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GOWGANDA TO-DAY.

We recommend to our readers the article "Gowganda" that appears in this number of the CANADIAN MINING JOURNAL. It is written by Mr. G. M. Colvocoresses, who is manager of one of the successful mines of that neglected district, and who has been responsible from the first for the development of the mine that he superintends. Mr. Colvocoresses speaks with the temperance that is born of experience.

Perusal of the article leads to the conviction that to dub Gowganda a failure is unwarranted and unfair. Gowganda's good name was almost fatally wounded by fakirs and fools. Moreover, Gowganda has been injured by quite absurd comparison with Cobalt. As Mr. Colvocoresses points out, Gowganda is not, and may never be, in the same class with Cobalt. But Gowganda promises to make a respectable younger sister.

One important point dwelt upon in the article refers to the mistake of looking upon Gowganda as being solely a high-grade camp. "A very considerable quantity of milling ore assaying from 30 to 100 ounces of silver per ton is now being developed," says Mr. Colvocoresses. Further, he affirms his belief that the greater part of Gowganda's production will eventually come from mills treating comparatively low-grade rock, which is excellent concentrating ore.

This fact bears essentially upon the future of the camp, and is surely full of meaning. Given the assurance of large reserves of low-grade milling ore, a railway into Gowganda becomes perfectly feasible. At present it is out of the question to move large quantities of freight into or out of the camp. The erection of mills must be postponed, therefore, until such time as a railway is built. We believe that the Ontario Government cannot long refuse to guarantee the construction of a railway. Or, rather, we may reasonably assert that the Government will be glad of good cause to take action. It looks not unlikely that good cause can be shown.

The story of Gowganda accentuates one basic truth. That truth is that in the selection, in the development, and in the operation of mining properties, level-headed competent men are needed. Never was illustration so complete, nor contrast so startling. A collateral truth is that competent men must take some measures to protect first the camp and next themselves from the reproach brought on all by the unrighteous. Gowganda lost years of growth through the reckless cupidity of the get-rich-quick class.

Quite by-the-way, our readers must not imagine that Gowganda is a land of perpetual snow. It is a sad fact that most of our photographs are taken during the