

ONTARIO'S HOPE.

The Princess Gold Mine Promises Big Returns. A Visit to an Ontario Mine and the Life They Lead in Camp.

That Portage—(Special)—If it was not for the risk of confusing your readers I would date this despatch from Rossland, British Columbia, has only been named for about two years, Ontario has had a Rossland of its own for twelve years, and what is more, a hidden wealth such as stupendous value as to outweigh its distant rival in the famous section B of the miles east of the first station, C. P. R., he named the Portage, after the contractor, and called it "Rossland."

At the southern bay of Island Lake, the Sweden, McCallister, Prince and others lie immediately south of Rossland station, upon the broken contours in the Laurentian formation, while the Scramble, Royal, El Diver and Princess stretch along the great contact of the Huronian and Laurentian formations some two miles to the north-west of the station.

As you are anxious to hear as quickly as possible about the mines in which Eastern Ontario capital has been developing them, I made a special trip from Port Arthur, leaving by the noon freight train on Monday and dropping at Rossland station about 4 a.m.

I found a boat on Island Lake and arrived at the Princess camp in time for breakfast at 6:30 a.m. The camp is beautifully situated on a cleared knoll, the base of which is a level of only a couple of hundred yards below the level of the surrounding country.

Our breakfast was an eye-opener. Cook Macdonald's men began with porridge, followed by baked beans, hot coffee, and I can assure you we held up our end of the stick.

After breakfast a quiet pipe with Mr. Collins, the foreman, Mr. Collins is a fine, strapping specimen of a worker, and his summers have been spent in the mines of the Western States and the winter at home with his family in Toronto. His great experience amongst the famous mines of Montana and Colorado makes his opinion of great value.

Mr. Collins is enthusiastic about the Princess. He believes that the vein they are working on is the bonanza of Ontario. The Scramble mine, on the same vein, has one shaft down nearly 100 feet and another about 40, and you cannot step up the commonest bit of ore from it without panning gold.

With Mr. Collins as guide, I visited the town line, which is the extreme western limit of the Princess, and where this big vein first appears, but you cannot see it until you have descended about 200 feet, but in a beautiful shaft, similar to the best one of the Sultan, which is only some 10 miles south of the Princess. From the dump I selected a fine specimen in which gold is plainly visible from this shaft northward 30 degrees across the face of the vein, and a fine crop on the opposite hill, where the No. 2 is situated. Thither we wended our way and I was soon climbing down 35 feet of ladder.

Before descending, Mr. Collins pointed out the two main veins, some of which are very hard, and with a slight shift they are making about six feet per week, but now the new camp is being opened up, and it is possible to start a double shaft, and will progress with double speed. The quartz at the top is white, but as you descend it gets darker and richer until you get the blue quartz, with which you soon become familiar in the best mines in this district.

The best part of the vein is proved at the Scramble Mine to be on the wall, but as the object is to develop the Princess in a thoroughly systematic manner, the shaft has been sunk midway between the two shafts, and when they reach 50 feet next week they will cross to both walls so as to thoroughly explore the vein at this level, and then continue to sink another 50 feet, when they will cross again. Leaving the "line" of the shaft behind us, we climbed back to the surface and followed along the vein to the bonanza, until we reached the highest part of the Princess flat, from which there is a magnificent view of the surrounding country.

Here we found where a shot had been put into the outcrop exposing the quartz below. Coming back, we noticed the most interesting feature. The contact of the Laurentian or granitoid with the Huronian or "trap" is so clearly defined that it is possible to walk in a direct line with one foot on the Laurentian and the other on the Huronian, and the latter is the case. From the east, from which some rich specimens have been taken, we traced what he called the El Diver vein, from their shaft through the Princess. The vein is in the granite formation and apparently runs into the main vein. It is not very large, but it shows some wonderful assays, one going \$2700 to the ton and another even higher. The Princess management are wisely confining their work to the big vein and are leaving all these smaller ones for future exploration. They rightly argue that the big veins with low grade ores are the ones which yielded a steady and lasting return, as has been proved in all successful free milling mines. They are now sending in ore from the old level and again from the 100 foot level, when reaching to the reduction works at Rat Portage before erecting a stamp mill, for which they have a grand site, at the mouth of the creek on Black Sturgeon Lake and water communication a plentiful supply of timber for fuel, which has fortunately escaped the bush fires, and spruce in abundance, for timbering their workings in the mine.

Cook Macdonald had quite a feast prepared when we returned to camp, such as you seldom see in the mountains. It consisted of various tinned fruits, washed down with a good glass of tea and after enjoying their hospitality, we returned by boat to Rossland station in time to catch the train, and in the evening we sat down to what we have seen that our Toronto colleagues about the development work in a thorough businesslike manner, calculated to produce the best results and with economic management. Of course the veins are richer in some parts than in others and will thoroughly explore it is impossible to say what portion of the 50 feet of mine will be the best returns will be, but with all the uncertainties of mining due considered, the prospects could not look brighter.

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