

with the winter road. This portion of the road is being made with low grades and suitable for tractors.

A railroad has been surveyed from Matane to Gaspé through the centre of the Peninsula, and the surveyed lines run within six (6) miles of the present zinc and lead development. A portion of this railroad has been built, but the remainder has been held up owing to the financial situation.

For a number of years, numerous stories had been circulated about discoveries of gold, copper, zinc and lead ores in the interior of the Gaspé Peninsula, and specimens of copper, zinc and lead had been exhibited as coming from said discoveries. These discoveries when investigated proved to be worthless until the year 1909 when several prospectors discovered lead and zinc float in large quantities on the side of a hill some fifty miles in a northerly direction from Cascapédia. The float, principally galena, as the sphalerite had been leached, was found to exist to the top of the hill and a slight but unsuccessful effort was made to locate the source of the float. These efforts were soon discontinued and no further effort was made until the following year (1910) when James McKinlay staked the hill and proceeded to search for veins. These efforts were only partially successful as far as the prospectors were concerned, as they paid particular attention to the soft rock (slates) and were adverse to disturbing the hard rocks which