

CANADIAN GEMS.

A neat little pamphlet entitled "A Catalogue of Mineralogical Gems," printed by the *Citizen Co.*, has just been laid upon our table, and is issued by the new firm of C. P. Willimott & Co., of this city. From this pamphlet we learn that we have in our midst facilities, not before enjoyed, both for the cutting and polishing of gems not only from Canadian sources but from all parts of the world. There has long been an idea amongst most people that our Canadian minerals did not furnish material suitable for the purpose, but a glance at the list shows us that amongst our native gems we have many kinds which, when properly cut, furnish stones of great beauty and value.

In addition, this firm also undertakes the preparation of rock sections for microscopical examination, thus doing away with the necessity which has heretofore existed of sending abroad to Germany or the United States for this kind of work.

Characteristic collections of Canadian minerals will also be made and kept in stock, both suitable for private parties and for scientific educational institutions. These will be of great value, not only to the private collector and those engaged in prospecting, but to all interested in or devoted to the work of teaching mineralogy. These collections are of different sizes and prices, ranging from \$1 each upwards, the price depending on the number and value of the specimens contained.

A visit to their workshop on Wellington street, where a large collection of cut gems is kept in stock ready for mounting, will amply repay anyone who may desire anything in this line, while the various polished slabs of Agate, Labradorite, etc., together with the display of neatly arranged collections and unique crystals, will be of great interest to most persons.

We congratulate this young firm upon the amount of push and energy requisite to the establishment of such an enterprise, and from our personal knowledge of the members of the firm, we not only wish them every success, but feel that they will give every satisfaction to any of our readers who may require anything in their line.

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