

There seems no immediate prospect of a revival of silver or lead mining in our province, nor are our large deposits of zincblende to the north of Lake Superior likely soon to be drawn upon.

Gold presents the brightest outlook of all for speedy expansion, especially in the part of the province west of Lake Superior; and I fully expect to see a well established gold mining industry there within a few years, something of a quiet and permanent character like that of Nova Scotia, but on a larger scale, since the extent of our gold field is much greater.

One of the most discouraging features of mining in the province is the lack of intelligent interest and enterprise on the part of our own citizens. Most of the more important mining ventures of Ontario have been in the hands of outsiders, especially our bold and energetic neighbors the Americans, who seem to lead the world of late years as successful miners. Perhaps our canny capitalists, when our cousins from across the line and a few stirring Britishers have got possession of our best properties, will begin to wake up to the fact that we have gold mines worth working right at home, and that many of them will give far better returns than mortgages or bank stocks in this time of depression.