

Northern Ontario Letter

The Cobalt Field.

Although at the time of writing, no rain of any importance is reported, yet the comparatively mild weather is having a favorable effect on the hydro-electric power supply. With considerable snow on the ground, and with more or less warmth still in the ground, the flow of water in the innumerable streamlets has increased, and this has at least prevented any further lowering of the water in the main waterway from which the hydro-electric energy is generated.

The Beaver Consolidated, which was the only producing silver mine to curtail operation is preparing to resume work, according to official advice to the Canadian Mining Journal. Advantage was taken of the slack period to make certain repairs to the mill, and the fact that work is now to resume is taken as an indication that the management anticipate the worst may be over in the power situation.

Following negotiations between members of the Temiskaming Mine Managers' Association and members of the Central Council of Workmen of the Cobalt mines, it has been arranged to organize an Employees' Sick Benefit Fund. It has been provided that the men shall each contribute 75 cents a month, this amount being deducted from their pay. The mining companies shall each pay an amount equal to that of their employees. The benefits to be provided will consist of \$2.75 per day for the first 13 weeks of illness, and half that amount for a second period of 13 weeks. In no case will the benefit apply for more than six months in any one year. At death, the dependent of the deceased shall be paid \$250.

In connection with the sick benefit scheme, a vote of the workmen was taken and resulted in a vote of 658 to 120 in favor of the plan. This vote included eleven of the more important operating properties. Incorporation is proceeding and a charter is being applied for at once so as to get the Fund in operation as quickly as possible.

After having been closed about five years, the transfer books of the Bailey-Cobalt Mines, Ltd., have been opened, and holders of stock are now given an opportunity to have it registered in their own name. Litigation involved the Bailey during the years in question, and the purchaser of stock found it impossible to record his holdings. This was one of the points of contention when contentious matters came up for trial, it being claimed by a certain faction of the litigants that control actually lay in different hands than would appear on the strength of the old records of five years ago. It is intimated in semi-official circles that W. J. Wright of Buffalo may be elected to the directorate of the Bailey at the next meeting. As regards the transfer of Bailey-Cobalt shares for stock in the newly incorporated Bailey Silver Mines which now controls the Bailey-Cobalt and the Northern Customs, nothing of a definite nature appears to have been sent out. The basis of transfer is ten of Bailey-Cobalt for one of Bailey Silver Mines.

Officials of the Chambers-Ferland mine of the Aladdin-Cobalt Company have declared it is their belief the recent new discovery of ore at the 385-ft. level may make a new mine out of the property. The extent of the mineralized zone is broadening out accordingly as work proceeds, and by basing calculations on former experience under somewhat similar conditions, the find

is regarded as being among the most important in the history of the mine. The area under exploration and development is largely virgin territory and offers big scope for important results.

A report has just been issued on the Oxford-Cobalt Silver Mines. The statement is conservative throughout, and points out that low silver values have been encountered from time to time, with small sections showing high-grade milling ore. Particular emphasis is placed upon the similarity of the geological conditions as compared with the geological structure in the Beaver-Temiskaming area where large silver deposits have been found. The management is optimistic in regard to the future outlook on the property.

Gowganda and Elk Lake Areas.

The Sanderson Mines Syndicate is numbered among the new organizations which aims to develop mining property in the Gowganda district. This syndicate is preliminary to the incorporation of a \$3,000,000 company which plans to take over and operate ten mining claims situated in the district, in the townships of Nicol, Haultain, Lawson and Chown. Representing the syndicate is a committee made up of Messrs. W. H. D. Miller, Chas. Ritz, and A. C. Wieland. This committee has added P. K. Brown to their number, and these four together with Stewart Troop will constitute a committee of management for the syndicate. The syndicate has its head office at Room 202, Southam Bldg., 128 Bleury St., Montreal.

Additional camps have been erected on the Cane Silver Mines, situated in the township of Cane. It has not yet been definitely decided as to whether a plant will be installed this winter, although the matter is now under consideration. No statement has so far been issued relation to returns from the recent shipment of about five tons of high-grade ore. The company's mine address is Kenabeek, Ont.

During the week ended Nov. 26th, ore shipments were again low from the Cobalt district, the Bailey and La Rose being the only two shippers, as shown in the following summary:

Shipper	Cars	Pds.
La Rose	1	87,289
Bailey	1	62,890
Total	2	150,179

During the corresponding period, the Mining Corporation was the only bullion shipper, this company sending out 60 bars containing 60,772 fine ounces.

Ore shipments over T. & N. O. Ry., during Oct. 1920:

SILVER ORE.

Cobalt Proper.

Ore shipments over T. & N. O. Ry. during October 1920.	Tons.
1. Coniagas	96.08
2. Dominion Reduction	76.50
3. Hudson Bay	31.87
4. Kerr Lake	30.57
5. LaRose	43.66
6. Mining Corporation	520.17
7. McKinley-Darragh	183.64
8. Nipissing	554.94
9. O'Brien	32.01
10. H. F. Strong	30.00
11. Temiskaming	139.79
	1,739.23

The above shipments were made to the following Companies: