
Mineral Wealth Along the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway

comparatively easy to prospectors and they also supply power in abundance for the development of the mines.

The Ontario Government Railway was originally projected as a colonization railway but the finding of rich mineral lands in the country traversed opened it up much more rapidly than would otherwise have been the case. The happy combination of mineral and agricultural land in the district is of the greatest benefit to both, furnishing a cash market to the farmer at his very door. New districts are being reported from time to time and the older districts are looking better as work proceeds.

The established mining camps form nuclei from which prospecting parties are sent out. Thus the finding of Poreupine may be directly attributable to the Cobalt Camp, and it was due to the exertions of men from these camps that important discoveries have been made along the Transcontinental Railway and also in Northern Manitoba.

Anyone who looked over the unbroken forest of Northern Ontario a dozen years ago and predicted that this district would soon be producing over 20 millions in gold and silver annually would have been put down as a fantastic dreamer, but that figure is surpassed to-day by 3 million dollars and the output is continually increasing.

And yet, only a small portion of the country has been prospected. Running north-east and north-west from Cobalt and extending to the Arctic Ocean is the great Pre-Cambrian Shield, the basement formation of the Continent. It contains thousands of square miles and offers to prospectors Better Chances of Locating Valuable Mineral Deposits Than Can be Found in Any Other Country in The World.

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