

here, has favored a representative of *The Miner* with an account of the Rainy River gold fields of Ontario. It will be remembered that Mr. Campbell and a number of other gentlemen, among whom was N. Byron White, of the Shocan Star mine, paid a visit to that country recently and were very much pleased with what they saw, and there seems no doubt that in the near future, if indeed not in the immediate future, north-western Ontario will rival British Columbia in the richness of its mineral resources.

"In reply to a question as to extent of the country, Mr. Campbell said: 'That's a difficult question to answer as the country is new from a mining standpoint and is not yet fully prospected, but there can be no doubt that the mineral belt or zone extends from the shores of Lake Winnipeg in the west as far as Sudbury in the east, a distance of perhaps a thousand miles, and from the International boundary line on the south, a hundred or a hundred and fifty miles north. Rich mineral has been discovered all along this territory, and no doubt other discoveries will be made when the country is more fully prospected.'

"Rat Portage is the Rossland of Ontario. Indeed we have a Rossland station just near Rat Portage where several valuable properties are situated. Rat Portage is the business centre of the whole of the Rainy River district, and more particularly of that section of it known as the 'Lake of the Woods' district.

"Of course in a short time other places more centrally located in the different districts will come to the front, such as Wabigoon in the Manitou district and Minc Centre for the Seine River district. This latter place is well situated in the midst of a rich gold producing country. Then there are Port Arthur and Fort William further east, just east of which, at Jackfish Bay, is situated the now famous Empress mine. At present any one wishing to see the mining districts most advantageously will go to Rat Portage. Immediately surrounding this place in the Lake of the Woods and vicinity are situated a number of very valuable mines, some fully developed and in good working order and others in various stages of development, all turning out handsomely and yielding returns above the expectations.

"From Rat Portage steamboats are taken up the lakes for Fort Francis and the Seine River country. The trip through the Lake of the Woods and up Rainy River is a most delight-