

case in "B. C.", and there is much to be thankful for in that. On the other hand, while British Columbia claims, with reason, in point of tonnage yield and values to be the mineral province of the Dominion, Ontario may well argue, that judged from the standard which is, after all, to the capitalist, the more convincing one, that of dividend-earning capabilities, she still has relatively the advantage of her western competitor. In addition to these established and profit-earning mines, properties, in some cases, of exceptional promise are now opened

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up in new districts, and it is no longer so difficult to find either Canadian or American capital for the development of them. It is probable that some important developments will take place this year in the Temiskaming region of Ontario, as well as the adjacent territory extending into the Province of Quebec.

#### ASBESTOS MINING AT QUEBEC.

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