

of 40 tons valued at \$1000; but the discovery of extensive deposits in other regions has now entirely stopped any operations for this mineral in Maryland.

MICA.—The coarse granite dikes which abound in many parts of the eastern Piedmont region afford good-sized plates of light-colored mica (muscovite), and attempts have been made to secure commercial quantities of this in both Harford and Howard counties, but they have not been successful.

GRAPHITE.—Traces of graphite have been found near Pylesville in Howard county at the edge of the Peach Bottom slate belt. Several deposits occur further northward in Pennsylvania, where they have been mined to some extent.