

School were perfectly willing to engage even more extensively in such work.

MR. J. LATIMER asked if there had been any development in fire-clay.

MR. BLUE—Not in Ontario.

MR. BELL—There are good deposits of fire-clay in Nova Scotia, but they are not made use of.

MR. J. M. CLARKE said it was well known that the manufacture of articles like vitrified brick in Ontario had engaged the attention of outsiders more than of the people of the Province. Outsiders were now investigating the subject with the view of beginning the manufacture of paving brick here.

THE RAINY RIVER GOLD DISTRICT.

By DR. A. P. COLEMAN, Toronto.

Mr. Chairman, I have been unable to write out a paper as I promised to do, owing to the fact that I returned home from the trip I took this summer only yesterday at noon. In fact, I have hardly had time to throw my ideas into consecutive shape, and I must therefore ask your indulgence while I give you some rambling talk on the subject of the western gold fields of Ontario. As Mr. Blue has suggested, such humdrum things as clay and marl have no great attraction for ordinary men, and a brick of gold is looked on with a good deal more interest than even a brick made of the Don valley clay. Partly on this account, and partly because the resources of the Province are of great interest to all of us, it will be worth while for me to give you a little account of the work done this summer, and of the region in which perhaps in the future some important mines will be developed.

The little expedition that was sent out by the Bureau of Mines, consisting of my friend, Dr. Burwash—who was in many ways well fitted for such work, having been assayer and mineralogist for the Province of New Brunswick—myself and three men, set out about the middle of June. We had to make a tremendous round to get at the scene of our