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MANY NEW COMPANIES.

Until very recently few companies had been organized in the Frovince to carry on miling operations. Some were working that the component of the carry on miling operations. Some were working that the carry of the first year in which mining corporations were empowered to sall stocks at any fixed price above or below par, only five charters were granted under the Ontateo Joint Stock Companies Act, and the aggregate of the transport of the reacher of their authorized capital was only \$2.10,000. Under the same act, in 1886, the number formed was 22, with an authorized capital of \$2.775,000, and the charters of 22 of these, representing an aggregate of the recent of the present year, however, the record of 1886 has been far surpassed, 33 mining companies had held the state of the first quarter of the present year, however, the record of 1886 has been far surpassed, 33 mining companies had held the state of the state of \$2.200,000. These facts furnish clear eridence, of the sidence that has been made in the mining affairs of the Frovince, and of the condidence that has been established in the mineral resources of our Province, in the face of a stump of \$88,440,000 in the mineral resources of our Province, in the face of a stump of \$88,640,000 in the mineral resources of our Province, in the face of a stump of \$88,640,000 in the mineral resources of our Province, in the face of a stump of \$88,640,000 in the mineral resources of our Province, in the face of a stump of \$88,640,000 in the mineral resources of our Province, in the face of a stump of \$88,640,000 in the mineral resources of our Province, in the face of a stump of \$88,640,000 in the mineral resources of our Province, in the face of a stump of \$88,640,000 in the mineral resources of our Province, in the face of a stump of \$88,640,000 in the mineral resources of our Province, in the face of a stump of \$88,640,000 in the mineral resources of our Province, in the face of a stump of \$88,640,000 in the mineral resources of our Province, in the

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The petroleum statistics do not show marked change from those of former years, but prices for crude have been well maintained. The re-opening of the Bothwell field during the year promises to add substantially to the output of the wells, but, as far as exploration work has been carried on there, it does not appear that the productive area of this once famous region is large. The borings on Pelee Island only serve to show that oll-bearing rock exists there; its area and richness remain to be proven. The gas fields of Essex and Welland maintain their output, more especiand maintain their output, more especi-ally the former, but the bulk of the natural gus is taken for consumption by the cities of Buffalo and Detroit.

GYPSUM AND SALT, The gypsum mines and works and the sait works continue to be conducted upon a moderate scale to supply the home market; hardly an attempt is made to produce for export, as the United States is practically the only available market, and the duty on sait entering that country is prohibitory. One plant has been completed in connection with the Ontario People's Sait Works at Kincardine for the manufacture of bicarbonate of soda, which should prove to be an industry capable of large expansion.

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The production of natural rock and Portland cements is well maintained, as compared with previous years; but, while the makers of Portland cement have been steadily increasing the output of their works, and improving the quality of the cement, they are far from being able to supply the requirements of the country. The raw materials for Portland cement are so pientiful in Ontario that we might be making largely for the export trade instead of importing for consumption.

Some smaller industries were started in the Province during 1896, which are well deserving of mention, for they promise to become important. The blast furnace at Hamilton, which started upon its first campaign early in the year, produced a total of 25,270 tons of pig iron. A graphite mill, erected at Ottawa for treating the ores from a large vein of the mineral discovered in Brougham Township, has commenced to run under very favorable auspices, and substantial orders for the refined graphite have been received from Germany. The works at Merritton for the manufacture of carbide of calcium have been successfully inaugurated, and their capacity has been gradually enlarged. The company formed to manufacture peut fuel in the County of AS TO CEMENT.

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY.

Dr. Pepler has recovered from his r illness and resumed practice. Mrs. John Hoskin and her niece,

INCREASE OF GOLD PRODUCTION.

The production of gold buillion has been considerably increased, but encouragement lies rather in the extent and promise of development work going on than in the yield of the one or two mills steadily supplied with ore.

The aickel and copper mines and works gave employment last year to nearly the same number of men as in the previous year, and, although only two companies were carrying on business, the output was not much less than when there were four.

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GRATIFYING STATEMENTS

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ed and checked suitings in mixtures of fawn, blue, brown, grey, green, etc., 44 inches wide, were 35c to 40c.

Silks

At 10c-Assorted Surah, China and Satin Brocaded Silks, in self colors, and two and three colors, shaded effects, were 20c and 25c.

At 15c-Satin Striped Bengaine Silks, in fream, buttercup, hellotrope, rose, pink, salmon, cardinal, old rose, grey, gold, etc., was 35c.

At 35c-French Taffeta and Glace Silks, all pure silk, in halfilues, fancy stripes, illuses and silver, blue and silver blue and silver, blue and silver, blue and silver blue and silver, etc., were 60c to 75c.

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Prints and Wash Goods At 5c—Engrish prints, includes indigo blues, also fast colored challies, in light and dark grounds, in plak, buff, cadet, navy, green, plak, red, grey, black grounds, with stripes, spots and sprays, were 8c and 9c.

10c—Colored Slikelene, guaranteed fast pressure grounds, with pure slik, asteroistic grey, cream grounds, with pure slik, asteroistic grey, cream grounds, with pure slik, asteroistic grey, cream grounds, with pure slik, asteroistic grey, controlled the grey brown and fawn, sizes 34 to 37 only, elegant linings, a good tailoring, were up to \$7.50.

At .84—38 only Men's Black Cutaway Conts and Vests, in pure English and French worsteds, plain and twilled, proposition of the grey brown and fawn, sizes 34 to 37 only, elegant linings, a good tailoring, were up to \$7.50.

apel for curtains, quint coverings of traperies, bordered on each side, were 14c as parte.

At 28c-66-inch Loom Damask Table Linen, all the latest patterns, in spots, figures and sprays, guaranteed pure flux, special close fine make, was 50c yard.

At 75c-8-4 New Bleached Double Damask Table Covers, special fine satin finish, bordered all round, nice assortment of pretty patterns, every thread guaranteed pure flux, were stated and successful for covering the first patterns, every thread guaranteed pure flux, were 12.5 each.

At 10c-32-inch New English Crepe, Twill and Repp Oretonnes, suitable for covering the finished cloth, were 20c yard.

At 8c-29-inch English Oxford and Harvard Shirtings, newest patterns, in checks and stripes, special fine linen finish, guaranteed fast colors, extra heavy make, were 14c yard.

At 33c-15-inch Linen Finished Huck Towellug, colored borders, close, firm make, suitable for rollers or hand towels, was 6c yard.

Gloves and Hosiery ves, odd sizes, some chamols, some col-d kid, some black, but all good, have a \$1 pair.

At 15c—Clearing line of Misses' and Children's Black Cashaere Hose, full fashioned, double heel and toe and knees, were up to 30c pair.

Carpets

At 55c-Best English Crown 4-frame Brussels, with border to match.

At 44c-Best 9-wire Tapestry Carpet in 8 choice patterns, 1897 designs.

At 32c-Good English Tapestry Carpet, was 47c yard.

At 20c square yard-Extra Heavy Canadian Olicloth, 1, 1¼ and 1½ yards in width, was 30c.

At 12½c-Japanese Matflug, continuous warp, fancy patterns, 36 inches wide, was 22c yard. Curtains and

At \$2.90 pair—We will make to mensure Friday Genuine West of England Tweed and Worsted Trousers.

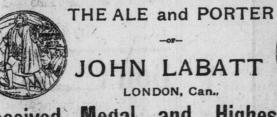
At \$5-63 Men's All-wool English and Canadian Tweed Sacque Suits, \$255 from 36 to 44, in every leading shade of brown and grey mixtures, new fresh goods, well made and properly trimmed and cut, were \$8.50 and \$9.50.

At \$2.75.60 Boys' 3-piece Knee Pant Suits, sizes 20 to 33, fine Scotch tweeds, up-to-date colorings, best linings, perfect fitting, were \$3.75 to \$4.50.

At 15c pair-1000 pairs Boys' Knee Pants, light and dark tweeds, sizes 24 to 30, were 40c. Men's Hats

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Assayers will reap a harvest of gold at Wabigoon. Thousands of prospectors, both expert and amateur, will make the rich Wabigoon Country their field for the hunt for gold this season, and next to the "Grub-Stake Angel," the Assayer is the prospector's best friend and one of the very first to get his fee IN WABIGOON



Surveyors are much sought-after men in the great Wabigoon Country, and meet with a clamorous demand for their services. And in turn, the Surveyors cry for more axmen and chainmen. There's opening work enough in this unsurveyed new gold territory of Canada for plenty of men for years to come IN WABIGOON



Masons and carpenters will find this an appreciative community. People want homes, and they look for builders to put up their houses while they are attending to other business. Wabigoon will be a paradise for builders all through this summer and for years to come, and it's the man who has the means to start off as boss builder who will make the money

IN WABIGOON IN WABIGOON



Waggon-makers, blacksmiths, horse-shoers, and a good veterinary surgeon or two would do a fine business in Wabigoon. Horses and waggons have an important place in this community, where there is so much hauling and driving to be done—and there's no begrudging the paying of good prices. Horses and waggons will be in good Horses and waggons will be in good demand here all the year round for years to come IN WABIGOON



Vegetable gardening will pay well at Wabigoon. No better soil or climate exists in this country, and there's a ready market right at home for everything that can be grown. The farmer and truck gardener are of greater importance at Wabigoon than most of them are anywhere else. Top-notch prices are paid for everything—yet it costs less to grow things on Wabigoon land than the same things can be grown for anywhere else. grown for anywhere else.

IN WABIGOON



Blasting material. The manufacture of explosives for mining operations at Wabigoon would yield a princely profit on the investment. The entire Manitou, Rainy Lake, Rainy River, Seul Lake and the gold district immediately surrounding the town afford a ready cash market for the sale of explosives used in mining. And Wabigoon is the natural and most direct supply depot for this immense territory.

IN WABIGOON



Seven dollars a day is about what you'd pay if you hired a rig in Wabigoon to-day, and the rush of people on the ground this season will make a nabob of the liveryman in a very short time. A man with a livery equipment of strong horses and rigs suitable for this country can coin money in the business with very little work. He would have a gold mine right in the town



Men with money can make money in Wabigoon. We get hundreds of letters from people who want to rent houses and stores in the town, and capitalists who build them will derive princely incomes in rentals from them. There are more safe and profitable opportunities for employing capital in Wabigoon than in any other mining town in the land.

In the rush which will set in for Wabigoon this spring, every line of trade and profession which finds room for existence in a crowded city will find an inviting field for operations at Wabigoon, and first-comers will have an advantage over those who start for this wonderful district later on. Gold discoveries were the sole incentive to the location and growth of Rossland, B.C., and a wonderfully lively and prosperous town is now flourishing where there was nothing but mountainous bleakness two years ago. How different and superior the resources which will build up Wabigoon! The entre of the greatest and richest gold fields on the continent, surrounded by the finest agricultural and stock-raising fields under the sunwith railway communication east, west, north and south—with navigable waters to almost any point in any intermediate direction! It's only a few months since, when surpassingly rich gold finds first began to attract attention to this district—and in spite of the winter season people have been flocking to the Wabigoon district, building and getting ready amidst snow and ice for the rush which is coming this spring. The next three months will work wonders at Wabigoon.

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