

ters from the Department show, and returned without consideration the affidavits which were offered in support of Mr. Green's claim:—

“March 16, 1906.

“Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 13th inst., with respect to “the application of Mr. W. J. Green, for the bed of Cobalt Lake, I have to say, that as the Department is not prepared “to consider Mr. Green's application, there would appear to “be nothing to gain by examining the evidence as to Mr. “Green's discovery.

“Yours very truly,

“THOS. W. GIBSON,

Director.

“Messrs. Clark, McPherson, Campbell & Jarvis,  
“Toronto, Ont.”

“March 22nd, 1906.

“Dear Sir,—

“I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th “inst. again enclosing the application and affidavits respecting the claim of Mr. W. J. Green on the bed of Cobalt Lake, “and am instructed by the Honourable the Minister of Lands “and Mines to return the same to you, and to repeat that Mr. “Green's claim is not one which can be entertained.

Yours very truly,

“THOS. W. GIBSON,

“Director.

“J. M. Clark, Esq., K.C.,  
“16 King Street, West,  
“Toronto.”

### **THE LAKE NOT WITHDRAWN AT THE TIME.**

THE EVENING TELEGRAM of April 5th reports the Honourable Mr. Foy as saying: “Everybody in Cobalt knew prior to that (Mr. Green's discovery), however, that the Lake was not open for prospecting and exploration.”

In THE EVENING NEWS of April 5th, the Attorney-General's words are reported as follows: “Because knowledge that the properties had been withdrawn was general in Cobalt at the time the discoveries were alleged to have been made.”

THE MAIL AND EMPIRE of April 6th, 1907, reports the Honourable Mr. Foy as having said: “These persons had alleged that they had made discoveries in ignorance of the Order-in-Council withdrawing the Lake from prospecting in spite of the fact that it was common knowledge in the whole district that prospecting was not allowed in the Lake.”

THE GLOBE reports Mr. Foy to have said: “Everybody in