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## NEW BOOK FOR MINERS.

We understand that a new book, written by Professor Bell, Assistant Director of the Geological Survey, will be issued shortly, on the Mineral Resources of Canada, comprising an account of the Economic Geology of the Dominion and of the progress of mining for the last twenty years. Such a work will supply a long felt want, and no one is better qualified than the author to do justice to the subject.

During the past month inactivity has, to a certain extent, characterized the mining industry in the Dominion, and there has been nothing of much importance to report from the mining centres. In another column will be found extracts from the President's report to the shareholders of the Oxford Gold Mine, Lake Catcha District, N.S., at the first annual meeting of the Company. We learn that many of the gold mines in the Province of Nova Scotia are being profitably worked, and at others development work is being vigorously pushed with satisfactory results. The gold mines of Beauce, in the Province of Quebec, are attracting the attention of capitalists on account of the flattering reports that have been made of the result of last summer's operations, and in the Eastern Townships, County of Megantic, the Asbestos mines have increased in value, owing to the rapidly increasing demand for the mineral. In Ottawa County there is probably more activity displayed at the phosphate mines than in any other mining district of the Dominion, and the demand for phosphate lands is greater than it ever has been known to be, but it is not probable that any sales of undeveloped properties will take place until the snow leaves the ground. In Burgess Township, Province of Ontario, a good force of men are employed at Mr. Allan's mica mine, and a quantity of mica of very fine quality has been shipped. The iron mining industry of Central Ontario is on the boom, and the reciprocity movement, inaugurated by gentlemen across the border, to have coal and iron

ores included in the free list is occupying the attention of the proper authorities in the United States and Canada, and it will doubtless be a question for discussion for some time before a decision will be arrived at. During the past month we have received no reports of progress at the Canadian mines on Lake Superior and at the Lake of the Woods gold mines. The Huronian and Rabbitt Mountain mines are said to be steadily improving as the work of development proceeds. In the Rocky Mountain District mining was almost entirely suspended when the winter set in, but it is expected that operations will be vigorously resumed with the opening of spring. From British Columbia some interesting news has quite recently reached us and is reported in another column.

We are informed that the revised Regulations to govern the disposal of Mineral lands, other than Coal lands, in the Province of Manitoba and the North West Territories have been definitely framed and are at present in the hands of the Minister of the Interior preparatory to being submitted to the Government for adoption—after which it is required that they be on the table of the House for thirty days before becoming law. It is to be hoped that after these Regulations will have been adopted it will not be discovered that they contain impracticable clauses, and still more is it to be hoped that the interests of the prospector have been carefully considered and protected. The important part they play in the opening up of every mineral

district should never be lost sight of by those in whose power it lies to protect and encourage them.

## SOLID INDUSTRY.

As so many and important discoveries of economic mineral deposits have been reported by the army of prospectors who are now distributed over the length and breadth of the Dominion of Canada, it becomes the duty of those who desire that these discoveries be made valuable to use every legitimate argument that will invite capital to the country for developing them, and then to be scrupulously careful in seeing that whatever capital may be forthcoming for this purpose will be employed in such a manner as will encourage the investor and convince him that mining operations are not unprofitable. This being the case it is not inopportune to reprint an article which has appeared in the *Chicago Mining Review* under the above heading, as follows:

"While it is certain that no enterprise in which men engage can show more certain and tangible proof of profitable permanence than the mining industry, it is probably true that no avocation is at the present time regarded with so much uncertainty and suspicion as far as a reliable and certain reward is concerned. While the mining field and the product of mining development is the very symbol of solidity and permanence, and all operations connected with it can be definitely estimated and determined, the actual results have not been such as to give to this business a reliable character to which it is entitled. But this reputation we are certain comes more from unfavorable circumstances and lack of judgment and knowledge, on the part of those who have attempted to prosecute this work, than from any possible obstacle or want of value on the part of the mines