

THE MINING MEETINGS.

Annual sessions of the Canadian Mining Institute and the Quebec Mining Association.

The meetings of the Canadian Mining Institute and the General Mining Association of the Province of Quebec were held at the Windsor Hotel last week and were largely attended, additional interest being added by the presence of His Excellency, the Governor-General.

Owing to the absence in England of the president of the Quebec Association, Capt. R. C. Adams, the vice-president, Mr. George E. Drummond, presided at the meeting.

The following were elected members:—Prof. John E. Hardman, Montreal; H. E. C. Corry, Toronto; Hon. C. C. Colby,

Stanstead; Lionel H. Shirley, Montreal; W. Barclay Stephens, Montreal; S. J. Simpson, Montreal; J. W. Pyke, Montreal; J. D. Sword, Rossland and Harry Bragg, Montreal.

The membership was reported to be honorary, 20; active, 84; students, 17, total, 121.

The secretary, Mr. B. T. A. Bell, reported that the students' prizes had been won by Messrs. Raoul Green and W. M. Webb.

The report of the treasurer, Mr. A. W. Stevenson, showed a favorable balance and was adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President—Mr. George E. Drummond, Montreal.

Vice-President—Messrs. H. A. B. d-

den, Montreal; James King, M. L. A., Quebec; W. A. Allan, Ottawa, and Prof. John E. Hardman, Montreal.

Council—Messrs. John J. Penhale, Milton S. Hersey, S. P. Franchot, George R. Smith, C. H. Carrier, R. T. Hopper, Feodor Boas, H. W. de Courtenay and Dwight Brainerd.

Treasurer—Mr. A. W. Stevenson, re-elected.

Secretary—Mr. B. T. A. Bell, re-elected.

Delegates to the Federated Board—Messrs. John Blue, R. T. Hopper, and John J. Penhale, re-elected.

The newly elected president, in thanking the members for the honor conferred upon him, promised to do his best to make the year a successful one. The present time appeared to be of exceptional interest to the mining industry, and the association had a good opportunity to aid the interests of the industry in the opinion of the public.

It was decided to accept the invitation of Mr. George R. Smith, and hold the summer meeting at Thetford Mines.

Mr. G. E. Drummond, the newly elected president, occupied the chair at the evening session, and expressed pleasure at seeing so many mining students present. He hoped that a mining bureau would soon be established in Montreal where it would be of great use.

Mr. H. Wells, read a paper on Gold District of Hastings County, Ont., Mr. H. N. Thomson, one on "Notes in Asbestos Mining at Thetford," and Mr. W. M. Ogilvie one on "Gold Mining in the Yukon District."

A presentation of an oak cabinet containing silver and china was then made to Mr. A. W. Stevenson, the treasurer.

The secretary, Mr. Bell, read the report of the mineral production of Quebec as follows:

Asbestos, 11,000 tons.
Gold, \$6,000.
Chromic Iron, 2,018 tons.
Copper 30,200 tons.
Mica, 378,958 tons.
Feldspar, 560 tons.

After which the President, Mr. G. E. Drummond, read a paper on "The Iron Industries of Canada," which had shown a great improvement over last year. The necessity of a continuance of the policy of protection is shown by the continued increase in the exports of iron and steel from the United States to Great Britain. That Canada could produce iron was proved by the Geological Department, which stated that this metal existed in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Cape Breton, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia, there being every variety of the metal. Taking up the political position of the iron industry, the speaker showed that while Great Britain built up her enormous iron trade, under protection, she was now, under free trade, importing iron from the States and Germany. Canada was already a large consumer of iron, and could supply her own rapidly increasing demand if iron industries in various provinces were only encouraged by the Government.

On Wednesday, Major Leckie, the retiring president, gave his address, in which he spoke of the great impetus that the mining industry was receiving at the present time, and of the comprehensive character of mining, which really includes

We are indebted to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the use of the accompanying map, which gives a general idea of the situation of Rossland and also of the Kootenay district. It must be remembered that there are now two railways running into Rossland, and it will be seen that the C. P. Ry. have a line partially completed which will run from the main line at Revelstoke. The whole Kootenay district is being cut up by railway lines, all bent on securing the traffic from these mining districts.

