Mines.

Gold Mining Companies.—We are not at present able to furnish a complete list of the Ontario Gold Mining Companies now formed, but the following table gives most of them:—

Name.	Capital.	No. of Shares.	Amo't Shares	Paid up.
	$		$	
El Dorado......	72,000	2,400	30	All.
Excelsior........	12,000	1,200	10	....
Madoc..........	30,000	3,000	10	All.
Moore..........	....	....	..	....
Richardson	300,000	3,000	100	All.
Royal Canadian..	....	....	..	....
Union..........	60,000	3,000	20	....
Victoria	35,000	3,500	10	....
Wellington	200,000	40,000	5	....

The Gold Regions of Canada.—This is the title of a very useful little work published by Maclear & Co., of Toronto, and edited by Mr. Henry White, P.L.S. It professes to be an explorer's guide, and a manual of practical instructions for miners in the gold regions of Canada, and contains valuable remarks on the geological strata in which gold and other minerals are to be found in that region. We commend the work to all interested in mining.

Plumbago Mines in Canada.—In Canada, the production of Plumbago, for the purpose of employment in the various arts and manufactures in which it is so extensively used, has already made considerable progress. Several associations, on an extensive scale, are in operation in the County of Ottawa; and it is probable that many others will be set on foot in the course of the ensuing season. The extent of the Plumbaginous deposits in the crystalline rocks of this part of the Province, is ascertained to be very large, and there can be little room to doubt the means of profitably working them. Water-power is, in Lower Canada, to be found without difficulty; and artizans and miners may be obtained at reasonable rates of wages, for constructing all the requisite machinery, as well as for the extraction of the mineral. This occurs in veins generally holding the Plumbago in comparative purity, ; but the most extensive deposits present themselves as beds, in which the proportion of foreign matter extends to from fifty to eighty per cent. of the mass. From the facility with which these beds may be worked, and their large area, it is probable that they will, eventually, form the chief mining field. They, in all cases, offer a difficulty in the calcareous mineral which they comprehend, and which is not easily separable. Some samples of this Plumbago, however, have been prepared; and after being subjected to the severest tests, have proved perfectly satisfactory, so that a stimulus has been given to enterprise in this direction, which will undoubtedly result in great advantage to this country.

Plumbago is used to an extent not generally known, and its employment must be largely increased by even a small reduction in its cost. Into New York and Boston alone, it is said, upwards of ten thousand tons are annually imported for the manufactories of New England. Hitherto, these supplies have come in great part from Germany and Ceylon. For the future, Canada may very well look forward to these markets as her own. There would seem, indeed, a fair prospect that we shall be enabled to export Plumbago to Europe, and compete there with the cheapest producers of the article. It requires only economical arrangements for mining on a considerable scale, and some improvement on the process for freeing the Plumbago from its impurities, to render this one of the most important of the mineral productions which the Province possesses.

Market Review.

Toronto, Nov. 27, 1867.

Produce.—The market for the past week has been very quiet and there is little change and little animation in any article. Wheat has been freely shipped across the lake, 50,377 bushels having been forwarded during the week ended the 23rd inst. There are still moderate stocks in market and a good supply to come forward but there is no demand except for small lots. Dealers are unwilling to purchase, with the almost certain prospect of having to hold over, at anything like the prices owners demand. Sales of 15 to 30 cars spring were reported at $1.40 *a* $1.41, holders asking $1.42 at the close. Some business has been done in Montreal at $152½ *a* $1.53. A few cars white winter sold at $1.60 for choice; inferior ranges much lower. The barley trade is being rapidly wound up for the season. The total shipments to United States ports since Sept 1st were nearly 900,000 bush. Though the Chicago and other American markets keep pretty firm this market has been a little slack in consequence of the high rates of freight and insurance now charged. Sales of ten or twelve cars have been made at 78c. *a* 80c. f.o.b. The generally excellent quality of our barley this season accounts to a considerable extent for the very satisfactory prices now ruling. Peas have been very dull throughout the week with only a small business doing; two or three car loads sold at 72c. *a* 75c., but buyers of cargoes are scarce and do not offer more than 70c. Oats—the usual local demand has been supplied at 48c. *a* 50c., beyond which no business was done. The flour market has been flat and lifeless and the business done may be set down as *nil.* There is no demand of consequence from any quarter, and with abundant stocks in Montreal and continued good receipts not the slightest disposition to speculate is apparent. The Quebec market is expected to take a moderate quantity before the close of navigation, but there is no prospect of any decided relief from the present stagnation for some weeks to come. Prices here though purely nominal are gradually tending down and it would be difficult to effect sales of superfine above $6.25, though holders still ask $6.40 *a* $5.50, or about the figures at which the last sales were made. The Montreal market for this grade is dull at about $6.90 *a* $7.00. One or two lots of extra sold at $7.25 and choice brands are obtainable at this figure. Superior extra seems to have passed out of consideration altogether, not a transaction having been reported or even a lot offered so far as we are aware for a month past. Oatmeal is scarce and firm with sale of 100 brls. at $5.75.

P.S.—Since the above was in type, the flour market has suddenly improved, owing to purchases for export to England, and sales of several hundred brls. were made at $6.40 *a* $6.50.

Provisions.—The market for dressed hogs opened active at $4.75 *a* $5.25 for light, $5.25 *a* $5.50 for medium, and $5.50 *a* $6 for heavy and extra heavy weights, but large receipts, and the mild state of the weather, caused the market to flatten and the demand to slacken, so as to produce a reduction in the prices actually obtainable of about 25 cents, the market closing without any improvement. With very large receipts and reduced prices in the markets of the Western States, our dealers anticipate lower quotations for the remainder of the season. Butter has been active, owing to a good demand for New York, and sales of about 500 packages in all were made at 13 *a* 14c. for store packed, and 15 *a* 17c. for fine to choice dairy. The commonest lots are still a very dull sale. The reduction of the stock by the above purchases has imparted some degree of buoyancy to the market. This article has been in a most depressed condition now for a twelve month, and a change for the better would be a decided relief to the trade. Cheese is dull and slow of sale in lots, 140 boxes sold as low as 7c., but this was an exceptional transaction; the figures demanded for good to prime factories are 8½ *a* 9½c. There is little demand for mess pork, the usual orders from the Ottawa lumbering region not having come forward on account of the depressed condition of the Quebec lumber market. Stocks are light, and the season's demand is also expected to be light; mess is quotable at $18 *a* $18.50; the figures quoted in Montreal are $18.50 *a* $18.75. 100 brls. prime mess, packed for the English market, sold on private terms. A good business is being done, in cut-meats mostly on private terms; sale 10 tons Cumberland bacon at $7.25 loose , green hams from the block 8c. Lard 9c. for new, sale of 23 packages sold at a trifle less than 8c. Eggs very scarce, and selling at 15 *a* 16c.

Leather.—A fair trade is being done with the country at quotations. Slaughter sole and some kinds of calfskins are out of market. We quote Spanish sole, first quality, heavy 24c.; Spanish sole No. 2, all weights 20 *a* 22c.; harness, heavy, 33 *a* 35c.; do. light, 31½ *a* 33c.; upper, heavy, 41 *a* 44c.; do. light, 45 *a* 48c.; kip skins, Patna, 50 *a* 60c.; do. French, 75 *a* 95c.; do. English, 65 *a* 85c.; hemlock calf, 30 to 35.lbs per doz. 75 *a* 85c.; French calf, $1 *a* $1.30; splits, large, per lb., 38 *a* 50c.; do. small, 20 *a* 35c.

Hides—are lower, at 6c. for green rough, 7½c. for green salted, and 8½c. for cured. Calfskins, green, 10c.; cured, 12½c.; dry, 18 *a* 20c. Sheepskins, 75c.

Petroleum—Dull and unchanged, at 16 *a* 18c. for No. 1 refined in lots.

Hops—Fair stocks in market and demand good, at 30 *a* 35c. for common to fair, and 35 *a* 45c. for fair to choice.

Hardware—Continues quiet; stocks are well assorted, but not excessive; the demand for most classes of goods is only moderate.

Ætna Life Insurance Company.—The agent of this company has prepared a reply to the charges made against the company, and asks a suspension of judgment until both sides shall be heard.