

next went to the Wakefield concentrating mill, operated by the Silverton Mines, Ltd., owning the Hewitt-Lorna Doone mines, distant about a mile up the mountain. Then the new concentrating mill of the Van-Roi Mining Company, Ltd., was inspected, the company's resident superintendent, Mr. Douglas Lay, showing the visitors through the works. Here refreshments were liberally served, and then the return trip was made.

In the evening, after dinner, a smoking concert, given by the citizens of New Denver in honour of the visitors, was held, and this was numerously attended and a very enjoyable evening spent.

Next day the visitors dispersed in various directions, and the New Denver meeting, which had proved one of the most enjoyable and successful the Western Branch has held, was a thing of the past.

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Cobalt and Gowganda.

Probably the best strike yet made on the Nova Scotia was that reported a few days ago, when No. 14 vein was encountered 50 feet below the first level. The vein shows three inches of calcite, smaltite, and silver that runs 5,000 ounces to the ton. At the 100-foot level on this vein high values were obtained, the ore assaying 13,000 ounces.

The report of the returns to the Ontario Department of Mines, recently issued, shows that the silver production of the Province, of which 95 per cent. comes from Cobalt, was 15,231,969 ounces in the first six months of 1911. This amount is valued at \$7,644,200. The increase in value over the silver produced in the first half of 1910 is over \$1,300,000. The shipments consisted of 7,733 tons of ore and 4,380 tons of concentrates, while in addition, 1,302,699 ounces of bullion were shipped. Although shipments this year have been much below those of 1910 in tonnage, the higher value of the ore shipped, and of the increased amount of concentrates, has brought the total values up to a sum exceeding that of last year's shipments. In the six months Gowganda shipped 110 tons of ore and 2 tons of concentrates, while South Lorrain shipped 216 tons of ore, the whole containing 430,540 ounces of silver.

The quarterly report of the Beaver Consolidated Mines, Limited, shows that there is cash on hand of \$59,960.45. During the three months ending August 31, drifting, cross-cutting, sinking, and raising to the extent of 1,102 feet was accomplished. Eight cars of ore were shipped by the company, two of them of high grade.

There is a possibility that the Alexandra mine will resume operations. Mr. E. W. Beidler, of Buffalo, is at present in the camp looking over the property, where the main shaft was sunk to 200 feet before work ceased.

Shipments of ore for the week ending September 8th were noteworthy because of the falling off from the average which had been maintained for several weeks previous, only 10 cars being despatched from the camp by eight mines, totalling 618,120 pounds. Several bullion shipments were made in that week. Two consignments of bars were made by the Nipissing, one of 47 bars, worth \$26,366, and one of 43 bars, valued at \$23,615. The O'Brien shipped 18 bars worth \$8,773, the Drummond 2 bars worth \$681, the Wettlaufer 1 bar of 22 pounds, valued at \$160, and the Nova Scotia shipped 22 bars, valued at \$17,500.

For the week ending September 15th the ore shipments were the second highest of any week this year, over 600 tons leaving the camp. There were 663.67 tons in the 20 cars shipped, McKinley-Darragh leading with 4 cars of high grade. Following are the figures for the week:—

	Tons.
McKinley-Darragh, 4h	134.66
La Rose, 21	74.14
Coniagas, 2h	61.57

Drummond, 21	60.00
City of Cobalt, 1h	53.00
Trethewey, 2h	50.40
Cobalt Townsite, 1h	50.26
O'Brien, 1h	32.00
Chambers-Ferland, 1h	32.00
Temiskaming, 1h	31.11
Cobalt Lake, 1L	31.00
Kerr Lake, 1h	30.31
Buffalo, 1h	23.20

Bullion shipments were made during the week by the Nipissing, which sent out 36 bars, valued at \$20,550; and by the Buffalo, which sent out 8 bars, worth \$4,844.27.

Shipments for the month of August were the heaviest of any month this year, exceeding those of any other month by over 500 tons and those of July by almost 1,000 tons. Eighteen mines shipped a total of 86 cars during the month, 55 of these being of high grade, the shipments amounting to 5,426,934 pounds.

West Shining Tree, about 40 miles northwest of Gowganda, is the centre of the latest rush of gold seekers. It is reached either by rail and canoe from Sudbury, or by trail from Elk Lake and Gowganda. The Gosselin claims, whose rich deposits started the stampede, are located in Churchill township. They were sold a few days ago for \$300,000, it is reported. In addition to Churchill, the townships of McMurchy, Asquith, and Fawcette are practically all staked up, and many prospectors are going in daily. It is said that representatives of the big Dome interests are in the district looking for promising claims. Inside of a week or so the C. N. R. will have its extension within about 15 miles of the district.

On the Moosehorn property, in James township, a rich mineral deposit has been uncovered in the course of trenching operations. Samples taken of the vein have been sent away to be assayed, and as yet the actual value of the find is not known, but it is considered rich by the official of the company.

Porcupine and Swastika.

Cody Township is coming to the fore with the reported discovery of free gold on a property being worked under the direction of A. J. Bouzan, son of the manager of the La Palme property. The belt of schist in which the quartz is found is 20 feet wide. Assays ran from \$4 to \$30.40 per ton.

While stripping and trenching at the Rea property, what is thought to be a continuation of the main vein was struck a few days since. The vein is 60 feet in width and pans gold freely. Underground work is progressing rapidly.

Although little is heard of the district near Matheson, yet considerable development work is being carried on in Munro Township. Several companies have shafts down 100 feet or more, and on the Porcupine Townsite Mining Company's pro-