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## KOWKASH

In this issue we publish two articles on the Kowkash district, Ontario, where gold has recently been discovered. Mr. P. E. Hopkins, a geologist on the staff of the Bureau of Mines, who has been studying and mapping gold areas in other parts of Ontario, found conditions at Kowkash favorable so far as geological formations are concerned. Mr. Charles Spearman, of Haileybury, also found conditions similar to those in gold-producing areas.

Neither shows an inclination to go into raptures over the gold thus far discovered at Kowkash. They are each able, however, to confirm the report that gold has been found in a district which has not yet been carefully prospected. That should be enough to warrant prospectors going into the district. There is no guarantee that Kowkash will ever be a producing district. There is a fair chance, however, that important bodies of gold ore may be found. In mining you must take a chance. No one knows that better than the prospectors.

## EXPORT OF CONTRABAND ORES

The order-in-Council prohibiting export of a number of metals and minerals is making difficulties for producers in various parts of the Dominion. For some of our products there is little market in Canada and the loss of the United States market would be serious. Metal prices are very high just now and it would be folly to interfere with shipments that are not intended for use of the enemy.

As a matter of fact there is no intention to restrict export of metals or minerals, provided satisfactory precautions are taken against such articles reaching the enemy. All the large exporters are aware of this and have been able to export products as desired. There seems, however, to have been more publicity given to the order-in-Council than to the necessary procedure to be followed in making shipments. As a result conditions are by some believed to be worse than they are.

In British Columbia several small operators found themselves embarrassed by the order-in-Council and appealed to the Provincial Mineralogist, Wm. Fleet Robertson, for assistance. Mr. Robertson took up the matter with the Department of Trade and Commerce. Mr. R. Grigg, Commissioner of Commerce, in reply, explained that special licenses are granted by the Customs Department permitting export to the United States after the matter has been investigated.

"If an application is sent in to the Customs Department giving all information an official will be sent to investigate and if all the circumstances are approved