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CANADIAN MINERS IN THE COUNTY OF OTTAWA.

Of the total output of Phos-
phate for the year, it is noticeable
that about 60 per cent. will have
been mined by Canadian firms,
the principal contributors to
which are Messrs. J. A. Gemmill
& Co., Haldane & Co., McLaurin
& Co., Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.,
Jackson, Rae & Co., J. H. Post
& Co., Adams & Co., McLaren
& Co., and W. A. Allen & Co.
The mines owned by these firms
are situated in the Townships of
Wakefield, Templeton, East and
West Portland and Buckingham;
they are all very valuable prop-
erties, but the most productive

of them are those owned by
Messrs. W. A. Allan & Co., and
McLaurin & Co., and from them
an almost unlimited quantity of
the highest grade ore can be
raised. This season's shipments
by both these firms will yield
85 per cent. of phosphate of lime,
and have commanded the highest
prices. It is very important that
miners should be careful to have
their phosphate well cobbled and
brought to a high standard be-
fore shipping. By this means
they will establish a reputation
for their mines and create a pre-
ference for their output. Care-
lessness on this point is frequently
attended by serious results, if
one shipment fails to come up to
the standard, the buyer will be-
come prejudiced in his future
dealings with the shipper, and
the mine will be unfavourably
advertised. A case of this kind
has been brought to our notice
this season and has resulted pro-
judicially to the owner of the
mine, who asserts that after the
delivery of his output at the
point of shipment it was mixed
with a quantity from another
mine of a lower grade, the buyer,
however, will not admit that
such is the fact, and no settle-
ment of the case has yet been
arrived at.

AMERICAN CAPITALISTS

Visit their Phosphate Mines in
Ottawa County.

On July 10th, the following
names were registered at the
Russell House, Ottawa:—Messrs.
W. H. Williams, W. White, C. S.
Henry, F. Platt, Jos. A. Marsh,
B. H. Campbell, W. R. Bailey, J.
N. Galway and General Jordan,
(one of the Editors of the *N.Y.
Mining Record*). All these gen-
tlemen, with the exception of
General Jordan, are Directors or

Stockholders in the Union Phos-
phate Mining and Land Com-
pany and were *en route* to their
property in Portland West, few
of them having ever before
visited the phosphate district of
the County of Ottawa. Leaving
the city on the following morn-
ing, by the Canadian Pacific
Railway, they reached Bucking-
ham Village at 9.45 a.m., and
proceeded thence by steamer 18
miles up the Aux Lièvres River,
arriving at the company's dock
about noon; here they were
joined by Messrs. J. E. Smith
and Wm. McIntosh, managers
for the company, and escorted
by them to the mines, where
they were afforded an opportu-
nity of witnessing a large force
of miners, carpenters and other
mechanics and workmen busily
engaged in their several occupa-
tions. The piles of phosphate at
the mouth of the pits, the
machinery that has been erected
and the buildings that have been
constructed presented a scene
such as few of the visitors had
looked for. That the property
owned by the "Union" Com-
pany is a valuable one is
indisputable, and as the men
entrusted with the super-
vision of mining operations are
conspicuous for their energy and
ability as well as for their
practical experience in mining
Canadian apatite, it is but rea-
sonable to predict prosperity for
the company, and a good divi-
dend in the near future. The
property of the company, cover-
ing an area of 1,300 acres, in the
Township of Portland West, was
purchased from Mr. Thomas
Preston, of Orange, N.J., it is
divided into two locations known
as the "Dugway" and the "Star
Hill," and the preliminary work
was not begun until the first
week in April of this year; since
then the following improvements
have been made.—at the "Dug-
way," a boarding-house, 37 by
18, two stories high, has been
erected; at the "Star Hill" there
is another two story building 50
by 24 feet, with 24 by 18 feet,
and wash-room 20 by 16 feet,

capable of accommodating one
hundred men, a commodious
stable, a storehouse and black-
smith's shop of large dimensions.
The buildings are all constructed
in a workmanlike manner, of sea-
soned timber and lumber, with
a view to comfort, convenience
and permanency. There are also
at the mines, 2 derricks, 2 steam
drills and hoists (manufactured
by Graydon & Denton, N.Y.),
and a 20 horse power boiler from
the Ames Iron Works, Oswego,
N.Y. The company has also
built two substantial docks, one
at a point on the Aux Lièvres
River, a mile and a quarter from
the mines, and the other at
Buckingham Village, three miles
from the railway station. A
waggon road has been graded
from the mines to the river bank
(1½ m.), on which there are some
substantial bridges, and one of
the company's managers is now
purchasing material for the
immediate construction of a
tramway from the mine to the
upper dock. In the absence of
this tramway, the output, which
at present amounts to about 600
tons of high grade ore, will be
forwarded to the river in wag-
gons, and thence by scow to
Buckingham Village, where it
will be again loaded into wag-
gons and carried to the railway
station. It must naturally
appear that this mode of trans-
portation and the frequent hand-
ling of the mineral would con-
stitute a great additional expense
to the cost of mining, and so it
does (about \$2.50 per ton), but
the day is not far distant when
there will be railway communi-
cation from the mines, and in the
meantime miners must be con-
tent with present profits. The
Union Phosphate Mining and
Land Company is composed of a
body of American gentlemen,
whose positions in the commer-
cial world of the United States
is sufficient guarantee of their
ability to prosecute operations
with profit to themselves and
others interested with them.
On the return to Ottawa of the
above named gentlemen, after