

it is worth 1/6d. per lb., say \$800 per ton. These are fluor-apatites, although they contain also some chlorine.

Continental geologists (Brogger and Rensch) who have studied these formations, have supposed them to be of eruptive origin, in consequence of the absence of phosphoric acid in the surrounding rocks, but the question seems to be most doubtful, as well here as in the case of the same opinion held on the Canadian Apatite deposits.

THE SITUATION OF CANADIAN PHOSPHATE TRADE.

Although this Canadian industry has not progressed on the same scale as many other phosphate fields, Somme, Cibley, Liege, Carolina and Florida, yet there are some facts offering an explanation for this. The peculiarity of the occurrence of the mineral in vein-like formation in hard rock, calls for a scientific and economic system of mining, which has been little applied to the development of our deposits, and the cost of production is thereby more considerable than that attained in other fields of supply.

Certain centres of manure manufacture still require our high testing products to complete their standard types of concentrated supers, and the rapidly increasing demand for fertilizers by all the civilized world, both the new and the old, will tend to maintain a fair value for natural phosphates. We are getting into the era in which steam does not work fast enough, and on every hand we are seeking to accomplish our ends by electricity with lightning speed. Someone has said that the man who could make two blades of grass grow where one grew before, was a benefactor to his race, but the rush and the struggle for existence imposes that every cultivator shall be a benefactor in this regard, and carry on agricultural science at the highest possible tension for his very existence.

With increasing populations, with better means of transport, and lastly but not least, advanced scientific education, fertilizers and all other artificial means of stimulating our exhausted soils will continue to be in increasing demand.

We see no reason therefore to suppose that the mineral-phosphate Industry or phosphate mining has attained its zenith, and so far as we can see at present, the future demands of the world for phosphoric acid are destined to increase with time and agricultural progress.