People, Places, Events

E.W. Davis discovered taconite process.

Cuyuna Range settled

Merritt Brothers discover Mesabi Range.

Soudan Mine opened

Peter Mitchell discovered taconite.

Mesabi Range settled.

George Stuntz

Vermilion Range settled.

Dean Applebee

First pellet production by Mesabi Iron

Frank Hibbing

High-grade ore depleted.

Eight taconite plants operating

Reserve Mine opened.

Increased demand because of WWII

First shipment of iron ore from Minnesota’s Vermillion Range

Taconite amendment to the Minnesota Constitution pledges fair taxation of the taconite industry.

Minnesota taconite industry expands to an annual pellet production capability of 65 million tons.

Butler Taconite in Nashwauk closes permanently after producing 40.5 million tons over the course of 18 years.

LTV Steel Mining in Hoyt Lakes closes.

The first three quarters of 2008 see all time value and production of steel and iron ore, but one month later production drops due to the economy.

Essar Steel Minnesota breaks ground for a new direct reduced iron plant near Nashwauk.

For the first time, though short lived, no mines are operating on Minnesota’s Iron Range for more than two weeks.

Mesabi Nugget commercially produces world’s first high-grade iron nuggets using ITmk3 process.

Dates

1865

1880

1882

1884

1890s

1892

1904

1910

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1913

1944

1950-52

1954

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1964

1970s

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