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We beg to call attention to the advertisements, in another column, of mineral lands for sale. True reports of all properties mentioned therein will be forwarded on application by the publishers of the REVIEW.

DOMINION OF CANADA
 MINING REGULATIONS.

From letters we have received since the appearance, in the May number of the REVIEW, of the "Regulations to govern the disposal of mineral lands, other than coal lands," in the Dominion, it would seem that a misapprehension exists in the minds of a large number of people that, as the said regulations were not on the table of the House for thirty days during the last Session of Parliament, they cannot have become law. Evidently it is not generally known that during last session the Senate so amended the Act that, by publishing any new regulations for four weeks in the *Canada Gazette*, such regulations thereupon become law, and in this case in point the present requirements of the Act have been complied with.

PHOSPHATE MINING.

Throughout the County of Ottawa phosphate mining continues to be prosecuted with the same push and activity that has characterized the industry in this locality during the past two years. In fact it may be said that each month sees additional force enrolled on the lists of miners employed at the various mines, with a correspondingly increased output as a result. New properties are being opened almost daily and in most cases the developments of the deposits more than warrant systematic organization for permanent mining operations. To direct special attention to each company or individual engaged in this great work would be invidious and would require more space and time than we can afford, so numerous are they, but mention

may be made of the more developed and most productive properties at present in active operation. In the Township of Wakefield the "Gemmill" and the "Haldane" are probably the most productive mines; in Templeton the "MacLaurin" the "American Phosphate Co's" and the "Jackson Rae" mines are sending a large quantity of excellent mineral to the point of shipment; in the Township of Buckingham the "Emerald" is being actively worked, and the result of each day's mining exposes new bodies of high grade phosphate of vast extent; in the Township of Portland East the principal operators are the Dominion of Canada Phosphate Company, Messrs. Bacon, Cameron, McLaren and the "French Company," and all of these have already forwarded a large quantity of phosphate to the front, and continue to carry on active operations; in Portland West, Messrs. R. C. Adams & Co. have opened a new property which promises most satisfactory results; the "High Rock" and the "Union Phosphate Company's" mines are the scenes of life and activity, and this year's output from these properties will be considerably in excess of that of any former year, probably double, and the same may be said of nearly all the mines referred to. This industry of phosphate mining is becoming a most important one in Ottawa County and is daily adding to the value of land of every description in the district; it causes a very large amount of money to be circulated throughout the county, enables farmers and their sons to earn liberal wages during the seasons of the year when their time could not be profitably employed at home, and as a natural consequence these men are earning the means to improve their farms by erecting more substantial and commodious dwellings and out-buildings, by employing the modern agricultural appliances for sowing and reaping and by expending a certain amount annually on a permanent system of drainage. All this should be taken seriously into account by the Pro-

vincial Government before it formulates any cast-iron regulations to govern the disposal of mineral lands. It cannot be too forcibly impressed with the importance of giving every encouragement to the men who have already devoted so much time and money in inaugurating the mining industry, in exploring and prospecting the country and in carrying on active mining operations on the properties they have acquired from the Government, and otherwise. These men may be termed the "pioneers" of the phosphate region in the Province of Quebec, and they are certainly the men first entitled to consideration and encouragement at the hands of the Government. To allow our mineral land to fall into the possession of speculators is a most pernicious principle and should be avoided. The parties already engaged in mining and who are prepared and even anxious to extend their operations, should be the first to receive favor from the Government and to whom moderate concession should be made when acquiring Government mineral lands. Speculators purchase properties for speculative purposes, not to work them, and will allow them to remain idle until others, by their enterprise and faithful industry, enhance their value, or until, by misrepresentation and fraud, they can induce confiding capitalists to purchase from them at fabulous prices. Many such transactions might be instanced, and each one has been attended by results that will be most injurious to the country and sooner or later must militate against the prosperity of our mining interests. Those gentlemen most deserving of mention, as being the active promoters of phosphate mining in the County of Ottawa, are Messrs. W. A. Allan, of this City; J. G. Miller, now engaged in mining in the West Indies; Gerald C. Brown, of Lachute; the late E. W. Murray, formerly of Buckingham, Wm. McIntosh, of "High Rock," fame, and Edward Watt, now of Perth. The latest reports that have reached us from the various mines go to corroborate