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The CANADIAN MINING REVIEW is devoted to the opening up of the mineral wealth of the Dominion, and its publishers will be thankful for any encouragement they may receive at the hands of those who are interested in its speedy development.

Visitors from the mining districts as well as others interested in Canadian Mineral Lands are cordially invited to call at our office.

Mining news and reports of new discoveries of mineral deposits are solicited.

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The various mining industries throughout Canada, from Nova Scotia to British Columbia, have been given practical and substantial impetus during the past few months through the investing of capital, varying in amounts, by syndicates and private companies organized in the United States, England and this country. This has been the long sought and necessary assistance that has occupied the attention of owners of mineral deposits in the country, and now that it has been forthcoming in so many instances there is likely to follow an era of prosperity for Canadian mining industries. In Nova Scotia,

coal mining has for years been a source of large revenue to the Province, and the development of her gold fields is now going ahead with most satisfactory results. In New Brunswick, numerous recent discoveries of economic mineral deposits have been reported, and attention is being drawn to others long since known to have existed, but which, through want of enterprise, have been allowed to continue in their virgin state. In the Province of Quebec, large forces of miners are now engaged in the successful developing of the asbestos mines, and this industry has grown into one of much importance. In the Beauce district, of the same Province, the alluvial gold deposits are being vigorously worked and are yielding gold so freely as to warrant the investment of further capital for more extensive operations. The phosphate mines of Ottawa County continue very productive, and many of the owners of undeveloped properties are awaiting the disappearance of snow to organize for active operations. In Ontario, the phosphate mines, though not of so much importance as those of Ottawa County, are returning handsome profits, and the iron deposits of the central portion of the Province are attracting much attention, and capital is coming from the United States for their development. Some of the mines in operation have become very valuable, owing to the ore-beds having greatly increased in extent, and to the improved quality of the ore, as lower levels have been reached. Encouraging reports have come recently from the Lake Superior Native Copper Company's Mine, and the Huro-

nian Mine is said to be developing to the satisfaction of the stockholders, and at the Lake of the Woods Gold mines, work will be resumed in the spring on a more extensive and substantial basis than formerly. In the North-West Territories, coal mining has, in some instances, been successfully continued during the winter, but all other mining has been suspended for the past four months, owing to the severity of cold and depth of snow, against which miners had not had the opportunity to provide themselves. A great rush is expected to the Rocky Mountain District in the spring, and it is said that in the vicinity of Kicking Horse Pass, British Columbia, the excitement in mining circles is growing intense and that the late gold discoveries at Canyon Creek, opposite the mouth of Kicking Horse, are very rich. The Selkirk and Maine Ranges, it is stated, will prove exceptionally rich, and will, in course of time, yield a mineral output that will equal that of any territory of the United States. Mining in Canada is surely growing in importance. Let miners see to it that the industry is established on an honest and practical basis.

It was with much regret that we learned that Mr. A. A. Humphrey, so well known in Canadian mining circles, had been the victim of an accident, at his Beauce gold mine, by which his leg was broken. Mr. Humphrey's numerous friends will rejoice to know that he is rapidly recovering from the injuries he received, and that he will soon be sufficiently convalescent to attend to his important duties.

A movement is on foot which, if brought to a successful issue, will be the means of attracting more attention to the apatite deposits of Canada than they have ever before received outside of the immediate districts where the deposits exist. The first step taken was in the form of a letter received during the present month by a gentleman of Ottawa known to be largely interested in the phosphate mining industry of Ottawa County, as follows:

MONTREAL, March, 1884.

W. A. ALLAN, Esq.
Ottawa.

DEAR MR. ALLAN,

I have suggested that the British Association should make an excursion next summer to the Emerald Mine, giving them interesting experience and knowledge which might prove directly or indirectly of value to Canada. My plan is that they should leave early in the morning by C. P. R. from Montreal, take steamer to the mine, towing barges if more room is needed, and get to Ottawa in time for dinner in the evening. Lunch could be served at a Buckingham hotel or at the mines.

I thought I would suggest to you the advisability of mentioning it to the proprietors if you are in contact with them and see what response they make, and if an invitation would be issued. It struck me it might be well worth their while to take the matter up handsomely.

Yours very truly,
ROBERT C. ADAMS.

We are informed by Mr. Allan that he has laid the matter before the Manager of the Emerald Mine, who has promised to contribute liberally towards entertaining the members of the Association in a manner that will make their trip to the mine one of enjoyment as well as of interest. With the co-operation of Mr. Allan, of Ottawa, and Mr. Frauchot, of the Emerald Mine, there exists little doubt that Mr. Adams will be enabled to carry out his proposed programme.