

**1996.** Ontonagon. Lake Mine(?). **Consolidated Copper Syndicate.** Issued to J. R. Thomson for one interest, cert #21, 1881. Signed by Rob. B. Van Vleck secretary. No vignette. Black border. Cancelled by red ink that states "New York, June 9, 1885." Delivered and received on account of the interest represented by this certificate sixteen hundred (1600) shares stock of the Grand Belt Copper Company." Signed by Raymond Thomson and Rob B. Van Vleck Secy. Printer - American Bank Note. 6 x 9. Minimal wear at fold creases. A few small black spots at top edge near left corner. We could not find direct information about this company. There were a series a mines known as the Belt. Lawton, 1888, reports that all the mines in these districts were terrible failures. Mostly, these mine locations were part of stock swindles especially those in England. There is probably a connection there, we just can't nail it. Extremely fine. Est. \$50-150



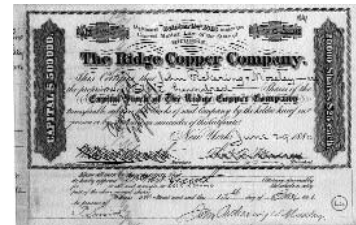
**1997.** Ontonagon. Lake Mine. **Algomah Mining Co.** Incorporated in Michigan 1910. Issued to Ralph Paoli for 100 shares, cert #A3214, in 19xx (not dated by transfer agent). Signed by Stephen R. Dow president and L. Wyman secretary. Vignette of four miners operating various pneumatic drills underground. Brown border and underprint. Printer - Franklin Lee Bank Note Co. 8 x 11. The company owned outright 480 acres adjoining the Lake Mine which was paid for with 60,000 shares of company stock. There were 10,000 shares sold to the public. The property was acquired from a company of the same name that had "negative" results. Test ore from the shaft assayed at 24%. Before, 1914, much of the work done on the property was exploratory with only test ore being shipped. By 1918, the property was looked upon very favorably, but still just a prospect (Mines Handbook, 1918, p. 830-31). Left and right edges trimmed tight. Fold creases. Very fine. Est. \$25-75

**1998.** Ontonagon. Lake Mine. **Bohemia Mining Co.** Incorporated in Michigan 1910. Issued to Hilda Huddleston for 25 shares, cert #372, in 1910. Signed by C. S. Louis vice president and R. H. Gross treasurer. Green border and safety print. Uncancelled. Printer - American Bank Note Co, NY. 7 x 10. *Temporary Certificate* printed at top of certificate. Owned 960 acres formerly known as the Piscataqua then as the Henwood. The company was drilling in 1910, but suspended work in 1911. In the 1917 annual report, the company claimed to have \$130,000 in cash and hoped that development work would resume soon. (Mines Handbook, 1918, p.834). Extremely fine. Est. \$50-150



**1999.** Ontonagon. Lake Mine. **Lake Copper Co.** Incorporated in Michigan 1905. Issued to Bright, Sears & Co. for 8 shares, cert #29401, in 1922. Signed by Wm Abrams president and R. H. Gross secretary. Vignette at top center of seated woman with several miners working behind her. Thick green border, seal and underprint. Cancelled by rubber stamp and star shaped hole punches through signatures. Printer - Republic Bank Note, Pittsburgh. 8 x 11. The company owned 2,010 acres with a 1,500' incline shaft and about 3500' of workings. Between 1913 and 191, total copper production was 6.83 million pounds of copper. However, the company was idle from 1919. The property was still considered promising and the management was well thought of (Mines Handbook, 1926, p.965). Very fine. Est. \$25-75

**2000.** Ontonagon. Mass. **Ridge Copper Co.** Incorporated in Michigan 1863. Issued to John Pickering & Moseley for 100 shares, cert #1285, in 1880. Signed by Thos F. Mason president and illegible secretary. No vignette. Black border and print. Cancelled by pen marks over signatures and black pen. Printer - J. J. Bloomfield Stationer. 6 x 9. Stub glued at left edge. The company owned the Ridge Mine which was first worked in 1855. Lawton reports (1887, p.154-158) that the company produced 87,000 pounds of copper ingot and was a quite large operation "for an Ontonagon Mine". By 1910, the company's stock was almost entirely owned by the Mass Consolidated MC. Ridge Copper was in the process of liquidating assets, paying off bills and transferring all property to the Mass Cons (Mines Handbook, 1910, p.1479). Foxing along bottom edge. Very fine. Est. \$100-300

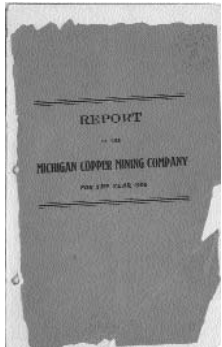


**2001.** Ontonagon. Mass. **Ridge Copper Co.** Incorporated in Michigan 1863. Issued to J. C. Watson for 100 shares, cert #1390, in 1880. Signed by Thos. F. Mason president and W. Clark Smith secretary. No vignette. Black border and print. Cancelled by purple pen of same and markings through signatures. Printer - J. J. Bloomfield Stationers, NY. 6 x 9. Stub attached not torn off, probably this certificate was written up, then cancelled and another certificate re-issued. See lot above for the story. Extremely fine. Est. \$100-300

**2002.** Ontonagon. Ontonagon. **Ontonagon Town Site Co.** Incorporated in Michigan. Unissued. Unsigned. Red border with black print. Printer - Ontonagon Herald Print. 6 x 9. This company was probably in the business of selling lots within Ontonagon. Near Mint. Est. \$50-150



**2003.** Ontonagon. Rockland. **Michigan Copper Co.** Incorporated in Michigan. Issued to Mary Burne for 30 shares, cert #F2179, in 1907. Signed by Gay as president and Wheeler Handley as secretary. Vignette at bottom center of two miners double jacking underground. Fancy masthead. Brownish red border and underprint. Cancelled by red rubber stamp on front and "D" shaped hole punches through signature lines and other shaped hole punches. Printer - International Banknote Co, NY. 7 x 11. Four assessment stamps on reverse. The company owned 4,870 acres including the Minnesota, Rockland and Superior mines. The Superior mine produced 567,331 pounds of copper between 1856-1879. The Rockland produced 6.2 million pounds of copper between 1853-70. And the Minnesota mine, between 1847-1870, produced nearly 35 million pounds. There were three main shafts, between 1200 and 1400 feet deep. In 1909, the mine closed and was leased out until 1913, when all work stopped. In 1915, the mine reopened under the company's control with exploratory work discovered moderate to very good ore. The company owned two mills, one known as the Mass mill and the other was under construction located on the shores of Keweenaw Bay. As of 1918, this mill was not complete, requiring only minor investment to finish the project (Mines Handbook, 1918, p.889-890). Right edge shows some wear. Very fine. Est. \$50-150



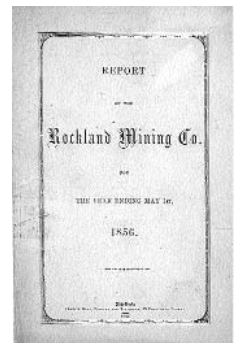
**2004.** Ontonagon. Rockland. **Michigan Copper Mining Co. Annual Reports for 1906-09** (Lot of 4 pieces). Incorporated in Michigan 1899. The Michigan Copper MC was a very successful operation that controlled nearly 6700 acres by 1910 of which 4800 acres were mineral lands, 1500 timber and a 150 acre mill site. As reported in the Copper Handbook (1910) production between 1906-1910 yielded nearly 11 million pounds of copper but "the mine has proven a disappointment..." (p. 1166). Printer - C. H. Clayton. The early edition has the front and rear covers, but they are detached. The other three editions are missing their covers. Wilson & Dyl (1992) report, "The most productive amygdaloid lode in the Copper Country, the Kearsarge was discovered in 1874 and first opened by the Wolverine mine in 1882. The Wolverine Mining Company became the Wolverine Copper Mining Company in 1890 and was absorbed by the Mohawk Mining Company in 1923. the Wolverine Copper Mining Company operated four shafts on the Kearsarge lode and an exploratory shaft on the Osceola lode to the west." Mohawk Mining Company closed the Wolverine mine in 1925. Fine to very fine. Est. \$150-300

**2005.** Ontonagon. Rockland. **National Mining Co.** Incorporated in Michigan. Unissued. Unsigned. Cert #B98. Vignette at top center of a spread winged eagle clutching branches atop crag. Smaller vignette at bottom center of the Michigan State Seal. Bright red ornate border and red underprint. Cancelled by hole punches of same along left edge. Printer - Republican Bank Note, Pittsburgh, PA. 8 x 11. The first work was done in 1848 and continued nearly uninterrupted until 1871. The company resumed work in 1880. In the mid 1880's, a lawsuit between the National and the Minnesota companies regarding the ownership of rich ore ground. The National won the case. In 1888-89, the National purchased the property of the Minnesota ending the controversy around the case (Lawton, 1888, p.205-06). The company was idle from 1893 on. Sometime in the late 1910's, the company sold the Minnesota property to the Michigan Copper Mining Co. (Mines Handbook, 1925, p.1058). Mint. Est. \$50-100



**2006.** Ontonagon. Rockland. **National Mining Co.** Incorporated in Michigan. Unissued. Unsigned. Cert #B104. Vignette at top center of a spread winged eagle clutching branches atop crag. Smaller vignette at bottom center of the Michigan State Seal. Bright red ornate border and red underprint. Cancelled by hole punches of same along left edge. Printer - Republican Bank Note, Pittsburgh, PA. 8 x 11. See lot above for the story. Mint. Est. \$50-100

**2007.** Ontonagon. Rockland. **Rockland Mining Co. Annual Report 1856.** Incorporated in Michigan 1853. The company formed with the purchase of mineral lands adjacent to the infamous Minnesota mines with the hopes of the success of that mine. In 1855-56, a stamp mill was erected and production was near 280,000 pounds of copper ingot worth \$68,000. Unfortunately, that year production costs were over \$85,000. This trend continued for the Rockland MC and in 1870 the company shut down (Wright, 1880). Printer - Francis Wright. 6 x 9. Extremely fine. Est. \$300-600



**2008.** Ontonagon. Vulcan. **Vulcan Mining Co of New Jersey.** Issued to James F. Cooke for 10 shares, cert #170, in 1848. Signed by Orren Hutchinson and William Clark Trustees and R. H. Shannon secretary. Three vignettes along left edge of allegorical woman with different animals. Vignette at top center of a seated man with wrap around the waist. Small vignette at bottom of farm tools. Black border. Uncancelled. Printer - Engd by J. Meignelle, NY. 5 x 8.5. The Vulcan Mining Co is listed in the Mines Handbook, 1918, as obsolete. It states, "Operated, 1848, on War Dept. lease No. 98, in Ontonagon Co, Mich." Lawton (1888, p. 94-98) describes two mines with the name Vulcan located in the Menominee Range. However, from his write-ups, it appears production in this district did not begin until the late 1870's. Trimmed tight all around. Extremely fine. Est. \$400-700

