

parts of Quebec East and in Labrador, it lies for five or six months, every season.

The diversity of the mineral resources of the several colonies is no less than that of their agricultural productions. The western Peninsula of Ontario as yet alone yields petroleum; it has many valuable quarries, but few metallic ores. These, however, the shores of the Upper Lakes, Central and Eastern Canada, Nova Scotia, and probably Newfoundland and New Brunswick, abundantly supply. Especially valuable are the copper mines of Canada and Newfoundland, and the gold and coal of Nova Scotia. Prince Edward Island is the worst off in this particular.

This diversity is, however, a happy thing for all the Provinces. While the general severity of their climate enforces activity among their people, the variety of their resources prevents their inhabitants from confining themselves to one branch of industry. Their wants, and the commodities with which to pay for the supply of these wants, being different, they contain within themselves the germs of a trade among themselves, which, when freed from artificial restrictions, and enabled to flow in improved channels, may some day attain vast proportions, rivalling and exceeding their already extensive commerce with foreign nations.

POST OFFICE RATES.

Letters posted in Canada addressed to any place within the Dominion pass, if prepaid, for 3 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., but if posted unpaid such letters are charged 5 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

On letters to Prince Edward Island, the rate is 3 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., if prepaid, 5 cents if unpaid.

The rate on letters for the U. States, is 6 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

“ to Cuba.....10 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

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MAILS FOR CANADA FROM ENGLAND.

Two Ocean Steamers carrying mails for Canada leave Liverpool in each week, viz.: a Canadian Packet on every Thursday, *via* Derry on Friday, sailing to Quebec in summer