

Mining in North Ontario

(By our Toronto Correspondent.)

The Cane silver mine in the Cobalt district has now one hundred bags of ore ready for shipment and it is expected to run about five hundred ounces. It comes to light that the property is held under option by a syndicate headed by J. Houston, who used to be at the Dome at Porcupine, and R. S. Potter, a large farmer and lumberman of Matheson. Their options cover the stock of the holders of the property. It is understood that the Cane Company is capitalized at a million and a half dollars with shares of one dollar each.

Diamond drilling work now under way on the Porcupine Miracle property at Porcupine is said to have revealed a large vein although the value of the find has not been announced. The Miracle is occupied with a 60-ton mill, which has been idle since shortly after the outbreak of the war.

Gold Find in Jamieson Township.

A new gold find in Jamieson township, northwest from Porcupine is attracting considerable attention to that district. The gold is said to be visible in quartz taken from a wide vein. Various prospectors have explored that area since the early days of the development of the Porcupine field, and although no commercial deposits have so far been opened up, the geology has been found to be quite favorable, and engineers regard the area as one of promise.

It is anticipated that the mill on the Wright-Hargreaves mine will be ready for operation before the close of the year. For a short time after commencing operation, the mill is not expected to be operated at full capacity, but will be turned up on ore drawn from work of preparing stopes, as well as ore coming from development work. By the end of the first quarter of the new year, however, the entire operation is expected to be under way at full blast, and an average of at least 150 tons daily going through the mill.

Still Labor Shortage.

While the labor situation throughout the mining camps of Northern Ontario has shown gradual improvement during the past month, a big shortage of men still exists and in view of the increasing demand for both gold and silver the Canadian Government is showing signs of becoming interested in an effort to materially increase production by the mines. At the present time, Mr. H. C. Hudson, General Superintendent of the Employment Bureau of the Ontario Government is visiting Porcupine, Kirkland Lake and Cobalt, looking into actual conditions, in company with Mr. Balmer Neilly, M.E. Recent reports by Hollinger, Nipissing, Dome and McIntyre, the largest producing mines of the north, show increased earnings but all agree that with an adequate supply of labor, the increased output would be marked. This fact is evidently bearing fruit in Government official circles and it is expected that soon after Mr. Hudson's return some action will be taken towards supplying the necessary labor.

Operations at Porcupine Crown.

Those in charge of operations at the Porcupine Crown expect soon to break into a large body of good trade ore at the 1,100-foot level, where at the drillers are now developing a large vein running from 12 to 30 feet wide. Diamond drilling, which has been in progress from the various levels for some time past, is still continuing and results so far are reported as favorable to locating an entirely new vein system. The mill is treating 75 tons per day and net production is sufficient to add to treasury resources.

Purchase of Coal Mines.

The purchase of the Blue Diamond Coal Mines, comprising 3,400 acres near Brule, Alberta, for \$450,000, and the Canadian Coalfields, Limited, owning 8320 acres, for \$1,500,000, was ratified at the annual meeting of the McIntyre-Porcupine

Mine and at the special general meeting of the Temiskaming Mining Company. Of the total purchase price \$600,000 has already been paid and the remaining \$1,000,000 is payable in 15 years from the earnings of the Canadian Coalfields, Limited. The Blue Diamond mines are now producing, at a profit, over 400 tons daily and by August 1921, it is expected, with the new machinery already ordered, the daily output will be 2,000 tons for which there is a ready market. The ratification means that the McIntyre and Temiskaming each hold a half interest in both coal companies. The old board of directors on McIntyre was re-elected, with the exception of Sir Henry M. Pellatt, who was replaced by Mr. Joseph Errington.

U. S. MERCHANT MARINE ACT

The State Department of the United States has intimated that if Congress insists upon the treaty abrogation provisions of the Merchant Marine Act being carried out as written, the government may informally ask foreign governments to consent to revision of commercial treaties. Senator Jones, author of the act, now declares he will reopen the Panama tolls question and urge Congress to permit free passage of American ships through the Panama Canal, which would involve violation of another treaty. The full text of the agreement between the Harriman and Hamburg-American interest for the restoration of German trade routes is to be made public to clear up misapprehensions.

THE PAPER SECURITIES.

An encouraging feature of recent trading has been the recovery in the paper stocks. These securities represent an industry whose future for the next year or so appears to be secure. In some quarters, even, it is stated authoritatively that for several years to come there appears to be no possibility of much of a decrease in the price of the paper mill products.

However, it might not be amiss to remember that the fall in commodity prices and the closing up of business places to a much greater extent than during the past year will cut into the advertising possibilities of the commercial world, which in its turn would cut into the quantity of newsprint needed, a condition helped by the fact that paper companies are being formed almost every day and that the quantity of newsprint made is increasing by leaps and bounds. That should not make one too optimistic concerning higher prices for newsprint.

On the other hand, there is a report, which appears to be well founded, that one of the Quebec companies is increasing its capacity several hundred tons per day to fill a contract with a large paper, which will take the entire output of the new plant for the next three or four years. A paper needing such a quantity of newsprint must know its business and that necessitates the buying of paper three years ahead at prices fixed today.

In a stock market way, the spectacular rise in the earnings of the paper companies, and the generous treatment handed out to shareholders in the past have caught the public imagination, which, after all, is the only thing that really counts to any great extent in a stock market.

CAN. NATIONAL GROSS UP.

The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the week ending October 7, 1920, were \$2,657,913, an increase of \$517,499 over the corresponding period last year. The C. N. R. gross earnings from January 1, 1920, to date, were \$76,765,081, an increase of \$7,992,039 over the corresponding period in 1919.

G. T. R. EARNINGS HIGHER

Traffic earnings of the Grand Trunk Railway for the first week in October aggregated \$2,737,818, an increase of \$622,288, or 29.4 per cent over the corresponding week last year.

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L. J. LEMIEUX,
Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office,
Montreal, 13th October, 1920.