

INTRODUCTION.

In the following pages I have tried to describe briefly the mineral resources of the Province.

For its extent Nova Scotia compares more than favorably with any of the Provinces of the Dominion. Its wealth is not confined to minerals. Large tracts supply in abundance the vegetable products of the northern temperate zone. Its shores are surrounded by extensive and valuable fisheries. Its forests furnish an unlimited lumber supply, and abundant water powers are being brought into increased use.

The peculiarly diversified nature of the Nova Scotia minerals may be judged of by the fact that it has in close relationship the three most valuable, iron, coal, and gold. The initiation of extensive iron and steel works is directing attention to our large deposits of ore, and of fuel yielding coke claimed to be the best in the world. Among other minerals more or less worked may be mentioned lead, zinc, silver, copper, manganese, gypsum, barytes, etc.