

MINING.

GRINDING PHOSPHATE.—We are glad to see that the owners of phosphate mines in Canada are beginning to realize that it will pay them better to grind the phosphate rock before exporting it. A mill for this purpose will soon be in operation in the Province of Quebec.

MINING ASSOCIATION.—There are already a goodly number of names attached to the paper favoring the formation of a Miners' Association in this Province. This paper, it will be remembered, was left in the hands of Mr. J. Lyle, of W. L. Lowell & Co. Among the names attached are some of our best known mining men, but there are still many in the Guysboro, Queens, and Yarmouth districts whose names, as yet, have not been sent in. We hope that our miners one and all will encourage the formation of the Miners' Association, as through it our mining laws could be remodelled so as to be better adapted to the requirements of the industry.

BUREAU OF MINING STATISTICS.—Those interested in mining will be pleased to learn that the efforts put forth by our representatives in Parliament are likely to result in the establishment of a Canadian Bureau of Mines and Mineral Statistics. Such a Bureau would be of great advantage to the country, as it would make known both at home and abroad the extent and richness of our varied mineral deposits. The Minister of the Interior has promised to bring the question to the notice of the Government, and assured the deputation who waited on him with regard to it, that immediate action would be taken. We are pleased to note that the Lower Provinces were well represented upon the deputation, which consisted of twenty-one gentlemen, among whom were: C. H. Tupper, Pictou; C. J. Townsend, Cumberland; C. A. Everett, St. John; John McDougall, Pictou; H. F. McDougall, C. B.; H. Cameron, Inverness; H. N. Paint, Richmond; C. E. Kaulback, Lunenburg; Murray Dodd, C. B.; M. B. Daly, Halifax; R. G. Leckie, Spring Hill; David McKean, Glouce Bay. Mr. Thomas White is not the man to hold out encouragement that the Government will take a practical view of this question, without believing that it is worthy of the fullest consideration. The following is a copy of the memo presented to the Minister by the members of the deputation.

"Whereas, it is believed that the information and statistics regarding mining and mineral developments in Canada furnished by the Dominion Government are not in keeping with the desire of those interested in such developments, and are neither sufficient nor accessible enough to supply the public with full, authentic and prompt information on these subjects; we do, therefore, wish to respectfully bring to the attention of the Government the following desires of a section of our community:—

"1. To have full and reliable information of the mining and mineral developments, and statistics connected therewith, for the whole Dominion, published each year, as soon after the end of the year as possible.

"2. To have a medium through which information relating to our miners in all parts of Canada can be given to the public—such medium to be a monthly publication.

"This would have a tendency to bring our mining industries constantly before the public and to educate them to take an interest in sound and legitimate mining enterprises, besides giving to the world at large constant information about mineral development in Canada compiled from records and reports of a mining bureau under Government control which would be authentic and reliable."

SUGGESTIONS.—1. That a mining and mineralogical branch of the Geological Survey be established which will publish its reports separately and annually, such a branch to be presided over by an independent officer.

2. That separate reports be published at the beginning of each year of all work accomplished during the preceding year under this head throughout the Dominion.

3. That agents be appointed in the mining districts of all the provinces for the purpose of collecting and forwarding to Ottawa a monthly report containing information and statistics in connection with mines and minerals in their respective districts; also, that such information should be given in brochure sheets to the public.

4. That a clause might be inserted in the Census Act, compelling miners to make periodical returns to the Government, annually or more frequently.

5. That a public assayer be appointed with residence at a central point for the convenience of prospectors in Dominion Territory in the North-west, and railway belt of the Rocky Mountains, whose duty it would be to forward to Ottawa monthly reports of the work done.

All kinds of ingenious contrivances have been brought forward at different times for the detection of fire-damp in mines, but most of them have been of a very complicated nature. The last of the series, however, is so simple that it seems astonishing that no one thought of it before. A child's rubber ball with a whole in it is squeezed flat in the hand and held in the place suspected of fire-damp while released, and allowed to suck in a sample of the air. The ball is now directed toward a safety lamp, and again released, when the tell-tale blue flame will show if it contains any inflammable vapor.

A correspondent, writing from Coarse Gold Gulch, Fresno county, says: "Mining excitement in that section is still increasing, and properties are rapidly changing hands. San Francisco capitalists have bonded the King mine for \$250,000, and will commence operations on two mine in a few days. The vein is twelve feet wide, and the ore averages \$7 per ton, in gold."

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Secretary

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 15th April, 1886.



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CHARLES J. MACDONALD,
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Post Office Inspector's Office,
Halifax, 2nd April, 1886.



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CHARLES J. MACDONALD,
Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,
Halifax, 2nd April, 1886.



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CHARLES J. MACDONALD,
Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,
Halifax, 2nd April, 1886.



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Halifax, 2nd April, 1886.



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