

Canada's Mining Industry

Nipissing Mines Had Promising Year

The deal for the Miller Lake-Everett property in the Gowganda district is said to be progressing with fair prospects of being closed. It is stated that the Kilpatrick property may also be included in the transaction. The purchasers are both Montreal and Toronto men, among them being mentioned Sir Henry Pellatt of Toronto. The sale of the Dodds property at Leroy Lake is also officially stated to be in the final stage of consummation.

Up to the end of 1919 the Gowganda district produced a total of upwards of 5,500,000 ounces of silver, the most of which has been taken from the Miller Lake-O'Brien claim. At present more than a score of properties are being explored and developed and in these Montreal interests are taking a prominent part.

Not only did Nipissing mines produce over 3,100,000 ounces of silver during 1919, but new discoveries of the first importance were made. The opening up of new high grade ore bodies was reported first in March and during subsequent months these were steadily developed. These ore bodies over good widths averaged from 1,000 ozs. to as high as 7,000 ounces to the ton and will add several million ounces to the mine's ore reserves. In fact sufficient ore was opened up in 1919 to make up for that year's production. The

December report, which showed production of 423,129 ounces has the following comment to make regarding developments:—

"Development work on vein 109 at the level 90 feet below the tunnel is giving good results. Two raises show from 1 to 2 inches of ore assaying as high as 4,000 ounces. Vein 99 was also encountered at the lower level. At the present time the vein is low grade, but the rock assay sufficiently high to be sent to the low grade mill."

President F. L. Culver, of the Beaver Consolidated Mines, Limited, has just returned from a trip to the north country where he inspected the Beaver and Kirkland Lake properties. At the Kirkland Lake mine the volume of rich ore in which exploration has recently been taking place has been found to be considerably larger than was previously known. This was ascertained through further drifting on the fourth and fifth levels and the work will be continued on the sixth level probably this week and on the seventh level next week. The ore body is said to be very promising. Encouraging results have also followed development work at the Beaver mine where some very good indications were found in virgin ground at the 530-foot level, where some springers were followed which have developed into a body of mill ore from 6 to 10 feet wide

Review of the Newest Books

By H. S. ROSS.

LABOR IN THE CHANGING WORLD. By Professor R. M. MacIver of Toronto University. E. P. Dutton & Company, New York, and J. M. Dent & Sons, Toronto.

Here is a book worth while. Recognizing that the world war has shaken the foundations of own social system, and that the attitude of labor towards the social complex has changed and will continue to change, the author outlines the outstanding principles on which the consequent reconstruction of society must rest that new order and not blind chaos may result.

This is a sensible book, an intelligent book and a courageous one. The author notes all the difficulties and dangers and does not write smooth and comforting generalities. And now when good sense and courage are needed, in the face of the spirit of revolt so general, this book stands out as a piece of sane comment and constructive suggestion which will prove valuable and stimulating alike to laborer and employer.

The central question discussed is the place of labor in the industrial system. "But what is the conclusion? that workers, in the situation of employers, would be less grasping? Or that employers would be more industrious and 'loyal' if put in the place of working men? Of course not. For it is the difference in situation that evokes the difference in character. Change the system, and beyond doubt you also change the thoughts of men. Wherever it is practicable to remould the system to express a new ideal, it is certain that you thereby perpetuate that ideal. Those who believe in a new order must seize the perhaps brief time of opportunity. They must proclaim alike an ideal and a practical way of its attainment.

"The root of industrial evil is the present wage-system. The ideal towards which we must strive is some more co-operative order of production within which there at length remains as we now understand these terms, neither "Capitalism" nor "Wagery," neither wanton upliftedness nor hazardous dependence, neither prodigal waste nor

sheer degrading poverty. Thus roughly stated, the ideal doubtless suggests revolution. All ideals do, or else they remain forever ideals. But revolution as a result and not a means, revolution as the significance of a new order duly established by intelligent process, not the blind catastrophe of despair. Perhaps fate offers us finally the choice between these two.

"What is to be feared for America is that the apathy of the majority and the narrow domination of a plutocracy owning unprecedented power may, while repressing the constructive spirit, provoke yet further in the subject ranks of labor the spirit of anarchy and overthrow. Thus America which already, for all its magnificent opportunities, is laggard in the movement of industrial progress, may prove that nowhere is it so hard to change an old order as in a new world."

THE FREE CITY. By Borick White, author of "The Call of the Carpenter;" "The Carpenter and the Rich Man." Moffat, Yard & Company, New York.

In these days of serious discussion of the different methods and forms of government, when the errors of two thousand years are sought to be untangled, this is a book well worth the reading.

Here is contrasted the advantages of home rule—self determination—in municipal governments with the evils of centralization. Municipality is human perfection, because it is the human total contends the author, and municipal sense is common sense.

"Government is a group of people managing their affairs in common. Self-government is the one foundation on which can be erected an enduring political edifice."

The book is dedicated: "To Jesus and Aristotle the two master minds of our planet, founders of political science fellow toilers for a sound jurisprudence, this book is reverently inscribed."

Deaths of the Week.

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Z. A. Lash, director of The Bank of Commerce, The National Trust, The Bell Telephone and a number of other companies. He is particularly remembered as the legal advisor of the McKenzie-Mann interests and the Canadian Northern.

Brigadier-General Richard Alexis Helmer, C. M. G., director-general of musketry at the Department of Militia and Defence, died suddenly at Ottawa. He was a noted rifle expert.

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