

information freely through the press,—by pamphlet or by lecture,—and it will repay itself a hundredfold and more.

As further investigations are made of the ridges of land lying between the du Lièvre and Gatineau rivers, there is no doubt that more valuable discoveries will be made ; and I am firmly under the conviction, from specimens that have come under my observation, that auriferous quartz, similar to that of Madoc will be found on the du Lièvre at or near the High Falls, or in the vicinity of White-fish lake. It is there that the same formation which occurs in Madoc, crosses the river from the Laurentides. The whole of that section of country is comparatively unknown except to the lumberer and trapper, and offers a fine field for the explorer and the mineralogist. It is easy of access, the river being navigable up to the Falls, and with a short portage there, for many miles above them. Time will be when the whole country around this our capital will be systematically mined, and it is fervently to be desired that the proposed Ottawa Ship Canal from Lake Huron become a matter of fact, and not of theory. Passing as it would through a country whose geological formation is always the cradle of mineral wealth, it is almost impossible to foresee the vast influx of population which would be attracted there. Success to the brawny arms and stout hearts of those who will become the pioneers of that route ; may they reap the profits which must accrue from the treasures of the rocks ; let our Government afford them every facility in its power, and let us one and all bid them in their work—God speed. I would fain allude to and dwell on the gold fields of N. S. and her vast coal fields, so soon to form a stronger link in the chain of our Unionism, than any legislation, but time will not permit.

In conclusion I would say that I have no interest in any mine or land ; nor am I in any way pecuniarily interested in mining matters. I simply speak for the country—for the hard-working miner, and for those whose faith in these hidden resources of our Country has induced them to embark in these enterprises. God in his infinite goodness has filled the bowels of our land with hidden glories and precious things, as he has clothed the ripper fields with beauty and precious food. The material of this universe by which we are surrounded is full of the evidences of the