

Mineral Resources

Hastings County, of which Belleville is the capital, is one of the best mineralized sections of Canada. Belleville is the natural outlet for these raw materials and for the manufactured products resulting from them. Minerals found in Hastings County include:

Gold—Is now being mined at the villages of Flinton and Northbrook in Hastings County, and at Cordova, just over the border in the next county west. Many good deposits await the advent of modern methods to develop.

Iron—There are rich deposits of Hematite ores suitable for the highest grade Iron and Steel. An electric smelter is now being promoted in Belleville to utilize on a large scale a method of electric smelting developed by a Belleville engineer.

Cobalt—Is refined at Deloro, in Hastings Co., from Cobalt ores, producing both the Metallic Cobalt and the Oxide.

Arsenic—A by-product from the refining of Silver and Gold, is produced in enormous quantities at Deloro.

Stellite—A non-rusting metallic compound of intense hardness superior to high-speed and other steels for cutting purposes. Over 60,000 lbs. were produced in 1917 at Deloro.

Nickel—About 15 tons of metallic nickel were produced in 1917 as a by-product of the refining of Silver ores.

Silver—Is smelted and refined in large quantities at Deloro. Silver was discovered some years ago in the next county East of Hastings. The finder extracted considerable ore, but kept the location of the mine hidden, and the secret died with him. The deposit was rich, and there may be many other deposits awaiting discovery, as the country is very similar in its geological formations to the Cobalt-Porcupine area, where such amazing discoveries of gold and silver have been made.

Copper—Is now mined near the village of Eldorado in Hastings Co. by the Medina Gold Mining Co.

Actinolite—Used in the manufacture of roofing material, is mined at Actinolite, Hastings Co.

Barite—Used as a filler in paints, rubber goods, cardboards, papers, etc., is found in Hastings Co.

Portland Cement—What is claimed to be the largest Cement Mill in Canada is located 3 miles East of Belleville.

Limestone—Is abundant, comparing in quality with any in the world. There are seams up to 5 or 6 feet thick, with good shipping facilities. The very best lime can be produced cheaply.

Feldspar—Used largely in the manufacture of pottery and for making potash. There are large deposits in Hastings Co. and immediate vicinity.