

SILVERLAND

AND ITS STORIES

HOW IT HAPPENED

I WANTED to tell you before, how it all happened, but things kept rushing along so fast that I didn't have the time for more than just an occasional "happen," and so lest they get away from me again, I shall begin this edition with a recital of the history of some of those mines which have become world-famous. Many people—thousands of them in many lands—have a very personal interest in Cobalt mines, and would like to know something more about them than the amount at which they were capitalized.

THE MCKINLEY-DARRAGH MINE

"The very first" must be said of the McKinley-Darragh Mine. J. H. McKinley and Ernest Darragh found silver in August of 1903—one month before Fred. Larose found the "Larose," and two months before Tom Herbert discovered the "Nipissing." They had a tie contract with the T. and N.O. Railway, and were one day passing where men were blasting rock. They noticed the peculiar color, and the weight of some that they picked up made them think they had found something worth while. And when later they found "flakes of some sort of a mineral," they took it down to Ottawa and asked one of J. R. Booth's head men to help them get the claim (on which they