

In concluding the present Report, some allusion may be made to the mineral wealth of the Province, as having been in a great degree made known by the Geological exploration.

The great extent of the Coal Fields of New-Brunswick alone, are sufficient to secure that degree of importance to the country its position among the North American Colonies is so well adapted to sustain. But besides the Coal, there are inexhaustible supplies of Iron, with Copper, Manganese, Lead, and other useful ores. The Province abounds in Granite, Freestone, Marble, and all those rocks employed in ornamental and durable architecture. There are also numerous substances employed in the arts and manufactures, which are ready to be brought into operation when the state of the Province shall require them.

In addition to vast stores of mineral wealth, the fisheries are extensive, the soil is fertile, and the climate such as to admit of the most luxuriant growth of all those grains and other plants for which Canada has been celebrated.

For the beauty of its natural scenery and number of its interesting objects, New-Brunswick can scarcely be surpassed, and whether considered in reference to objects of science or the increase of human happiness and contentment, the bounties of nature are every where to be seen, and the gifts of a kind Providence for the support of the human race have been bountifully bestowed over the land.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient,

And very humble Servant,

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*Saint John, N. B., 1st January, 1843.*