

first-class material ; while as a fertilizer for certain lands it also possesses much value and could, if properly handled, become a source of revenue. In fact along all lines of mineral development there must always be a constant outlook for the chances of a market. It is of but little use to fold one's hands and think these things will develop themselves. They do not appeal to one's fancy so strongly as the flaming stories of the occurrences of gold or silver, but they are very often quite as important factors in the country's development. They certainly afford quite as good opportunities for bringing dollars into the pockets of the manufacturer or capitalist as many of the more showy minerals, while there is much less of the speculative element. The amount of capital necessary to their successful development is very much less in most cases, and there is not so great an element of risk involved in their exploitation.

In this hasty sketch of some mineral resources of the Ottawa district which of necessity has only touched in the briefest way, upon some of the main features of the subject, it will be seen that in this area there is not only a very great variety of material but much of this is in very large quantity and also that the mineral development in so far as it has proceeded, has been fairly satisfactory.

#### CORUNDUM.

There is however one other mineral which I have neglected to mention, and which can hardly as yet be recognized among the sources of our wealth, since its development has not as yet taken place, viz., the new mineral, corundum. The finding of this mineral marks a new era in Canadian mining, and the recent discovery of large deposits in the northern portion of Haliburton, whence it has been traced east for some miles into Renfrew county, is of great importance, not only as marking for the first time the occurrence of this mineral in Canada, in quantity sufficient to be of economic value, but from the great value of the mineral itself, provided the tests now being made prove it to possess all the qualities which belong to the corundum of