

CANADA

Iron Mining and Manufacturing Co.

PROSPECTUS.

The existence of vast deposits of Iron Ore of the very finest description, occurring in the Laurentian rocks of Canada, has been long recognized; public attention having been in various ways directed to the fact by the officers of the Geological Commission since its first appointment in 1843.

With one exception, no attempt has been made upon an adequate scale to render these deposits available by smelting the ores; and in the instance referred to, although the quality of the manufactured iron is unexceptionable, the distance from the mines to the furnaces, and thence to the port of shipment, together with other circumstances unnecessary to be here detailed, have hitherto greatly obstructed the development of this branch of industry at that particular locality.

Some of the Canadian Iron Mines have also been worked to a considerable extent for the purpose of exporting the ores to Ohio and Pennsylvania, where they are highly prized for improving the quality of the native ores. The best practical evidence of the superior quality of the Canadian iron ore is thus afforded from the fact of its bearing the expense of a long lake voyage and land carriage, and still yielding a good profit to the miner. According to Sir William. Logan, the total amount of ore thus shipped from Kingston up to 1860 was about 15,000 tons.