

Consolidated camp in good time, and were received heartily by Mr. J. R. Brown, a son of Winnipeg's city clerk, who is superintendent of the works. After refreshments, the party sat up chatting until the hour for rest, when weary bones found repose on buffalo robes stretched on the floor. We were up betimes next day, and, while awaiting the arrival of the Keewatin party, paid a visit to the closer of the two shafts being sunk by Mr. Brown. Having gained assurance from running an incline that he had located his shaft on the best spot, Mr. Brown began sinking in earnest, and as one is lowered by a rope down into the cavernous depths, if he be capable of thinking of anything else than his own safe arrival on the floor beneath, it is that Mr. Brown has been most industrious during the past two months. Without pretending to a specialist's erudition in mineralogy, your correspondent knows enough to enable him to say with confidence that the Winnipeg Consolidated have in this shaft a fine property. The footwall is excellent and the vein is wide, the pay streak being rich and well defined. The ore is decomposed and therefore will be easily worked by free milling. Exceptionally good pieces of ore will run away up into the hundreds when assayed; the average ore will assay \$100 to the ton, so that in milling a return of at least \$40 a ton may be calculated upon with certainty. The mine is well located, being only a few hundred yards from the beach, where I suppose the company intend to erect their stamp mill, which will at first be operated with fifteen stamps. A tramway from the mouth of the shaft to the mill can easily be constructed, timber strong enough for the purpose and for other mining needs being plentiful on the location. After the arrival of the Keewatin party early in the afternoon, they having lost two hours by wandering into the Pipe Stone narrows instead of holding to the left, so to make Big Stone, they were shown the closer of the two shafts first described, and the joint party proceeded inland for about half a mile to the upper shaft, which is being sunk under contract, the rate being \$15 a foot. The quartz in this shaft is a hard iron-grey ore, which carries gold and silver, assaying on an average over \$50 a ton. To treat this ore completely on the spot, would require the erection of over \$100,000 worth of machinery, so it is Mr. Brown's intention to concentrate and ship the ore. This will cost perhaps \$2 a ton, and will leave a very large margin for profit. There can be no possibility of doubt that in these two shafts the Winnipeg Consolidated have a fine property, on which mining can be carried on upon commercial princi-