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Robert Leggatt.

The publication "Gold and Silver Ores; What is Their Value," by W. Hamilton Merritt, F. G. S., can be had from T. R. and J. P. Clougher, publishers, Toronto. This publication is the one referred to.—Mining Editor.

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and combines on this continent is now well recognized and feared. The territory comprised in the option is much larger than the Witwatersrand, whence nearly \$40,000,000 of gold is annually derived. It has been very naturally assumed that after trying the South African field, the South African Company, which has been operating for some time in Northwestern Ontario and been represented there for nearly a year, is well acquainted with the character of the territory embraced in the option and acquainted with many of its rich veins and bodies of gold ore, or it would not pay \$20,000 for the option and agree to spend six times that sum. The objections to the deal are obvious, and have been the first considerations to suggest themselves to the public.

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