

LOSSES OF MINES ARE GREATLY OVERSTATED

Mining Exchange Officers Reassure Stockholders—Plans Under Way to Rebuild Phone System.

Mining men in Toronto sat down yesterday and gave cool contemplation to the Porcupine holocaust. Most of them have undertaken heavy obligations but reflection lifted a load from their minds and all were enlivened with the saying, "Cheer up, it might have been worse."

The only expressions of regret were on behalf of the poor unfortunate, who had lost their lives. Financial losses were ignored, and mine owners spent time and money, not in getting particulars of the state of their properties, but of the safety of those who were in their employ.

Quotations for the various stocks were ignored. The impression was that manufacturers might try to take advantage of the sad occurrence to raid the market. Dealings were conducted on the New York curb and in London. Early prices in New York were below last night's close. At one New York broker's office several of the Standard Exchange members were gathered and thousands of shares were bought. This buying had its effect, and before noon all signs of any panicky market feeling were gone.

That Porcupine had been purged from the commercial deduction, and from the ashes of an incipient camp towns worthy of the name, would be raised.

"Porcupine as a gold mining camp will now have worldwide publicity," was the way one broker expressed himself. "Although every one deplores the terrible loss, it has served a good purpose, and the natural result will be that Porcupine will receive a tremendous impetus from the widespread news of the camp."

Wild Exaggerations. "Perfect rubbish," was the general expression in regard to the exaggerated losses of the mines as published in some of the papers.

One outstanding instance of incorrectness was the supposed loss of Preston East Dome placed at \$150,000. This was exaggerated exactly \$151,000. The actual loss to this company's plant was \$10,000 and against this there was an increase of \$11,000. The United Porcupine was charged up with \$20,000 loss. P. Halstrom, who is heavily interested in the company, stated: "The World that it would require a minute inventory to make the loss reach as high as \$200,000. Of the same tenor was the story told by Mr. Flynn of the Vipond. 'The papers say we have lost \$60,000,' said Mr. Flynn. 'The man who made the estimate must have had a lively imagination of values. All I can figure out is at the most \$15,000, and new machinery to this value will be worth many times the old plant.'"

Similar ideas were given by such other interests as could be located, and who had suffered losses of some extent in the fire. The estimates in the majority of cases were far and above the true valuation of the properties destroyed, and should have been reduced to a mere fraction of their extent.

There are various other mining properties with estimated losses running into big figures, whose actual loss cannot approach the figures which have been erected at the mines in the Porcupine were in the main of a mere temporary character. The machinery installed was of a light character, as, pending the arrival of the railroad, it was practically impossible to get heavy plants in over the forest roads. Thus the loss of such machinery as had been installed in all except the larger mines is of little account.

Mines Will Not Lose. It is pointed out by those who have extensive interests in the camp, that outside of the general toll of life and the grievous suffering involved, there is really little cause for apprehension. A lot of timber has been wasted, but, as far as the mines themselves are concerned, this will not entail one whit of loss. Indeed it is doubtful if the fire will not more than make good the loss of timber through the amount of clearing it has done. Prospecting will be an infinitely easier task now that the ground has been cleared of much of its overburden, and it is altogether likely that the fire will have done not a little prospecting work of its own accord.

It will be remembered that only a week, or so ago a bush fire revealed a nice quartz lead on the surface that had been overlooked by the prospecting parties in the dense underbrush. Now that the whole camp has been practically cleared it is likely that a number of finds will be brought out from cover, and merely awaiting the Contemplate!

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arrival of the prospector to be tested as to value.

The camp of the Niagara Porcupine line is burned out, but all the men employed there have been got to a place of safety with the exception of one man, who is missing.

Vipond Loss \$15,000. The losses at the Vipond mine are estimated by the company at \$15,000, while the McIntyre Mines escaped the fire altogether. The secretary of the Preston East Dome Mines, Limited, states that most of the buildings are destroyed, but that the greater part of the stores and mining machinery have been saved.

The balance of the loss is fully covered by insurance, so the only loss sustained by the company will be a delay of 20 days while repairs are being made and new buildings erected to house the power plant. Tents were shipped yesterday to accommodate the staff, and the company are supplied with ample funds for all purposes.

The greatest catastrophe of all in Porcupine mining camps is of course at West Dome, where the company admit that over a score of men were suffocated in the mine shaft.

Mine Their Tomb. The bodies of the men who perished in the West Dome property will probably be buried there, according to the statement yesterday of Carlos Warlick, general manager for F. Augustus Helm, Mr. Warlick just arrived in the city from Porcupine yesterday. He said a miner would rather be buried in a mining camp than in the finest cemetery in the land.

G. T. P. Plant Escaped. A telegram received by W. H. Smith of The World staff yesterday from A. T. Tomlinson, divisional engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific at Cochrane, contained these words: "Thanks for your thought. We were not burnt."

The telegram was dated 3:20 p.m. The telegram was sent in response to a query as the need for personal help, and is taken to indicate that not alone Mr. Tomlinson's house, which is on the north side of Commando Lake, the G. T. P. offices and the house of O.S.W. Svenson's of Foley, Welch & Stewart, but the round house, dining rooms, water tower, storerooms, and, in short, the general plant of Foley, Welch & Stewart, the big G. T. P. contractors, have been saved.

The company's offices were situated about half a mile down the line to the east of Cochrane, and on either side of the railway tracks the clearing extended for about a quarter of a mile. Beyond this is a dense undergrowth of spruce and fallen timber.

A. T. Tomlinson is a member of the committee appointed by the government and board of trade to deal with the situation.

M. L. Foley, 433 Lumsden Building, received the following telegram yesterday morning from W. C. Geddes, mine manager of the Foley-O'Brien "Crew, plant and blacksmith shop all saved."

These Miner Lucky. A telegram received from George O. Randolph, M.E., engineer in charge of the Porcupine-Tisdale Mining Company, states that the mining crew escaped without injury, and that the camp and surface equipment were destroyed.

This will not interfere with work to any extent, as the heavy equipment has not yet been delivered to the property, and the camp buildings can be replaced at a cost of a few hundred dollars.

Honor for Bob Newman. Bob Newman, stage manager of Shea's Theatre, Toronto, has been elected by acclamation grand secretary-treasurer of the Theatrical Association of Canada and the United States, at the biennial convention in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Both Victims Dead. OTTAWA, July 13.—The two men injured on Wednesday, when a derrick fell at the Plaza Laurier, are both dead. The second victim, Phil Trudel of Hull died this afternoon.

WALL OF FIRE 25 MILES WIDE

Continued From Page 1. At the other side of the lake. After we had kept the canoe afloat during the raging storm for a space of time that seemed hours to us, a fiercer gust than those that had gone before, hit us, and in the darkness the craft turned turtle and we were left struggling.

"Six Hundred People in Water." "It should be stated that the lake for perhaps a hundred yards out is shallow and that five or six hundred people, the large majority of whom were women, were in the water, protecting their heads from the fierce flames by blankets, pieces of cloth or anything handy. Before boarding the canoe, we had torn up the sidewalk and lashed together everything in sight to help those in the water to reach a place of safety or to support themselves until help came."

"Billy" Moore Hero. "But your craft turned turtle, what then?" "Well, 'Billy' Moore, a slight slim man, who had worked for hours previously saving people, undertook to steer and paddle. All he had was a piece of board. When the canoe finally upset, he and McMurrich were thrown about ten feet into the air. Moore threw the board to McMurrich with the remark, 'Here, Jack, save yourself!' and we neither saw nor heard him more. We shouted for the barber, but could hear, and, of course, could not see anything of him. It was terrible. It was awful. Moore was one of the most popular men in Porcupine, and the manner of his death shows how brave he was. Our feelings, well, if you are a man, you can better imagine them than I can describe. After that we were blown to the opposite side, where Jack Macdonald, 'Teddy' Gedhill and Bob Longley, among others, pulled us in."

Driven to the Water. "But how about the boat?" "We saw it approaching us in a vast sheet, enveloped in smoke, for an hour before we felt assured it would engulf us. There were thirty or forty gasoline boats, but they were afraid to take people owing to the intense heat. There was no other chance but the water to get away. Every man was simply driven into the lake, at the south end of which there was a car load of dynamite on a fire, which had lit a beam of bedrock would have killed us all, would have sent two thousand people beyond the great divide. Fortunately it was on a slight rise in the Porcupine on soft soil. As it was, it made a hole big enough to put a train in, and created destruction at Golden City, two miles away."

Willings of Everybody. "When you reached the other side, what then?" "We were too exhausted for anything and simply collapsed. How long we were worked over, I don't know, but I do know that everybody appeared to be doing everything for everybody else. Such willingness to help, such bravery in the face of any confusion when the train arrived."

"None, everybody was patient, uncomplaining and willing to help others in any way possible. And then the people blistered from head to foot, suffering untold agony, who could not be attended to. From first to last it is a tale of heroism, courage and the case of the foreigners, who if the truth must be told, Mr. Green called 'Dagoes.'"

No Fares on the Train. "Was Mr. Moore married?" "No, his folks live at Carlton Place. By the way, I should tell you the T. road N. O. train took no fares except from those who offered to pay. For myself I came out with nothing except a Porcupine goldpiece and a little silver. M. J. O'Brien sent his special car from Cochrane. In fact, it seems to me that somebody in authority deserves praise that can never be given for the prompt measures of relief that were taken and the wonderful order maintained in front of the terrible calamity. On the train that came down on yesterday morning there were two or three hundred passengers, every one of whom had lost all they owned. I shall never, never forget the way that the men stood up and faced the fire until convinced that the women and children were safe. It was noble; it was grand; it was a tale that will live in history. When we left people were endeavoring to get what comfort they could anywhere. To the north of the merchants of Golden City, he it said, they freely surrendered everything without a thought for themselves. Men sat up all night with the sick and there were absolutely no cases of panic that I saw. People's eyes bulged out as if they were four inches in diameter and they were burning in their sockets. It was in the big explosion at Cobalt, but there were fifteen explosions in my district in Porcupine. At the Foley-O'Brien mine fifteen tons of dynamite went off. From Eldorado, 12 miles away, 15 men started, but only 11 arrived and they had blisters two inches deep."

All Animals Paralyzed. "Were there no particular incidents you noticed?" "Incidents, they were all incidents, but I had no time to notice anything. A bear came up from somewhere and actually lay down with rabbits and dogs swarming around him. Yes, and there were horses. All the animals appeared paralyzed with fear and to forget they were brutes. Ernie and Harry Holland deserve special mention. They went to the Foley-O'Brien plant, tore down the power house and got three streams of water on the fire. The streams helped, but in effect they were little more than the contents of a bucket would be on the flames and lava of Vesuvius when that mountain was in eruption."

Fire a Good Proprietor. And then George Green, whose integrity, his companions say, was dauntless, quietly turned round to Eddie Sullivan, in whose place the interview took place, and said: "I'm dry. From head to foot he is black and blue. Men, he says, were made blind, and from some of the corpses it was apparent all sight had been the first to go. After the launches were persuaded to leave, one known as 'Ruth' hung on, and was the last to leave the death-stricken district."

Asked as to what effect the disaster would have on mining prospects, Mr. Green said it would improve them. He was satisfied much mineral would be revealed, all the debris and the bush that made operations difficult having been swept away.

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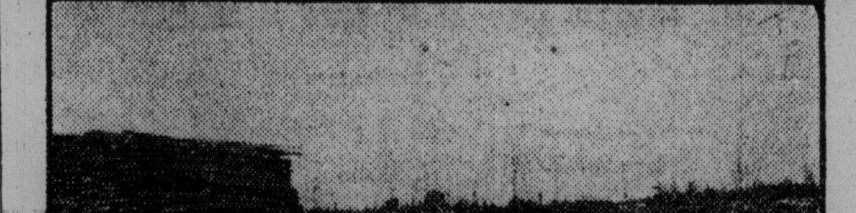
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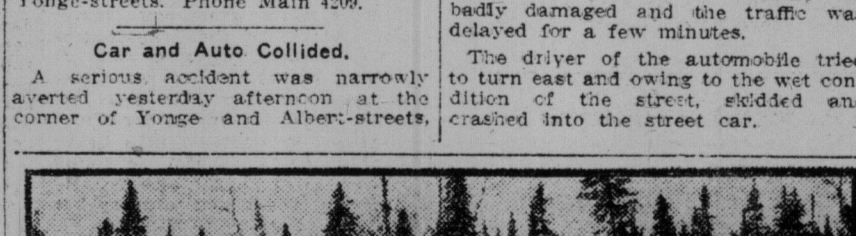
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