

Development in North Ontario

Beaver Consolidated Overhauls Milling Plant.—Inexperienced Labor. — 12,000 Horse Power at Indian Chutes.—The Wasapika Injunction.

(From our Toronto Correspondent.)

Beaver Consolidated closed down its operations at its mine in Cobalt a few days ago in order to give opportunity for the thorough overhauling of the milling plant, which has been in almost constant operation during the past nine years. The various heads of the mechanical departments have been retained and will be engaged in completely renovating the milling plant, which, it is expected, will require at least one month. This action was taken in order to attain more efficient service from the mill at a time when results obtained play a very large part in the success recorded. Physical conditions at the Beaver Mine are reported good and with mill extraction brought higher net profits undoubtedly will be greater. A month from now, it is expected, no labor stringency will exist and efficiency be much higher so that the shut-down is in preparation for obtaining a higher percentage of net profit from the milling product.

The large warehouse and packing-room at Calabogie belonging to the Black Donald Mine Co., has been destroyed by fire of mysterious origin. A bucket brigade saved the surrounding buildings. The warehouse was filled with refined graphite ready for shipment, some of it worth \$1 a pound. The loss is about \$30,000 partly covered by insurance.

Inexperienced Labor.

The shaft on the Herrick mine has reached a depth of 108 feet and cross-cutting has been commenced at the 100-foot level to cut the main vein. The latest reports from the mine state that a mineralized zone was reached but the main orebody had not been cut at that time. As the vein dipped out of the shaft at the 75-foot level, it should not be necessary to carry the cross-cut any great distance in order to reach the ore body. Considerable difficulty is being experienced with the class of labour that is obtainable in the camp. Given experienced labor the work could be carried on much more quickly and with the resultant lower costs.

The company have also to contend with the transportation problem in getting in the necessary supplies, which has the effect of delaying operations. The results to date have been consistently good and a real effort is being made to develop the property to a producing mine. The diamond drilling has proved that ore exists in commercial quantities as far down as the 800-foot level and on the blocking out of a sufficient ore body, the company will be in a position to erect a mill on the property. The main holding in the company is held, by a small group of men who have financed the property up to the present time.

Water Power at Indian Chutes.

It is stated that the water power at Indian Chutes, which it is planned to develop, will be capable of producing a maximum of 12,000 horse-power. This should prove of interest to the different camps in the vicinity, as the development of the maximum energy would be more than sufficient to supply the Matchewan camp and would permit the transmitting of surplus power to the surrounding district. This would greatly facilitate mining operations in the Gowganda, Spinning Tree and Elk Lake areas.

Ontario-Kirkland Development.

The President of the Ontario-Kirkland Gold Mines, Limited, Mr. Frank Huth, in a letter to the shareholders, states that on a recent trip to the property he found good progress being made. A number of buildings that are being erected are nearing completion. These include a large bunk house and an office building containing a drafting room and store house. The work on the excavations for the mill is proceeding and it is hoped to begin actual construction in the spring. Development work is being carried on at the 350 and 450 foot levels and it is planned to raise a new shaft from the 450-foot level to a point at the surface that will be in close proximity to the new mill. The shaft will be used as a main working shaft when the mill is ready for operation.

The Chambers-Ferland property, which is controlled by the Aladdin Company, has made arrangements to explore that portion of their holdings that lies between the Nipissing and Larose. A special arrangement has

been made with the Right of Way Mining Company to carry on this work through the latter company's shaft, thus cutting off a great deal of unnecessary expense.

Cornwall Miners for the Dome.

One hundred and eight miners from Cornwall, England, have arrived at the Dome Mines and are now busily engaged at their various places underground. Several new batteries of drills have been ordered to meet the increased working force and it is expected that company earnings will shortly show a material improvement. The tonnage of broken ore underground in the Dome Mines is reported to be the largest in record and with its steam plant in operation, to take the place of present shortage of hydraulic power, it is expected that output will be greatly increased.

It is announced that the Haileybury Frontier Mine, about fifteen miles south of Cobalt in South Lorraine, has been sold by Joseph Newburger of Memphis, Tenn., the owner, to New York interests represented by H. F. Strong, under a leasing option to purchase at price said to be \$135,000. It is understood that operations under the new ownership will commence immediately.

Two carloads of potatoes will be bought by the Hamilton Board of Control and sold at cost to the citizens as an experiment.

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