

### WEST PASTURE MINE.

This Mine, which is worked on West Pasture Vein, has been opened up by cutting a cross-cut towards the vein from the east side of Stanhope Burn. The Great Limestone Sill is the rock in which the vein is cased at the end of this driving, where the operations in the lode are, or have been, made, where a driving has been cut to the east, and another to the west.

The forehead to the east end is in the middle Flat, in a vein of rather weakly appearance; but that is not without ore. Had Lead Ore been more valuable, and worth exploring for where there is only a chance of finding it in moderate quantities, one might have advised that this forehead should be driven forward, with the view of discovering some deposits of galena in the vein itself, and of giving access to ground that would work to profit in the Flats; but under even a more favourable reign than the present, this, nor any other part of the Mine, is not worthy of notice.

In former times a course of ground on the south side of the Vein has yielded considerable quantities of ore from a pretty extensive line of flats, and it would only be reasonable to conclude that continued effort, by pushing on the east forehead, would lead to the further development of flating ground. The dip of the measures, however, will possibly carry the line of the Flat under the sole of the Level, if that is cut much further eastward.

At the time of inspection, this end of the Mino was not being worked; but in the other end four men—Thomas Foster and party—were engaged clearing up the level where the stuff from higher workings had crushed down. They were finding a few pieces of ore, and stones having markings of ore on them, among the *débris*, but nothing to repay a respectable proportion of their wages. At the present date the men are still employed here, and they have not yet got through the crushed ground; but much more money should not be expended at this point.