

DELAYS BRITAINING NORTHEAST RESIDENTS

Department of Mines Are Seemingly Putting a Rope on the Neck of Progress.

GOWGANDA, Mar. 20.—(From the Recorder on the Trail.)—People having business to transact up here in connection with mining deals are becoming irritated at the unaccountable delay on the part of the responsible department, to establish a recorder's office.

The time is getting well on towards the break-up of the season, and the various things which will be tied up by the laws of nature when the snows melt and river routes will be impassable for three weeks' time anyway. The consequence is an increasing number of prospectors from the adjoining districts, such as Duncan Lake, Shining Tree Lake and other points where splendid fields of silver are being reported.

The following petition to the minister of mines has been circulated among the people here and at the various camps, such as the Bartlett, O'Kelleys, Mun, Boyd-Gordon and others, with the result that over 500 signatures were easily secured and twice that number are expected on petitions still on the road. It speaks for itself.

To the Honorable Frank Cochrane, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines: The petition of the undersigned prospectors, claimholders and mine owners located at and in the vicinity of Gowganda, humbly sheweth: That the delay in the arrival of the recorder for the mining division of Gowganda not only renders the transaction of business with the recording office difficult and unsatisfactory, but also inflicts upon the very large number of people having business to transact with the recorder real hardship and great expense.

That under present conditions a journey to and from Elk Lake is necessary for even the most trifling business and results in the loss of three or four days in time and from \$20 to \$25 in cash to each person who is forced to make the journey.

That this loss of time and expenditure of money is a very serious matter to a great many of those engaged in developing the claims and in doing the prescribed assessment work upon them and who can ill afford, at this time or money resulting from the absence of the recorder.

That in many other ways the absence of the recorder is extremely detrimental to the community and should be remedied at the first possible moment.

Your petitioners believe it to be the desire and aim of your department to encourage and assist the development of the mining division of Gowganda and they know that transferring the records to the books of the new mining division involves considerable work and that this work has begun, and in the opinion of your petitioners this is a longer and more costly method than necessary to effect the transfer.

That your petitioners would further point out that, if the delay in the transfer of the records, such business could be suspended for the few days necessary and an extension in the computation of time under the Mining Act in reference to the claims thereby affected.

That there are many buildings in Gowganda available immediately for a recording office and many of them quite as satisfactory as if built for that express purpose.

That your petitioners are confident that had the very unsatisfactory condition of affairs been brought to the attention of the honorable the minister of lands, forests and mines more promptly, it would have been remedied and the mining community, concerted action to make known their grievances has been delayed.

Your petitioners do therefore pray that the recorder's office be established here with as little delay as possible, in temporary quarters if necessary, and should the work of transferring the records not be completed, that steps be taken to hasten the work.

OTISSE DEVELOPMENT SHOWS HIGH-GRADE ORE

Plant is in Position and Boilers Ready for Steam—General Manager's Plans.

"If the splendid results being obtained on the Otisse mine at Silver Lake is any criterion, it offers every encouragement for favorable development on the Gowganda ridge and Miller and Everett Lake district," said Mr. H. P. Davis of Cobalt, who was in the city yesterday after visiting this celebrated property.

"I estimated," said Mr. Davis, "that \$500,000 a month is being expended on supplies and transportation of supplies into the new district. If one-half of this amount goes into conscientious and well directed development, splendid results should be secured. The plant on the Otisse, has been installed and will be in operation in a few days. The boiler-house, which contains two large steam boilers, is one of the most conspicuous in that part of the country.

"I was very favorably impressed with what has been done on the Otisse, and extensive mineralization which prospecting has disclosed. When Mr. Loring, the well-known engineer, has been working on the Otisse, twenty veins had been discovered. His policy is to sink the shaft at the engine-house and crosscut at a depth of one hundred feet below the surface, which is uniformly east and west. The site for shaft No. 1 is in line with the engine-house and was sunk on a small stringer of calcite, which showed no silver values at the surface. Gradually this vein increased in width and values, until at a depth of 55 feet it is from four to six inches wide and contains pay ore. The vein are two or three inches of calcite and silver and the balance contains smallite, niccolite and silver. The veins on both sides are about equal at the present depth compared with high-grade ore in the Cobalt district.

"At a depth of 100 feet the crosscut will be run south towards shaft No. 2, and will intersect four veins in which high silver values were located on the surface. The favorable development which this vein gives every reason to believe that a number, if not all of these, will develop bodies of high-grade ore. The results obtained on the Otisse, to say the least, offer the best pledge that similar results will be obtained by development at Gowganda.

"The newspaper accounts of the mining country during the past few months have centered very largely around Gowganda Lake, and the Miller and Everett Lake district have been more or less neglected. The geological formation in the Miller and Everett Lake district is almost identical with that of the Otisse, and the veins are considered stronger and more definite than at any other point further west. The more prominent veins are the Otisse, the general conditions bear remarkable similarity to the vicinity of Cobalt. The Otisse mine, a fact which is borne out by comparison between Prof. Miller's geological map of the Cobalt district and the geological map of the Otisse mine made by Dr. Barlow and his associates.

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MET FIVE BOILERS ON ROAD TO SILVER

Also Saw Three Others Ready to Be Forwarded—Mining Development in North Country.

"On the road between Elk City and Charlton we met five boilers going into the mines. We also saw three other boilers ready to be forwarded."

This significant statement on the development which is proceeding in the new mining camps was made by J. B. Tyrrell, M.A., the well-known mining engineer, who returned from Elk City yesterday.

"The most extraordinary thing I saw on this trip was the loads of lumber going from Elk City to Gowganda, and to put it briefly, lumber going from cleared country into the bush.

"Elk City," he said, "is at present a great centre of traffic, being a sort of division point, or the traffic which is moving east and west.

"The hotels are doing a big business. A rooming house has been opened, which provides separate rooms and clean beds for \$1 per night. It is said that they refuse accommodation to people coming out from Gowganda, as they are afraid of the cleanliness of the place. The place is filled to the limit tonight, no meals are served.

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