

turing business, which should render it well worthy of the attention of capitalists seeking a safe and profitable investment.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,

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Since the above Report was received, a further addition to the property has been made as shown by the red tint on the plan. One of the most bountiful provisions with which Nature has favored the Eastern Townships, is its veins of good roofing slate. It constitutes a great source of wealth wherever it is found and worked, on account of its great value and comparative scarcity. It is a rare possession, and in this as well as in other respects, the Eastern Townships are fortunate in their mineral resources.

The slate quarries of England and Wales, as well as those of the United States, are now being worked on such a scale, and are paying such profits, as to place slate quarry enterprise altogether beyond mere speculation. Some of the quarries alluded to have been in active operation for more than 200 years, but never were they in a more flourishing condition than at the present day. The largest quarry known is the Penrhyn Quarry, of North Wales, where nearly 3000 men are employed, the yearly net profit being from one to two millions of dollars. Many other quarries give employment to large numbers of hands both in Great Britain and the United States, and are doing a good business with large profits, with orders, as a general thing, several months ahead of their supply. And this is, and has been the case in Canada, for the last three seasons at the Melbourne Slate Company's quarry.

After the works are in active operation, and so far advanced as to admit of fifty men being employed, properly divided as slate makers, quarry men, &c., and supposing the rate of wages and the price of slate to be about the same as at present, the profits to be derived from the labour of fifty men may be estimated as follows :