

THE
MINERAL RESOURCES
OF THE
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

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In preparing a history of the mineral resources of the province of Quebec it may be premised that a very large part of the material is necessarily derived from the publications of the Geological Survey, which has, for nearly fifty years, been working in this field. I am further indebted for information to the many valuable papers which have been published in one or other of the scientific journals of Canada and the United States, during the same period, by gentlemen connected with the mining industry, among whom may be mentioned Dr. James Douglas, Mr. H. S. Williams, M.E., Mr. James Douglas and Mr. W. Chapman. As, however, many of these publications—notably "The Geology of Canada, 1863," which contained a summary of nearly all the previous reports of the Survey—are long since out of print, and the valuable information they contain is not now easily accessible to the general public or to those especially interested in the development of the mineral wealth of the province, it has been thought desirable to reproduce certain portions of these publications in order to render the present report as complete as possible; the object being thus to present in an accurate and concise form a sketch of the rise and development, as well as of the present status of the leading mining industries; while the mode of occurrence and probable importance of the various sources of mineral wealth will be indicated as clearly as the available information will permit.

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In order to render more intelligible the statements, about to be made, regarding the distribution of the several mineral deposits, a brief