

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

September 30, 1948

As the rainless season has passed into the 15th consecutive day conservation personnel, sportsmen, electric utilities and virtually every resident of the area is justly alarmed. The woods are "bone dry" and with the upcoming opening of the bird hunting season, State of Michigan Officials are expected to issue an order prohibiting the use of fire by any person entering forests and woodlands. Due to lowest water levels ever recorded at the Crystal Falls Power Plant on the Paint River at the Falls Location, the City has had to purchase more than 50% of the power used by consumers.

An average Crystal Falls Family ate beef and pork steaks almost daily back in 1903. Beef Steak (\$.14/lb) Pork Steak (\$.16 /lb) coffee (4 lbs \$.50), Rice (3 lbs \$.24), cheese (\$.15 /lb), Half bushel potatoes (\$.40). When the consumer called upon Matt Hurja's Grocery Store (121 Superior) to settle their monthly food bill it was usually around \$11.00.