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MEN AND METHODS

On page 15 of the *Toronto World* of September 14th, 1907, there appears a short article entitled "Larder Lake Investors Making Money—Larder Lake Gold District Proving the Greatest in the World." It begins by stating that eminent engineers from England, Germany and France have recently made "searching examinations of the Larder Lake gold fields," and that, one and all, they have endorsed the reports of United States and Canadian experts in terming Larder Lake the mining wonder of the world.

The next paragraph implies that "English, German and French engineers," familiar with the great gold deposits of South Africa, Australia and Siberia and the world generally, state that the Larder Lake district out-classes them all.

"One of the most prominent engineers of London," just back from a six weeks' examination of the district, is quoted as stating that South Africa never offered as inviting a field as does Larder Lake.

The fourth paragraph, however, brings us to the significant feature of the article. In vague terms a "report" is repeated, that London engineers have gone to examine the Blue Bell and Lucky Boys' mines, that well-known mining interests of England and France are to become "strongly identified therein," and that a great smelting plant is to be erected. "The price at which these interests" (we quote the *World's* phrases here unchanged) "will become interested is reported to be considerably above par and is not from private holding, but from the treasury stock of the companies." Reference is then made to the fact that Law & Company, brokers, of Toronto, during the past six months placed the shares of the Lucky Boys and Blue Bell mines on the market at 6 and 10 cents respectively. The development of many veins "running in width from 4 feet to 140 feet" is mentioned, and the value of the ore in sight and available for the two companies is estimated at more than thirty millions of dollars.

The "outcome" of all this is taken as vindicating the judgment of the brokers mentioned above. The article concludes with the statement that engineers and miners who have examined and are familiar with the properties claim the shares of Blue Bell and Lucky Boys will be worth ten dollars per share within the next year.

Incidentally we shall make a point of remembering that last prediction. If, within a year, shares in Blue Bell and Lucky Boys reach the ten dollar mark, we shall gladly retract all that we intend to say.

There are certain pointed comments called for by this article. In the first place, there are no indications, beyond internal evidence, that it is an advertisement.