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An American View of Commercial Union.

The Iron Trade Review, in a leading article comments upon the paper read lately by Mr. T. D. Ledyard, Toronto, thus:--

"Just so. There is no doubt of it, and it requires little foresight to prophecy that the admission of Canadian ores, free, would close American mines. But it may be just as well to remember that the principle of may be just as well to remember that the principle of protection is intended to protect the American laborer, the miner, the sailor, the railway employe, and the American consumer does not object to the increased charge, knowing that the money remains "in the family," as it were.

Of course, Canada has some good ores along with her poor ones, and it is Canada's misfortune that her annual consumption of high iron is basele 200 000; tors along the constant of the constant of

consumption of pig iron is barely 300,000 tons—about as much as is made in Cleveland in the course of a year; but it may be remarked that the United States is not yet ready for Commercial Union on a basis that will reduce the American labor market to the grade of Canadian wages.

Now it would not have this effect at all; the most we could hope to do for a long time would

be replace a portion of the Spanish and foreign ores of which one and a quarter million tons were imported into the United States. Coming from the mouthpiece of the Lake Superior iron trade, we could not wish for a better certificate of the value and cheapness of our ores. This is a complete answer to those doubting Canadians who assert that our ores are comparatively valueless.

Natural Gas.

We commend Mr. Ami's paper on the sequence of the rock formations about Ottawa, given in another portion of this issue, to the attention of such of our readers as may be interested in the question of finding natural gas in this neighborhood. It has been prepared specially with a view to giving some geological information bearing on this problem, and the very useful table that accompanys it, undoubtedly throws valuable light upon the series of rock formations which will have to be traversed in boring for gas.

Mineral Production of Canada 1887.

The summary of the mineral production of Canada for 1887, by Mr. Eugene Coste, M.E., of the Geological Survey of Canada, has just be a made public, and judging from the copy we have received, we are able to assert the fact that this summary will prove one of the most useful annual publications on Canadian mining results. The amount produced and the value are so plainly tabulated that with very little trouble a comparison can be made with the result of a previous year, and the state of the mineral market pretty well guaged by the comparison. The total value of the mineral production of 1887 shows an increase of \$2,429,-712 over the previous year, but as a number of new products appear in the table for 1887 which are wanting in 1886, the total result is not a fair contention. In the quantities of general products there is on the whole a decrease, and the same may be said as a natural inference of the values. But in two or three cases there is a marked increase. For instance, in iron ore there is an increase of 6,522 tons, the increase in value being \$960,800. In pig iron there is an increase of 2,635 tons, the increase in value being \$128,424. In silver the quantity is not stated, but the value of the increase is given at \$112,512. These are the largest increases shown in the table, the other products varying probably according to demand or otherwise, and fluctuation of the markets. Mr. Coste states that the returns are subject to final revision, but they are issued in their present form "to meet the generally expressed desire for publication as soon as possible after the close of the year to which they relate." This early publication greatly enhances their usefulness, for the majority of similar publications are often so delayed as to be practically useless, except for future reference. We can