

Hundreds of gold mines, deep and profitable, have shown that gold is not a surface mineral, but follows copper, lead and other minerals to depths which, if not quite beyond reach, are inaccessible by ordinary working.

As the Canadian Geological Survey had for many years devoted much attention to the accumulation of the facts connected with gold mining in this Province, and had placed their work in the hands of Mr. E. R. Faribault, Geologist to the Survey, it has been deemed advisable to utilize the intimate knowledge this gentleman has acquired of our gold fields.

After procuring authority from the Legislature of Nova Scotia, Mr. Faribault, with the permission of the Director of the Canadian Geological Survey, has prepared a preliminary report. In this he presents the facts he has collected and given in fuller detail in the publications of the Survey, which show the presence of bodies of gold bearing quartz deeper than any hitherto mined.

In view of the importance of the subject of deep gold mining to the Province, this report of Mr. Faribault's is now printed for distribution among those interested in gold mining. It is believed that the facts and deductions presented by Mr. Faribault will be new and of interest to many, and to those familiar with his reports their presentation in a concentrated form will be of service.

The report is issued in the belief that it will assist companies and individual operators in considering the subject, and in arriving at a clear understanding of the localities best suited for deep sinking and for assistance on the part of your honourable Government.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours obediently,

E. GILPIN, JR.,

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