

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

March 26, 1898

Agents for the Canal Company have been in the local area for several weeks looking over the company owned properties for any trespass that might have been committed during the past winter. As a result of their investigations criminal warrants were sworn out against some local area persons charging them with malicious trespass. In one case the Company is asking \$60 stumpage fees for the illegal cutting of 9,000 board feet of hemlock timber. In order to finance the building of a canal across the Keweenaw Peninsula from Portage Lake westerly to Lake Superior, the United States Government issued land grants totaling 450,000 acres to the canal builder, Portage Lake and Lake Superior Canal Company. Thousands of these acres were located in mostly Northwest Iron County. The canal was completed in 1873.

R.B. Webb has been appointed Crystal Falls Village Marshal by the new Village Council. "Brad" will make a husky marshal and we caution all law breakers to beware.