

pany could sell it from 25 to 30 cents per pound with a handsome profit. A commission appointed by the United States Government to examine the probable quantity of nickel in the Sudbury district has given a very glowing report to their government. It is highly probable, however, as can be seen from the above figures that our mines could supply the whole demand, even if the other sources of supply did not produce anything. It has been decided by the United States Government to make use of nickel steel armour plates, and already the contract has been awarded so that there is every prospect of a brilliant future for this mining industry around Sudbury. In view of our immense deposits it will be necessary to increase its consumption in every possible direction.

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BOOK NOTICE.

CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN PLANTS. Part V. Acrogens. By John Macoun, M.A., F.L.S., F.R.S.C. 1890.

The fifth part of Prof. Macoun's great work appeared last autumn and would have been noticed sooner but for promises made previously with regard to other matter printed in *THE NATURALIST*. As already stated, we consider Prof. Macoun's catalogue the most important work which has appeared on Canadian botany. Nor is this appreciation of our Canadian Linnæus confined to ourselves. J. E. Bagnall, writing in the *Midland Naturalist*, published at Birmingham, England, says in the February number: "This concludes Vol. II of this valuable work, the first 45 pages being devoted to an enumeration of the ferns and fern allies, with a full account of their geographical distribution through the Dominion of Canada; and as in the preceding portions of this work, the treatment throughout is excellent, and characteristic of the scientific acumen and indefatigable zeal of the author. The remain-