

storing on an extensive scale, already employing twenty-five men in the work. The trade of Port Arthur embraces sections of the C. P. R. east and west, and the whole of the P. A. D. & W. R. already constructed seventy miles west. Quite a wholesale business is carried on by Port Arthur merchants, as this is the distributing point for the whole of Thunder Bay region, with its fish, fur and timber trade, and its mines of gold, silver, copper, iron, lead, nickle, asbestos, and phosphates. All of these minerals are found here in varying quantities, from the almost unparalleled riches of some of the silver mines and the vast deposits of iron ore to the latest "finds" in zinc and nickle. From the time when Oliver Dounais was

stones, agates, amethyst, greenstone, serpentine, etc., all found in abundance on the north shore of Lake Superior. Tourists buy these freely as mementoes of their trip up the lakes, and their quaint and useful forms may be seen on many an eastern table.

But in spite of all the mineral wealth of the district, in spite of the richness of veins loaded with silver, a strange fatality has followed the industry of mining here. Silver Islet, after yielding over three millions of dollars of silver, was abandoned when the shell of the island alone remained to mark the spot of one of the richest mines in the world. Various other mines on the mainland have been worked in a sort of intermittent manner



A bit of the Town.

made acquainted by the Indians with the long guarded secret of the wealth of Rabbit Mountain, finds have been made from time to time of a richness sufficient to convince the most skeptical of the mineral wealth which lies buried in the mountain ranges and bedrock of this region. Masses of pure native silver have been torn from their rocky home, that for richness and beauty are unsurpassed, and in every cabinet or collection of minerals in town, specimens of incomparable beauty may be found. The average citizen here, male or female, goes around wearing jewelry and trinkets made from quartz and silver specimens, and a large trade is carried on by jewellers and fancy goods dealers in these and in all the forms of beautiful precious

or shut down when the limited capital embarked in the enterprise was expended on preliminaries to the actual work of mining. When the treasures of Rabbit Mountain came to light and several lucky discoverers had made fortunes thereby, it was hoped that the business of mining on these finds would be carried on in a systematic manner. Death, and the unprincipled actions of some stockholders have entangled several of the most promising of these new mines in the meshes of a legal contest, and the work stands still while the fight goes on.

But this sort of thing cannot go on forever and the return of order and confidence is assured in this industry as it is in all others where capital and labor work har-