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The Mineral Statistics of Newfoundland, for the Year 1901, by James P. Howley, F.G.S.

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SIR,—With the commencement of the new century, Newfoundland has made a good beginning in the development of her mineral resources.

For a country possessing so small a population, a mere modicum of whom are engaged in this industry, her showing for the year 1901, as may be seen by the following figures, will bear favorable comparison with many more thoroughly developed and well established mineral regions.

It was predicted in my last report that the value of the coming year's mineral products would probably greatly exceed that of any preceding year, which prediction has been amply fulfilled.

The total value of the output for the year 1901, of the crude materials at the mines and quarries, amounted to the handsome sum of \$1,211,163, being in excess of that of 1900 by \$419,154.

The chief factor in bringing about the above result has been the large production of iron ore at the Bell Island mines, which reached a total of 738,206 tons, which, estimated at the same number of dollars only fell short of the entire value of the preceding year's mineral output by \$53,893.

There has also been an increase in the production of copper ore. Tilt Cove alone shipped 74,808 tons as against 66,959 tons in 1900. From Little Bay and Colechester mines, there were shipped 440 tons, and from Blo-mi-down mine, York Harbor, 100 tons, bringing the total up to 75,348 tons. So far from the copper production decreasing, it will be seen by reference to former reports that at no time in the history of the enterprise has this large output been exceeded, except in 1899, when it reached 79,957 tons. This was,