

MINERS PROSPECT ON CUYUNA RANGE

Mesaba Drillmen Secure Option
on Tract and Will Begin
Operations Soon.

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BRAINERD, Minn., May 19.—That the attention of iron men on the Mesaba range is being turned to the new Cuyuna range is becoming more and more apparent every day. Among the latest to invade this section is a party which came down from Virginia yesterday. They are John Mesberg, Mose Shandling and H. O. Johnson, the latter being a member of the firm of Osterberg & Johnson, drill contractors. These gentlemen have secured an option on a tract in 15-45-30, the town of Daggett Brook, and will prospect the same at once. One drill will be shipped here immediately and will be ready for business, it is expected, by June 1.

The gentlemen feel confident that they have a good thing and will probably bring in more drills later.

Much land in this county is quietly changing hands, but in very few instances do the records show the consideration, and it is almost impossible to get accurate information as to the prices paid. Prices on city property are looking up sharply and all indications point to a big advance in real estate prices in Brainerd the coming year. It has been several years since there were as many residences erected as will be the case this year. The hotels are almost over-crowded with transients and all land offered for sale is quickly picked up, providing the mineral rights are not reserved.