

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Prospects are good at the George Mass exploration for iron ore located a half mile south of the Mansfield Mine. (Section 20, Lot 6, T43N/R31W). The drilling operations are centered about 150' west of the Michigamme River into the extension of the Mansfield Mine's Bessemer vein and can be plainly seen from the County Road. Drill results show clean ore at a depth from 117' to 194' with an average analysis of 62% iron and .51% phosphorous placing it well within the Bessemer limit. Maas along with his associates Casper Aberle, L.F. Johnson and Richard Wehse have named new site the Minnehaha Mine.

C.T. Roberts has secured an option for iron ore exploration on a forty adjoining the Crystal Falls Mine (SE1/4 of NE1/4, Section 21, T43N/R32W). The property (W1/2 of NW1/4, Sec 22, T43N/R32W) is located a short distance northeast of the Crystal Falls Mine which began operations 1890. Roberts is sinking a shaft directly opposite the Crystal Falls Mine open pit and has named the new venture the Hilltop Mine (aka Victoria).