

Cape Breton marble worth the wait

Marble from River Denys makes dramatic statement in home decor

By **KELLY SHIERS**
Features Writer

We've waited a billion years for Cape Breton's beautiful dark red, pink and blue-grey marble, but there's no need to wait any longer.

"We call it nature's finest art," says Christopher Trider, president of MacLeod Resources Ltd., which operates the only marble quarry operation in Atlantic Canada.

"You have to see the colour and the patterns and the textures in our stone.

"I've attended the marble fair in Verona (Italy) — which is the largest in the world — twice, and never found anything the same, so it's unique on the world stage."

Similar to some of the antique Italian marbles that are no longer available,

these marbles are ideal for windowsills, vanities, kitchen countertops, floor tiles, speaker stands, tabletops and even cutting boards.

They have a lot of depth, take a polish very well and are ideal for people who find granite too cold or utilitarian in their homes, Trider says.

"A lot of people are renovating, improving their living areas — I include kitchens and bathrooms — and there's a design trend now to use marble if you look at style and design magazines."

Trider and his business partner, Dick Sandeson, began work at their River Denys quarry a couple of years ago, but this will be the first year in the marketplace for its products.

The deposit is part of the same



This marble, called Pink Floyd, is mined at a quarry in River Denys.

(CONTRIBUTED)

geological formation that was quarried from about 1870 to 1920.

Trider says consumers can take a look at samples in metro Halifax at Stone Depot in Hammonds Plains and Kerana Tiles in Burnside.

It can be bought by the linear foot for countertops or by the square foot for tiles.

MacLeod Resources has plans to set up distributorships in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta.

"If you want something unique, something luxurious, something that has very rich colour and texture, you're going to love our marble."

For more information, check the web at canadasmrble.com.