

*A Remarkable Discovery—Red Sandstone Found on the Banks of Lake Superior.*

"A deposit of fine compact red sandstone has been found on an island close to the north shore of Lake Superior, near Neepigon bay. This stone promises to be very valuable as a building material, particularly for large and lofty buildings in cities where great strength is required in combination with beauty of appearance and power of resisting the action of fire. In color the new stone resembles the brown sandstone from Connecticut, which is greatly used for the brown stone fronts in American cities. The Lake Superior stone is somewhat finer in grain, and is free from the dark streaks which are found in that from the eastern States. It is believed that this Neepigon stone can be delivered in Toronto or any of the lake cities at a much lower price than the New England stone, and nearly, if not quite as cheaply as the Ohio sandstone, while in lasting qualities as a building material it is far superior to both these stones. A company has been organized for the development of this deposit, and as it is the only deposit of pure red stone that has yet been found in a convenient locality for shipment in Canada, it seems to be a practical and promising enterprise. If worked on a large scale it would be useful in helping the development of our North-West by furnishing return freights for the vessels going to Thunder Bay. Samples of the stone may be seen at the stone-yard of Messrs. Brown & Son, on the Esplanade, Toronto. These gentlemen have expressed a very high opinion of its quality. It may also be seen at the stone works at 12th street bridge, Chicago."

The above is a very clear statement as to the importance of this quarrie, which will doubtless soon form one of the most extensive and paying industries on the north shore of Lake Superior, and the work of organization and development has fallen into the hands of live men.

Much could be written of interest and value concerning the hidden riches of this district, and a few years will suffice to demonstrate the statement made at the beginning of this general sketch on mines and minerals.