



DOMINION OF CANADA.

RECORDS OF MINES AND MINERAL STATISTICS.

It has been decided to institute, in connection with the Geological Survey, a systematic collection of Records of Mines and of Statistics of the production and consumption of Minerals in the Dominion. As it will be impossible to effect this, so as to secure reliable and valuable results, without the cordial co-operation of all persons interested in mining pursuits, Owners, Directors, Managers, and Agents of Mineral Properties, and Iron Masters, Smelters, and Metal Merchants, are invited, and respectfully urged, to lend their hearty assistance towards promoting the object in view.

The great and permanent value, to the Mining interests of a country, of such Records and Statistical information, when carefully collected and compiled, is so well recognized and established, that it does not need to be dwelt upon.

To facilitate the work, the annexed form has been prepared for circulation; and it is hoped no difficulty will be experienced in getting it promptly returned to this office, with as much information, under the respective headings, as can be conveniently given.

As the Mineral Statistics are intended for publication with the Annual Reports of the Survey, it is desirable that all Returns for the year should be sent in as early as possible, and in no case later than the 31st January.

Statements given in confidence will be used only to aid in the compilation of totals; and it is hoped that inability to reply fully, or even in part, to all the queries, will in no case be considered a reason for altogether withholding information, however scanty, which can be given without inconvenience.

Professor R. Bell and Mr. Ed. Hartley have been requested to undertake the collection and arrangement of the Returns; Professor Bell, in Ontario and Québec; and Mr. Hartley, in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

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