

*Satin Gypsum*, sometimes called *Satin Spar*, which bears a strong resemblance to the former, is much softer, and consequently not so often used.

Fine specimens of this material are found at various places on Minas Basin, more particularly at Cape Blomidon, Cape Sharp and Swan Creek.

*Alabaster* is represented by Limestone (carbonate of lime), and Gypsum (sulphate of lime). The purest material used in Italy, and from which source many of the ornaments of this mineral come, is derived from a bed 200 feet deep at Castelino, in Tuscany. One of the principal manufactories of Alabaster ornaments is at Valterra, thirty miles from Leghorn, where about 5,000 persons are dependent upon this industry. This variety of Limestone has not yet been observed in Canada.

*Gypsum Alabaster* is found at Hillsborough, N.B., and is susceptible of a good polish. Large blocks, hundreds of pounds in weight, are often taken out, consisting of translucent white anhydrite, which are generally veined with Gypsum; the latter mineral, being softer, wears away faster in the polishing, leaving a somewhat uneven surface. This, however, should not be sufficient to detract from its value as an ornamental stone, as the effect produced by the sunken veins is often very grotesque.

*Malachite*.—This beautiful carbonate of copper which comes to us from Australia, Hungary, Tyrol and Siberia is also met with sparingly in Canada associated with other ores of copper. In the County of Hastings nodules of this mineral as large as a cricket ball are said to be found occasionally in the loose soil. From some of the copper mines of the Eastern Townships and New Brunswick, had some small specimens are sometimes met with and would contribute small gems.

*Serpentine*.—This mineral with its rich colour has always been an attractive ornamental stone. In Saxony several hundred people are employed making boxes, trinkets and other ornaments out of this material. Our Canadian Serpentine, more particularly those occurring in the Laurentian, are often of rich yellowish and greenish colours and might be utilized for all purposes of interior decoration. Some years ago an enterprising machinist established himself in the vicinity of the