

# PORCUPINE RAND

## FREE GOLD DISCOVERIES IN QUEBEC PROVINCE

**Great Rush of Prospectors from Northern Ontario —  
Generous Policy of Quebec Government Lures  
the Free Lances to the North.**

(Special Despatch to The Globe)

Cobalt, April 4.—They are off again, the free lances of the north, and this time it is to the Province of Quebec. Sixty miles northeast of Haileybury about 60,000 acres of territory has been staked out and several good, free, gold lands are chronicled. There is every indication that the main prospecting activity in the north this year will be not at Porcupine which is now staked solid for dozens of miles, but in the Keekeek country.

### Sam Le Roy to the Front.

Sam Le Roy was the first man in there. He is one of the finest pioneer prospectors in the north country. Last summer he got sick of Gowganah, where he had made a good stake anyway and had a lake named after him, and took advantage of the easier Quebec laws to go into the Quinze country. He put his canoe into the waters of Lake Temiskaming and paddled up the Quinze, skirted Lake Expense (a sheet of water which will be quite navigable when the Quinze dam is finished) and so to Keewanna or Turnback Lake, so called because there he picked up the formation he was looking for and turned west to explore it.

### Great Deposit of Molybdenite

On the peninsula at Turnback Lake there is a great deposit of molybdenite which, it is reported, belongs to Mr. M. J. O'Brien and the Hon. Clifford Sifton. There is an immense exposure of it, and it is stated that a German syndicate have bought it for half a million dollars, the molybdenite to be used for toughening steel. This may or may not be true but men have been working on the property for some time now and a gang went back before the break-up to continue stripping.

### A Find of Quartz

Le Roy turned back, however, molybdenite not interesting him, and he followed the formation to a small lake, four miles long by half a mile wide which the Indians call Keekeek Lake or being interpreted Night Hawk. Here he made his find of quartz, solid

for twenty feet, and carrying very fine grained gold. Le Roy stayed in the country until he had staked all he could then he got licenses at Ville Marie, the nearest recording station, for his relatives, and finally passed the word on to his friends. By this time winter had come the canoe route was frozen up and the travel was overland by Klock's farm and Crooked Lake. Mr. C. A. Foster the man who made a fortune by selling the Foster mine at Haileybury to Lucky Scott, and the Foster mine at Porcupine to Augustus Heinze heard of this new country in northern Quebec. The ex-Mayor of Haileybury has made his fortune by taking just such chances as these, and he outfitted an expedition and his name with that of his brother-in-law Reamsbottom, figures very prominently on the chart of claims.

### Quebec Government Canny

If half the virtue that is claimed for this new field is proven, the prospecting interest this summer will be diverted from Porcupine in Ontario to Keekeek in Quebec. And that is precisely what the Quebec Government is striving for. Realizing what an asset these thousands of hardy men, trained to the trail and the finding of mineral, is to a country the mines branch of Quebec has deliberately planned a campaign to draw the free lances out of Ontario into Quebec. And Keekeek is the first fruits of their labors. Each man on his license can stake 200 acres and not a cent does he have to pay to record. That staking and recording will hold his claims for a year when he must do twenty-five days' work and pay fifty cents an acre. It is rumored that the rental will be cut down to ten cents per acre shortly. All information is given with the open hand and gladly.

### Extent of Good Country

The "good country" extends from Lake Opasatika where the Quebec Government has gone on record to finding tellurium to Lake Missinable close to the Transcontinental line and it is twenty miles wide. Two thousand licenses have been issued to prospectors at Ville Marie. No discovery is required so that prospecting will no more than commence when the ice goes off the Quinze and Lake Expense, and men can travel by canoe.

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