

# Remembrance Day

NOVEMBER 11

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## Cobequid Gold Mine – Was it real?

By Hope Bridgewater

(In a previous article (see page 10) I wrote about the Wentworth Copper Mine, 1901-1904. Here's the second installment, about a "Cobequid Gold Mine", as told to me by a friend).

The second mining story has far fewer facts to back it up. One man known for having ESP (extra-sensory perception) used to predict the future and some of his predictions did come true. He predicted gold would be found in

this area of the Cobequid Mountains, but he would not say where it would be located. Recently a man, who does not wish me to use his name, sent me a report about his experience at ten years of age about going to a gold mine in the Wentworth area or near-by Sutherland Lake area. I quote sections of his report: "On the one weekend my parents were away, the sitters took us up to what I thought was Sutherland Lake....We walked along the brook for some dis-

tant to a point where we could hear not just a babbling brook, but an actual roar of water.

I recall the roar because loud noises scared me as a child. ...As we moved closer to the roar, we reached a point where the brook emptied into an old mine shaft that ran beneath a hill on the mountainside. On the side away from the cupped entrance was a very heavy wooden door with heavy much rusted chains and padlocks. The hill, being rather low and the interest and excitement rather high, we proceeded to scale the hill, following the sound of the brook to where it exited its underground portion.

The distance wasn't that great...At the brook's exit, there was an old not very well kept cabin on a small, flat piece of land adjacent to the brook and not far from the deep indentation in the rock, where the brook exited.

The rock face on this side had a much larger cut-out than was seen on the other side of the hill and under its protective overhang was a wine red ...sign hanging from two supports at only one end. The sign was very faded, but had the name etched deeply into the thick planking, making the name mostly visible and part of a date starting with "18." I recall our sitter reading the name, "Cobequid Gold Mine."

I think he was as excited about the find as we were. We spent a bit of time there, but soon had to leave to get back to our picnic which would have been ready for us to eat. The impression left by that sighting has always stayed with me and my sister.

Once I grew up and had a car, I went along with a friend to try and find this mine...We did find a spot that fit the description of the brook exit spot. Unfortunately, the area was fenced and had large "No

trespassing" signs posted along it...Soon after, I left Nova Scotia to work in Toronto and remained there until my recent retirement. Now that I'm retired, ...one item was to search out that old mine. ...One gentleman I contacted seemed to recall hearing of such a mine that was destroyed during road construction...He did, however, find a "Cobequid Mine" near Farmington...He, myself and another person went up to that area to find that mine. It was not far from a brook, but not on a brook...it had been ...securely blocked and sealed with heavy timbers and earth...It was not the mine I so clearly remember...some memories are indelible and that's why my search remains on my "to do" list...Perhaps one day someone will stumble on someone who has heard of or seen the mysterious mine."

Thanks for the report and the interest in finding out more about this "Cobequid Gold Mine."



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Oz Ingraham, center, from PYE Chevrolet passes the keys to a new 2016 GMC vehicle purchased by OBFB. Greg Muise, chief is on the left while Deputy McKay receives the keys. (Rees Photo)

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