

GOING DOWN THE SEINE.

World's Young Man's Visit to the Mining Districts.

JIM CONMEE IN HIS CAMP.

Possibilities of Developing Mines from Clearwater Falls.

Kabaskong Mining Locality is Owned Chiefly by Port Arthur Men—They Have a Large Deposit of Ore—This Property Will Probably be Placed on the English Market—The Hiawatha and Wampum Claims—Steep Rock Lake.

Port Arthur, Ont., July 2.—(Special Correspondence)—The day after my return to Saw Bill from Hawk Bay I started on an extended trip down the Seine River and up the Atik-ouan with Mr. F. S. Wiley. In a 16-foot canoe, carrying, besides ourselves, two Indians, a tent and a box of supplies, we started out early in the morning. We expected to be out five days, for most of the time in a totally uninhabited region, so that we took with us a thoroughly complete outfit of food, cooking utensils and fly oil.

Jim Conmee in Camp. After a paddle of five miles we reached the camp of Mr. James Conmee, M.L.A., situated on a point jutting out into Saw Bill Lake, where that body of water empties into the Seine. That well-known mining politician, we found at breakfast in his log cabin, with Mr. Rickard, the English expert, as his guest. Mr. Conmee is with a small gang of men prospecting a number of claims taken up by him for the Toronto & Western Mining & Development Company, Limited. These properties are located in the Saw Bill Lake chloritic schist belt, and as they practically form a complete circle around the Saw Bill and Hammond Reef mines it is expected that the company will discover the leads of both on some of his holdings. In a subsequent letter I hope to give a description of the Conmee properties in detail.

Clearwater Falls. I have mentioned that before arriving at the Conmee camp we passed Clearwater Falls in the distance. This is one of the finest cascades in the country. Over the waters of Clearwater Lake, a body of water ten miles long and five miles wide, drop 90 feet into Saw Bill Lake. The fall furnishes a majestic spectacle, while no doubt the latent energy which it contains will in the future be employed to generate electricity for the development of the surrounding country. The power that could be obtained from it might be used in the development of several of the Wiley-Hammond and Conmee properties in the vicinity. It was near this cataract that I found the old Chief Kabaskong encamped and living on the splendid trout to be freely caught in Clearwater Lake.

Toronto Men Interested. In passing, near location 237X, the property of the Ontario Mines Development Company, may be mentioned, John Platt of Toronto is president and James Whalen of Port Arthur chairman of the company. This claim of three and a half miles is situated on the right bank of the river, and going ashore in front of it, we walked 100 yards inland to the point where the development work is being done. I looked over the property, which consists of 125 acres of land half a mile in length, with a continuation of the Hammond reef running right through it. At a point near the dyke has an elevation of 150 feet above the surrounding country, and where it has a width of about 200 feet an adit level is being driven into the ore body. At the time of my visit this tunnel was "in the nick" of being completed. The ore, as I examined it on the dump and in the drift, is similar in character to that found at the other mines of the Kabaskong group, and is composed of quartz carrying copper, iron, galena and free gold, alternating with bands of chloritic schist, which also pans the precious metal.

A Large Deposit of Ore. The Kabaskong Company certainly has a large deposit of ore, which can be cheaply quarried without the expensive shafting and drifting necessary to the development of a vein of ordinary proportions. The following is the way in which a member of the company put the case to me: "The dyke extends on our property a distance of 2000 feet. It is 200 feet wide and has a depth of 100 feet already proven. Thus, we have an ore body of 400,000 cubic feet. On a basis of 20 cubic feet to the ton, we have 2,000,000 tons of ore already in sight. If the whole body averages \$5 to the ton (and our lowest assay ran \$6), we know the value of the deposit already proven to be \$10,000,000."

This calculation is easily followed and I repeat it as one man's estimate of the property. One thing is certain and that is that a big milling plant will be necessary to the economical handling of the vein matter from this reef. The proposition is a large one of comparatively low grade, but the best results will, of course, be obtainable by treating the ore on a large scale. As the Clearwater Falls are near at hand, however, the management think that it will be an easy matter to bring power from them.

Other Leads. There are other leads of more or less merit on the Kabaskong, but no work has been done upon them.

The company are understood to be developing their property for flotation on the English market. In order to secure an actual test of their ore the management propose having several tons run through the Hammond Reef Gold Mining Company's stamp mill as soon as it is completed next month. On the whole the Kabaskong seems a property that should be favorably looked upon in the English market.

On Down the Seine. These we proceeded on down the river in the "Hull Frog," as our birch canoe was called, and as we went into little lakes of from one to three miles in width, linked together by narrow gorges through which the river runs in rapids with a waterfall here and there. After shooting two of these rapids in our little craft, and portaging around a small cataract, we paddled out into Moose Lake, and across that fine sheet of water into Moon Lake, at the southwest end of which we landed to look at the Hiawatha and Wampum claims. These properties lie side by side and are rather difficult of access. In approaching them we had to force our canoe for half a mile through a tangled mass of weeds and willows, and then walk a considerable distance over a rough country, but when at last we got there we were rewarded by seeing some fine looking veins, but most of these and their development at another time. Operations have also been begun on several adjacent locations, employment thus being given to additional labor.

After dinner at the Hiawatha camp we resumed our journey. Running through much swift water and carrying our boat around a fall or two, we several miles down the river came upon a solitary cabin, occupied by Mr. S. L. Howe and a Mr. Cross of Lucknow, Ont. These gentlemen are engaged in stripping a vein they have found on a couple of locations they own, and they have been assured that they may be picked up from an occasional passer-by.

Half an hour further down the river we neared the rapids above Steep Rock Falls, and, avoiding these, we portaged our boat around the cataract. Steep Rock Falls have been seen by few white men, but they are well worth seeing. Here we were looking down 40 feet high, the Seine River, at this point 300 feet wide, pours a mighty volume of water over a precipitous ledge of granite, and the column of spray which arises from its base can be seen, for miles around.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

Many American Biologists Have Signaled Their Intention of Being at the Meeting in Toronto.

Prof. Ramon Wright has just returned from a short visit to Chicago, undertaken largely with the view of securing the co-operation of American biologists in the forthcoming meeting of the British Association. The occasion, the formal opening of the Hull Biological Laboratories of the University of Chicago, was regarded as suitable for this purpose, as a large number of visiting biologists, especially from the central and western states, were expected to be present.

The University Convention took place on Thursday afternoon, two Toronto graduates receiving their doctor's degree, upon this occasion—Dr. Hull in physics, Dr. McLean in political science. Prof. Wright was much gratified to learn of the high estimation in which his graduates of Toronto are held in the post-graduate schools of the University of Chicago. Mr. Frank Lister is a student in the list of graduates who have been awarded fellowships there, having been elected to membership in biology vacant for the coming biological year.

A biological conference was held on Saturday, which was attended by upwards of 100 biologists from all over the world. Prof. Wright an excellent opportunity for explaining to the members of the British Association and answering questions passed upon the meeting. The prominent scientific men who have announced their intention of attending are: Dr. Whitman, Prof. Loeb, Prof. Conner, Dr. Jordan, Professor and Baur of Wisconsin; Prof. C. D. Michener of Purdue University; Prof. Barnes, University of Chicago; Prof. H. S. Gentry of Indiana State University; Prof. Edwards of Cincinnati; and many others. Many biologists who are specially interested in lake fauna, such as Prof. Forbes of Illinois State University, and Prof. Hervey of Madison, Wis., may be present, as one of the objects of the meeting is to be held on this subject, which is of such importance in Ontario.

ENDEAVOREES AT 'PRISCO.

Delegates Arriving in Thousands—Addresses of a Wisconsin Dittie and a Professor in Charge of the Endeavor. San Francisco, July 6.—All is now in readiness for the Christian Endeavor Convention. About 6000 delegates will arrive to-day and as many more to-morrow. To-night the great chorus, the concert chorus and the bouquet chorus will give their concert in the Mechanics' Pavilion. These singers are to furnish the music at all the Endeavor meetings, alternating the places of their appearance, and singing simultaneously at different meetings.

On the subject, "The Life Filled With the Spirit," Rev. Joseph W. Cochran of Madison, Wis., speaking on that subject in the Christian Endeavor Convention world-wide to the nation of Brooklyn, N.Y., also spoke on the "Life Filled With the Spirit." "Earth's grandest possibility," said Mr. Myers, "is the subject of this hour. A life filled with the spirit is the only way to the mountain tops, which pierce the clouds and touch the very threshold of heaven. This magnificent possibility is for all men and, paradoxical as it may seem, it is for only one man. The conditions precede the blessing. The one man is He who fulfilled the human part."

Rev. Robert Johnson, B.A., B.D., of London, Ont., spoke in Calvary Presbyterian Church on the "Spirit Life." His discourse was an elaboration of the subject, "Man's Great Personal Responsibility to God," and he made an earnest appeal to his hearers to turn to God in a Christian life, which was in answer to those fulfilling the conditions imposed.

NOTES FROM THE FALLS.

Dr. Oliver Died Very Suddenly from Apoplexy—James McMillan Stabbed—His Wife—Other Items.

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 6.—(Special.)—Dr. Oliver, an old and much respected practitioner here, was found dead on the streets, and yesterday he was in good health, and nothing was known of his illness until his death was discovered. He resided in Coles' block and was with relatives in the town. The coroner was called to the scene, and the body was taken to the morgue. The funeral will be with military honors, under the charge of the battalion medical officer.

Present at the Falls. The late Mr. J. A. McMillan, who was at the falls, was killed by a falling log. A serious stabbing affair occurred at Falls View this afternoon, and the result is as follows:—

At the Kabaskong. The death of Thomas Pedlow, at his residence, No. 211 Ontario-street, removes an old and respected citizen from the ranks of this city half a century ago, and along with City Commissioner McLaughlin, purchased property on the McMahon-street (now Ontario-street) from the late Mr. James Heavill, proprietor of the "Daily Leader" newspaper, on which he erected the house in which he died. Deceased was a carpenter and builder, and at one time was in partnership with Mr. George Reid, father of Messrs. Reid, the East End lumber dealers.

Tommy Marks Injured While Bathing. The little red-check shirt, spotted blouse, blue pants and blue cap that were found on the banks of the Dun near Winchester-street on Monday night belonged to Tommy Marks, the seven-year-old son of Thomas Marks, 178 Sackville-street. The little lad went into the water with some boys who were strangers to him. His companions say they did not miss him until they were alerted after a search. The body was recovered yesterday afternoon near the spot where he sank.

At the Penitentiary. The following were registered at "The Penitentiary" Monday: Wm. H. Greig, wife and maid, Miss Greig, Mrs. E. H. Dyer, Mrs. Dyer and maid, St. Louis, Mo.; Geo. V. Forman and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Forman, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. J. B. Barse, M. W. Barse, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. J. Swaney and Miss Blanche Swaney, Jamestown, Wis.

One for Theft, the Other for Perjury. Fred Jackson, accused of the theft of \$20 worth of tickets from the Ferry Company, was on Monday morning sent to jail for 30 days, and his friend Danie Turner, who was charged with perjury in connection with the case.

New Law Partnership. The well-known law firm of Carscallen & Hall have admitted into partnership Mr. J. W. Webster, who has been practicing alone for some time. The new firm will be known as Carscallen, Hall & Webster, with offices at 35 Adelaide-street east.

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