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## To the Riches of the Rainy River District,

## SO SAYS A DULUTH PAPER.

### A Strong Flowing Well Found a Short Distance from Port Arthur.

**Kirby, Howard and Caldwell Are Putting Machinery on the Ground at the Jubilee Mine—Something More About Algoma Anthraxolite—The Find at Gordon Will Lead to a Bed of Good Coal, is the Opinion of a Correspondent—An Easy Way to Test Ore.**

According to The Duluth Herald, petroleum has been discovered just at the edge of the Rainy River gold belt. The oil is reported to have been found near Savanne, on the C. P. R., a short distance west of Port Arthur, where a strong-flowing well is now said to be located. An expert oil well man has been engaged by Port Arthur enterprise to develop the property.

**'Twill Test the Manitou.**

The property discovered by Crawford and Kempter of Koochiching, and known as mining location H P 301, on the north shore of Upper Manitou Lake, has been named the Jubilee mine by the new owners, Messrs. Kirby, Howard and Caldwell. The new owners, says The Rainy Lake Journal, are laying down a first-class plant of machinery, engines, air compressors, drills, hoisting plant and shaft house, and great interest is taken in this, the first practical installation in the district. Everyone is wishing the enterprising promoters and their manager success, as upon the ultimate advancement or failure of this, a most representative mine, the future of this district largely depends.

*ALGOMA ANTHRAXOLITE.*

**Description of the Great Flat Formation Where the Fuel is Found.**

Regarding the Algoma anthraxolite deposit, a correspondent writes The Sudbury Mining News as follows:

"I spent three days at Chelmsford visiting the Gordon outcrop, and the Citizens' Coal Mining Company's pit, which is down 40 feet, and walking around the rocky shores of what was evidently at one time a good sized lake or arm of the sea. The formation is entirely different from anything I have seen elsewhere in Algoma. In fact, I know nothing like it in Canada outside Nova Scotia. The only conclusion I can come to from a consideration of the available data is that there is coal there and in very considerable quantites. It is incredible that if, as our experts have declared, the Gordon outcrop is a vein of anthraxolite, the same or similar veins should have been found miles away by driving down a drill haphazard where there are no surface indications. The highly carboniferous shale which is associated with the coal at the Gordon seems to underlie a large part of the Chelmsford flat, because I noticed it at points miles apart. There is no reason for believing that the carbon thus widely distributed is confined to the shale. The probabilities are strongly in favor of the assumption that coal underlies the shale in a bed of co-equal extent.

"The outcrop at the Gordon is not a marketable commodity, because I notice that it crumbles under the weather, and it is too much broken up to stand transportation, but the upheaval here is purely local, and has apparently been caused by an intrusion of quartz from beneath. Further out on the flat the coal will be found in its proper bed and in an unaltered condition.

"It is a little unfortunate that the samples from the Gordon are the only ones which have been submitted to the public, because their appearance is misleading, and, coupled with the extraordinary report of Prof. Coleman (who ought to have a leather medal), are calculated to check the confidence of the public in the genuineness of the discovery. Time, however, will correct that, but I would strongly deprecate any attempt to boom the Chelmsford district. It does not need it. When the Citizens' Company have got down 75 feet, indicated by the drill, they will have that to show which will silence all doubt and teach Prof. Coleman more geology in half an hour than he has learned during all the previous years of his lifetime.

"How this peculiar pocket of Cambrian rock came to escape the general denudation which stripped most other parts of the district is one of the enigmas which must ever remain unsolved, but I happen to know that a pocket of the same carboniferous shale exists in another spot some 60 miles from Chelmsford, and the presumption is that coal will be found there too."

*ANYONE CAN ASSAY.*

**Simple Ore Tests Suggested by One Who Pretends to Know All About It.**

Alex Roy of Toronto, in The Canadian Engineer, points out an easy way to test ore as to the gold it bears.

The actual requirements for finding out if ore carries gold are:

A good hammer.
A few crucibles.
A few cupels.
5 cents worth of litharge.
5 cents worth of washing soda.
5 cents worth of cream of tartar.
5 cents worth of nitric acid.
A small quantity of salt.

This amount will make half a dozen assays, and the materials can all be carried in a small grip. Cupels are made of bone ash powdered up as fine as flour. This can be bought for about twenty cents a pound, and one pound will make about forty, and can be carried in a small pepper-box, packed inside with paper to prevent their being broken. Litharge can be got at any village drug store. Cream of tartar or washing soda can both be found in any farmhouse as also salt.

Pound up the ore to powder and mix it up well, then shake it so as to make any heavy gold fall to the bottom, then take one tablespoonful (equal to one ounce), or for accurate work 1 ounce, and lay it on a piece of paper, then take a tablespoonful of washing soda (equal to one ounce) and mix it with the ore, then a tablespoonful of cream of tartar (1-4 or 1-2 ounce) and mix it in with the other two, and add a tablespoonful of litharge (two ounces) and mix it with the rest. Then pour the whole of it into the crucible, cover it with salt 1-2 inch in depth, and place the crucible in a good fire, so that it can get white hot. Let the contents melt into a liquid, and then take the crucible out and gently tap it on something to shake the lead, etc., down to the bottom. Then let it cool and break the crucible. At the bottom will be found a piece of lead about the size of a cent button and of the same shape. Take this out and pound it into a cube or little square block, so as to get all the sand and other stuff out of it. Then take a clean crucible and place it in the hole in the fire that the other one was taken out of. Place the cube of lead in a cupel, and lower it into the crucible with a thin strip of paper. Let it get quite hot until it begins to fume or give off a little white smoke, and let it keep doing this for about an hour. It will gradually all grow smaller, until there is only a very small bead of it left, which wont pass off. Take a small piece of silver (a shaving off a five-cent piece will do), and drop this on this bead and let them melt together; take out the crucible and let it get cold. Then take out the bead very carefully and lay it on a piece of flat iron, and press a hammer down on it till it is flat. Place it into a small vial, or bottle, or a tea cup, and pour a little nitric acid on it and heat it a very little. If there is only silver present it will all melt up in the acid, but if there is gold there will remain a small black flake, which will reveal its true character by rubbing it with a knife. This is all that a prospector requires to know, and if a mine shows gold at all it is worth something to the man who finds it. Any mine that shows gold under this test will run over four dollars a ton, and any mine showing this amount will pay to work it. Assays running over $15 per ton are not average assays, and not to be depended on. The prospector need not expect to find the gold sticking on in lumps; it does not occur in that form very often. Liquid tests, as a rule, can only be made by expert chemists.

If the ore contains a small amount of arsenic it cannot be tested by this method, as the arsenic would carry all the gold off with it in the form of vapor. The arsenic can be detected by heating the ore, when the arsenic is given off and can be recognized by its smell, which resembles garlic. All ores containing a large amount of pyrites will have to be roasted before assaying. Ores containing arsenic can only be tested by an expert analyst, as I have myself seen ores which went as high as fifteen dollars in gold show nothing when tested by assay, so when an arsenical ore is met with, if it does not show the gold by this process it should be analyzed. Gold when found in a free state is only in very small white-yellow grains, hardly visible under a magnifying glass. If the capping rock of a mine shows a large amount of iron or rust it must have a little sand mixed with it to form a good slag. Other little points the assayer will find out as he goes along.

**The Canada Mutual.**

A full meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canada Mutual Mining & Development Company was held at its offices, 36 Toronto-street, on Friday, the 21st inst. The following officers and directors were present: President, Dr. Lauderkin, M.P., Hanover; vice-presidents, Henry Cargill, M.P., Cargill, and Major Sam Hughes, M.P., Lindsay; secretary, D. W. Jamieson, B.A., Toronto; general manager, M. O. Tibbits, Toronto; Rev. Alexander MacGillivray, Toronto; Frank C. Burr, Guelph; R. S. Box, St. Mary's; John D. Moore, M. L.A., Galt; John Waddell, Chatham; Dr. Fotheringham, Toronto; F. W. Hay, Listowel; A. J. Henwood, M.D., Brantford; John A. Moody, London; Samuel Hesson, ex-M.P., Stratford; and Dr. W. E. Hamill, Toronto. Major John A. McGillivray was also present. Oronhyatekha, M.D., Toronto, was the only director absent, being at present in London, England. The following, who are large stockholders, were added to the Board: Col. R. R. McLennan, M.P., Glengarry; Elliott G. Stevenson, Detroit; W. J. Poupore, M.P., Pontiac, Que.; W. E. Cormier, M.P., Aylmer, Que. The manager, M. O. Tibbits, reports that development work is in progress on the Little Giant group. He submitted certificate of assay made by I. D. Dewar & Sons, Toronto, of samples of the ore from the Little Giant shaft, showing a value of $68 in gold and $1.69 in silver, total $69.69 per ton. A statement was read from the foreman of the mine, saying that the ore sent was average ore, and not in any sense a picked sample. He gives it as his opinion that before a depth of one hundred feet is reached large bodies of shipping ore will be available.

The report was received with lively satisfaction by the directors, who feel satisfied that they are the owners of what is likely to prove in the near future a very profitable mine.

It was unanimously agreed that the President, Dr. Lauderkin, M.P., Vice-President Henry Cargill, M.P., and General Manager M. O. Tibbits should visit Rossland in the interests of the company immediately after the close of the parliamentary session at Ottawa. Instructions were given to the Executive Board and General Manager that in the meantime the work of development is to be vigorously prosecuted.

The sale of stock continues satisfactory. A large proportion of the one hundred thousand shares to be sold at 12 1-2 cents is already taken up. When it is all disposed of the stock may be put up to par value or be withdrawn altogether from the market.

*PLACER GOLD IN ONTARIO.*

**The Report is Followed by One Regarding Similar Conditions in Minnesota.**

Together with the talk of the discovery of placer gold in the Rainy River gold fields of Ontario there is also considerable excitement over recent finds of the same character in the Rat Root Valley in Minnesota, just across the boundary line. The Rainy Lake Journal observes that it has had evidence of the existence of placer gold in this valley, but that there seems to be a disposition on the part of those having a personal knowledge of the matter to hush up comment on the placers, because of the fact that no poor man can get a title to a claim, as the United States mining law does not apply to Minnesota. It is true that so deplorable a state of affairs does obtain here, and it is something that Congressman Morris and our other members of Congress, with Senators Nelson and Davis, should move to remedy without delay.

The Journal man, however, is advised, if prospectors will take hold of this placer question in earnest and demonstrate that paying placer ground exists this side of the boundary, then all the money that may be needed by them to obtain title to their finds will be forthcoming for an interest in the finds.

This offer puts prospectors in touch with capital, and, such being the case, they can now go ahead, and if their finds are valuable they will be protected and given a share in the profits accruing from the exploitation of the mines.

**The Golden Goblin.**

J. D. McDonald is now developing K244, known as the Golden Goblin. The shaft is down 52 feet. The vein on the surface was a stratified one, but at a depth of 42 feet the gangue solidified into a vein 5 feet 7 inches wide, with good walls. It pans well and shows much free gold. Mr. McDonald is an experienced miner from Montana and Colorado, and says he never saw anything so good in those states as is to be found on every hand. Mr. J. R. James of Toronto is the owner, and he thinks he has a property every whit as good as the now famous Sultana mine at Rat Portage. The property is located on the northeast shore of Bad Vermilion Lake, and several hundred tons of its ore are shortly to be run through the Lyle Mining Company's mill at Rainy Lake.

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**Reported Prices for Promising Properties Adjoining the Olive, Near Mine Centre.**

It is reported that Dr. W. H. Gardner, the discoverer of the Olive mine in the Seine River region, near Mine Centre, has sold the two adjoining 40-acre locations for $10,000. If so, it is Col. Preston's development work on the Olive, which has 100 tons of $1000 ore on the dump, which has made the doctor's holdings so valuable.

**The Princess Mine**

Mr. Collins reports from Rat Portage that the shaft is now 17 feet into the vein and every foot it goes deeper is showing a better quality of ore. The vein is the whole width of the shaft and he does not know how much wider, but will presently drive a cross-cut and see. All the seams are full of mineral and panning shows lots of color and the assays are getting richer with the depth.

*FULL OF PROSPECTORS.*

**Woods Around Saw Bill Full of Them and New Properties Opened Up.**

At the present time there are in Saw Bill section three parties of English experts examining locations in that vicinity. Recently several properties have been bonded to English and Australian syndicates, and development work is being vigorously pushed on these. Some deals will doubtless be shortly closed in consequence of this development. So says The Port Arthur Journal.

A Toronto syndicate is sinking a shaft on a location adjoining Hammond's reef. A gentleman just down from Hawk Bay states that while he was coming across Partridge Lake on the way out he saw 16 canoes, each containing from two to four prospectors, and he says that the woods in that region are full of gold hunters.

A new country has been opened up between the C.P.R. track and Branch Lake. The formation is protogene and identified with that of the Saw Bill region.

New properties are being opened up near Eye River, south of Lake Harold, by one American and three English corporations.

*AROUND THE "SOO."*

**Talk of Iron, Gold, Copper, Silver and Coal Being Found There.**

Mr. William Edgar of Hamilton is at present in Sault Ste Marie and The Courier says that he has been engaged for some weeks past in developing some iron discoveries near Desbarats, and that he now seems satisfied that an immense body of iron ore exists in that locality. He will, before returning home, inspect a hematite deposit near the "Soo."

Mr. John Boyd of Thessalon has struck it rich in the way of a gold find. There is a good deal of activity among prospectors, and the Sault Ste. Marie assay office is kept busy testing samples which the explorers are bringing in.

Mr. Jenkins, the Sudbury agent of the Great Northern Mining Company, is having a look at the new find of carbonaceous shale with a view to getting matters into shape for testing the location by sinking a shaft or a diamond drill hole to the bed of coal which is supposed to lie beneath the block shale. The outcrop, is said to be 300 feet wide and half a mile long.

*A $12,000 DEAL.*

**Solo and Solo Best Mineral Claims Near Kaslo Just Sold.**

Paul Gaston, a Slocan City mining man, has consummated the sale of the Solo and Solo Best mineral claims in the Kaslo district, and near the famous Whitewater mine, the consideration being $12,000. The terms of the sale were $6000 cash and $6000 in 90 days. The purchasers are members of a Victoria and Toronto syndicate. They propose to enter at once upon full development of the property, which Mr. Gaston says is just as promising, as far as work has progressed, as was the Whitewater during the earlier stages of development work.

**Gold Mine Under a Sidewalk.**

At Sicamous, B. C., so says The Slocan City News, Leach & Cunningham have started to work on the Enterprise claim, the ledge of which crops out right on the sidewalk between the Lakeview Hotel and the C. P. R., and was six inches wide on the surface. At a depth of four feet the ledge widened out to 18 inches. It is a free-milling proposition, and an assay of a specimen from the surface went $17.50 to the ton in gold.


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