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In order to rectify this anomaly the Central Canada Chamber of Mines has been organized, for there is no doubt whatever that the mines of Central Canada are greatly superior to any yet known in South Africa, both in extent, size of ore body, and grade of ore. The conditions and facilities for economical working are greatly in favor of Canada, both in respect to cost of labor, abundance of water power, cheapness of provisions, accessibility through regular railway communication in all directions, and the important fact that the reefs are payable almost from the surface, as has been abundantly proved by the few mines now working at the Lake of the Woods and other centres, where, with the most primitive appliances, highly encouraging results are even now being achieved.

The total white population of South Africa never exceeded 500,000 persons, the gold fields being distant and difficult of access. Compare this with the central position of Canada, with probably eighty millions of people on the American continent south of us, and about three hundred and fifty millions in Europe, all within ten days reach of the Central Canadian gold fields. Many of these (especially those who have made money through mining investments elsewhere) would undoubtedly invest, if they knew of the existence of these mines, a fractional percentage of which will suffice to place Canada on a satisfactory basis as a gold-producing centre, and cannot fail to prove advantageous to Canada as a whole, and the great expansion of population and commerce generally.

## EXTRACT FROM THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

### GOLD FIELDS.

The Gold Fields of Central Canada are very extensive, the quartz reefs being situated principally in the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, in the hilly region on the shores of the Lake of the Woods, also Lakes Manitoba and Winnipeg.

The ore bodies are large, clearly defined Fissure Veins, of Free Milling high grade ores and of great extent, covering some 350 by 150 miles in area.

In certain localities there are immense bodies of low grade ore, running up to 150 feet and over in width, at the surface, and of unknown depth, 5 to 10 dwts. per ton mill returns from trial crushings are common averages; these reefs could be worked as quarries at small cost, and should in the near future yield important results.

Unlimited water power is available throughout the whole district, fuel is plentiful, and other facilities are all that can be desired for extensive mining operations.

At present development is only in its infancy, but as the railway now passes through this region, important results are anticipated in the near future.

Some of the pioneer mines with primitive appliances, have proved highly productive, and the reefs increase in size, grade and uniformity as depth is attained.

### MINING.

Statistical information, relative to these gold fields, can be obtained from the monthly publications and statistics issued by the Central Canada Chamber of Mines, Winnipeg, Central Canada.