

passing into bluish and grayish-white; it has a feebly shining lustre, and is slightly translucent on the edges, with a compact or finely granular texture, and an uneven sub-conchoidal fracture. Before the blow-pipe it fuses with intumescence into a white enamel. The rock in powder, is attacked even by acetic acid, which removes 0.8 per cent of carbonate of lime, besides 1.5 per cent of alumina and oxyd of iron; the latter apparently derived from a carbonate. Nitric acid dissolves a little more lime, oxydizes the pyrites, and takes up, besides alumina and alkalies, a considerable portion of manganese. This apparently exists in the form of sulphuret, since, while it is soluble in dilute nitric acid, the white portions of the rock afford no trace of manganese before the blow-pipe; although minute dark-colored grains, associated with the pyrites, were found to give an intense manganese reaction. From the residue after the action of the nitric acid, a solution of carbonate of soda removed a portion of silica; and the remainder, dried at 300° F., was free from iron and from manganese. Its analysis is given under IX; while that of the matters dissolved by nitric acid and carbonate of soda from 100 parts of the rock, will be found under IX A.

A dyke of trachyte near to the last, and very similar to it in appearance, was submitted to the action of nitric acid, but the insoluble residue was not treated by carbonate of soda. Its analysis is given under X, while that of the soluble matters is to be found under X A. A white trachyte from a dyke at Lachine, resembled the preceding, but was somewhat earthy in its aspect, and effervesced with nitric acid, which removed a portion of lime equal to 7.40 per cent of carbonate. On boiling the pulverized rock with nitrate of ammonia, an amount of lime equal to 5.33 per cent of carbonate was dissolved. An accident prevented the complete determination of the alkalies in the feldspathic residue of this trachyte; and the soluble silica was not removed previous to the analysis, whose result is given under XI. The proportion of the potash to the soda was however found to be, by weight, nearly as two to three. The matters dissolved by nitric acid will be found under XI A.

Another dyke of trachyte from Lachine was concretionary, and stained by infiltration; the interior of the concretions was white and earthy. The substances removed from 100 parts of the rock by nitric acid and carbonate of soda, are given under B. A par-