GOWGANDA---Big Addition of New Claims to Be Added to Mining Map

2600 MINING CLAIMS TO BE PUT ON THE MAP

And Many More Coming In Shows Great Extent of the Staking.

GOWGANDA, April 23.—(From the Man in the Camp).—Just to emphasize the fact that this whole country is staked without regard to location or valuable discoveries, or any discovery whatever, I want to state that 2600 claims are yet to be put on the map.

Now twenty-six hundred claims means a vast area, each claim being 40 acres in extent, and each and every prospector dreams that each and every claim has silver on it, worthy of a mine.

And the results, if they figured out on such a basis, would be startling.

It's a most unbeautiful fancy that would culminate in silver frying pans. Silver would become a nuisance; it would become a demoralizer.

But that's the figures of the rush, 2600 claims not yet marked and about a dozen coming into the recorder's office each day. Then figure out the great number already on the map.

This means a lot of business for the recorder, Harry Shepherd, and it means a lot of revenue going into the government at fifteen dollars for a license and permit for each man, allowing three claims to one license. It costs $10.00 to record a claim.

Simply multiply 2600 by 10 and you have the story, and then the wonder ceases, why prospectors are irritated because the government charges them for logs to build a house.

And yet it's marvelous to live in Gowganda, and witness the activity that never ceases, but increases. People of all descriptions are piling in here loaded with supplies, waiting until the canoe route opens.

They are all sitting on their haunches waiting to hear the ice crunch and the recorder's declamation that certain claims have been thrown open.

Then will commence such a feverish exodus to the west of here, that the Cobalt rush will be remembered more as a pleasure excursion to a country fair.

It's generally conceded that very few of the men joining in the rush intend to develop claims or even do assessment work on them. This concession is given guardedly and with some knowledge of the country around here and the staking that has already been done.

There are some men who are out with half a dozen licenses, with an idea of collecting and conglomerating claims fast as the work of doing it can be done, and this is apparent to anyone who travels thru.

There are hundreds of claims staked that have not been recorded, and never will be, and this course is apparently adopted with an idea of throwing other prospectors off the trail.

A rigid inspection would set matters right and it's needed right away.

Cost of Keeping a Claim.

Once in a while a chap wanders into camp with big ambitions and a bank account. He is going to stake three claims on his license and permit, and do the work or have it done and some day own a mine.

I have met one or two—not many in the multitude—and they are usually unsophisticated enough to declare their ambitions, which are miles ahead of their bank book.

There's a rough estimate of expense, that these chaps usually overlook and neglect to pick out of the heaped-up enthusiasm.

First of all comes the license fee of $5 and a permit fee of $10, for staking in the reserve.

Then a man is almost necessary to complete the expedition and this man gets six or seven dollars a day, but this expense will be omitted and the lone individual goes out alone.

His outfit is going to cost about $200, and he stakes three claims allowed by his $15 expenditure for license and permit. After making a discovery and putting in the posts, the prospector comes back again to the recorder's office, and does his recording. First of all, he pays $2 to some lawyer to get an application for record made out for each claim. This means $6 to the lawyers. After that it costs $10.50 a claim to record in the recording office, and this amounts to $31.50.

And still the red tape stretches out. There is next an application to proceed with the assessment work, and this application costs $2 up here in Gowganda, but before that there is the certificate of record at $1. Multiply these by three and there is $9 added.

In order to get a patent there is 180 days' work to do on each claim—that is 30 days the first year, 60 the second and 90 the third year.

This work will average $5 a day or $900 for one claim, at 180 days; for three claims $2700. During this work a proper survey has to be made, which costs $75 a claim, which comes in at $225. Finally "compensation" for the land hits the purse strings and on three claims it would be $300. After all of this a man can get a patent.

Besides incidentals, this whole business amounts to about $3266.50.

Not very often is this plan followed out, but I mention the would-be expenditure because certain people, just up from the city or out of school apparently, are not acquainted with mining acts.

To lots of them, prospecting simply means getting some grub and taking a trip and getting the claims.

The usual course is to make a sale after the first 30 days' work has been done, when as a rule one can discover with some degree of certainty whether or not the claims are valuable.

At any stage of the game, it's expensive—far more so than the average man imagines. And yet it is wonderful to see the mass up here, surging out and out in search of silver.

Some are ill-equipped, others loaded down, but all have hopes and that's the reason.

The incomprehensible studies are the derelicts that roam thru the bush, live on anything and sleep anywhere, sometimes fellows with splendid educations hidden behind odd pieces of clothing tied together, bewhiskered and grimy, hungry and hopeful and never whimpering.

Oftentimes they make a strike and the report urges on the rest of a forlorn-looking contingent, and at any rate there is no room for pop-eyed and cotton-mouthed hangers-on.

It's get there or get out!

Power For Life.

I've seen men who could hardly write their names, get $500 in ten minutes on a showing of silver in samples brought. And that same day the poker table gets the "stake" and the blind pig shares it.

There is no lamenting. It's the way of it.

While in a lawyer's office the other day, I overheard an Indian giving powers of attorney to a man just about to leave for the city.

The man wanted the claim badly, so there are chances that it's worth something. The Indian didn't object and when the lawyer asked him how long he intended giving a power of attorney, he simply grunted and said "All time."

"For life?" asked the lawyer.

"Yes," said the Indian.

"But wouldn't it be better to limit it?" asked the lawyer. "Say to 10 years."

"Alright," said the Indian, and the city man didn't appreciate the situation, and by which it's inferred that all lawyers are not half bad.

Biscoe Canoe Route.

On April 15, the horses in the camps of J. R. Booth, west of Gowganda, will be put to work hauling and pulling on the proposed route into Gowganda, from Biscoe, on the C. P. R., 80 miles west of Sudbury. There will be about 30 or 40 miles of portaging to do.

Already tenders have been called for at this point to put thru that piece of the route lying between here and Duncan Lake, a distance of fifteen miles.

This route should be open by the middle of June, and that won't be any too soon to catch the traffic.

Town lots on the other side are selling high as $600, with every indication of going higher.

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LAWSON DEVELOPMENT WILL BE INTERESTING

Mines in Kerr Lake District Likely to Assume the Market Leadership.

An official announcement has been made that the La Rose Mining Co. has acquired all the capital stock of the Lawson Mining Co. and that all of the Lawson stock has been deposited in the La Rose treasury. This ends litigation that has been going on for four years, and clears the way for the immediate opening up of the far-famed Lawson property. It is a notable fact that this litigation came to an end in the same way as the Hargrave litigation. Both properties, which adjoin each other, were tied up for years, while the contending parties disputed in the courts regarding their respective rights.

In both instances the suits were carried from court to court, until both cases were before the court of last resort, the privy council in England. Then the contending parties, no doubt fearing the decision of the court of last resort, when one or other would inevitably be ousted, considered it wiser to come to a mutual understanding. In Hargrave the contending parties settled their differences last year, and active development of the property started at once.

The Lawson contending parties have now come together and it is announced that active development will set in immediately. These differences could no doubt have come to an end three or four years ago, had it not been for the obduracy of certain individuals, and the difference would have been that both properties would have been developed and no doubt paying big dividends as the Kerr Lake mine has been doing for three years past.

There is little doubt that the development of Lawson and Hargrave will produce mines of earning power as great as Kerr Lake, and as work will go on with great vigor, results should be seen in the near future. This would add two more great dividend payers to the wonderful Kerr Lake district, which is now, as represented by its present big shippers, the Crown Reserve and Kerr Lake, doing so much to demonstrate what the Cobalt camp can do in producing steady and splendid dividend returns for shareholders.

Crown Reserve this year so far has not only paid its large dividends, but it has accumulated nearly half a million in cash. Kerr Lake has recently increased its dividend to 24 per cent., and is earning it so easily that from three to four tons of ore are being blocked out for every one taken out and shipped. It is officially announced that the cost of the silver marketed is now 7c an ounce. But this does not tell the whole story. To the cost is charged up the development of the property, which is putting three times as much in sight as is taken out.

It is apparent that Kerr Lake is in a wonderfully strong position when it can produce silver at less than 7c an ounce and have an unlimited market for it at over 50c. Kerr Lake's actual asset value is growing probably as fast as that of Crown Reserve, and both are destined to be wonderful earners. The other two properties in this rich district, that are now being developed, Lawson and Hargrave, will no doubt come along as shippers as rapidly as active work can be made to produce such results. Hargrave's objective point is the 307 foot level, from which depth a drift will be run in to reach the bonanza bed of ore, known to lie inside of the Hargrave line, and from which Kerr Lake is now shipping ore from its side of the line. The average value of all Kerr Lake's shipments is now 3300 ounces to the ton. The bed of ore in the sixth level of No. 3 vein goes over 6000 ounces to the ton. It is expected that Lawson will begin to ship within 30 days, as the "silver sidewalk" is capable of yielding rich ore from the moment development begins.

The good Cobalt dividend payers will no doubt recover from the pressure of liquidation they have been going thru, but they need decided leadership. It is thought that this leadership will come from the mines of the Kerr Lake district, all of which are bound to have big advances. Crown Reserve is now accumulating cash very fast, and Kerr Lake is accumulating ore equally fast.

The world's silver markets are hardening. This week bar silver advanced to 52 1-4c, the highest price in many months. Increasing commercial activity in China and India is given as the cause. India, after having famines for several years, has this year a bumper wheat crop, and China is in full recovery from the effects of the Russo-Japanese war. Last year's silver production was nearly 14,000,000 ounces less than the record year of production, when silver sold at over 70c an ounce. Experts in the silver market now state that normal commercial activity in Asia and elsewhere will take care of a silver production of 180,000,000 ounces a year and pay higher prices for it. Last year's production was 154,000,000 ounces. Three years ago, when the production was 168,000,000 ounces, bar silver sold at over 70c an ounce.

In Police Court.

The following cases were disposed of in the police court yesterday: For carrying a gun, which he said he was on his way to sell, Gus Smith got $25 and costs and for fighting and additional $1 and costs; Chas. McDonald, theft of a pair of boots, 20 days; Harry Munshaw, theft of watch while drunk, suspended sentence; Frank Kelly, theft of overcoat, four months by reason of other convictions; Mrs. Jane Sholty, theft of hat, 10 days; John Ryan, burglary, one year.

Formal Opening of New Library.

It was decided at yesterday's meeting of the public library board to have a formal opening of the Lisgar-street branch on Friday, April 30, at 8.15 p.m.

The tender of the Library Bureau Company of Toronto was accepted for 22 tables for the new reference library on College-street, at a cost of $1848.

Burned By Exploding Oil.

While Thomas Ferguson, aged 16, of 218 Munro-street, was emptying a barrel of explosive oil in the Vokes hardware store yesterday afternoon, the oil exploded. His hands, face and shoulders were burned, and he is now in St. Michael's Hospital

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RIVAL GAS COMPANIES

Windsor Getting the Benefit of a Sharp Competition.

WINDSOR, April 23.—(Special.)—Two rival natural gas companies are endeavoring to obtain franchises from Windsor and competing in rates. Some time ago the Volcanic Oil and Gas Co. entered into negotiations with the city and a bylaw was prepared, but a dispute arose over rates before the bylaw received a second reading. The Rondeau Gas Co. is now willing to sell gas at the maximum price of 25 cents per thousand during the winter months.

Joseph Williams, colored, who accosted a white girl on the street and attempted to hug her, was to-day sentenced to fourteen months in the Central Prison.

Peter Shea, whose correct name is Chas. Conlon, was arraigned to-day before Magistrate Leggatt on the charge of attempting to kill Harry Norrie, a Detroit molder, last night, and was remanded for eight days without bail. The trouble arose, it is said, over Conlon's action in barring the latter from the Wayne Roller Rink, Detroit, Conlon being floor manager there. It is claimed Norrie assaulted Conlon some time ago. Norrie has a fair chance for recovery.

COACH OVER EMBANKMENT

Dozen Passengers Injured—Conductor Loses Finger.

MIDDLETON, N.S., April 23.—(Special.)—The Halifax and Southwestern Railway train from Bridgewater was rounding a curve about seven miles south of here when the passenger coach left the rails, breaking from the baggage car and rolled over on its side down the bank. Had it not been for a heavy cedar telegraph pole the coach would have gone to the bottom of the steep embankment, and the damage would have been much more serious.

A dozen passengers were in the coach and all were shaken up, and several seriously injured.

Conductor Allen had a finger cut off by its being driven thru a window pane. Passengers were placed in a baggage car and brought to Middleton, where doctors rendered surgical aid.

It is not expected now that the Insurance Act will be passed this session.

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BIG NEW COMPANY.

OTTAWA, April 23.—(Special.)—J. S. Lovell, William Bain, Robert Gowans, Henry Chambers, R. M. Coats, S. G. Coryell and G. H. Cassels of Toronto have been gazetted a company to deal in gilsonite, mineral rubber asphalt and all products thereof, the capital being a million and a half.

Hyland and Lowland Society.

The closing meeting of the Highland and Lowland Society will take place in the I.O.O.F. hall, College-street, tonight, Saturday. Ex-Mayor Urquhart will deliver an address on "Citizenship," and a program of songs and readings will be given by prominent city artists.

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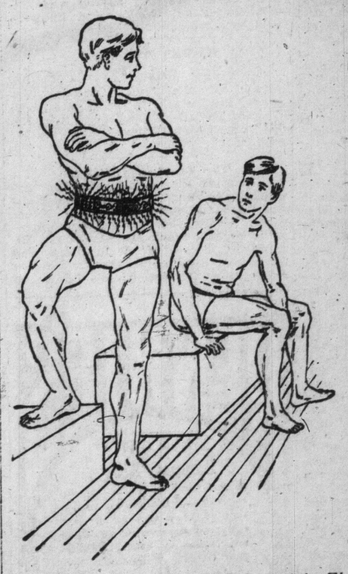
ROOSEVELT HEARS LION'S ROAR.

KAPITI PLAINS, British East Africa, April 23.—Theodore Roosevelt has reached the hunting grounds and tonight he will spend his first night in Africa under canvas. A big camp has been established near the railroad station here for the Roosevelt expedition, and last night lions were prowling about in the vicinity of the tents.

WHY DON'T YOU BE STRONG?

The World Has No Use for a Weakling



There are thousands of men who lack courage, whose nerves are shaky, whose eyes have lost the sparkle, whose brains are muddled, ideas confused, sleep restless, confidence gone, spirits low and easily depressed, who are backward, hesitating, unable to venture because they are afraid of failure, who want somebody to decide for them. It is men who have all of these symptoms of nervous debility and want new life, new force, new strength, that I want to try my cure. I know what my invention has done in tens of thousands of cases in the past forty years, and so sure am I of what I can do for others, that to the skeptical, who do not wish to buy at a liberal reduction, I make this

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