

which had taken place in the mineral industry of Great Britain, the United States and other countries had been the fruit of striving for gain. He feared that government control and initiative would prove far less effective in securing progress than private effort had been.

It being agreed to adjourn the discussion, Mr. Bawden briefly replied to the objections raised to his paper, after which a vote of thanks was passed to him for the same.

THE UTILITY AND VALUE OF SOME COMMON MINERALS.

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Five or six years ago a young man came to this city from one of our finished country villages to seek an occupation which might afford larger scope for his energies than the little annex farm at home appeared to promise. He took counsel with one or two friends, and after the merits of a number of projects were discussed the general conclusion was reached that no business was as sure or safe as one which undertook to supply the common and everyday wants of the people. Food, clothing and shelter are necessities of life, and whatever else man in a civilized state may do without he cannot, or will not, dispense with these. Our young man had been a producer of foods on a small scale, and naturally he inclined to keep on in that line of business. But his heart was set on a specialty, and so he decided to establish a dairy farm and supply the city with milk. He reasoned in this way: "Every family in the city wants milk, and wants it every day. Being a cheap and nutritive food, and for children especially an almost complete diet, many people will buy as much as they require, and the poorer classes as much as they can afford. I am therefore sure of customers if I can supply a good, wholesome article, and the cash will come in as the milk goes out." This young man was wise enough to learn his trade in a well managed dairy before starting on his own account; but it was only a matter of a few months, and he began right. To-day he sells in the city the milk of nearly 150 cows, he has one of the cleanest and best equipped dairies in the Province, and he is worth \$25,000.