

Granite occurs along the Atlantic shore in every variety of texture, etc. Shelburne, Queens and Halifax Counties, have yielded handsome varieties, utilised to some extent in Halifax.

The lower carboniferous limestones have hitherto been used for little beyond lime burning, but they merit more attention for building purposes than they have hitherto received. They occur in great abundance, and present every variety of texture and composition. At some points in Cape Breton, limestones are met metamorphosed into marble, as at West and East Bays, George's River, etc., and may prove of commercial value at some localities.

Flags, slates and clays are abundant and worked for local use.

*Graphite.* Highly plumbaginous shales are found at many points in the Silurian strata and some of them appear rich enough to warrant a trial of their practical adaptability to the purposes for which this mineral is valued.

*Infusorial Earth.* Deposits of this mineral are met in many of our lakes and swamps.

*Grindstones, etc.* At the Joggins, Pugwash, Pudsley's, Merigomish and various points in Cape Breton, grindstones and whetstones of good quality are largely cut for local and foreign use.

*The trap of the Bay of Fundy* has acquired a world wide fame for the variety and beauty of its minerals. Among the more common are the varieties of the Zeolite family, but numerous other curious minerals, also derived from the infiltrating and concentrating power of water, reward the collector's labors. Partridge Island and Blomidon are among the localities which have yielded the finest specimens.

Numerous other interesting minerals occur in the Province, but the limits of this brief paper preclude any attempt to enumerate them.

The metamorphosed strata, and their accompanying igneous rocks, so abundant here, yield to the mineralogist a rich harvest for the microscope and the analyst's balance.

The readily accessible sections of our carboniferous measures have enabled our geologists to point out Nova Scotia as the typical district of this important page in the history of the past.

The work of the Canadian Geological Survey, and the labors of individuals, have shown that, valuable as our mineral wealth now appears, there are grounds for believing that in the future equally important developments may be confidently expected.