

NEWS OF THE MINES.

ONTARIO NEWS.

Rat Portage.

(Special correspondence to THE CANADIAN MINER.)

Mr. Edwin Ward, prospector from the Seine river, is in town, and reports everything flourishing in that district.

Mr. A. M. Hay, of the firm of R. H. Ahn & Co., is now in Toronto, looking after business for the firm, and is expected here the first of the week.

The Ferguson mine is also running its 3 stamps day and night on rich looking ore. Prospectors went out on the last ice, and surveying around Mines' Centre and Seine city is very brisk.

Everything is kind of slow around town now, and will be till navigation opens and affords access to the mines. The lake is pretty well opened now, and another week or two ought to do the business.

The Foley mine, with its 20-stamp, is running day and night, clearing over \$300 a day. The vein at the depth of 200 feet is between 7 and 8 feet wide, of very rich looking ore. The owners of the mine contemplate putting up a sawmill this spring, and making several other improvements. The last run of their mine turned out a 7,500-brick in 15 days, and it is supposed to be one of the richest properties in this country.

—G. A. P.

Work on the Ruby mine is proceeding favorably.

The Miner says that Wabigoon is badly in need of a barber.

A grant of \$4,000 has been made to improve Ash Rapids.

Mr. E. McKenzie, of the Toronto Street Railway, is in town in connection with the opening up of the Princess mine.

It is reported that the Trojan mine, located on Camp Bay, has been sold to a New York syndicate, subject to examination.]

Mr. Andrew Benson, one of the original owners of the Sweden mine, has sold a location about half a mile west of the Scramble mine for \$10,000.

An outfit of men and material left on Thursday last for the Princess location, and an effort will be made to locate the vein which is said to traverse that property.

The machinery for the Master Jack mine has reached Rat Portage, and will be rushed out to the property just as soon as the opening of navigation makes it possible.

Mr. Purchase, who spent 22 years in South Africa, is preparing a series of articles on the Lake of the Woods district for South African journals. He declares that Rat Portage is good enough for him.

On the Hiawatha gold mine, which consists of part of the Folger-Hammond property in the Saw Bill district, two shafts are being sunk, one on an 8-foot, and the other on a 4-foot vein, on both of which are found rich specimens of gold.

A number of mine owners have combined, organized a company; purchased a water site on the Winnipeg, and propose to erect there a building wherein 50 stamps will begin working at once, and due allowances will be made for an increase of 100 stamps, or even more.

It is stated that Capt. J. H. Henesy, of Rat Portage, has just sold a half-interest in

a Lake of the Woods location at a high figure. Neither the exact figure, nor the exact locality of the property is given, but it is claimed that the mine, which will be developed by the capital of the new half-owners, will make another Sultana.

There are said to be a number of promising-looking, gold-bearing quartz veins right inside the town, one under a church, another under a residence of a clergyman who is said to have set off a small blast of dynamite with disastrous results to his chinaware; a third runs through the site of a large sawmill, and a diamond drill is at work seeking whether the vein, which is 4 wide at the surface, is in good condition at a depth of 100 feet. It is said that the materials for a 30-stamp mill are on the way, and will be erected on the property as soon as navigation opens.

THE MASCOTTE MINE.

One of the most promising prospects in the Lake of the Woods district is the Mascotte, owned by the Mascotte Gold Mining Co., of which Messrs. Calclough, Drewry, Savage and Mather are the leading spirits. The claim consists of 40 acres on S. 79, on Lake Gerrard, 45 miles from Rat Portage. George Gerrard was the former proprietor. The shewings from the top of the vein were extraordinarily rich, and the company started to work last fall, put up camps and pushed things all through the winter, the shaft is down 50 feet, and an adit is being driven from a point near the shore, from base of the cliff, to intersect the vein which crosses the property diagonally from the shore of Lake Gerrard to the south-west corner of the claim. It was expected to intersect the vein last week, but on account of the bad condition of the roads no news has been received for the last two weeks. On top the vein was 3 to 4 feet wide, increasing to 6 feet at the bottom of the shaft, showing a pay-streak on the vein of 3 feet of white quartz, carrying free gold in large quantities, not much base metal, a little iron and copper; and no arsenic. It is expected to yield 90 per cent. free-milling, 50 tons taken from the shaft and drawn to the shore of Camp Bay, is waiting to be shipped to Rat Portage as soon as the weather permits, for a mill-test. For these particulars we are indebted to Mr. Alan Sullivan who has been spending a few days in Toronto, he speaks very highly of the property, and has every confidence that it will become a splendid mine. It is learned from a correspondent in Rat Portage that Sir Rokerick Cameron has taken 15,000 shares, and full confidence is felt both in the mine and the management. The shares have increased in value from 10 cents to 30 cents, and a big jump is expected after the first mill-run. The last samples brought in were very rich.

Rainy River District.

A letter from Tower says the ice is breaking up, and navigation will open May 1st.

Preston mine is getting in machinery. The boiler was left on the ice half-way between Mines' Centre and Tower, as they could not get it in that way, sending it back to Tower, to ship round by Rat Portage.

Work is progressing on the Golden Goblin night and day, and is very satisfactory. The company refuses any details, they are expecting Mr. Janes, the manager, back in about 3 weeks, with his report.

"Little American mine," situated near Rainy Lake City, on the American side, is going to make mill-tests for the mines in the Seine River district. They have a very complete plant, including a 10-stamp mill.

North Hastings.

Mr. Charles Stanyer has located a large deposit of magnetic iron ore on his property, lot 19, concession B., of Faraday. The dip needle shows a strong attraction over an area of 2 acres, and the outcroppings are of a very pure ore, and free from sulphur.

Flinton, 16 miles north of Tweed, has a mineral sensation in the shape of a discovery of a large vein of rich mispickel ore on lot 24 in the 5th concession of Kaladar. Mr. Ribstock, of Buffalo, who is understood to represent American capitalists, has secured this lot, and has been doing development work for some weeks. The vein has been traced across the lot and into the adjoining one on the north owned by Inspector Burrows of Napanee. The ore around Flinton has always been regarded as free-milling, so that this new industry is a great surprise, and shows that the mineral deposits there are exactly similar to those in Marmora.

Peterboro' County.

Some rich discoveries are said to have recently been made in this county.

Mr. Woods, of lot 2, in the 4th concession of Methuen, also has an offer for this property on which gold has been found.

Three weeks ago Toronto capitalists were made acquainted with some gold property in Belmont township, and they immediately paid it a visit, and secured an option to work it.

Some time ago a deposit of copper was found in the southern part of Chandos township, near the Methuen boundary, that promises to show up well under proper development.

In the northern part of Methuen township a gold-bearing vein was recently found on the premises of Mr. W. Bound. This discovery was reported, and in a short time an offer of \$4,000 was made for its purchase, but refused.

A discovery of copper and gold has also been made on lot 1 in the 4th concession of Methuen, the property of Mr. W. F. Post. Some pretty samples abounding in copper have been taken out that will catch the eye of the expert miner.

Schreiber.

Another rich discovery of gold has been made 20 miles from the C.P.R. track, near Schreiber. The vein is from 50 to 200 feet wide, and assays between \$200 and \$300 to the ton. Three railroad employees are the lucky owners.

The Otisse gold mine at Schreiber, from which such marvellously rich samples were taken last fall, is to be worked. A company is being organized, and 100,000 shares of stock will be placed on the market forthwith at 10 cents.

Port Arthur.

Mr. Schwigler, proprietor of the Mining Exchange Hotel, is contemplating rebuilding in order to meet the greatly increased demand for accommodation. The house is so well patronized that guests have to be refused every night. A large number of explorers are arriving from Duluth and vicinity looking for gold in this district.

Parry Sound.

The men who are blasting the rock on Gibson street have discovered a vein of metal bearing quartz and a large showing of pyrites, and some good samples of plumbago have been found. The rock is being tested to ascertain what it contains.