

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The Commissioner of Mineral Statistics has published a report on the current status of iron mining in the Crystal Falls area. Since the great panic of 1893 when all the mines suspended operations, only four mines are active at the present time. Crystal Falls Mine (T43N/R32W) Section 21. Production began in 1890 and shipped 95,210 tons of ore in 1897 and for all the years 152,093 tons. Columbia (aka Sheldon, Shafer, Union) (T43N/R32W) Section 31. Production began in 1882 shipped 35,623 tons in 1897 and a total of 470,039). Mansfield (T43N/R31W) Section 20. Production began in 1890 (37,182/244,138). Dunn (T42N/R33W) Section 1. Began production in 1887 (31,062/1,000,207). Hemlock (T44N/R33W) Section 4. Began production in 1891 (96,052/305,181). Most notable of the still idle mines are the Great Western (T43N/R32W) Section 21 which began production in 1882 and the Youngstown (T43N/R32W) Section 20 which began production in 1890.