## ECONOMICS MINERALS OF CANADA.

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**Mercury**, has been produced in small amount in British Columbia.

**Platinum**, occurs in connection with placer deposits of gold in British Columbia and a considerable amount of this metal is also contained in the nickelcopper ores of Sudbury, Ont.

**Arsenic**, is obtained in connection with the arsenical gold ores of Ontario.

**Chromite** or chromic iron-ore, is mined to a limlited but increasing amount in Quebec.

Asbestus, in very important quantities, is also derived from Quebec.

**Graphite** or plumbago, is chiefly derived from the crystalline rock-series of Quebec and Ontario, but the product has not yet realized its full importance.

**Gypsum**, is extensively produced in and exported from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. It is mined also in Ontario and known to occur in other provinces and districts.

Mica, is derived from Quebec, Ontario and (so far in small amount) from British Columbia. Its importance is rapidly increasing in connection with its use for electrical machinery.

**Phosphate** or apatite, of remarkable purity, is still produced in limited amount in Quebec and Ontario, although low prices in late years have greatly reduced the output.

Salt, is obtained in Ontario in quantities regulated only by the requirements of the market, while a certain small output is also to be credited to New Brunswick, and salt works have in previous years been in operation in Manitoba.

The output of Petroleum and Natural Gas, has already been alluded to. Other minerals appearing in the annual returns are : Felspar, Fire-clay, Grindstones, Limestone, (for flux) Mineral pigments, Moulding sand, Pyrites and

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