

lation to geology itself. In complying with my instructions, it has been deemed proper to introduce into the present report some topographical and other matter, not relating strictly to the mineral deposits of the Province; and if the accounts of the exploration of certain districts should assume the features of a narrative, an apology is offered in the nature of the country, and the circumstances connected with its examination.

During the past year, the granite of the river has been extensively worked and employed in the durable buildings erected at Saint John; another lease for coal has been obtained from the Government, and others are applied for. It is not, however, to be supposed, that all these enterprising pursuits will be successful. Some of them, it is to be feared, have been commenced for purposes of speculation; and others may fail from causes common to all such undertakings. But although these discouragements may retard the general good for a time, the natural productions of the Province will ultimately relieve her from all embarrassments, and render her one of the most important Colonies of the British Empire.