

glove, soft, pliable and warm, spun from the pure asbestos, which enables its wearer to handle red-hot coals with perfect freedom, and which is washed by simply being thrown into the stove, where the dirt is burned off, leaving the glove snowy white. The idea suggests itself that such a glove would prove vastly useful in enabling some enterprising folks to safely remove their "chestnuts from the fire." Asbestos has also been found in large quantities and of the finest quality in the vicinity of the next station, Black Lake, which takes its name from the beautiful little lake lying deeply embedded among the hills several hundred feet below the level of the railway. These mines are a short distance from the railway up the mountain, but the miners' huts and the mine buildings can be seen from the train. Here from 400 to 600 miners are employed. The mines are worked by two large companies, one an American, and the other having its organization in London, England.

#### BLACK LAKE.

This wonderful sheet of water lies beneath a lofty mountain and is one of the most picturesque spots in Canada. During the summer months it is visited by the angler and sportsman, and it is not uncommon to catch trout here weighing from 10 to 12 pounds. This region abounds in lakes and streams, (all grand trout fishing waters,) wild and romantic scenes, boundless forests, and incalculable mineral wealth. We now proceed past Coleraine, a few miles back of which point, in Wolftown, are found rich deposits of asbestos, soap stone and chromic iron, which will yield a large traffic for the line. There has also recently been discovered in the vicinity a rich deposit of quartz gold.

Next is D'Israeli Station, back of which, half a mile or so, Bull's Head Falls are found; here there is an extensive lumber mill; Garthby, five miles further, is built on the shore of Lake Aylmer; this lake is claimed and conceded to be one of the most beautiful and interesting sheets of water in this part of Canada; it is broad and irregular, bordered by dense wood lands. The view of the lake from Garthby is one of the finest that can well be imagined. An extensive lumber business is transacted here. Lake Weedon, the next station,