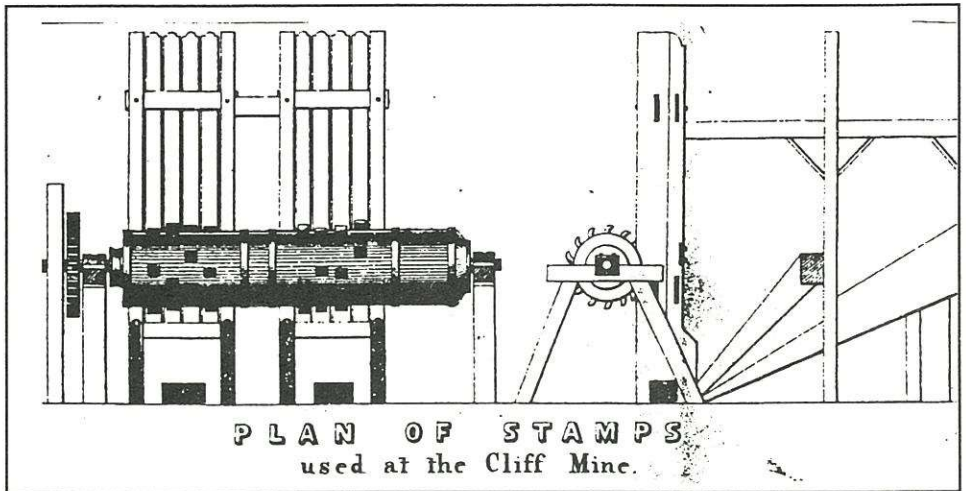


Cliff Mine Stamp Mill

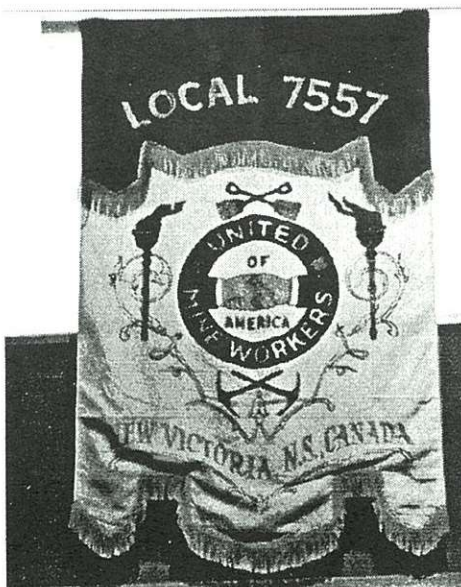
Chuck Voelker writes: "I recently came across this map of the Cliff Mine (1847), and was wondering if any other readers have information regarding the design and/or operation of early Cornish stamps, as represented on the map. Any help would be appreciated."



Nova Scotia Artifacts

Your Managing Editor recently returned from a vacation in Nova Scotia, that charming island province in the North Atlantic with an extensive mining history! Visits to the local coal mining museums revealed these two stunning pieces of memorabilia.

The first is a UMWA banner from Local 7557, New Victoria, N.S. Canada. Also active in Nova Scotia in the mining labor movement was the PWA, or Provincial Workman's Association. Several PWA ribbons in the museum collection at Glace Bay rival our own beautiful UMWA badges.



The Museum at the "Tour A Mine," Springhill, Nova Scotia, site of the world famous mining disaster, contained a nice assortment of artifacts. I was surprised to see a number of items which had been donated by well-known American collectors! My impression was that the majority of cap lamps used in the Province were of American make. The gem of their display, though, is an Ashworth

safety lamp with what appears to be a manufactured accessory. Is this mystery item an alcohol gas tester attachment? or a fuel container/lamp filler? They definitely go together, and they even have their own specially designed tin canister container. The next visitor to Springhill should write ahead to the "Tour A Mine," and try to get permission for a closer look at this lamp!