



the point cannot be decided. It is stated that a good many years ago, a small quantity of ore was broken and shipped, but the quality was not up to expectation and the price was not satisfactory.

Some of the ore consists of psilomelane (hydrous oxide of manganese) with a botryoidal exterior with a coating of hematite.

Samples of broken ore were assayed by the Government Assayer with the following results:-

Iron.....	2.08	per cent
Manganese.....	34.50	" "
Silica.....	32.60	" "
Phosphorus.....	0.07	" "
Sulphur.....	0.15	" "
Moisture.....	0.75	" "

It is evidently a partial replacement of a siliceous rock, the silica content being excessive. The outcrop is of limited size and the available quantity is probably small, so that unless further work should prove greater quantities and higher grade ore, the deposit has no value.

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