

to secure it. The aim has been to understate the case rather than err on the other side.

Few values are given, as it is thought that a description of the work being done would be a better basis for an opinion than the mere statement of values. Nor are all the mines described, and for the same reason, that the facts in regard to a few are as likely to lead to an interest in the district as would a more complete list.

No attempt to create a boom is made. The facts are sufficient.



Belmont Gold Mine.

This mine is situated in Belmont Township, Peterborough County, and partly in Marmora Township, County of Hastings, eight miles N. W. of Marmora Village. It was discovered in 1891 by H. Strickland, now of Peterborough, and was purchased by A. W. Carscallen, M.P., of Marmora. It was pretty thoroughly prospected in the following years and was known to be a valuable property from the clear indications of immense ore bodies. The mine was sold in 1897 to the Cordova Exploration Company of Newcastle, England. This company erected a 10-stamp mill, put in an air compressor and complete plant and began operations. In the autumn of 1900, the company were satisfied, from the developments done, that the quantity of ore would warrant a larger plant and a 30-stamp mill was built and completed in February of 1901, at which date the following description was written.

The new mill is 175 x 90 feet and 85 feet high. It is substantially built, neatly finished, painted and well lighted. The thirty stamps are driven by 150 h.p. Corliss engine with main shaft 6½ inches in diameter running behind stamps. The engine and shaft are strong enough to extend the mill and run 120 stamps if necessary. Pulleys on main shaft to drive stamps are equipped with friction clutches so that ten stamps can be hung up completely without slowing the engine. From the side of the engine is a 5 foot pulley