

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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A number of large non-resident land owners of Iron County and other counties of the State of Michigan are refusing to pay taxes upon portions of their properties with the intention of allowing them to go back to the State of Michigan. This is the case principally with the properties where the timber has been harvested and the soil unfit for cultivation and thus undesirable for any purposes. The Township Supervisor must carry this land upon the tax roll year after year although there is no possibility of the tax ever being paid either to the Township or County Treasurer. A proposal before the Michigan Legislature would allow the Townships to deed back to the State any land that has remained tax delinquent for three years and put on the market at a uniform price of \$1.25 per acre. The proposal was passed by the Michigan State House but was killed by the Michigan State Senate.