## HON C. R. DEVLIN,

Minister of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries,

Quebec.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit my report for the year 1908. Besides general information on the mining operations and statistics, it contains a report of an exploration to Chibougamau and another on the region at the head of the rivers Manikuagan and Outardes.

It is accompanied by a map of the asbestos region of Broughton and one of the township of Ascot and the environs of Sherbrooke.

Notwithstanding the financial crisis and the fall in the price of metals, last year, our mining industry has continued to progress and the output of our mines this year was \$5,493,664 as against \$5,019,932 in 1907.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. OBALSKI,

Quebec, February, 1909.

Superintendent of Mines.