

COMPENSATION FOR MINERS DISCUSSED IN CONVENTION

Suggestion Made that Separate Legislation Be Enacted Covering the Industry—Cobalt Production Will Be 250,000,000 Ounces, Says C. A. O'Connell

Considerable discussion followed the reading of a paper on workmen's compensation at yesterday's session of the Canadian Mining Institute. It was finally decided to appoint a committee of five members to draft a resolution, which, if approved by the meeting, will be forwarded to the government.

Mr. C. A. O'Connell of the Trethewey mine stated that the question of compensation for workmen in mines was much different than that of other industries, where the ordinary manufacturer was able to affix the extra cost to the products turned out in proportion to the amount of money paid for compensation. The mine owner had no power to regulate the price paid for his output. He thought that if an act was put thru insisting on a certain amount, or if the silver mine owner was in any other way tied down, there was a possibility of the owner making a reduction in the wages to meet the increased demands, and this might result to the disadvantage of the workmen.

It was suggested that the mining industry should be looked after by a separate piece of legislation and that the government should appoint an inspector to visit the mines frequently, and protect the employer from the negligence of the men.

Compensation Rate. As a rate of compensation Mr. O'Connell was in favor of giving to the victim's relations or those dependent upon him three times his yearly earnings, with a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$2000 where death or total disability resulted.

Two very interesting papers were read on "The Past, Present and Future of Cobalt," by Mr. C. A. O'Connell of Cobalt, and "The Copper Mine Country," by Mr. H. Tyrrell. Both speakers were optimistic as to the futures of these mining districts.

Room for Thought. "I have read in the Cobalt seven years ago," said Mr. O'Connell. "When you realize that the proven ore zone is a rectangle 5 by 3 miles in area and from within this zone there has been produced in seven years 125,064,189 ounces of silver, there is room for much deep thought. We engineers there can give a full meed of praise and devout thanks to our good friend, Dr. Wm. G. Miller, for without his aid and skill, we would not be sure that old 'Cobalt' would have a niche in the hall of fame. Seven years ago, when I arrived in Cobalt, it was not much to look for. I do not think that there has been a camp as rich as Cobalt, which was a long time producing before it was given any particular notice.

"Many reasons have been advanced for this apathy, both by the profession and the public, but it was not until the year 1906, three years after the first discovery was made, that anything more than passing notice was given to the camp. At that time there were about 15 producing properties in the camp. The whole of the Township of Coleman, or whether we are to claim 'Cobalt bloom,' or symptoms thereof, could sell it for coin of the realm.

"Some have said there was an orgy of speculation and other high-sounding adjectives have been used to describe the conditions that prevailed, but, believe me, gentlemen, that was largely fabricated. I know very well that all the statements issued by the department of mines warned the public against speculating on the purchase of claims not located within the proven ore-bearing zone.

Good Producers. "The properties on what is termed the West Ridge," extending from Hudson Bay on the north to the Buffalo on the south, have been extremely consistent producers. This is largely accounted for by the multiplicity of

WELLWOOD STORE CHANGES HANDS

Well-Known Fruiterer and Confectioner is Retiring From Active Business Next Week.

W. B. Wellwood, who for over thirty years has conducted a fruit and confectionery business on Yonge-st., for the last 10 years at 161 Yonge, and formerly in the Simpson building, is retiring from active business. After next Thursday, March 14, the premises pass into the hands of The United Cigar Stores.

Mr. Wellwood was born in Cartwright Township, County of Durham, in 1857.

HIGH PARK RATEPAYERS

Series of Four Evening Entertainments Has Been Arranged.

Through the activity of the horticultural committee of the High Park District Ratepayers' Association, a series of four evening entertainments have been arranged for. Beginning on Friday, 22nd inst., the following schedule will be carried out:

March 22, Mr. Roderick Cameron, general superintendent exhibition park, W. J. Potter, superintendent, exhibition park. Subject, "Ferns." Chairman, J. L. Hughes.

March 23, Mr. Wm. Scott, B.A., principal Toronto Model School. Subject, "Wild Flowers." Chairman, His Worship Mayor Geary.

April 4, Prof. H. L. Hutt, B.S.A., of Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. Subject, "Urban and Suburban Gardening." Chairman, J. Lockie Wilson, superintendent, Ontario Horticultural and Agricultural Societies.

April 12, Subjects, "Canadian Birds." Mr. John Maughan, provincial taxidermist, "Butterflies," Mr. H. Kenyon, Chairman, W. D. McPherson, M.L.A.

Each address will be fully illustrated by special stereopticon views, thus adding entertainment to these interesting and educative meetings. Through the co-operation of the board of education, the use of Howard School has been secured and the series of meetings will be held there. Although not now publicly announced, much interest has already shown itself in this work, so well planned by the horticultural and parks committee of the High Park Association, and it is expected that interested citizens from other districts will make it possible to be at the meetings. Tickets for the full course of the four evenings will cost only 25 cents, and will be ready in a few days.

Useful Metal. "It may seem foolish," stated Mr. Tyrrell "to spend money at the present time to determine the existence of lodes of ore, while we cannot use it, but copper ore is one of the most useful metals in the world to-day, and it behooves a nation, like an individual, to study its own resources in order that it may deal with them wisely and have them developed in such a way that they will be of the greatest benefit to the people, and therefore, I say that we Canadians, knowing that we possess an area of potential wealth in that far country, should examine it carefully and find out whether we have a national asset there that, if intelligently used, will add greatly to the wealth of the nation, or whether we are to hand it over, without knowing its value, to some private individual, probably alien, who, by the expenditure of a little capital and energy, may make enormous fortunes out of our negligence.

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Merry Wives of Kingston. KINGSTON, March 7.—(Special.)—Henceforth swags given retail to-day when the prices of butter and eggs took a drop, the former to 30c and the latter to 25c. In a few days it is expected prices will go still lower.

ON THE WRONG DOORSTEP



Good Roads. N. W. Rowell is still anxious for good roads. He will introduce a motion to the effect that "this house is of the opinion that a thorough system of good roads in this province would increase the value of farm lands, lessen the cost of transportation, improve marketing facilities, increase the comfort and convenience of farm life, and greatly promote the general progress and prosperity of the province." In addition, Mr. Rowell will mention that the legislature is gratified at the progress so far made in road improvement under the Highway Improvement Act passed in 1901, but that the time has come for a more comprehensive and adequate policy to promote the construction of good roads throughout the province, and expended by roads leading to market towns. He believes that satisfaction are to be made to the proposals of the Dominion Government to contribute out of its revenues towards the establishment of a good roads system in the several provinces, and a suggestion that such contributions should be on a fixed basis, which would prevent the possibility of provincial political "log rolling," to secure a larger share of the money appropriated by the Dominion.

Another suggestion will be that the construction, repair and maintenance of such highways be under the exclusive jurisdiction of the legislature and municipalities of the province, and that all grants made by the Dominion Government to assist in the construction of good roads in this province be paid over to the province, and expended by it, together with adequate provincial appropriations.

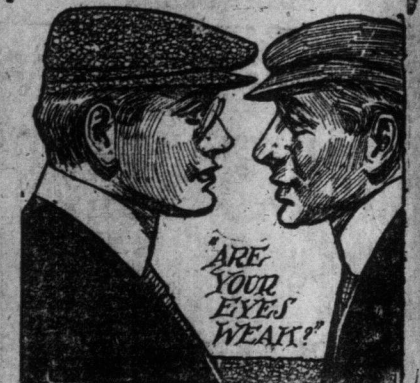
DR. STEWART'S FUNERAL

Many Well-Known Ministers and Laymen Attended Services.

Amid many manifestations of the esteem in which he was held by his friends the remains of the late Rev. Dr. Stewart were laid to rest yesterday afternoon.

The services were held at Dr. Stewart's late home on George-st. Rev. John McNeil of Walmer-road Baptist Church officiated, and he was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wallace of Bloor-street Presbyterian Church, Rev. Mr. McNell paid a deep tribute of respect to the dead pastor, telling of his efficient service as a teacher in the Bible

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Some of the clergymen in attendance were: Rev. T. G. Shields, Professor Farmer, Rev. Mr. Emery, Rev. Mr. Roadhouse, Rev. Mr. Campbell, Rev. Mr. Parsons, Rev. R. P. McKay, D.D., Rev. T. B. Hyde and Rev. R. D. Slocum.

MOVING VAN BURNED.

Caused by an overheated stove, a driving shed in the rear of 172 Dundas-st., owned by J. A. Goldard, carriage agent, was damaged to the extent of \$75 last night, and a moving van partly destroyed before the flames could be quenched by the firemen. The total damage is estimated at \$300.

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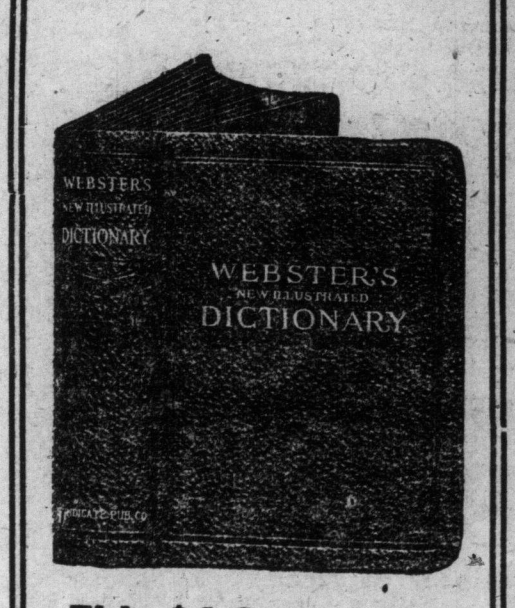
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