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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF PROVINCIAL Educational Association.

The next Meeting of this Convention is appointed to be held in DeWolf's Hall, Windsor, on Wednesday, 7th October, at 11 A. M.

On producing at any ticket station a certificate from the clerk of School Commissioners for the several Counties, parties wishing to attend the Convention will receive a return ticket, which will pass them free on the road to Windsor and back.

Several coach proprietors have also consented to carry teachers at half fare.

In consideration of these facilities, it is earnestly requested that there may be a large attendance of teachers.

By order,

F. W. GEORGE, Secretary.

TO AGENTS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

The letters of our Correspondents at Goshen and Barrington West Passage have been received. Their directions shall be attended to.

It has been suggested, that if the *Miscellany* was published at a later period of the week, it would be more accommodating to subscribers generally who receive their papers by mail; we have therefore concluded to issue the succeeding numbers on *Thursday*, instead of *Tuesday*.

Those who have not as yet conformed to our terms, will oblige by doing so without further delay—as our preparatory outlay has been considerable, and the publishing expenses, which are weekly incurred, render the required advance indispensable. Small sums that cannot be remitted in paper currency may be sent in postage stamps.

We would also state here, that although the subscription list is so far encouraging, an additional number of subscribers is still requisite to enable us to carry out several contemplated improvements; and if each of our readers could send to the office of publication, or introduce to the nearest agent, one new subscriber, it

would contribute materially towards that object. All the back numbers can be supplied, if applied for early.

HALIFAX, N. S. SEPTEMBER 24, 1863.

MINERALS OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Having disposed of Iron and Coal, we shall now take a short review of the other conspicuous mineral substances of our Country.

Copper ore has been discovered in several localities in Nova Scotia; but although sufficiently rich, not yet in sufficient quantities to make it an object for the expenditure of labour and capital. Eastward of the Lochabar Lake, in the County of Sydney, large fragments of Copper pyrites are found on the surface ground, which have certainly been derived from a vein containing this ore. Ore of a very rich quality has been found on the South Branch of the Salmon River, also at different places in the County of Pictou, Carriboo River, West River and East River—where the deposits are rich but small. Also in small quantities near the Acadian Iron Mine, and in the barytes veins of the Five Islands.

Galena, or sulphurite of Lead, has been found in crystals and small veins in the limestone at Gay's River and Guysboro'. Small specimens have also been found at St. Margaret's Bay, and in the County of Cumberland. Some of these contain a proportion of silver.

Manganese ores are found in many places, but in small quantities or very much scattered. They occur in the Iron veins of Shubenacadie, and in the limestone of Walton and Cheverie.

Sulphate of Barytes, a substance used as a substitute for white lead, as paint, has been quarried on the banks of the Stewiacke. It is also found in the Acadian Iron veins, and traversing the slates in the banks of the East River of the Five Islands.

Gypsum, or Plaster of Paris, is very abundant in numerous places, and so is limestone. Also Marbles and building stones of every description.

Excellent Freestones are got at Pictou.

Tatamgouche, Wallace, Kennetcook, and Boulardarie; some of which have been exported to the United States. Some quarries yield Grindstones—46,496 were made in 1860. Value \$44,100.

Ochres, from which paints may be manufactured, are found on the Banks of the Shubenacadie, East River, Chester, and several other places. And Clays, suitable for bricks and common pottery, can be procured in large quantities. Several specimens were sent to the International Exhibition, and amongst them a Fire Clay from St. Croix, Hants County.

In conclusion, we must notice the Precious Stones. Many of them are very beautiful and valuable, including the topaz, cornelian, agate, jasper, garnet, amethyst, chalcidony, opal, onyx, and several others of less note. These gems are found throughout the whole Trap district—a term generally applied to various rocks of igneous origin.

It would be unreasonable to suppose that a Country where so many specimens of valuable minerals are found, and presenting so many geological indications of mineral wealth, should not really possess that wealth. We believe that it does, and to a very great extent; and have no apprehension of this opinion—confirmed by many high authorities—being disputed. A great future is undoubtedly in store for Nova Scotia, but none of the present generation can hope to see her reach the summit of her destination.

GOLD NEWS.—The Reporter says—The Garibaldi Company, who are working at Isaac's Harbor on the Victoria lead, 63 feet down, lately took out two and three quarter tons of quartz, which yielded when crushed \$342! This was the work of two men and one drill for eleven weeks. The crusher was erected at this place summer before last. The first lot of quartz crushed yielded \$25 the ton; the second, \$36; the third, \$41; and the last over \$100. Mr. W. Kidston is the manager.

On Friday His Honor Major General Charles Hastings Doyle was sworn in Administrator of the Government in the absence of His Excellency the Marquis of Normandy.