

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The history of the Mansfield Mine is not yet written. As a producer of Bessemer iron ore, the most desirable class, it is quite probable that it has yet fairly begun. A recent discovery made at the site after the water from the Michigamme River was diverted into the newly constructed diversion channel revealed in the former river bed an indication of a possible ore body. Upon investigation Frank Scadden found six inches below the sand covering the old river bed a body of ore about 300' in length and 30' wide. Before further exploratory work could continue a sand bar formed at the mouth of the new channel and water backed up into the old river bed submerging the new discovery. A sample of the new ore deposit has been analyzed and is very rich with no other mine in this district producing ore that approaches it in volume of ore content. The work on constructing a dam to check the return of the water to the new channel is now well under way.