

proved them to be essentially free-milling in character, and of the sort to pay handsome dividends. The value of the ores is well distributed throughout the rock, and is not of the sort called "pockety" in other regions. The regularity of the values in the ores, their free-milling character, the super-abundance of water and fuel, together with unlimited water-power, and being situated in the heart of the American continent, all tend to make the Rainy Lake gold fields the Mecca of fortune seekers from all over the world.

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Sudbury.

(From a Correspondent.)

THERE is great activity at present in the Wahnapiatae country. A great number of prospectors are going in and some very rich finds have been made this spring. The Crystal gold mine has its stamp mill completed and will be running in full blast by May 20th. It has about fifty men employed at present. It has sunk a new shaft a short distance to the east of the present ones. The new shaft shows great richness. The Crystal will be a wonderful mine in a very short time. The company expect to get the first gold brick out by 18th of June. It will advertise the country. The Comstock, which adjoins the Crystal, has fifteen men working and has reached a depth of 100 feet in the main shaft, in a large vein of high grade ore. Considerable stripping has been done on the surface, and exposes eighteen different veins at a distance of 150 feet from the main shaft. Fourteen of these veins carry free gold on the surface. This property promises to be a very valuable mine. Drifting has commenced, to tap these veins at a depth of 100 feet, and in course of two weeks the company expects to have one of the largest shows in that part of the country.

Prospects look very bright for mining in Wahnapiatae country this season. The Wahnapiatae Navigation Company have their steamboat running; their hotel is built. The town site, where their buildings and dock are located, is a beautiful place. They have besides the hotel, a store, warehouse, stables and other buildings. D. O'Connor is managing-director. The boat has been kept busy night and day since starting, and promises to have a profitable summer.

C. F. Carmichael has completed the mason work for the plant of the Crystal Gold Mining Co. on Lake Wahnapiatae and operations begin at once.

Mr. D. O'Connor of the Wahnapiatae Navigation and Transportation Co., says the Sudbury Mining *News*, reports operations in the gold country as being very active and the company's steamer has abundance of freight and passenger traffic.

The Myrtle gold mine, belonging to the Webbwood General Mining and Development Co., is situated close to the Spanish River and to the Soo branch of the C.P.R. and about four miles from Webbwood. A shaft has been put in to a depth of 30 feet into a vein of solid quartz 15 feet in width. The yield can be traced across a claim of 40 acres. An assay of \$4.70 in gold and \$2.10 in silver has been obtained and vein matter is getting richer as depth is attained. This company has also several other gold and nickel claims. Surface assay on one gold property shows \$19.10 per ton.

Says the Sudbury Mining *News*:—A reputable gentleman from the Chelmsford district has handed us a surface sample from

a new find discovered by Mr. Smart of Chelmsford. An assay by Mr. J. W. Evans gives 55.24 per cent. carbon, which removes all doubt as to its genuineness and simply confirms the oft repeated statement that there is abundance of coal only a few miles west of us.—The Gold Mining Co. of Sudbury have a coal shaft down 50 ft. and it is fully expected that pure coal will be struck at 65 feet.—Mr. Mennie who has the contract for sinking a shaft on the property of the Citizens Gold and Coal Mining Co., Sudbury has been delayed somewhat by unfavorable weather is now putting on extra force.

The prospectus of the Citizens Gold and Coal Mining Co. of Sudbury says regarding the Chelmsford coal: Some few months ago the whole of Eastern Canada was moved by the reported finding of coal in the district laying to the west of Sudbury. And while eminent geologists have reported for and against it, the outside public has gradually lost interest in the matter owing to the delay in proving it by those interested. With a firm faith in there being a very large deposit of coal in the Chelmsford Valley, the Citizens Gold and Coal Mining Company have been quietly but vigorously extending their operations in that direction, and have already secured a large tract of this land. Sufficient tests were made with a diamond drill to satisfy the company that their faith was not in vain and their enterprise has been rewarded beyond their expectations. After penetrating a bed of slate, coal was encountered at a depth of 76 feet, and continued for the distance the drill was able to go. The work of drilling was discontinued and measures were at once taken to put down a shaft. This work has been under way for some time, and is now being pushed with the utmost speed.

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Seine River.

Bernard Macdonald of Butte, Mont., an expert mining man and an author of mining text books, is in Seine River country.

It is said that within a radius of two miles of Mine Centre at the head of navigation on the Seine there are at least 5,000 gold bearing veins.

Dr. Simpson and Charles Patterson, son of Lieut.-Gov. Patterson of Manitoba, have gone to Mine Centre. They are connected with the Olive mine, which is putting in machinery.

Three other boats are already navigating the waters between Rat Portage and Fort Frances, while one, the Maple Leaf, runs from the latter point into the Seine River, and she is to be supplemented by another steamer.

Golden Goblin was down 48 feet on May 1st. The vein continues to improve in quality, and the increase of quantity of white quartz which is the richest portion of the vein. The Maple Leaf made her first trip of season from Fort Frances to Mine Centre on May 1st.

A big explosion of dynamite that wrecked all the widow glass at the Ferguson mining camp on the Seine River occurred last week. The men were burning brush and rubbish, and it being very dry the fire got beyond control. The small dynamite house, containing 500 pounds of the explosive, being near the barn, prevented them from extinguishing the fire, and soon that building was consumed. When the flames reached the dynamite house there was an awful roar, that shook up things all around the mine. Fortunately the big dynamite house was some

distance away, and neither the fire nor the concussion of the explosion did any damage to it. No one was hurt.

As another evidence of the confidence the men of the country have in the Rainy River country, it may be said that Messrs. Walter Ross of Rat Portage and George A. Graham of Port Arthur are just placing a large passenger steamboat on the route between Rat Portage and Fort Frances. The vessel, constructed in Toronto by the Bertram Engine Works people, was last week shipped in pieces to Rat Portage, there to be put together and started running by about the first day of June. The boat is to be called the Keenora, this name being made up of the first syllables of the names of the three towns, Keewaydin, Norman and Rat Portage. She will be a two-deck, steel-clad, twin-screw boat, with two triple expansion engines and measurements of 126 feet over all, and 30 feet beam. She will cost, completed \$65,000, have 45 state-rooms, be fitted up throughout with electric lights and other modern improvements, and maintain a speed of 13 knots an hour.

D. M. Blackwood of Mine Centre tells the *World* regarding that place that from the United States, and from England also, prominent men are going in. Mr. James C. Beebe of Cornwall, Beebe & Co., the New York brokers, will, it is understood, take up his permanent residence at Mine Centre, and from the west comes the news that a party of Duluth, St. Paul and Minneapolis men have already, before the waters are clear of ice, started in from Tower, Minnesota. Among others en route to the Seine River country are Mr. J. F. Piggott and two other Kootenay mining men from Spokane, Wash., Byron N. White, of the celebrated Slocan Star silver mine, and Mr. A. E. Hogue, representing wealthy English capitalists. In fact, so fast are outsiders going into the Seine River region that if the influx keeps up half of them will find no place to sleep. But to prepare against such a state of affairs, L. Hamel & Co. and the Mine Centre townsite syndicate are making great efforts. The place already boasts 20 odd buildings, but before the summer is half over it will look like a veritable town. In the next couple of months a large hotel, a postoffice, assay offices, docks, warehouses, general stores and a number of dwelling houses are to be run up. For this purpose Mr. Blackwood, who has been in Toronto and Montreal for the past three weeks making purchases, is sending forward to Mine Centre two car loads of nails and 250,000 feet of lumber, for which he has paid out \$5,000.

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Madoc.

What is said to be a valuable find of asbestos has been made on the Jackson property on the Gould road.

Nickel in large quantities is reported near Ormsby in Wollaston township. Development of a copper mine near Baptiste is promising.

J. E. Harrison's reported sale of his actinolite mine on George Peebles' property in Kaladar did not take place. Negotiations with a view to sale to New York parties are proceeding.

A vein of milky quartz with bunches and strings of mispickel and assaying high, has been found on the farm of John Eagleson, south half of lot 13, 10th concession of Madoc township. It extends across the public roads into adjoining lots.

The shaft at the Bannockburn mine which was down recently to a depth of 62 feet is