

bly set in as fresh mines are opened, and the woodland ranges and barren ridges, where only the sound of the axe has broken the existing solitude, will be alive with the ringing of picks, and the merry voice of the miner, as he unearths the hidden treasures of the hills.

Another Company the Lochaber Plumbago Company, have a crushing mill in operation on the River Blanche, in Lochaber, capable of turning out two tons of the prepared mineral per day.

The Central Canada Mining Company, of which Mr. Currier is the Provisional President, own in Templeton 1,500 acres of land, where they are about commencing extensive operations with every expectation of great success. It is a Joint Stock Company of which Messrs. W. Wade of Ottawa and others are members. Gold-bearing quartz exists in this range, which has yielded an assay at the hands of Professor Hayes of Boston, of \$18.55 per ton.

It is not my intention to dwell upon our iron works and mines, which are so well known, especially those of Hull and Marmora, further than to say that there is no reason why when, properly conducted, the same success should not attend the manufacture of iron as has attended it in other countries where similar conditions exist. In Sweden and in Norway as in Canada, the ores are generally magnetic, the fuel charcoal, the motive power water, the means of transport and communication imperfect; labour is certainly cheaper, but the ores are less rich (33 per cent being the average in Norway, while here it is estimated by Sir Wm. Logan, at 69 per cent.) The same conditions as to ore, fuel, &c., obtain in New York State, where the smelting of iron ores seems to be very successful, and if care be taken to employ the same skill,—with due care and judgment, and the same apparatus and processes which are there applied with perhaps slight modifications, iron could doubtless be as successfully made in Canada as in New York. The protective duty in the latter country is to a great extent balanced by the higher prices paid for labour and fuel. The New York Journal of Commerce in calling attention to the vast number of iron deposits known to exist in Canada, says, under the heading of an article on the Moisie iron, that there is every probability of a heavy rivalry between the two countries in the manufacture of this