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During the past month mining operations in Canada have, to a certain extent, received a check on account of the breaking up of winter and the consequent inconvenience occasioned by surface water from the melting snow. The snow has now quite disappeared from about the mines, and does not any longer interfere with actual mining, but the roads leading to the mines are not yet in a fit condition for comfortable travelling, and the water routes are still blocked with ice. By the first of the coming month, however, communication by land and water will be open and

mining operations will be engaged in more vigorously than ever before. In Nova Scotia work will be begun on some recently discovered gold locations, and mining will be resumed on properties that for years have been abandoned. According to the annual report of the inspector of mines for the Province of Nova Scotia, the production of minerals during 1883 was in excess of 1882 in every instance with the one exception of manganese ore, which fell off 55 tons, and it is expected that the production for the present year will show a still further increase. Very little information has reached us regarding mining operations in New Brunswick, but in the Province of Quebec mining is rapidly becoming an important industry. As far east as Beauce County gold mining is making rapid strides and the success which has attended the operations of the Gilbert River Gold Mining Company, in St. Francois, and of Messrs. Allan & Humphrey, in St. George's Concession, has attracted much attention, and the result of the "wash up" at these mines is anxiously awaited. In the Eastern Townships of the same Province, asbestos mining will be resumed immediately and development work begun on some locations recently acquired by an American company. Some of the copper mines in the vicinity of Sherbrooke have been continuously worked during the winter, and with satisfactory results. Proceeding westward, the phosphate mines of Ottawa County are giving work to an increased number of miners, and during the winter about 200 teams were

steadily employed in forwarding the mineral to points on the line of the C. P. Railway; up to the present time the output is considerably in excess of what it was at the same date last year, and the mines have greatly improved with development. The phosphate that has been forwarded is of a much higher grade and mining is being conducted on more systematic principles. In Eastern Ontario, in the Perth District, a fair quantity of phosphate is ready for shipment, and a good quality of mica is being shipped from Mr. Allan's mine in North Burgess. The iron mines to the North of Kingston and Belleville have been increased in value during the past year by the construction of the Kingston and Pembroke, and the Ontario Central Railways, and the mines in the last mentioned locality are yielding high grades of hematite and magnetic ores. The Lake Superior Native Copper Company is doing good work at Mamainse, Algoma District, and much is expected from the Rabbit Mountain and Huronian Silver Mines, also in the District of Algoma. It is expected that work will be resumed almost immediately at the gold mines of the Lake of the Woods, and in Manitoba mining operations will be carried on to some extent during the approaching summer. In the North-West Territories and the Rocky Mountain section of British Columbia, much excitement has been occasioned by the discovery of gold, silver, copper and coal in rich deposits, and miners are preparing for active and extensive operations at an early date. Some of the mines in this locality have been worked all winter,

but no authentic reports have reached us during the past month of the value of the output, though there is reason to believe the mines have been worked at a profit. The present year promises to be one of unusual activity in the mining centres throughout the Dominion.

The *Halifax New Era* of April 5th contains a column of "mining matters," relating to the Nova Scotia gold mines, but the editor has omitted to give credit to the CANADIAN MINING REVIEW, from which the articles have been copied. The *New York Mining Record* of April 12th reprints one of the articles, and, owing to the omission referred to, credits *New Era* with its authorship.

CANADA'S PHOSPHATE TRADE.

Much has been said during the past few weeks concerning the outlook for this trade for the coming season of navigation, when the output of the mines will be offered in England and on the continent. Reports have been set afloat that prices had suddenly and seriously declined, and that the foreign markets were overstocked. Such, we are happy to say, is not the case, and we are in a position now to reiterate what was stated in last month's number of the REVIEW, that in England, especially, Canadian apatite is in good demand. Enquiries are also coming from manufacturers of fertilizers in the United States, who are seriously considering the advantages of importing our phosphate to be used in the manufacture of super-phosphate in connection with the American