

These two properties are the only ones in a workable condition at present, but numerous other places have been held under prospecting license, and the results, although not so encouraging, have firmly established the fact that several other veins of similar character exist, some of them not workable, but others favorably situated, and which in all probability will be developed next season.

Labor in this district is plentiful at current prices, but the men are not accustomed to mining work, nevertheless, with a practical man as superintendent, they soon become skilled. The original prospectors had no knowledge of mining to speak of, and especially as regards mica. It is necessary to erect buildings at the mines as the hands have to be housed there. Cost of transportation from the two working mines at present would not be more than 15c. per 100 lbs. from the mine to the shipping point on the St. Lawrence, and from there to Quebec by schooner, say 10c. per 100 lbs., or \$5.00 per ton to Quebec, including the handling. If the mica were selected and dressed at or near the mines, the above figures as applying to cut mica are very moderate.

I must again repeat that the district is as yet unsurveyed, and the prospecting was done by people very slightly experienced in such work.

I cannot give any better or more illustrative idea of this country than by comparing it with the Ottawa phosphate region, the important mineral here being, of course, white mica, and the principal veins quartz and coarse granite.

In conclusion I would remark that if there is a future in store for the white mica industry, there is here a large field for research and investigation, and which may well repay practical and intelligent prospecting.

In addition to above notes, I would mention that white mica, in workable deposits, has been located at Lake Manowan, near the head of the Peribonca river, 250 miles north of Lake St. John; at Watscheshos on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, about 400 miles below Tadousac; and also at Lake Pieds des Monts, 17 miles north of Murray Bay. These properties, I must observe, however, to avoid confusion, are not in the same district, although of the same character and containing the same variety of mica, viz.: muscovite.

DISCUSSION.

CAPT. R. C. ADAMS—I do not know that I can say anything about this interesting paper, but if I am allowed I might say something