

for lumbering in the winter are now in demand for drawing ore from the mine to the crushing mill; the farmers are rapidly accumulating if not wealth, at least a sufficiency of means to which they have hitherto been strangers; the influx of strangers connected with the various workings is swelling out the population of the villages, and the additional revenue derived in the form of taxes from the increased value of the lands, add to the municipal wealth, and the lands surrounding the district are rapidly rising in value, and now command a price, that a few years ago would have purchased the best lands in the West. When the graphite mines have assumed larger proportions, that mineral next to gold, will be found to be the most valuable of all our Canadian deposits.

Associated capital for the development of all our different minerals, is the only way to ensure success; and when we see the names of some of the leading merchants and capitalists of our Canadian cities at the head of a Company, men of reliable standing in the community, who have a purpose in every undertaking, and the welfare of their country at heart, for with *its* advancement they advance themselves further, no apprehension need be felt for the ultimate results of their undertakings when systematically carried on. The formation and existence of Companies has this further advantage, that it enables those who have the *means*, to assist those who only have the *will* to prosecute these enterprises; and every man who takes stock or becomes a shareholder is in addition to his own personal investment, a benefactor to the country. If the residents of the Dominion disregard the wealth beneath their very feet, we may rest assured that the stranger will not be long before he assumes a title to it; and it is scarcely right that the treasures from the store-houses of our rocks should be removed from the land that yields them, to swell the coffers of another people. The majority of our Companies are in a prosperous state, and if information of an interesting nature respecting this branch of industry was diffused more generally, an interest would come to be taken in mining matters by a class of persons who now have perhaps no idea where the products they see in daily use are procured. Circulate