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THE VISIT OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MINING ENGINEERS TO ONTARIO.

The Ontario Provincial Government, animated by a desire to further the mining interests of this Province and wishing, also, to give the representatives of a world-wide institution a more or less definite idea of the richness and variety of Ontario's mineral deposits, invited the American Institute of Mining Engineers to visit Toronto and to make a tour of certain important mining districts. The various towns visited vied with each other in welcoming the visitors. In every respect the visit was a phenomenal success.

THE CANADIAN MINING JOURNAL wishes to congratulate the Local Government upon its wise liberality. Such enlightened acts denote a spirit refreshingly beyond and above the dark realm of party politics. The invitation was extended with the sole objects of rectifying current erroneous ideas and of indirectly advertising the mines and minerals of Ontario. That much good will result need not be doubted for a moment. But too much must not be expected. The visiting engineers are, as a body, keen, observant and hard-headed. They did not gush, nor were they expected to. Each of them, however, will in future have a much fairer conception of what Cobalt signifies. Many of them, who had not visited Copper Cliff before, have now some conception of the magnitude and promise of that nickel-copper industry. In Moose Mountain the visitors will recognize that the hem of what may prove a vast iron ore range has been touched.

Lest any of the recent visitors should carry away the impression that Ontario stands alone in her mining possibilities, it may not be unwise to point to the coal, iron and gold of Nova Scotia, the oil shales and copper of New Brunswick, the asbestos, graphite, mica and chrome ore of Quebec, the coal and oil of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and the unrivalled variety and wealth of British Columbia's minerals. These things we mention because it is not improbable that a special view of one or two sections of Ontario may tend to destroy the perspective when looking at the Dominion generally. This, however, is a digression.

One result of the visit will be that the mining men of Ontario will continue their work with a lessened dread of the evil effects of stock manipulators.

We publish in this issue a letter from Mr. Alexander Gray, formerly editor of *The South African Mines, Commerce and Industries*, of Johannesburg. Mr. Gray is soon to move to Canada.