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THE reader will have received some idea of the purpose of the science of Geology, from the prefaces to the former editions of this work; and in order to exhibit to the Canadian public the practical utility of this science, we extract from a late Geological work of some merit, namely, "Elements of Geology for popular use," by Charles A. Lee, M. D., of New York, his statement of this utility. In the first paragraph of his preface he says—"No department of the natural sciences possesses greater interest or leads to more important practical results, than that of Geology. Of late years, it has attracted almost universal attention, not only from the fascinating wonders it discloses, but also from its obvious and extensive application to the economical purposes of life. Of such importance has it been regarded, that many of our State Legislatures, as well as the General Government, have authorized geological surveys to be made, in order that the natural resources of the country may be brought to light and fully developed. * * *