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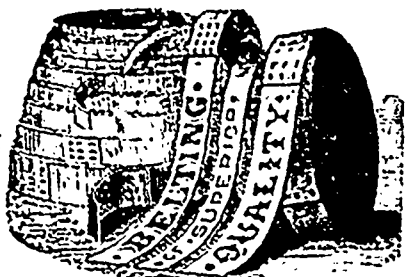
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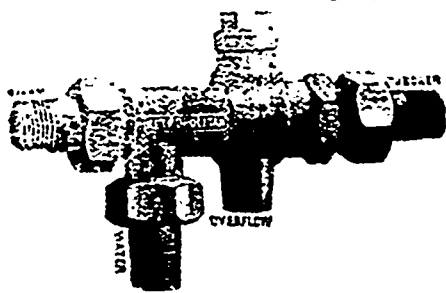
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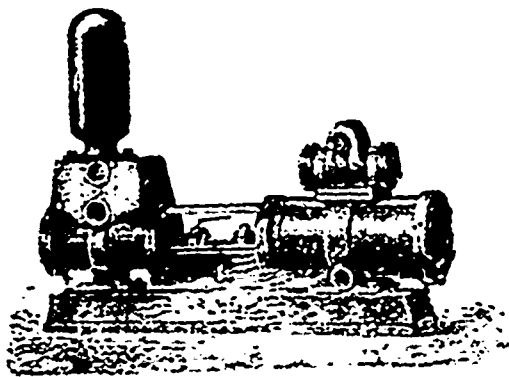
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We are indebted to the compilers, Elfric Drew Ingall, M. E., of the Geological Survey of Canada, and H. P. Bruniell, assistant to the Division of Mineral Statistics and Mines, for the following:—

SUMMARY OF THE MINERAL PRODUCTION OF CANADA IN 1889, which is subject to revision.

Name of product.	Quantity.	Value.
Antimony.....	55 tons	\$ 1,100
Asbestos.....	6,014 "	424,350
Bricks.....	190,724 thousands	1,252,667
Building stone.....	310,582 cub. yards	899,105
Cement.....	90,474 bbls.	69,790
Charcoal.....	1,426,800 bush.	83,573
Coal.....	2,719,469 tons	5,570,742
Coke.....	54,539 "	155,043
Copper.....	6,810,952 lbs.	85,424
Felspar.....	510 tons	5,100
Fertilizers.....	775 "	26,606
Fire clay.....	400 "	4,800
Flag stones.....	14,000 sq. ft.	1,400
Glass.....	150,000
Gold.....	61,799 ozs.	1,116,145
Granite.....	12,535 tons	78,624
Graphite.....	220 "	1,630
Grindstones.....	3,385 "	30,163
Gypsum.....	206,201 "	193,658
Iron.....	58,783 tons	2,210,062
Iron ore.....	84,181 "	151,640
Lead.....	164,000 lbs.	5,863
Lime.....	2,278,678 bush.	265,208
Limestone, for flux.....	22,122 tons	21,909
Manganese Ore.....	1,447 "	31,814
Marble and Serpentine.....	980 "	980
Mineral Paints.....	794 "	15,280
Mineral Water.....	404,600 galls.	37,360
Miscellaneous Clay Products.....	239,385
Petroleum.....	704,690 bbls.	672,978
Phosphate.....	30,540 tons	312,182
Pig Iron.....	25,921 "	499,859
Platinum.....	1,000 ozs.	4,500
Pyrites.....	68,047 tons	306,212
Salt.....	24,716 "	110,387
Sand and Gravel (exports).....	451,195 "	69,506
Silver.....	378,675 ozs.	343,848
Slate.....	6,935 tons	119,160
Soapstone.....	195 "	1,020
Steel.....	26,333 "	917,822
Sulphuric Acid.....	10,998,713 lbs.	148,482
Tiles.....	10,286 thousands	130,871
Estimated value of mineral products not returned (principally nickel, iron, mica and structural materials).....	1,933,752
Total.....	\$19,500,000

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINES AND MINERALS.—The Committee on Mines and Minerals of the House was composed of the following members:—James A. Fraser, T. R. Black, R. L. Black, Allen Haley, Jeffrey McColl, Daniel McNeil and Wm. McKay. They had to examine into the merits of three petitions that had been presented for damages alleged to have been incurred through errors in the Department, and after a careful investigation they made an unusually able report which we should like to print in full, but owing to its length have to epitomize. No. 1 was the petition of James L. Hemeon of Queens County, and related to mining areas on Molega Barrons, Queens County, taken up by Mr. Nathan Hammet on April 5th, 1887, in which the petitioner was interested. On the 3rd day of October of the same year a renewal license was applied for and granted. Mr. A. M. Hemeon, M. P. P., called at the Mines Office on April 6th, 1888, with the object of either renewing the licenses or obtaining leases for Mr. Hemeon, and "was informed by Mr. Carman, a clerk in the office, that they had been taken the preceding day under prospecting license by Messrs. Wade and Maguire." The petitioner wrote or caused to be written to the Department letters of inquiry about the areas, but no answers were received to these alleged letters, and there appears to be no record of their receipt by the Department. Afterwards on Sept. 19th, 1888, and October 18th of the same year, the Mines Department wrote to Mr. J. L. Hemeon and stated in the latter letter "that what was told A. M. Hemeon, M. P. P., on April 6th, 1888, to the effect that the license under which the areas in question had been held by the petitioner had expired on the 4th April, two days before, was misleading, inasmuch as the prospecting license under which the areas were then held did not expire until April 6th; that Messrs. Wade and Maguire did not acquire a legal title, and that Mr. Hemeon, M. P. P., should have been told to come again on the following day, April 7th, when the ground would be vacant." The Committee find that the petitioner is not entitled to the areas, as he failed to act on the advice of the Department, the Messrs. Wade and Maguire now holding under a legal title taken out on October 18th, 1888, the disputed areas remaining vacant from April 7th of that year.

No. 2 was the Petition of James Thompson, builder, of Halifax, and Kinsman Randolph, merchant, of Bridgetown, and related to mining areas