

Probably ninety-five per cent of all Mining Claims staked in Northern Ontario are represented by individual Prospectors, or by two to four Partners; and in most cases, such men have not the capital to do any development work, outside of the regular assessment work, required by the Mining Act. Therefore, I am of the opinion that there are many claims now unworked, which might prove of considerable value, after a few thousand dollars, had been expended on them, in legitimate work.

I would recommend a Development Company to direct its energies to work of the above nature but it might be advisable for such a Company to send Prospectors in to a promising new District. However, this would have to be left, entirely, to the Engineer in charge of Field work.

The Ontario Government Railway, now in operation from North Bay to Cochrane, is being extended seventy miles further North and will probably be in operation in two years. This extension will open up lands to the north of Transcontinental Railway. It seems reasonable to expect that this extension of the Northern Ontario Railway to seventy miles north of Cochrane, will, in the near future, be further extended to James Bay, which event would open up vast areas for Prospectors.

The writer is most optimistic regarding the mining possibilities of this vast Northland and therefore thinks, a Development Company, organized on lines, outlined above would have reasonable expectations of Success.

Yours sincerely,

