

RED FREESTONE

Sackville, (Sackville Freestone Co., Ltd.)

The Province of New Brunswick possesses abundant supplies of fine freestone, numerous quarries having been opened about the head of the Bay of Fundy, (as at Grindstone Island, Mary's Point, Dorchester, Sackville, etc.,) and along the North Shore, (at Chatham, Stonehaven, &c.) The color varies from grey or olive to red and purplish red, while the texture is very even, and blocks of large size are readily removed. The rock is readily dressed or carved and hardens on exposure; is mostly free of pyrite, and very durable. The superior quality is attested by the fact that the so-called "brown-stone" fronts of 5th Avenue, New York, often but incorrectly known as "Nova Scotia stone" have come from New Brunswick quarries.

ORNAMENTAL STONES

FELSPAR PORPHYRY.

Chamcook Lake, Charlotte County.

This rock forms the greater part of several hills occurring along the St. Andrews branch of the C. P. R. about five or six miles from the town of St. Andrews. It takes a fine polish and in color varies from a rich salmon red to chocolate brown, having often wavy bands of color suggesting comparison with old mahogany. It is fully equal, in beauty, when polished, to some of the porphyries used for decoration work in England and continental Europe, but no demand for such material has as yet arisen here, and it remains unutilized.

MARBLE AND SERPENTINES.

St. John, N. B.

At several points in the vicinity of St. John the old Laurentian limestones of this region are altered into marbles, exhibiting a variety of colors, such as white, pink and blue, and some of them, when polished, are handsome stones, but the rock is usually a good deal shattered, and large blocks, suitable for use, are difficult to obtain. In places the white limestone is clouded or banded with grass green serpentine, producing verde antique, and is of great beauty, but as with the other marbles, little has yet been done to test their suitability for decorative work.