

If I have taken much of your valuable time this afternoon, I plead in extenuation of my offence the vastness and richness of the subject, "the mineral wealth of Canada." (Loud applause.)

MR. HAMILTON MERRITT: I wish to congratulate you, Sir, on the admirable address you have given us. With respect to my own Province, Ontario, I would only remark that the gold mining industry is rapidly taking a prominent place. The important additions to the milling capacity of the Province, warrants us in the belief that the increased production in 1897 will be continued during the coming season. I beg leave to move a vote of thanks to the President for his excellent address. (Applause.)

ALDERMAN DAVIES (Toronto) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. E. D. INGALL: With regard to gold mining in Ontario I would like to bear out all that Mr. Merritt has said. One point, however, that has not been emphasised enough is that throughout that Province there are areas of Huronian rocks, and among these, beyond any question, there will be found just the conditions which are shown to be those of the Lake of the Woods and Rainy River districts. Another point to which I would like to draw your attention is that in the report by one of our staff on the Nova Scotia gold fields, there will be found very much that is applicable to the gold bearing region of Ontario. I think we may regard with considerable confidence the future of gold mining, not only in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, but in the centre portion of our Province of Ontario as well. (Hear, hear.)

MR. J. OBALSKI then read his paper describing the year's mining operations in the Province of Quebec.

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MR. FRANK C. LORING (Rossland) presented his paper on this subject.

MR. J. F. LATIMER (Toronto) referred to some of his experiences in British Columbia last season. He had known posts to serve in many cases for two locations. There were discovery posts sometimes where there was no mineral at all.

DR. GOODWIN (Kingston): I notice that many of the things which are advocated by Mr. Loring are at present embodied in the Ontario Mines Act.

MR. MERRITT: The Ontario Mining Law might be greatly improved by the acquisition of some features in the law of British Columbia.