earth would see primordial man as he dropped his prehensile tail, or the earth upon which he lived in the earlier ages when granite was boiling. It is one of the most stupendous thoughts that the human mind is capable of grasping, that the whole history of our race is still being recorded day by day in the myriads of orbs that swing in our evening skies. That little book taught this truth, and it greatly increased the range of my vision and enabled and inclined me to seek various points of view in the examination of every question."

Electric Accident Preventor.

A most wonderful invention is reported in Vienna. An Austrian engineer has, it is said, designed a truck to run before every railway train, being maintained always at a fixed, but adjustable, distance in front by the force of an electric current transmitted along the rails from a dynamo on the engine.

The current is conducted through mercury contained in glass tubes on the pilot truck. Therefore, the truck comes into collision the tubes are broken and the current consequently destroyed. The interruption of the current instantly and automatically applies the brakes on the following train.

It is claimed by the inventor that two expresses fitted with the system might with impunity be set to run full tilt at each other. The collision of their pilot trucks would arrest the progress of both trains before they could meet. The element of human fallibility is accordingly entirely eliminated, and defects may dash through a whole series of danger signals without risk, being automatically arrested the moment they reach the spot that is really dangerous.—*St. James's Gazette.*

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CLAWSON CULLINGS.

Last week was gentle spring weather. John Cromie has moved to the Bryant farm.

Miss May McKinney Sundayed with her sister, Mrs. Jacob Lawson.

About three score friends and relatives from Clawson and Southfield surprised Mr. and Mrs. George McKinney last Friday night and presented them with a set of silver spoons and forks. Prof. Codnor entertained all present with some fine and select ditties and speeches in elocution.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Todd celebrated their wooden wedding on Wednesday evening of last week.

Jacob Stumpf celebrated his 54th anniversary last Saturday evening.

TROY TWINKLES.

Mrs. Chas Cole's six months' son has been quite sick for the past two weeks, but is now on the gain.

Mrs. Tom Adams visited relatives and friends in Utica last week.

Charlie Cole will move on the Volney Goodwin farm about April 1.

ROYAL OAK RUMBLINGS.

A Mr. Perry of Detroit has bought one of N. E. Springsteen's farms and will remove here soon.

Mr. Baldwin has bought Ettie Crowell's place.

Henry Murray's house was burned on Saturday last. Most of the household goods were saved.

W. H. Knowles is very sick.

Easter services at the M. E. church next Sunday night.

The Young People's Literary society gave a public literary social at the town hall last Friday night. The price of admission was put down as low as possible (free) and at 8 o'clock a good crowd had gathered. Every member of the society had some part, which was carried out to the satisfaction of all.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Tom Redick was recently thrown out of a buggy and received a dislocated ankle. Dex Bowden has sold the Elisha Hoard property to Cris Benedict, who takes possession April 1.

Our old friend A. Carey has been drawn as a juryman to serve at the circuit court. A good selection.

Report of school district No. 9: Aggregate attendance, 1,138; aggregate absence, 150; cases of tardiness, 9; per cent of tardiness, 9; per cent of attendance, 88; per cent of tardiness, nearly ¾. Pupils neither absent nor tardy: Lile Hawthorn, Sammie Hawthorn, Frank White, Eva Hawthorn, Myrtle Babcock and Jennie Martin. Wm. Abernethy, teacher.

BIG BEAVER BLIZZARDS.

Be sure to remember the school exhibition at Big Beaver Friday and Saturday evenings, March 30 and 31. Different programme each night. Every body invited to come and bring ten cents. Doors open at seven p. m. at Red Ribbon Hall. Miss Hall has spared no effort to make this one of the most interesting exhibitions ever given in Big Beaver. Come one and all.

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