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## GOLD MINING IN THE LAKE OF THE WOODS DISTRICT



PROSPECTORS AT WORK ON A CLAIM.

For at least twenty-five years it has been the opinion of many competent judges, that the rocks on the islands and mainland around the Lake of the Woods contain auriferous veins, which the prospector, the miner, and the capitalist will, in time, develop into a number of profitable mines.

Before the advent of the iron horse, the only attempts at development of these gold bearing veins were made by the mining prospector with his pick, his canoe or boat, and, if he could afford it, his Indian guide. The perseverance of some of these early prospectors, and the labor and privations

that they freely incurred and endured, furnish records of indomitable courage and determination that were unsurpassed by the experiences of the first explorers and pioneers of the early part of the eighteenth century. It was not, therefore, until the Canadian Pacific railway construction