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GOLD WAITING FOR LUCKY FINDER

Quartz Picked Up by George Giberson
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(St. John Standard)
New Brunswick has not been without its stories of gold deposits and perhaps the best known of these is the "Giberson Gold," for which several attempts at location have been made since the story first was told. The Standard is indebted to Mr. H. Craig for the following account of the first discovery, and the probable location of the deposit.

Mr. Craig says:
"I am inclined to the belief that the people of New Brunswick, and in fact, many other parts of the continent, would be interested in a true description of the Giberson Gold which was discovered on the Tobique by George Giberson about the year 1846. Many have tried in vain to find the spot, and it is said that men claimed to have found it within the past quarter-century, never went back to it, but the excitement which followed the finding of it resulted in mental derangement and that their days were ended in the Provincial Asylum.

I have the story as related to me by Mr. Andrew Doherty, at Little Falls, Minnesota, in the year 1891, and will here give to the public just as Mr. Doherty gave it to me, and as he said to me then, 'if it does not do you any good it may be a benefit to somebody else.' Mr. Andrew Doherty for many years lived on a farm at the mouth of Quaker Brook, on the Tobique, about 4 1/2 miles from Perth, and in about the year 1885 moved with his family to Little Falls, Minnesota. In 1891, I also moved to Minnesota, and took a position with the office of the Surveyor General, and it was while located at Little Falls I met Mr. Doherty.

This is his story: "George Giberson had a camp up Armstrong Brook about three quarters of a mile from its mouth. Armstrong Brook empties into River de Chute. He landed his logs at the mouth of Armstrong Brook, at which place he started his drive in the spring of 1846.

When the drive was started it was found that the water fell away and the logs jammed on the first ledge place down the stream which meant that the drive was hung up.
George Giberson then broke camp and with his brother and a man by the name of John Essington of Fredericton, started down the stream in a canoe, and when they arrived at the place where the logs had jammed they pulled the canoe around the jam, and instructed Essington to take the canoe down stream, and they were to meet at the Boat Landing, which is at the mouth of River de Chute. George Giberson and his brother were to walk across the country. If Essington reached the Boat Landing first he was to 'hold the kettle,' and if Giberson reached there first they would have a fire kindled ready for the boiling of the kettle. Essington, however, reached the Boat Landing ahead of the Gibersons, and the Gibersons came along, George threw a piece of

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quartz in the canoe, and Essington said, 'Where did you get that?' Giberson replied, 'Oh, I found it back there under the roots of a cedar tree.' They then paddled through to Andover. Giberson then lived on or near the very spot where Police Magistrate N. A. Hansen now resides in Andover. Giberson proceeded by steamboat to St. John to procure money and from his suppliers to pay off his men, and was taken down with typhoid fever and died before reaching home.

When George Giberson came down the Tobique bringing the piece of quartz to the attention of his wife, she asked him where he found it, and he replied, 'Oh, you would not know if I would tell you,' but she insisted on getting some information, which led to search being made some years later. About the year 1880, some parties who had been engaged in mining in Colorado, visited the Giberson home in Andover, and saw the piece of quartz being kicked about the house by the children, made some inquiries about it, and after examining the piece stated that it was better than anything seen in the West. This revelation of the value of the quartz was brought to the attention of Mr. George W. Murphy, late proprietor of the Murphy Hotel in Andover, and Mr. Henry Turner, another prominent resident of Andover at that time, and from that information they could get from Mrs. Giberson as to the location of the find, and their knowledge of the location of the Giberson camp in 1846 set out to find the spot, all the time keeping secret their movements, and being careful to not divulge any of the particulars concerning the information obtained from Mrs. Giberson. They made a diligent search, as they thought, at two or three different times, at intervals of a few months, and each time they failed to become connected with the proper point for investigation, and putting it as Mr. Trueman described it to Mr. Doherty in 1886, they got lost, and when I do so with all respect to both of them, for they were both good woodsmen, and must not be forgotten that about 14 or 15 years had elapsed before they made an attempt to search for the gold, and then again in those days the forest of the Tobique was dense and had been little explored.

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Turner finally abandoned their attempt towards further discovery, but kept silent, as to anything they may have discovered which might lead others to make investigation, and all the information remained with them until about 1888 when Mr. Turner left Andover and took up his residence in Little Falls, Minnesota, where he met his old friend and neighbor, Andrew Doherty to whom he imparted what knowledge he had of the location of the Giberson Gold, and in turn Mr. Doherty imparted the information to me in 1891, as before stated.

I may point out that I am a little acquainted with some of the points mentioned. Armstrong Brook as it was known in 1846 to 1860, is now known as Lindsey Brook, and empties into the River de Chute near the intersection of the North and South branches of that stream.

The Boat Landing referred to is about two miles up the main Wapakehegan river from the mouth of Owen Rock Brook, and right at the mouth of Owen Rock Brook a few rods below the mouth of River de Chute and Wapakehegan rivers, on the north side of the stream and is still very plain on the ground.

It is about five miles from Boat Landing to a point on the right-hand side of River de Chute, going up the stream to a place known as Boat Landing, which is also on the right-hand side of the stream going up. This is by the route of the old tote road, which has not been changed, much since the Giberson if me. After getting to Boat Landing, it is about two to two and a half miles to a point on Armstrong Brook, three-quarters of a mile up stream to the point where George Giberson had his camp in 1846. It is thought that the Gibersons took a course straight across country, traversing a hardwood ridge, on their way, because they mentioned crossing a hardwood ridge until they came to the tote road. It is thought, too, that in all probability, George Giberson must have picked up the piece of gold quartz very shortly after leaving Essington at the log jam, because he said that he had found the quartz in a point of rock under the roots of a cedar tree. This point of rock must have belonged to the same ledge which cropped out into the stream and caused the logs to jam.

As the years have gone by, quite a considerable search has been made for this Giberson gold, but the search has been only on the surface. If such a find had been made in the Klondike, Colorado, California, or some other far off place the earth would have been torn up in heaps and holes to locate it; but there has never been any real prospecting on the Tobique. The Shaw brothers came here from Snohomish, Wash., a few years ago and located a prospecting camp a few miles up the Wapakehegan, where they remained for a year or two, but it is evident they were not anywhere in the right place.

It may be noted that there is a mountain lying between Armstrong Brook and the head waters of the north branch of the Owen Rock Brook, and I may say that to my mind it looks quite feasible that the Gibersons operated on a tote road, following up the Owen Rock Brook, rather than the roundabout way of the River de Chute, and that in their journey across country they passed to the right of the mountain and to the head waters of Owen Rock on their way to meet Essington at the log jam. All these things must now be taken into consideration in any search which may hereafter be made for the Noted Giberson Gold.

CORONATION

Miss Phoebe Grant spent part of last week with her cousin, Miss Clara Bishop.
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Turner of Port Fairfield have rented Mr. J. Pearson's house and are moving in this week.
Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bishop and Clara

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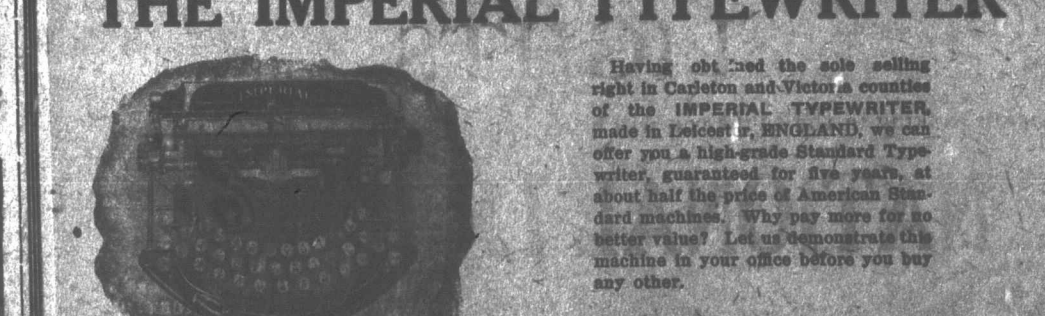
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