

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

December 21, 1895

Mine production estimates for the year 1895 in the Crystal Falls District totaled only 209,000 tons from the four operating mines: Columbia (75,000), Crystal Falls (14,000), Dunn (90,000) and Mastodon (30,000). By way of comparison 521,131 tons was shipped in 1892 from twelve mines: Claire, Dunn, Great Western, Hollister, Hope, Lee Peck, Lamont, Lincoln, Mansfield, Mastodon, Paint River and Shafer(Columbia).

At a recent meeting of Menominee River drainage area timbermen a person of knowledge estimated that this year's harvest will total 350 million board feet. Fourteen established logging companies and a small number of independent jobbers will take to the woods this season as soon as conditions are favorable.

The recent thaw and subsequent frost is looked upon as a God-send by the youth of Crystal Falls. The Paint River "overflowed" and froze again and the glassy ice is enjoyed by crowds of skaters every evening.

As reported in an area newspaper, a couple of women narrowly escaped asphyxiation stating "when they awoke they were both unconscious". It is safe to say that if they had slept an hour or so longer they would have awoke and found themselves dead.

Mine Production 1895

ing a normal output. While we have been unable to secure figures from dock, the following is, within a small amount in each case, the output of the Crystal Falls field for the season just brought to a close:

Columbia.....	75,000
Dunn.....	90,000
Crystal Falls.....	14,000
Mastodon.....	30,000
Total	<u>209,000</u>

By way of comparison with the above, the following table of shipments from this district for the year 1892, that being the latest normal shipment from the district, may be of interest. During that year the Crystal Falls mines shipped as follows:

Claire.....	57,352
Dunn.....	133,666
Great Western.....	87,487
Hollister.....	1,021
Hope.....	15,543
Lee Peck.....	2,844
Lincoln.....	26,019
Mansfield.....	69,259
Mastodon.....	9,150
Lamont.....	42,819
Paint River.....	18,290
Shafer (Columbia).....	57,681
Total.....	<u>521,131</u>

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Kirby, Carpenter Co.....	80,550,000
L., W. & V. S. Co.....	20,000,000
Marinette Lumber Co.....	20,000,000
Menominee R. L. Co.....	18,000,000
Scofield, Arnold & Co.....	20,000,000
Sawyer, Goodman & Co.....	22,000,000
Henry Swart.....	10,000,000
Girard Lumber Co.....	20,000,000
A. Spies.....	5,000,000
R. C. Merryman Co.....	15,000,000
Hamilton & Merryman Co...	20,000,000
H. Witbeck Co.....	40,000,000
N. Ludington Co.....	30,000,000
Bay Shore Lumber Co.....	18,000,000
Sundry jobbers (about).....	12,000,000

Total for the district....350,000,000