

ful one and is one continual panorama of beautiful scenery among the islands and lakes. From the mouth of the Rainy River to Fort Francis we have a very rich soil capable of producing the food supplies for all the mines for years to come. At Fort Francis another boat is taken up the Seine River, a distance of about forty miles, till we come to the new town of Mine Centre. This town, as I have already said, is situated in the midst of an undoubtedly very rich mining country and development work is now being vigorously pushed ahead on several of the largest properties in the vicinity, notably the Foley mine, where a twenty stamp mill is being erected and is now almost ready for work, and the Ferguson mine where they are erecting a forty stamp mill. The Preston mine is also being opened up and is said to be very rich in free gold. Further east of this is the great Sawbill mine, situated on Sawbill Lake. This mine is only a new discovery and not more than six months' work has been done on it, but it is turning out very well.

"Another valuable section of the country is the Manitou section where some rich properties have been discovered during the past summer. This section is reached by way of Wabigoon station on the Canadian Pacific railway from which point I understand a line of boats is to be put on next season navigating the Wabigoon and Manitou lakes, each about thirty miles in length.

"What are the peculiar mining advantages of the country as compared to British Columbia?"

"Comparisons are odious. Each country has its own particular features. The hills (or I suppose I should more properly say mountains) are not so large nor so frequent as here, but the means of access, especially in the summer, is very easy and exceedingly pleasant, being largely if not almost wholly by water. There is abundance of wood and water and the climate is advantageous, which with most favorable mining laws makes the future of the country assured. At the present time winter travel is inconvenient, but with the advent of railways and good roads this will be obviated and northwestern Ontario will certainly go ahead and make her mark in the mining world."

"Mr. Campbell left for Winnipeg yesterday to return to Rossland shortly after the new year. Before returning Mr. Campbell will visit Montreal, Toronto, and other eastern cities."