

need to be said; but as this booklet may, and very likely will, fall into the hands of those who are looking for safe investment for their capital, or perhaps a home or a new field in which to extend their business, a few words about the cause of these strides

may prove even more convincing than an array of figures. Take mining as an instance. The attention of the world is being drawn more and more to Canada as a mining country. Apart from the precious metals, there is a wealth of other metallic and non-metallic substances the mining of which gives employment to numbers of our people and affords remunerative avenues for the employment of capital. That there has been a very great development of these mineral resources will appear from the tables issued by the Geological Survey, giving the mineral production of Canada for some years back. The total values of mineral production from 1890 to 1898 were:

1890	\$16,793,353
1897	28,091,430
1898	37,757,997

In 1898 there is an increase of over 32 per cent. as compared with 1897. Whilst the large increases



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of late years have, of course, been partly due to the discovery and working of the rich gold placers of the Yukon, other important mineral industries have also contributed to them and there is every reason to expect a continued rapid growth in many of them for some years to come. And so it is in every other branch from one end of the Dominion to the other our industries never displayed greater vitality, confidence and hopefulness than now. Everywhere men are busy. Factories are working to the limit of their capacity, and many of them are increasing their capacity or have already done so. Employers are looking for men, not men for employers. There is confidence in Canadian enterprises. Previously there was a great deal of talk about resources, but



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