

the stone was quarried of which the Collegiate Academy at Windsor was built. In these places the stone is of a very similar nature, of a fine grain, dark olive colour, and close texture. There is a great variety in the quality, colour, and texture of free stone, in general in Nova Scotia, and there are few townships which do not contain it, in greater or less quantities. At the entrance of the Basin of Minas, there is a stone of a dark red colour and coarse grain, which is remarkable for resisting the effect of fire. When first raised it is very soft, and requires to be gradually heated, but when thoroughly burnt, it will endure in ovens, or the backs and jambs of chimneys for any number of years. There are quarries also in Cumberland; of which grind stones are manufactured, and shipped to different parts of the Province, to New Brunswick, and to the American lines. This article is beginning to form a large export, and will eventually be very valuable. But for this as well as other exports the Province is much in want of a market, in consequence of the restrained trade with America. Clay suitable for bricks is abundant in many places, but few are manufactured except at Dartmouth, Cumberland and Annapolis, and seldom exported but from the latter place, from whence some few thousands are annually shipped to New Brunswick.

Iron ore has been discovered in several places, but in the greatest quantity in the county of Annapolis. No experiments have been made upon it in Nova Scotia to ascertain its quality. It was once in agitation to commence a foundry there, and the house of Sir Brook Watson & Co. of London had a quantity of the ore shipped to England, for the purpose of assaying its value, preparatory to the undertaking; but the project was abandoned, either from the difficulty of procuring labour, or under the impression that the population of the country was then too limited to afford a sufficient market. In the recent grants of land all mines of this kind are reserved to the King; and consequently cannot be worked but by permission. Some small pieces of copper have been found at Cape Dore, on the north side of the Basin of Minas; but not sufficient to establish a well founded expectation, of finding any mine rich enough to pay for the working of it. It is ascertained that lead exists in several counties; and manganese is in great abundance in the township of Newport. Of other mines little is known. A tradition exists among the Acadians,