

The mining enterprises of Canada are in their infancy, and may be called experimental, but it only requires the judicious investment of the limited means of her people to open up a new and vast field for the development of her resources, the employment of her population, and the advancement of the commercial prosperity of the country.

The following extracts bear on the subject and explain the views of the Geological Commission of Canada, page 759, *Geology of Canada* :—

“Of late years the increasing demand for Phosphates as fertilizers, has drawn attention to the use of the crystalline mineral, Phosphate of Lime or Apatite, of which large quantities have been imported from Norway into England, and attention has recently been turned to the abundant supplies of this substance existing in Canada. According to a letter received in September 1862, from one of the largest manufacturers of Superphosphate in England, he a few years since imported several thousand tons of Apatite from Sweden, and only abandoned its use, because the English Phosphates of Lime could be furnished at lower rates than the Swedish. He writes that the following prices may be expected for Phosphate of Lime in England :—For a mineral containing 90 per cent. of Phosphate of Lime about £6 10s. stg. per ton ; for one containing 80 per cent, £5 10s. stg., and for one 70 per cent. £4 10s. A mineral with a