

TO ALFRED R. C. SELWYN, C.M.G., LL.D., F.R.S.,
Director of the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward my report on the "Mineral Resources of the Province of Quebec." In this report I have endeavoured to present, as clearly and concisely as possible, a history of the several Mining industries from their inception to the present time, and have availed myself of all the information, not only to be found in the reports of the Geological Survey, but from leading articles and reports by experts in the different branches of mining, and published in the scientific journals, both in this country and in England. For much information, also, I am indebted to gentlemen, at some time connected with the mining industries of the province, the names of some of whom have been mentioned in the Report, and to all of whom I beg to tender my sincere thanks for the assistance afforded in such cases. Where mines have been closed for a number of years, it has been found impossible to obtain all or the latest information relating to the subject. The report must, therefore, of necessity be imperfect on these points.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. ELLS.

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