

the bushlands of these Provinces more attractive than the prairies of the West.

The section of the different provincial mining laws, providing for a proper expenditure in the development of mining locations within a given time, should be strictly enforced, and if possible the obligations made even more stringent than at present, so as to ensure a fair amount of work being done promptly, and prevent as much as possible the "locking up" of valuable mines by speculators.

Where the owners of locations are too poor to carry on the work of development in a proper manner, then the Provincial Government should do so by some equitable arrangement with the owner. For this purpose the Provincial Legislatures should vote in each year's supplies a reasonable sum of money. This would serve to bring about a business-like development of some very valuable mines that now lie dormant, and must in time bring a very profitable return to the Government by the settlement of Crown lands.

Further, it would tend to prove to capitalists that the ore supplies are all that they are claimed to be, and ample for all requirements.

The Provincial Governments require to deal with the whole question in a business-like manner, strictly enforcing laws that will tend to an early development, but at the same time they must be heartily in accord with the Dominion Government in granting every legitimate encouragement and facility that will tend to build up so valuable an industry.

Fourth—Canadian bankers, capitalists, and men of affairs generally will do well to give the native industry more attention in the future than they have in the past. An industry that is peculiarly Canadian in every branch, drawing all its wealth from Canadian soil, is surely worthy of their legitimate support. The fact that the earlier iron industries of this country failed to succeed under the most adverse circumstances is no reason why, under existing conditions, undeniably more favorable, the industry cannot be made a thorough success, not alone affording a great field for the safe investment of capital, but indirectly benefiting other existing Canadian industries and interests, aiding toward increased population and national wealth.