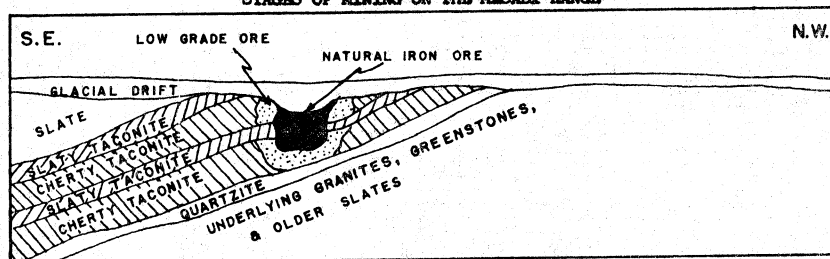
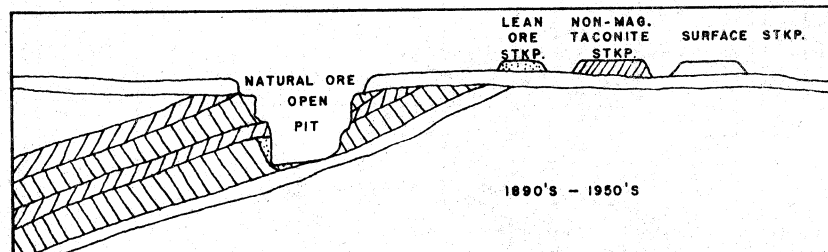


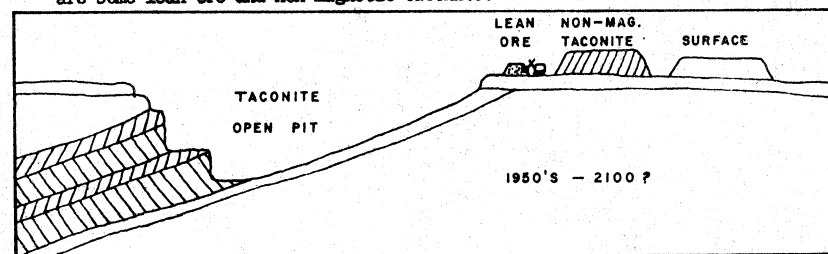
STAGES OF MINING ON THE MESABI RANGE



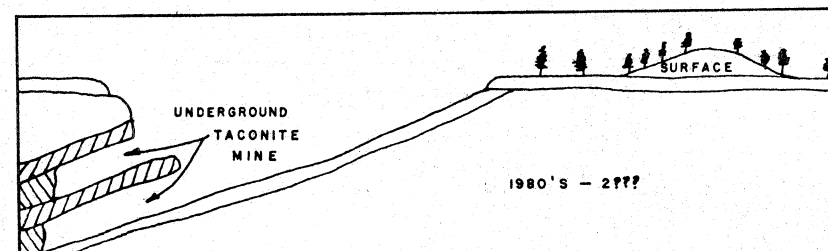
1. A cross section of the Mesabi Range, showing the relationship of natural ore, low grade ore, and taconite.



2. Early open pit mining resulted in the stripping of the drift (surface stockpile) and removal of the natural ore and most of the lean ore. Also stocked are some lean ore and non-magnetic taconite.



3. Later, open pit mining of taconite results in larger surface and non-magnetic taconite stockpiles.



4. Future underground taconite mining and use of non-magnetic taconite. Note that the non-magnetic taconite stockpile has been removed and processed.

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I recognize Senator Allott of Colorado.

Senaor ALLOTT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am very happy to be here today and to have the opportunity to introduce Mr. Richard T. Eckles to this committee.