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PORCUPINE TO-DAY.

The astonishing recovery of Porcupine from the effects of the fire is stirring proof of the vigour and elasticity of our mining population. It is hard to conceive of any other class of people going so resolutely about the task of rehabilitation.

The public response to the request for assistance was prompt, and, in effect, adequate. There may have been incidental misunderstandings in the administration of relief, but there has certainly been no ground for grave criticism. The various committees gave their services voluntarily and without stint.

Particularly to be commended was the attitude of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission. Disregarding everything but the relief of suffering and the immediate needs of the homeless, the commission worked valiantly. The value of its efforts may be best estimated when one attempts to picture what might have happened had there been no rail connection between Kelso and Porcupine Lake. It is not too much to say that the commission has brought credit to itself and to the nation. Whatever criticisms it may receive in the future, and no public corporation can hope to escape criticism, the historic incidents of the days that followed the fire will always stand out. Although much of the commission's property and supplies was destroyed, yet no thought was taken of this. The duty of the hour was faced.

As an example of what organization and well-applied wealth may do, we may cite the case of the Dome Mining Company, the chief loser in the disaster. Within an incredibly short time after the fire, a private car was hurried to the scene. Then, under the direction of Mr. Ambrose Monell, the whole situation was canvassed. After the first necessary steps towards ameliorating local hardships, the plan of campaign was outlined and actually begun. The decision was reached to erect a fire-proof group of buildings for residences, in a carefully chosen plot of ground. It was decided further to make all the plant buildings fire-proof throughout. Not a fortnight had elapsed when the company had 250 men again at work, with an ample commissariat organized. Feeding, sheltering, and directing this number of men is no mean accomplishment. The result, it is hoped, will be that a new mill will stand complete before winter has set in.

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It were impossible to recite a tithe of the genuine acts of bravery that have been brought to our own notice. And it may be noted here that the real heroes are going quietly about their business, whilst several advertised individuals will scarcely receive a warm wel-