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QUEBEC.

In publishing this special Quebec issue of *The Canadian Mining Journal* we have kept in view two objects. The first of these has been to bring to the attention of our readers the many unique openings that the Province offers to the investor. Therefore, we have given prominence to such enterprises as the mining and preparation of China clay, the utilization of titaniferous iron ore, the markets for mica and graphite, and the quarrying of magnesite and marble. While, of course, the asbestos industry is not overlooked, it is not featured strongly, the field of asbestos mining has been thoroughly exploited. In fact it has suffered from over-exploitation. Hence, we have not attempted to do more than present a careful summary of the present position of the industry.

Our second object is to impress the public with the fact that Province of Quebec is entering upon a new phase in its mining history. No spectacular "booms" like those of Rossland, Cobalt, and Porcupine, ever blessed or cursed Quebec. It has, in truth, been quite overshadowed by its sister Province, Ontario. The arbitrary line of division between the two Provinces has also formed more or less of a barrier to the prospector. In other words, Quebec has not been the fashion. Nevertheless, the commercial mining opportunities in Quebec are unexcelled. One branch of mining may be taken as an instance. The Weedon copper mine, operated by a United States company, from small beginnings, has developed into a mine of large promise. The region in which the Weedon is situated has for years been known. Outcrops of copper-bearing iron pyrites were discovered long before the Weedon (or McDonald) mine was opened. Had this discovery been made in Ontario, in all probability there would have been scores of prospectors on the spot in a very short time. Since, however, Quebec was the scene of the discovery, no special activity resulted. Fortunately it was that a group of New York mining investors happened to be looking round for a mining chance.

A brighter aspect of the situation is presented when minerals other than copper ores are considered. Canadian investors are interesting themselves in China clay, in graphite, in mica, and in other mineral products. The commercial possibilities of these commodities have not been considered until now. With easy access to a cosmopolitan shipping port like Montreal there should be no difficulty in bringing these ventures to a profitable stage of development.

The extraordinary facilities available in the settled portions of Quebec, particularly in the Eastern Town-