

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

August 20, 1898

The Iron County picnic at Chicagon Lake was one of the best affairs of its kind ever to be held in the County. An unfortunate feature of the day was the rain in the morning which kept many from attending until the afternoon. A total of 300+ people were on the grounds and the six boats providing tours of the lake was nowhere near enough to supply the demand. The new road recently built by Crystal Falls interests to the lake was very good and a large number of Crystal Falls citizens were conveyed to the grounds by the use of 19 Crystal Falls livery owners' teams donated for the occasion. Local businesses were closed on both sides of the County for the day so that their employees could attend the festivities.

The growing scarcity of speckled trout in area rivers may be attributed to the planting several thousand tiger-like pike fry a number of years ago by the State of Michigan. Local fishermen are speculating that it's only a matter of time before trout fishing becomes a "lost sport".