

ordinating the geology of the Lake of the Woods and Rainy River regions, is again to devote his energies to these districts. No better choice could have been made. We sincerely hope that Dr. Lawson's revision of the geology of this country will bear immediate fruit. Other specialists, not members of the regular staff, are Dr. Heinrich Ries, Dr. R. A. Daly, and Dr. A. F. Foerst.

It is gratifying to note that the most prominent geologists on the continent are glad to be associated with our Geological Survey. This fact is in itself a constructive compliment to this branch of the Federal Department of Mines.

Incidentally, we learn that Dr. Chas. D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, has accepted an honorary position as collaborator in geology with special reference to the Cambrian of the Rockies. Thus Dr. Walcott's results will be officially available to the Survey.

On the whole, the Survey appears to be in a fit and vigorous position. Its labours bear more closely than ever upon the industry of mining, and its grip upon public interest is yearly becoming stronger. The establishment of reciprocity in brains between Canada and the United States is quite as important as tariff-tinkering.

#### OURSELVES.

Modesty is a virtue. Not often do we lose sight of this fact. Circumstances, over which we have occasion to feel pleased, have impelled us to forget for the nonce our inherent diffidence. This issue of the CANADIAN MINING JOURNAL is larger by eight pages than former numbers. The pressure upon our advertising pages has become so great as to necessitate four additional pages. As a consequence we have added four more to our reading matter. This, we hope, will be as gratifying to our readers as to ourselves.

Having divested ourselves for a moment of our garment of modest reticence, it may not be unseemly to say a few words about the JOURNAL as an advertising medium.

Unlike the so-called trade periodicals, the JOURNAL does not appeal solely to one class or profession. It is true that our steadiest support has come from subscribers and advertisers who are entirely or almost entirely identified with the mining industry. But in addition the JOURNAL's list of subscribers and advertisers is widely inclusive of many diverse interests. Our subscribers are scattered over the wide world. Japan, Corea, Russia, Germany, Central and South America, all appear upon our mailing list. All the countries of Europe are represented. But, after Canada and the United States, Great Britain and the remainder of the British Empire receive the largest share of copies.

The Canadian market for mining machinery, supplies, and specialties, not to mention professional talent, is singularly active. The bulk of our readers are

men who are in that market for some commodity that has to do with mining, whether it be machinery or brains. Hence we feel that, without boasting, we may claim to occupy a unique position in that the JOURNAL is the only periodical that can appeal adequately to the large number of persons whose business in life is to buy or sell the materials that are necessary to the operation of mines.

#### THE SPRINGHILL STRIKE.

After long years of violence, recrimination and futile waste, the Springhill strike is at last ended. Never in the history of mining in Canada has there been a more acrimonious struggle. The points of difference, and the nature of the dispute, changed with every passing year. But each year brought its own accretion of bitterness and hostility.

For twenty-two months about 1,200 men have been idle. This is but a fraction of the total loss throughout the past. But it is probably the largest single item.

Peace has been secured. We are glad to note that the U.M.W.A. has not won recognition, because the U.M.W.A. does not deserve recognition. The P.W.A. is a far healthier, and sounder organization, and is indigenous to Nova Scotia.

#### PORCUPINE.

In our advertising pages will be found announcement of a forthcoming book on Porcupine. As set forth there, the demand for back numbers of the CANADIAN MINING JOURNAL containing articles on Porcupine could not be met. Hence the publishers felt impelled to bring out an adequate edition of a book that would include most of the published articles, along with some new and appropriate material. Very fortunately, also, through the courtesy of the Ontario Bureau of Mines, it has been possible to secure the latest official geological map of the district. This excellent map is remarkably complete and accurate and is in itself an absolute necessity to the prospector and miner. It must be noted that the Bureau gives no official sanction to the material in the book. The map is copyrighted. As an act of courtesy the Bureau has permitted us to secure a number sufficient for the present book. But this implies nothing more than the mere fact that the map appears with our book.

The book is so arranged as to give the reader all the present available authoritative information that is required to guide him in learning about Porcupine. One or two general articles are included for the benefit of the untechnical reader. Late claim maps and a brief directory of companies are useful additions.

We sincerely hope that the volume will serve the purpose for which it is designed.

The Yukon navigation season has opened. The first steamer from Dawson for Iditarod was booked to sail on May 30.