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THE CANADIAN MINING AND EXPLORATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

The complaint of the Canadian mining man has been that the financial potentates of this country have rarely or never taken an interest in legitimate mining. The attitude of our larger bankers has been either that of scoffing indifference or of discreditable interestedness. The history of some Cobalt flotations, for instance, would hardly bear repitition. But, we are thankful to say, the order of things has changed. We have now the pleasure of seeing a definite and positive recognition of the mining industry by men who control our financial destinies.

The Canadian Mining & Exploration Company. Limited, is a privately underwritten syndicate. All the stock has been subscribed. Nothing is solicited of the public. This, in itself, is out of the ordinary. But what is more than usually a departure from modern practice is that the new concern has nothing to sell. Its stock is fully subscribed, and its financial arrangements are completed.

The nominal capitalization of the new company is \$5,000,000, half of which amount is paid up. The funds thus secured are to be invested in sound securities. The interest accruing annually will amount to about \$125,000. This sum is to be spent in investigating and opening mining properties. The capital is not to be touched. In fact, the capital subscribed is to be looked upon as an endowment fund. Only the income that it yields is to be used for the company's ordinary purposes.

The directorate consists of ten prominent Canadian men of affairs and ten well-known Americans. Of the ten Canadians all, with the possible exception of Sir Edmund Walker, have had direct experience in mining organizations. The American directors are also men of exceptionally high standing. The names of Corey, Converse, Rockefeller, De Lamar, Monell, Thompson, and Chadbourne are familiar to most of our readers. We have been informed that the Canadian holdings are practically eqivalent to the American. Thus, a decent balance of power is preserved.

The activities of the new organization will not be confined to mining alone. The company's charter is broad enough to cover all enterprises incidental to the development of mining, such as the utilization of water powers, the manufacture of mineral products, etc.

Mr. A. D. Miles, one of the best-known mining engineers in Ontario, is to be the company's representative in Toronto. Mr. Miles has for some years been closely identified with the International Nickel Company. The