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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINING VENTURES AND INVESTMENTS IN CANADA.

Canada has derived much advertisement from her unequalled mines of asbestos, of nickel, and of silver. One effect of this has been to throw into the background many most interesting mineral areas that, on their merits, should command attention.

The magnitude and diversity of Canada's mineral resources can only be grasped by those who are constantly in touch with mining and prospecting in all their branches. To attempt to draw up an inventory is impossible. But it is appropriate to allude to a few of the sound ventures and investments that are open in unadvertised regions of the Dominion.

We shall preface our remarks with the statement that there is great need of more exact statistics and data regarding the markets for mineral products. Official statistics are meagre. The process of searching out these things is costly and wearisome to the individual. At present, however, it devolves upon each investor to do his own investigating.

Without considering geographical order, we shall proceed to enumerate several fields which, in our opinion, should prove profitable to investors.

Eastern Ontario, particularly the northern parts of the counties of Hastings and Frontenac, is dotted with small prospects, abandoned mines, and not a few paying mines. The accepted opinion as to the gold mines of this Province is that they are not payable. This has not been proved. From private reports that we have read we have formed the deliberate judgment that several of the gold mines can be worked at a profit. And, apart from any question of management, conditions have so improved that costs are no longer prohibitive. But gold is only one of a dozen possibilities. Feldspar, talc, corundum, marble, iron pyrites, and iron ore are being produced on a small scale. The beautiful decorative stone, sodalite, is found in workable quantities. Copper pyrites has been mined. The introduction of cheap hydro-electric power means net profits in many instances.

The gold mines of Nova Scotia, like those of Ontario, require systematic proving. In the opinion of not a few competent judges, the Nova Scotian mines as a rule can be made to pay if worked as nature intended them to be worked. Here, as elsewhere, it is essential that each property be examined on its own merits. This is all the more necessary as the history of the camps has not been properly preserved. The rich tungsten prospects, the gold-bearing antimony ores, the manganese deposits, the gypsum, all await the advent of well-directed capital. Although a small province, Nova