

## An Expert's Opinion.

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**Mr. F. H. Mason, Mining Engineer, Found Pay Ore at Mountain Top and Iron Cap.**

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**S**HORTLY after the Iron Cap and Mountain Top properties came into the possession of the Inverness Mining Company, Limited, Mr. F. H. Mason, Mining Engineer, of Halifax, was engaged to make an examination of them. At that time there had been practically no mining work performed on either. Mr. Mason in his report to the company stated :



**Iron Cap.** "The strata here is lying nearly flat, with a slight dip to the North-West. Since its deposition the strata has been subjected to lateral pressure, which has caused a buckling of the rock, forming a series of spaces which have been subsequently filled with complex metallic sulphides. These sulphides form the ore.

"The rock here is a schistose slate, and the ore occurs in lense-shaped masses irregularly through it. These masses vary in size from a thickness of half an inch up to seven or eight inches, while at times they will form a layer several feet in length. The thickness of the strata in which these lenses of ore occurs is from seven to nine feet, but there is every reason to suppose that there are other similarly metalliferous strata above and below this one.



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