

Garthby serpentine ridge, on lots twenty-three and twenty-four of Wolfestown, range two. These have not been operated since 1888. On the south-west extremity of this ridge, on lot twenty-four, range four, further openings were made in 1885, but soon discontinued. Among other companies, who have taken up asbestos locations and carried on mining operations, are the White's Asbestos, 1889, who own several widely-scattered areas in Garthby and Coleraine; the McDonald Bros., of Sherbrooke, who worked for some time on lot eight, range twelve, Coleraine, near Little Lake St. Francis, but apparently without much success; and the Brompton Lake Mining Company, formed in Montreal in 1889, who last year acquired the old Noel mine, on lot twenty-six, range nine, Brompton, near the lower end of the lake on the east side. This property was first opened by Mr. Noel, of Richmond, in 1886, who sold to Messrs. McDonald Bros., of Sherbrooke, by whom it was sold last year to the present company. Sufficient work has not yet been done to pronounce definitely upon its real value; but a somewhat extensive plant is now being placed there, and its importance, as an asbestos belt, will soon be known.

Bolton. Further to the south-west, on lot eight, range seven, Bolton, a company attempted last year to work asbestos in a knoll of serpentine, one of a chain which extends for several miles between Trousers Lake and Eastman. The indications of large and profitable veins were, however, very few. Some small local veins of one-fourth to half an inch only were found, and the company abandoned operations early in the season. This is the only attempt to work asbestos in the south-western area, that is south of Orford Mountain, but on one of the outcrops on the Montreal road, about one-eighth of a mile west of Long North Stukely Lake, in North Stukely, several shallow pits were sunk in a soft, shattered slaty serpentine, where a small vein of a fourth of an inch only was visible. The serpentines are in contact with the black and grey slates a few feet south of the opening, and, with the exception of the small vein noted on the road, no other indications of asbestos were visible. This serpentine differs in character from that of the areas worked in Coleraine and Thetford, being for the most part slaty and much scattered, while that of Thetford is generally massive or traversed by large joints.

Shipton. Jeffrey's mine. The most westerly area in which asbestos is mined is at Jeffrey's location, four miles east of Danville village, on lot nine, range three, Shipton. The asbestos here occurs in a rounded knoll, one of a series which extends from Melbourne through Cleveland into the south-east corner of Tingwick, and is the only one in which valuable veins have yet been found in this direction. This was first worked in 1884, and has yielded a large amount of asbestos of excellent quality, though the

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