

It is well known that Quebec is very rich in Iron ores, especially in magnetic iron. Rich deposits, especially, are found in the County of Beauce, one of Quebec's richest mineral counties. Outcroppings show evidence of large deposits of Iron ore for three miles along the entire length of the properties of the Quebec Mines and Metal Co., Limited, at Beauceville, and in time this place will become a large factor among the iron producing territories of Canada.

The Iron Age succeeded the Stone Age. Iron is not only the oldest metal known to man, but it is the most useful, and it enters into our daily life and daily needs to a greater extent than ALL the other metals—precious and base—combined.

Gold in Quebec.

Canada has been a producer of Gold for many years, the ore having been first discovered in Nova Scotia, and the wonderful output of the Yukon is known to every one. In 1908 the value of Gold mined in Canada was \$9,559,274.

In many parts of Quebec Gold has been found in paying quantities, and, with improved methods of operating, the Province gives promise of becoming a larger factor in the production of that precious metal.

New discoveries are being made frequently throughout the Province, and this year will see the organization of many new companies for exploration and development.

About fifty miles south of the City of Quebec, in the County of Beauce, is an auriferous region formed by the valley of the Chaudiere River. The Gold found is exclusively alluvial. It is estimated that the total production of this district, although worked heretofore in a desultory way, is upwards of \$2,000,000.

The Gold of Beauce County is generally coarse and found at a depth ranging from a few feet to 100 feet. The largest nuggets found were worth from \$700 to \$900.

Colors are to be found all along the streams in the Chaudiere Valley, over an area of 1,500 square miles. This region is fertile, well populated, traversed by good roads and in proximity to railways.

There are numerous quartz veins, but Gold in commercial quantity is not found. In 1906, Gold was discovered in quartz in the Township of Marston, near Lake Megantic, and considerable development has been done in that district.

Mining rights for Gold on properties in the Chaudiere Gold District, in the vicinity of Beauceville, P.Q., were sold, on January 1st of this year, after an exhaustive exploration, to a strongly organized company for \$150,000, and practical work is now in progress.

The property of the Quebec Mines and Metal Co., Ltd., touches the northwest corner of the Chaudiere Gold District, and panning along the Plante and Collway rivers, on their holdings, has shown some color.