

rock for assay and mill tests, I have no doubt that the returns from these will corroborate my own results.

This pay streak, I may mention, is composed of celular or honey comb quartz, so much decomposed as to make it necessary to sack it. Depth seems to make no difference in the character except that it is both wider and richer as we descend. Very little silver is perceptible and I have in no instance been able to discover more than a trace.

On location X. 82 I started another shaft which is now down some fifteen feet on a well-defined vein of about four feet wide, which carries both silver and gold from the surface down. While much free gold was found on the surface of this vein, depth shows the ore to be slightly refractory and requiring different treatment from the ordinary free milling process. The ore in the vein is now in the form of sulphurets. Assays made are not high but in my opinion this property has a good prospective value and will in time probably equal the first.

Assays made by me:—

Highest, Gold, per ton,	\$48.23
Silver " " "	15.40

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\$63.63

others \$9.57 to \$40.00.

My surface improvements are so far of the most primitive description. A log house 28x24 for the men, Office 14x12, Blacksmith Shop and two Shaft Houses compose the whole at present, as I thought it better to devote all my energies to the development of the mine, rather than to the erection of elaborate buildings, which can come at a future date.

Yours Respectfully,

(Signed) JNO. R. BROWN, Manager.

Desiring to have an intelligent and unbiased opinion about the mining properties on the Lake of the Woods, this Company and the Keewatin Mining Company arranged with the Winnipeg daily papers to send reporters out with the Companies' representatives, to view and report upon their several locations. Below we give a few extracts from the report which appeared in the TIMES of the 13th December:

* * * * "Your correspondent decided to throw in his chances with the party destined for the Winnipeg Consolidated, and pushed forward to Big Stone. We had a hard piece of travelling in the dark, but our pilot knew the way, and though in the blinding snow we had to make a slight detour for safety, we struck the Winnipeg