

bona fide mining operations; and Government surveyors with supplies, as well as Indians, have been transported by us whenever they needed it, from point to point on the Lake Shore which are not visited by any other steam craft, without our having in any instance accepted remuneration in any shape.

15. We also offered to the late Government, and are willing to give to any Government, any land in our territory that they may require for public works, free of charge.

16. We have given a great deal of encouragement to the Indians.

We employ them in large numbers, and give them the same pay as we do to others.

Almost the whole force employed by us are Canadians. On Wood's location, within a year, we have established a colony of about 300 souls, almost all Canadians.

17. We understand it has been objected that all the money realized is carried away to the United States. This is not the case. We have paid about \$240,000 to Canadians for their rights, and besides the money earned by the large number of Canadians to whom we give employment, we are obliged to expend money in Canada in very considerable quantities.

During the last year we paid for supplies in Toronto about \$40,000 and in Collingwood \$15,000, besides paying for freight and other incidentals. We have paid the Government for timber and taxes large sums; we are obliged to keep up an organization in Ontario which involves the expenditure of money. We have by our success caused larger additions to be made in one year to the revenue of the Crown Lands Department than had been made from the same source for many years before, I believe; and what is better still for the country, we have been the direct and immediate cause of directing capital into the Lake Superior region which had almost become a sealed country.

Owing directly and exclusively to our successful venture, several mines are to be opened this spring for *bona fide* operations with large capitals—one of them, "The Jarvis Island," with a capital of £100,000 sterling, raised in England, and by Mr. Mandlebaum; and another also organized in England, with a capital of £40,000 sterling.

18. A number of capitalists have also been making preparations for mining on the North Shore on an extensive scale, provided they get limited liability charters. Among them I may mention the promoters of "The North Shore Silver Mining Company," "The International," and the several "Shunia Companies."