

SILVER DEPOSITS OF THE COBALT DISTRICT

Silver was first found at Cobalt in 1903, during the construction of the Ontario Government Railway. During the summer many of the workers had noticed pecu-

that time attracted little or no attention, although it occurred in profusion in two or three of the weathered outcrops."



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PROSPECTORS AT COBALT IN 1904.

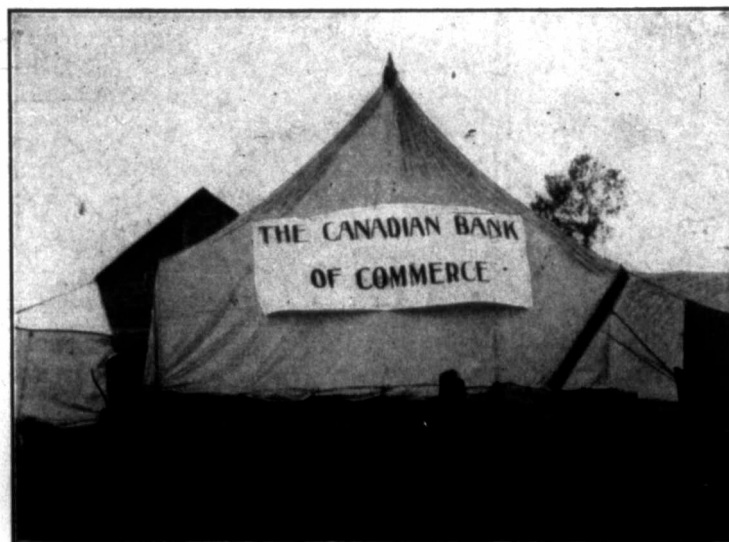
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liar minerals in the rocks, and a few of them did some prospecting. Fred La Rose, blacksmith, spent some of his spare time in examining outcrops in the vicinity of his smithy, north of Cobalt lake, and located the claim which became known as the La Rose. At the south end of the lake two contractors, engaged in getting out ties for the railroad, found silver ore and located the McKinley-Darragh claims.

In October, 1903, Mr. Arthur Ferland, who located several claims at Cobalt, including the property which was taken over by the Nipissing Mining Co., showed samples of niccolite to Mr. Thomas Gibson, Deputy Minister of Mines of Ontario. Mr. Gibson sent a sample to Dr. W. G. Miller, Provincial Geologist, and asked him to examine the deposits. Dr. Miller, in his report, says of his first visit:

"At the time of my arrival in the district, in November, 1903, four veins, all of which were very rich, had been found. Three of these were within sight of the railway, and the fourth was a short distance to the southeast. The blackened, tarnished silver had up to



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