

Thomas Cantley, Chairman of the "Scotia" Board, writes: "I wish to congratulate you on your book. It is certainly creditable, well printed, good clear type, in short, the binding, the size of the volume, and general make-up leave nothing to be desired. Altogether it is a most creditable production, and I have no hesitation in saying that it will be looked on as an authoritative history of the Iron and Coal industry in this Province, the value of which as the years go by will be continually enhanced, and in it you are leaving that which will keep your name alive so long as Nova Scotia is interested in civilization's great basic industry."

Mark Workman, President of the Dominion Steel Corporation writes: "I have not had an opportunity of carefully perusing the book but I feel constrained to say after a preliminary examination that the work appears to be comprehensive in its scope and excellently arranged and the subject, ordinarily technical, is treated in an interesting and readable manner."

R. P. Fraser, Pictou.—"Please send me two more of your books 'Minerals and Mining, Nova Scotia' which I want for sending to some mining friends. I think your book a very interesting history of the mines and minerals of Nova Scotia. Your account of the development and expansion of our basic minerals of 'Coal and Iron' since the Ford Pit disaster is good and very correct. The farmer may claim he feeds us but where would agriculture be were it not for the impurities supplied from the basic minerals."

J. Macgillivray, Receiver and Manager, Inverness Railway & Coal Co.: "I have been reading your book 'Minerals and Mining, Nova Scotia', and find it highly interesting and instructive, containing, as it does, much useful information in very readable form."

Henry McArel, Glace Bay.—"Minerals and Mining duly received. I am much pleased with this interesting book"

A. S. McNeil, District Superintendent, Glace Bay: "I have received a copy of your book. It is very interesting, instructive, and to the point. I congratulate you on the completion of this valuable work and trust it will meet with the appreciation which it deserves."

The Inimitable O'Dell, Glace Bay.—"I have waited until I had quite finished reading your book before seeing a niche in your gallery of immortals."

I can only say that on closing the volume last night I could almost imagine I had written it myself. Higher praise than this I cannot offer. Hoping that this may not be your last word on Nova Scotia's chief industries."

Hon. E. H. Armstrong, Commissioner of Mines: "I have no hesitation in saying that so far as I was able to glance over your book, it was very readable and I enjoyed it very much. Whilst I appreciate it would have entailed a very great deal of extra labor, I regret that an index does not accompany the book. I always miss an index. I think it would have added a great deal to the value of your very interesting book. The pains and care

which you have taken to gather so much reading matter, particularly of local interest, is most praiseworthy. My wonder is that you have had the time to have collected it as well as you have done. How mining literature that will redound to the credit of its author."

Chief Justice, Robt. E. Harris.—"I have been perusing your recent publication, 'Minerals and Mining, Nova Scotia,' which I have enjoyed very much. I consider it a valuable addition to the literature on that subject."

W. A. Winfield, Supt. Mar. T. & T. Co.—"The reading of 'Minerals and Mining' afforded me much pleasure, and a great deal of information, in many cases respecting properties that I was already acquainted with. I shall keep my copy on my shelves for reference purposes, for a knowledge of districts liable to development from mining, as from other industries, is of great use to us in our business, as an aid to forecasting our probable future requirements and development. I trust, as I am sure will be the case, that your volume will have a large circulation, and be the means of directing more capital to the possibilities of the minerals in the province."

A. McDonald, District Supt., Dom. Coal Co'ys.—"I am fortunate in having so valuable a book, and wish to say that the province is much richer by having such a work, the production of one who has made mining a life study. In your 'comparisons of outputs', it might, possibly, have been well had you stated that so far as the Dominion Coal Company is concerned, 1917 was a one shift year, as against double shift in previous years."

A. A. McKinnon, Ry. Dept., Springhill.—"Have read 'Minerals and Mining' with much interest and profit. Am greatly impressed with the author's splendid optimism regarding the future development of the mineral resources of Nova Scotia. The book contains a wonderful fund of useful information hitherto hidden from the writer, who will treasure the book on account of its own worth, as well as for former friendly association with its author."

### 'ONE' FOR "MINERALS AND MINING."

The following has been received from one who was instrumental in the expenditure of a large amount of American capital in the Province some years ago, and shows the necessity of acquainting 'outsiders' with the mineral resources of our Province:

BROADWAY, NEW YORK, Jan. 22, 1919.

A day or two since I had the pleasure of receiving from Mr. Robert Fraser a copy of your book, 'Minerals and Mining, Nova Scotia'. I wish to thank you for having written the book and extend to you my most hearty congratulations upon it. It has already brought about an inquiry among some associates of mine who are interested in the oil business.

For a number of years I have been waiting until the time was opportune to take up the question of the establishment of the oil shale industry of Nova Scotia and I am now going to ask you for such assistance as