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In order to meet a large advance sale of the present number of the REVIEW, an additional issue of two thousand copies has been printed. In order to avoid disappointment, readers desiring extra copies should forward their orders at once.

The Cape Breton meetings of the Mining Society of Nova Scotia and the General Mining Association of the Province of Quebec will be remembered as red letter days in the history of these organizations. The attendance was large and representative of the mineral industries of eastern Canada, though it was a matter for regret that the turn out of Quebec members, on account of the busy season at the asbestos mines, was not so large as the strength of the Association and the importance of the occasion warranted. Needless to say, in the hands of the representatives of these two powerful companies, the Dominion Coal Co. and the General Mining Association of London, whose guests the visitors were, the programme was of an unusually interesting and attractive character, and throughout was conducted by princely hospitality. Too much praise cannot be given to those upon whom fell the burden of so lavish an entertainment. Mr. David McKeen, M.P., the genial director of the affairs of the Dominion Coal Co. in Cape Breton, and his energetic associate, Mr. W. Blakemore, were indefatigable in their exertions to show everything worth seeing in the large territory under the control of their company, and to cater to the comfort and pleasure of everyone. Mr. R. H. Brown will be gratefully remembered for the immense trouble he took to entertain a very large party at the old Sydney mines, and the delightful associations with his charming residence at Beech Hill will remain forever green. Captain Gragg and the only Col. Grainger, Mr. Burchell, Mr. C. H. Rigby, Mr. F. C. Kimber, the officers of the Sydney Club and the Tennis Court, also deserve special mention for courtesies extended. Nor must we forget the unstinted hospitality of the fair sex, Mrs. and the Misses Blakemore, Mrs. R. H. and the Misses Brown, Mrs. Rigby and Mrs. Moseley, one and all of whom contributed in no small measure to the success of the meeting by many courtesies and kindnesses extended to the visiting ladies. Indeed, each and every one present on the occasion carry away with them many delightful memories of Cape Breton, and a lively appreciation of its hospitality, its beauty, productiveness and resources.

The Ontario Mining Institute, organized in April last, will hold its first business session at Toronto during the second week in September. Papers will be read by Mr. A. Blue, Director of Mines, Toronto, Prof. W. L. Goodwin, Kingston, Mr. J. Bawden, Kingston, Mr. W. Hamilton Merritt, Toronto, and others. Every effort is being made to make the meeting attractive. As the railways offer special inducements in reduced rates to visit Toronto during "Fair" time, the attendance from the mining districts of Ontario should be large. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

The General Mining Association of the Province of Quebec will hold its next Quarterly General Meeting at Sherbrooke, Que., during the last week of September. So many pleasant memories are associated with the outing at Sherbrooke last year, that there is sure to be a large

attendance of members on the present occasion. We understand that an excursion to the Capelton Copper Mines, where members will be the guests of President Blue, and a run to the gold mines on the Du Loup are on the tapis.

British Columbia, the only mining province in Canada, without an association of mineral interests, is now, we are glad to see, moving towards organization, as the following excerpt from a letter from Mr. G. F. Moncton, Vancouver, will show:—

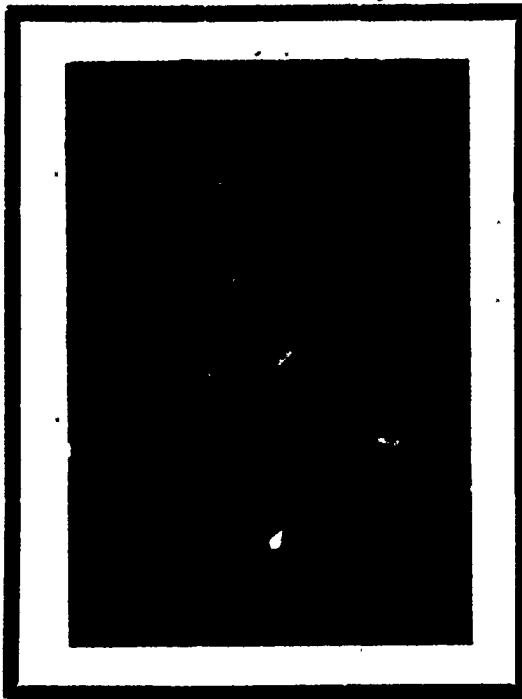
"Some of those here who are connected with mining in various ways are endeavoring to form an association. The matter is at present in a vague form, the idea only having been mooted the other day, as the enclosed letters will show. Will you kindly extend to us the support of your REVIEW which has to so great an extent influenced and assisted the formation of the other mining societies of the Dominion? We hope in two or three weeks to be so far advanced as to be able to call a meeting and form the nucleus of the society."

The Province of British Columbia is making such progress in the development of her minerals that the organization of such an association as those already established in the other provinces of Canada is not only desirable but necessary. Apart from the social advantages such an association would confer upon its members, the publication of papers on the resources and mining practice of British Columbia would be of incalculable value in directing the attention of capitalists to the undoubted field for remunerative investment there exists in the western province. Needless to say, the REVIEW will cheerfully exert itself to aid the new organization in every way possible. In the meantime, it heartily wishes success to the promoters of the organization.

While at Charlottetown, P.E.I., en route to Cape Breton, the members of the General Mining Association of Quebec were startled by the sad intelligence of the sudden death by heart disease of Col. Gustavus Lucke, an original member and Vice-President of the Association. Col. Lucke, who resided at Sherbrooke, Que., was a partner in the firm of Lucke & Mitchell, the well known hardware merchants of that town, and a director in the Beaver Asbestos Company, Ltd., operating at Thetford Mines. In all matters affecting the welfare of mining in the Province of Quebec, Col. Lucke took a lively interest. He was

foremost in the agitation to repeal Mercier's obnoxious Mining Law, and one of the first to sign the roll of the General Mining Association formed at the time. At every meeting and social reunion Col. Lucke's stalwart personality and genial countenance was a familiar figure, and his demise at a comparatively early age will be mourned by the mining men of Quebec and by a large circle of friends. The deceased gentleman was also, we believe, an officer of the Asbestos Club at Black Lake. Almost immediately after the sad announcement, a meeting of the Association was held, at which a resolution was passed expressing sorrow for the untimely death of one so universally esteemed among its members, and tendering to his widow assurances of their most tender sympathy in her bereavement.

"Asbestos," says the *Australian Mining Standard*, "has hitherto been a mineral which has enjoyed the happy, if obscure, fate of prosperity. The fluctuations have not disturbed the market, nor the inrush of huge "parcels" excited speculators. Mine owners have found no difficulty in disposing of their output at a satisfactory return upon capital. Now, however, the position seems likely to be altered, and shareholders in asbestos companies may share the lot of the ordinary mining adven-



THE LATE COL. GUSTAVUS LUCKE
Vice-President General Mining Association of Quebec,
Director Beaver Asbestos Co., Ltd.
Sherbrooke, Que.

Died Sunday, 8th July, 1894.