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DATA FOR THE POOL LOCATION REUNION JULY, 1988

J.D. Poole 1889 pioneer of the Vermillion Range came to the Mesabi Range and the Burt-Poole Mine.

Frank Hibbing discovered merchantable ore on what was known from the beginning as the Lake Superior Mine which eventually became known as the Burt-Poole Mine. This discovery was the first merch ore in the Hibbing District. It was also the first strip mine in the Hibbing District with the first shipment of ore made in 1895.

The Burt-Poole Mine (Lake Superior Mine) development was placed under the supervision of Captain Peter Mitchell in 1893 when the Rockefeller subsidiary, the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron Mines was formed, with W.J. Olcott becoming general manager of all the mines. In 1894 the Lake Superior - Burt Poole Mine was being developed for underground mining.

The Duluth Mesabi & Northern Railway Company reached Hibbing in the fall of 1893. There were several mines in the process of development but the Burt Poole was the first to ship ore out in 1895. By 1919 Burt-Poole Mine had yielded 16,347,691 tons of ore. By 1950 the Pool mine as it was now known as was listed as exhausted with its last shipment in 1941 yielding 44,810 ton and its over all total as 3,949,983. The mine was operated by the Oliver Iron Mining Company from 1903-1941. It is now included as part of Ontario Reserve (P-12) (taconite lease) in SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 36 Twp. 58 and Rg. 21. Wm. M. Tappan was General Superintendent and John McDowell Superintendent. It had grades 2-3 & 5 ores. Ray Nolan was listed as the director in 1950 of the Interests and State of Minnesota as fee owner. It is now part of the operation of the Hibbing Taconite Co. that is in operation today in the area of this site.

(Researched information taken from the Bulletin of the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology. Mining Directory of Minnesota 1950, by Henry H. Wade.)

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