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MR. E. T. CORKILL, INSPECTOR OF MINES, RESIGNS TO TAKE POSITION WITH CANADIAN COPPER COMPANY.

The Canadian Mining Journal has recently learned of the resignation of Mr. E. T. Corkill, Chief Inspector of Mines for the Province of Ontario, during the past nine years. The resignation comes as a result of the inauguration by the Canadian Copper Company of a new policy in connection with their mines and metallurgical plants, whereby the company creates the position of safety engineer, which is to be filled by Mr. Corkill.

There is without doubt no man who has such an intimate knowledge of the mines of Ontario, and at the same time, of the great nickel deposits of the Sudbury area. The Canadian Copper Company would go far afield before securing a more capable, efficient and energetic official than the former inspector of mines. Aside from the pecuniary benefits which will certainly accrue to this great company, the humane and laudable efforts to decrease the number of accidents, and to inculcate methods of safety among the employees will meet with the hearty approbation of the responsible mining fraternity and the general public.

Mr. Corkill, who has won the respect of the mining men of Ontario, has made a host of friends in the north country, and filled the difficult position of inspector of mines with firmness and dignity. To criticize, without arousing antagonism, the mining method of men who were often much older and more experienced than himself, required the possession of rare tact and good judgment. With these qualities Mr. Corkill is endowed.

Born in Frontenac County, Ontario, in the year 1880, it was perhaps natural that Mr. Corkill should take kindly to the mining profession, since that country is unsurpassed for the quality of its mica and feldspar, and is the seat of the well-known School of Mining at Kingston. He received his early education at the Sydenham High School, from which he matriculated in 1897, entering the School of Mining, Kingston, three years later. Fitted by temperament and physique for the onerous work of mining engineer, he early entered with enthusiasm into the spirit of his profession. Part of his college course was under the guidance of Willet G. Miller, who was then professor of geology at Queen's University. In 1904 Mr. Corkill received the degree of B.Sc., and the following year the degree of mining engineer. During his undergraduate course he gained considerable experience while working in the summer months for the Canadian Copper Company and the mines department of the General Electric Company. After graduating in 1904 he was appointed superintendent for the General Electric Company's mica mines in New Hampshire, which position he held until appointed in 1905, by the Ontario Government, to the important post of inspector of mines for the Province and later chief inspector. The latter appointment he has held continuously up to the present time.

The Ontario Government loses a valuable official, and it is certain that Dr. Miller, the Provincial geologist, and Mr. Gibson, the Deputy Minister of Mines, will keenly regret his departure, while, at the same time, wishing him success in the larger field he has entered.

It is regrettable that the salaries of Government officials cannot be raised to correspond with increased usefulness of the men. A large fund of information gathered during several years of careful observation, and invaluable on many occasions is lost to the country be-

cause of the policy of making the compensation for faithful service so small that the men are attracted by numerous better offers from outside, and eventually leave the service.

D'Arcy Weatherbe announces that he has withdrawn as partner from the firm of Bainbridge, Seymour & Co., and has taken offices and will continue practice at 62 London Wall, London, E.C.

Mr. C. W. Meek, superintendent of the Dome Mines, has left for a trip through the States and to California which will take about three months. His place is being looked after by Mr. De Pencier, of Copper Cliff. Mr. Hansen, who resigned as mill superintendent, has also gone to the States. His position was taken by Mr. J. Longworth.

Mr. John S. MacLean has been appointed to take charge of the publicity and advertising work of the Canadian General Electric Company, Limited, and of the Canadian Allis-Chalmers, Limited, with headquarters in Toronto. The latter company, in addition to manufacturing an extensive line of machinery and appliance, will also act as sales agents for all the products of the Canada Foundry Company, Limited. Mr. MacLean held a similar position with Allis-Chalmers-Bullock, Limited, for a number of years.

Mr. C. Ivan Murray, B.Sc., McGill, has accepted a position as metallurgical engineer with the Pittsburg Electric Furnace Co., Pittsburg.

The Sullivan Machinery Co. have just published three new bulletins, No. 38-M, No. 66-M, and No. 112, describing different types of air compressors and hammer drills.

Mr. Frank Loring has returned from a trip to Western Ontario.

It is reported that the Mond Nickel Company has taken over the old Worthington nickel mine in the Sudbury district.

Mr. D. W. Brunton, of Denver, Colorado, has been on a visit to his son, Mr. Frederic K. Brunton, who is assistant superintendent at the British Columbia Copper Co.'s smelting works at Greenwood, B.C.

Mr. Chas. A. Banks, manager for the Jewel & Denoro Mines, Ltd., operating a gold mine and stamp-mill in Long Lake Camp, Boundary District of British Columbia, has returned from a visit to England.

Mr. T. Walter Beam recently returned to Denver, Colorado, from the Similkameen district, B.C. He is prospecting with the diamond drill a group of mineral claims in Hedley camp, Similkameen.

Mr. J. J. Campbell, of Nelson district, British Columbia, who some years ago was commercial manager for the Hall Mining and Smelting Co., with his fellow-members of the British Columbia Agricultural Commission, travelling about that Province obtaining information relative to its agricultural industry.

Mr. Chas. H. Clapp, of the Geological Survey of Canada, is reported to have accepted a position on the Faculty of the School of Mines of the University of Arizona at Tucson, Arizona, U.S.A.

Mr. A. W. Davis is now in charge of mining operations at the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co.'s No. 7 mine, in Boundary district, B.C.

Mr. James Finlay, for several years actively connected with the management of the Sullivan mine and smelting works in East Kootenay, B.C., is now manager of the Maple Leaf coal mine, near Frank, Southwest Alberta.