

commerce. The quantity so far found appears to be sufficient to supply the demand for many years, and there should shortly be a marked development along lines of production. The imports of emery in 1895, which it is supposed this mineral will replace, amounted to nearly 15,000 dollars, but as there is a large quantity from abroad into the United States, it may be expected that the Canadian mines should contribute largely in that direction. The development of this area will be eagerly looked for. The mineral occurs in connection with certain areas of intrusive rocks in the crystalline series, chiefly granites and syenites, which are found over a large extent of country in the vicinity of the Madawaska River to the south of Barry's Bay, which is at the present time the nearest point of shipment, by the Ottawa and Parry Sound Railway. There are large areas of these old rocks, many of which are now very difficult of access, but which will, in process of time, become more readily accessible, and doubtless large stores of mineral wealth, whose existence we can now only conjecture, will be discovered. Many of these valuable deposits are found out only by conditions of settlement or by railroad building, as was the case in the great asbestos areas of the Eastern Townships of Quebec, which were first made available by the construction of the Quebec Central Railway, the areas traversed by that line in this locality being previously regarded as of no economic value on account of the rocky and barren character of the district, yet from a small and rocky patch of a few hundred acres there have been taken in the seventeen years since 1880 almost 6,000,000 dollars worth of asbestos, or almost the entire supply for the world's market.

It may, therefore, be confidently anticipated that as our country becomes more and more developed, fresh deposits of mineral wealth will be disclosed, as indeed is only to be expected in a comparatively new country like this, containing such a vast stretch of mineral-bearing formations. Prior to the building of the Canadian Pacific through the rough country to the north and west of Lake Superior, which had up to that time been almost inaccessible, we had no idea of the great and ever increasing