

One of the functions that has been acceptably performed by the Geological Survey for years has been the supplying and aiding in building up of local and provincial museums. Subterranean regions in charge of Mr. Willimot, devoted to this requirement, are seldom seen or heard of by the visitor. Several of the provinces, having special local interests, have inaugurated provincial geological surveys, supplementary to those of the Dominion, and commenced local museums of their own; the good policy of which is apparent.

Canada has its *central* mineral belt, the copper, silver, gold and iron belts of the Lake Superior region extending northward, and Drs. Selwyn and Bell think repeating itself along the coast of Hudson's Bay. It has the *cordilleran* belt with all the mineral wealth that term implies in North and South America. It has also its *appalachian* gold belt, which is interesting on account of the reported richness of some of its ledges; and *sundry coal and iron regions*, which justify us in saying her capabilities of sustaining even large populations in unthought of "deserts," may be far better than we have imagined. If so her rigorous climate, during a portion of the year, may turn out to be an advantage rather than a drawback; and the aspect of probable future national developments is materially improved.

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