

### Lake Superior Region.

W. Hancock has given up the butchering business at Port Arthur, and the shop is closed.

For the year ending June 30th, 1889, 402 steamers and vessels arrived at the port of Port Arthur, against 402 for the previous year.

Rutledge Bros., grocers, etc., Fort William, have dissolved partnership. E. S. Rutledge will continue business. A. E. Rutledge has formed a partnership with James Hammond, and will open business under the firm name of Rutledge & Hammond.

The following is a comparative statement showing value of goods imported, and exported and the amount of duty collected at the port of Port Arthur, for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1889, and the previous fiscal year.

#### GOODS IMPORTED.

|                     | 1889         | 1888         |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dutiable value..... | \$319,579.00 | \$276,957.00 |
| Free, value.....    | \$5,292.00   | 144,934.00   |

Total imports.....\$404,871.00 \$421,891.00

#### ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION.

|                     |              |              |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dutiable value..... | \$321,056.00 | \$272,479.00 |
| Free, value.....    | \$5,202.00   | 144,934.00   |

Total entered.....\$406,348.00 \$417,413.00

The duty collected for 1889 was \$84,373.91, for 1888 \$85,768.20. The value of the exports for 1889 was \$201,874, for 1888 \$890,347.

Mining operations appear to be going on actively in the Port Arthur district. New "finds" are constantly being reported. The *Sentinel* says: S. J. Dawson, M.P., accompanied by Mr. Walpole Roland, has just returned from the mining region, and reports most favorably, not only as to the prospects, but as to the actual work being done. He says the work at East and West Silver Mountain and Whitefish Lake is most promising. He also confirms the report of the rich find at the Beaver at the depth of 530 feet in the lower slates, and says it is as rich as any yet found in that mine. The east end of Silver Mountain is producing valuable mining ore and lots of it. It is in legitimate paying quantities and is panning out regularly from day to day, and is not in mere pockets. The Silver Wolverine is making extensive preparations and putting in all the latest styles of machinery. The character of the rock is equal to Silver Mountain. The communications are improving and the roads are not bad. There is also an excellent little steamer on Whitefish Lake, which runs at nine and a half miles an hour. Mines are being operated at Sand Lake, and systematic work is being carried on.

Mining operations of a practical character in the Sudbury district are progressing rapidly. The Canadian Copper company of Sudbury (Standard Oil Co., of Cleveland) are erecting a second smelter and the output of the two will overrun \$3,000,000 per annum. Sixty men are putting the Vermillion gold mine in shape and the Kean and Harwood has been re-opened by the Dominion Mining company, who have purchased the Du Charne prospects in Blizzard and Denison and are pushing them all. Simpson Bros., are down 35 to 40 feet in two shafts and work an arastra as a practical test as they go along. At last cleaning up they got 8 lbs. of platinum and considerable gold and silver. A

week ago a piece of quartz was taken out 25 pounds in weight and thickly speckled with free gold. The Murray mine (4 miles northwest of Sudbury), is being tested by Vivian & Co., Swansea, Wales, and their assayer is well satisfied with the results. Tin, Iron and cobalt are added to the list of recent finds. An immense deposit of iron has been located on the Spanish River in the township of May. In Victoria Salter several good finds have been made, and Hallam will be not less productive of mineral wealth. Proctor, Ward & Dewar are at work on the Lacloche mountains in 110 and 116 finding gold, silver, copper, tin and iron in quantity. Frood has copper, iron, nickel, galena, etc., on the Wallace mine location, and metal of some kind may be found on every mile of the Algoma shore.

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