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TO OUR READERS

THE CANADIAN MINING JOURNAL has made a strong and gratifying start in life. It has reached that stage where change and improvement are pre-requisite to its continued usefulness. Latterly many of our readers have sent in suggestions, embodying their personal wishes. These deal almost exclusively with our news, metal market and other departments. Nearly all of these suggestions we have gladly made use of. All of them are good; some of them, however, owing to reasons which have to do with our own facilities, are not at present practicable. It has been impossible personally to acknowledge all these kind letters. We wish, nevertheless to convey our thanks through these columns.

We also wish to request that all of our readers send us comments, suggestions and criticisms whenever THE CANADIAN MINING JOURNAL fails to supply their needs, whenever they wish to have new subjects dealt with, whenever, in fact, they feel that THE CANADIAN MINING JOURNAL is not adequately and impartially representing the mining interests of the Dominion.

But to be fair to ourselves we must touch on the other side of the shield. Our growth in usefulness and strength must be dependent upon and commensurate with the growth of Canada's mineral industries. We are in no sense the mouthpiece of any special interests. We rely for support upon the legitimate miner, the prospector, the metallurgist and upon all those directly and indirectly concerned with the actual development of Canada's superb mineral resources. It is, therefore, essential that all of our readers continue to consider this publication as their special medium, and to act upon the conviction that their interests can best be served only so long as they themselves actively help in making its columns increasingly useful. It were ungracious to conclude this homily without heartily thanking one more those of our subscribers who have of late honored us with letters commendatory and otherwise.

ONTARIO'S VISITORS

The approaching visit of the American Institute of Mining Engineers is an event of more than ordinary importance. The Institute's membership comprises distinguished technical writers, educationists, engineers, metallurgists and chemists. On another page we have reproduced an historical sketch of the Institute, written by its secretary, Dr. R. W. Raymond.

The proposed itinerary of the visitors has already been published. The first meeting in Toronto is called for July 23rd at the King Edward Hotel. THE CANADIAN MINING JOURNAL hopes that the visit to Toronto and