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ECONOMIC MINERALS AND MINING INDUSTRIES OF CANADA

The Mines Branch of the Department of Mines has recently published a very useful pamphlet presenting interesting information on minerals and mining in Canada. This has been compiled under the direction of Mr. J. McLeish, Chief of the Division of Mineral Resources and Statistics, who has had the co-operation of several officers of the Mines Branch staff; more particularly Messrs. C. T. Cartwright, L. H. Cole, H. Frechette, H. S. de Schmid and A. W. G. Wilson. The publication is remarkable for its concise, clear statements. Seldom has so much information on such subjects been given in so few pages.

QUEBEC IN 1912

Mr. Denis' report on Mining Operations in Quebec during 1912 shows an output valued at \$11,187,110. In the previous year the value of the product of mines and quarries was \$8,679,786. The increase is a very satisfactory one. The chief products are asbestos, cement, limestone, brick, copper and sulphur ore, lime, granite and marble.

The volume contains in addition to the resumé for 1912, a report by J. Austen Bancroft on the Geology and Natural Resources of the drainage basins of the Harricanaw and Nottaway river, to the north of the Transcontinental Railway, in northwestern Quebec.

Mr. Denis is to be congratulated on the early appearance of the volume.

MICHIGAN COPPER MINERS' STRIKE

The strike called by the Western Federation of Miners in Michigan on July 23 has not yet been settled. Many of the mines have resumed operation. Some have a large percentage of their former employees again at work, but others are still idle and none are producing at a normal rate.

The financial loss to operators and miners continues very large. Aside from the loss to all merchants and others who depend on the mines and miners for their business, there is a large expense to the counties and to the state in providing soldiers and deputies to enforce the laws.

The strikers are being reduced to pitiable circumstances. Many already are dependent for their daily bread on the funds supplied by the union. A few dollars a week is given to those who prove to the satisfaction of the union officers that they are in urgent need. Others get nothing. Appeals are being made in several mining districts for contributions to the union treasury.