

GREATER ONTARIO

Since 1914 Ontario has been the largest gold producing Province in the Dominion. During the past year the production was 489,679 fine ounces, valued at \$10,122,563, being 52.8 per cent. of the total production in Canada, and an increase of 20.4 per cent. over that of 1915 and 82 per cent. over the 1914 production.

The progress of the gold and silver mining in Ontario may be judged to a certain extent by the dividends paid as follows: Dividends and bonuses paid in Cobalt, Porcupine and Kirkland Lake, during 1916, respectively, \$4,958,650, \$4,166,000, and \$260,750. The amounts to date, respectively, are \$67,459,852, \$9,168,000, \$325,937; total dividends and bonuses, \$76,953,789.

According to Engineer A. A. Cole, of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission, it was anticipated that the production for the half year 1917 would show a decline as compared with the same period of 1916, owing to labor troubles and labor shortage at the Porcupine Camp. Nearly all the mines, including the Hollinger and Dome, have been developing their ore bodies and increasing milling capacity in preparation for the time after the war when labor will be more plentiful and operating costs decreased. In the meantime production and dividends have been curtailed. The yield during the first six months of 1916 was 235,060 ounces. During the same period this year it was 228,673.

Many new producers have developed during the year. These are as follows: Gold Reef and Tommy Burns at Porcupine, Teck-Hughes at Kirkland Lake, and Miller-Independence at Boston Creek.

Never was a gold camp more admirably situated. All the necessities of mankind are easily procurable, and progressive communities have grown up around the mines. There is perhaps no mining town of its age in the world that can show the same degree of advancement as Timmins. It possesses everything that a community can desire. Wide, properly illuminated streets, good water, up-to-date stores that provide the needs of the people, suitable places of amusement, and excellent places of public instruction. Timmins is virtually the shopping district of the whole district north of Matheson to Cochrane. When the settlers are on holiday they must needs proceed to Timmins. When a celebration is to be held, Timmins is the location selected. Porcupine is but a name to-day. To the initiated, it is Timmins that counts. Timmins is the pivot of the mineral belt.

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It might well be asked, is there any possibility of further gold discoveries being made? There is every possibility. Nothing is expected more than the unexpected. All the gold claims have not yet been worked to the