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Dear Sir,

I beg to make the following report with regard to the recent minerals finds near Gow Ganda and Miller Lakes in the Montreal River District.

I left Latchford on Wednesday morning 30th. September accompanied by Mr. G. A. McCarthy and one canoe man. We reached Elk Lake on Wednesday and Gow Ganda on the 3rd. of October. On the 4th. instant we visited the following claims:- Mann & Ryan, Milne, Armstrong Fraction, Reeves & Dobie, Hull. These are all situated within a short distance of each other, on the west side of Gow Ganda Lake. The country rock on all of the above claims is diabase.

MANN & RYAN CLAIMS.

Silver was located on the four claims owned by these men early in August and was the first notable find of silver in this District. Their best showing consists of a vein opening to two and a half to three inches wide, two inches of which is very rich in silver for a short distance. The clay muck scraped off the surface of this vein was found to be very rich in wire silver on washing. No work has been done in the District as yet except

a little surface stripping.

MILNE CLAIM.

A little silver had been found in several narrow cracks on this claim before we visited it, but since that time I heard a very good silver showing has been opened up by some shots. This claim is directly east of, and adjoining the Mann & Ryan Claims.

ARMSTRONG FRACTION.

This is a small eight acre fraction to the south of the Milne Claim and to the east of one of Mann & Ryan's Claims. A few days previous to our visit a six inch vein had been opened up showing considerable bloom for about two and a half inches in length. One part of this vein, about three feet in length and two and a half inches thick, was literally filled with silver nuggets.

REEVES AND DOBIE CLAIMS.

Are situated a short distance to the south of the Mann & Ryan Claims, here considerable surface stripping has been done and several veins about an inch wide have been opened up with little silver nuggets here and there in them.

HULL CLAIM.

A massive niccolite vein varying in width from three to ten inches has been uncovered on this property for a length of several hundred feet.

Late in the afternoon of October 4th. we moved camp to the North end of Lake Gow Ganda. From this point we were able to visit the other claims we wished to see without changing camp.

The 5th. of October we visited the following claims:-
Cryderman, Bonsall, Blackburn, Gates, Barlow-Kilpatrick disputed
Claim.

CRYDERMAN CLAIMS.

Magnetite iron has been discovered on some of these
claims, but so far uncovered it is partly mixed with rock.

BONSALL CLAIMS.

These claims are situated to the south of Everett Lake.
Quite a number of finds have been located with good silver showings,
but they are seldom more than an inch in width. The country rock
is diabase.

BLACKBURN CLAIMS. *Miller*

These adjoin the Bonsall Claims to the south east. Several
small showings containing silver have been found in the diabase and
one vein, one to one and a half inches wide and rich in silver, has
been located in the conglomerate. This is noteworthy as being the
only silver bearing vein so far located in this district in the
conglomerate.

GATES CLAIMS.

Still further to the south towards Miller Lake are the
Gates Claims on which a number of one inch ^{veins} claims showing considerable
native silver on the surface have been located. To the north of
these claims lies the Barlow-Kilpatrick disputed claim. ~~Here~~ a large
vein of niccolite with a maximum width of 13 inches has been
uncovered several chains in length.

October 6th. we visited the LeRoy Claims near LeRoy Lake. Here considerable surface work is being done, and a force of 25 men is at work, but up to the time of my visit they only had a few scanty showings and nothing particularly noteworthy had been found.

Both Miller Lake and Gow Ganda finds have been so recently discovered that there has been no time as yet to do much work. The veins so far found which contains silver have been small, seldom more than an inch in width. The niccolite and smaltite veins that have been found contains little or no silver on the surface, but look very promising for development.

Considering the short time that has elapsed since the first finds were made the developments so far have been very satisfactory; the most promising district being on the west side of Lake Gow Ganda.

We left Gow Ganda on the morning of the 7th. and reached the town of Smythe on the afternoon of the 8th..

On Friday 9th. we visited the Downey Claim in James and the Downey-Lovel vein at Silver Lake and the Otisse Claims.

DOWNEY CLAIM IN JAMES.

This was the claim on which silver was discovered on the surface by one of the Inspector's at the time of my visit a year ago last June. This claim is now being operated by a Company, but development has not shown up much ore as yet.

DOWNEY-LOVEL DISPUTED VEIN.

Is an Aplite vein which was rich in silver from 15 to 20 feet in length and from two to six inches in width. It is now in litigation and not being worked.

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OTISSE CLAIM.

These claims have recently changed hands. A Company has been formed and stock has been placed on the market. Buildings to accommodate the men are rapidly nearing completion, but very little surface work is being done at present as most of the men are engaged in making preparations for the winter. The silver I had seen in the veins at my last visit had been taken out as show specimens, and as no new development work had been done the claim is now devoid of interest from the spectators point of view.

With the preparations now being made for the accommodation of a large number of workmen it is reasonable to suppose that interesting developments will occur within the next few months.

On Saturday the 10th. instant we reached Hatchford.

Yours very truly,

Mining Engineer.