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## Canada's Mining Industry

# Protest New Recording Fees

New Vein Discovered on McKinley-Darragh is Developing.—  
Mining Plant Being Installed on Bidgood Property in  
Kirkland Lake District

BY OUR TORONTO CORRESPONDENT.

Three cars of ore were shipped out by the Coniagas Mine during the week consigned to the Coniagas reduction works at Thorold. The total ore contained in the three cars amounted to 194,458 tons. During the past two or three weeks practically no bullion has been shipped from the mines of Northern Ontario. The reason for this is attributed to the slight decline in quotations from commercial bar silver. With the mines operating at full capacity, and with scarcely any refined silver being sent out, the vaults are being rapidly refilled and another upward move in quotations is looked for.

The Eastern Mining and Milling Company at Eastman, Que., near Sherbrooke is making good progress on their property. The company is said to be treating about 140 tons of ore daily and the net earnings are showing up well.

According to advices from Haileybury the prospectors of that district do not take kindly to the proposed amendments to the Mines Act by which it is proposed by the Ontario Minister of Mines, to change the recording fees. It is pointed out that as matters stand under the present act the cost of recording each 40-acre claim is \$10. The proposed amendment would reduce the fee to \$5 to those staking their own claims, but would increase to \$15 the fee where claims were staked on behalf of another license holder. In this way, it is pointed out by prospectors, a real hardship would be created, for the reason that partners frequently travel to different districts and stake on behalf of each other. Many of the workmen, also, send out prospectors on a "grub-stake" during the summer months to stake claims on their behalf and under the new proposition the syndicate of workmen would have to pay, for recording the claim, \$15 each for the privilege. This phase of the matter is being brought to the attention of the Ontario Minister of Mines.

The new vein which was discovered on the McKinley-Darragh shortly after the ore reserve estimate for the year had been made up, is developing into a valuable source of ore. This new vein found at the 350-foot level, has already been drifted on for a distance of 125 feet. Another promising feature is that there is still some ground in the vicinity of the vein to be explored and there are hopes of more discoveries. All tailings from the mine ore are now being treated by oil flotation plant in the main mill, which handled part of the tailings from the mine ore.

The directors of the Dome Mines, Limited, have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2½ per cent., payable April 30th to shareholders of record April 1st.

A mining plant is being installed on the Bidgood property in the north-east section of the Kirkland Lake district and should be ready to operate in a short time. A compressor, with a capacity of three drills is included in the equipment and a shaft on the property is now down below the 20-foot mark. This will be carried to 100 feet and a level cut at this point. It is then the intention to do lateral work on the vein which shows a width of about 25 feet on the surface. The property is situated in the vicinity of Mud Lake, about three miles from the Tough-Oakes. The Kirkland-Munroe mine, which adjoins the

Bidgood, is also likely to start aggressive development work this spring.

According to the Mining Digest, published by F. C. Sutherland and Co., Toronto, the work of installing the mining plant at the Herrick Gold Mines is in full swing and rapid progress is being made. It is thought that the plant will be ready to operate within two weeks. Arrangements are now being made to continue shaft-sinking and with plenty of power available, the shaft should go down at the rate of four feet a day. The shaft is already down 60 feet.

Within the next few days it is expected that Porcupine Crown will again be on a regular producing basis. Milling operations should be well under way within a week or two. While the capacity of the mill is about 140 tons daily, it is not likely that full production can be obtained for a few weeks at least. However, as at least one-half year's milling requirements is said to be contained in broken ore, it should not take the mine long to arrive at a very substantial production.

Cross-cutting at the 150-foot level on the Canadian-Kirkland is being carried on by the Crown Reserve of Cobalt, which is developing the property. The cross-cut is being protected with the idea of encountering the extension of the vein which the shaft has already followed to a depth of 80 feet, and is reported to be carrying satisfactory values.

A silver content of several thousand ounces to the ton is shown in samples of ore just brought out from the Kelts property in Corkhill township, in the Elk Lake district. It is stated that this ore comes from a point close to the 100-foot level and it is one of a series of four veins. The property is equipped with a small mining plant and is owned by American interests.

Official figures indicate that during the year ending December 31st. last the Teck-Hughes Gold Mines produced \$169,590.41 from 18,387 tons of ore treated. The mill heads averaged \$10 a ton, from which approximately \$9.22 a ton was recovered. The figures would appear to indicate that the company has reached a point where the operation of the property promises reasonable profit to its operators.

Captain Bruce Bairnsfather, the noted English cartoonist has become associated with a mining syndicate which owns large properties in the Seseikinika gold area, near Kirkland Lake. The Better 'Ole Mining Syndicate is the name of the new organization and its object is to develop a group of mining claims in the township of Maisonneville. The syndicate is capitalized at \$100,000.

The John Palmer Co., Ltd., at Fredericton, N. B., said to be the oldest oil tanned footwear concern in Canada, is enlarging its plant. The city council has arranged to provide the plant with water at 10 cents per thousand gallons.

The Amherst, N. S. branch of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company has received an order for five hundred refrigerator cars. Work is being started at once and the order will ensure work at the plant all summer.