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Phosphate in Canada (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Phosphate in Canada Between 1883 and 1891, phosphate mining was an important industry in Canada, the average annual output of apatite being about 25,000 tons. This amount appears comparatively trivial at the present time, when the worlds total annual production is figured in millions of tons; but at the period mentioned the Canadian output constituted quite an important proportion of the total supply. While the discovery in more recent years of enormous deposits of sedimentary phosphate in various parts of the world has reduced the Canadian apatite bodies to a position of relative unimportance, and has brought about an almost complete cessation of mining, owing to the cheapness with which the bedded deposits can be worked, Canada yet possesses quite material reserves of apatite. At the present time few uses are known for this mineral that cannot be met almost as well by the cheaper, sedimentary phosphate, and consequently the demand for it is small. Apatite, however, differs from ordinary commercial phosphate rock mainly in that it is a definite mineral species, possesses crystalline structure,...



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