

OPINION OF EMINENT DISINTERESTED AUTHORITIES.

PROFESSOR O. C. MARSH.

(*The Gold of Nova Scotia*, 1861.)

"The great extent of metamorphic strata in Nova Scotia, so similar to the gold-bearing rocks in other countries, and the fact that gold has been found at many widely separate points, would seem to indicate that a new and important source of mineral wealth will soon be added to this already favoured province."

PROFESSOR B. SILLIMAN.

(*Gold Deposits in Nova Scotia*, 1874.)

"There is no reason to fear that there will be any failure in depth in gold product or strength. The formation of the country is on too grand a scale geologically to admit of a doubt on this point, so vital to mining success."

DR. T. STERRY HUNT, F.R.S. &c.

(*The Gold Region of Nova Scotia*. Official, 1868.)

"It may well excite surprise that so little mining has yet been done in Nova Scotia, where gold is known to be spread over an area of not less than 6000 square miles, and where, notwithstanding the want of skill of the early adventurers, and the lack of capital, such remarkable results have been obtained. The lodes of this region, which are very regular in structure, have been shown to preserve their richness to depths of 200 and 300 feet, and from their geological relations there is every reason to believe they will continue unchanged to the greatest attainable depths. To this it may be added that the price of labour is moderate; fuel, both wood and coal, cheap and abundant; the region healthful, and easily accessible from abroad. When all these things are taken into consideration, it would appear that no other gold mining region offers such inducements to the introduction of capital and skilled labour, and that these alone are required to make Nova Scotia one of the great gold-producing regions of the world."

MR. AUGUSTE MICHEL.

(*Ibid*. Quoted by Dr. Hunt.)

"I am of the opinion that an unnecessary discouragement has had as much to do with the failure of certain gold-mining enterprises in Nova Scotia as the want of scientific knowledge and the neglect of proper preparations, and that many of the mines now abandoned as unprofitable will be again taken up with advantage."

PROFESSOR J. W. DAWSON, F.R.S.

(*Notes on New Points in Acadian Geology*, 1869.)

"All that I have seen tends to confirm the high opinion which I have elsewhere expressed of the extent and value of the auriferous veins of Nova Scotia, and my belief that a much larger amount of capital than at present might be profitably expended in their exploration, both in the larger extension of the workings in many of the areas now known to be productive, and in the opening up of new districts."

MR. J. ARTHUR PHILLIPS, M.E.,

(*Gold Mining and the Gold Discoveries made since 1851. The Mining and Metallurgy of Gold and Silver*, 1867.)

"It is manifest from the characteristics of the localities in which the precious metal has already been discovered, and the great extent of the gold-bearing portions of the Province, that ere long Nova Scotia will take an important position among gold-producing countries."