

# PORCUPINE RAND

## THE CRIME OF THE CENTURY

LAST PETITION.

LARDER CITY, 1911.

To the Hon. Frank Cochrane,  
Minister of Lands and Mines,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Toronto, Ont.

The undersigned petitioner begs leave to submit as follows:

That your action in removing the Recorder's Office from Larder City to Matheson, a clay belt dorp in the Gazetted Larder Lake Mining Division Extension, in spite of the cogent and truthful statements put forward in the last petition to prevent your committing "political suicide," is unwarranted and against the best interest of the miners, whose interests are your first charge as a servant of the Crown, to which your own political interests and that of your party must be subjected.

The farce of putting Lake Abbitibi in the Larder Lake Mining Division is a case of Jonah swallowing the whale, instead of the *vice versa* Biblical version.

Your action is the crime of the century, which we will now prove to demonstration:

The old Fox-pro prospector that broke cover three years ago in the old Larder Lake Mining Division is working back again to cover where he started.

The moment the litigation re the Harris-Maxwell Mine, the real Dome, is terminated, the North Side of Larder Lake in the Old Mining Division will be re-staked solid from Swastika to Opatatca Lake, Que.

By the iniquitous removal of the Recorder's Office from the Government Townsite of Larder City it will cost a miner \$25.00 prime cost to record a claim in excess of its lawful cost, namely:

Staking .....	\$10.25
Stage return from Larder Lake to Dane .....	5.00
T. & N.O. Railway from Dane to Matheson .....	2.25
Hotel Bill 2 nights and 1 day, prime cost, as the only train arrives too late for Recorder's Office and leaves too early (9.45) to transact business .....	3.50
3 days Miner's time wasted .....	9.00
1 day's dissipation locating Blind Pigs and Pool Rooms, a very modest day .....	5.00
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	\$35.00

This is but one of 36 transactions with the Recorder in connection with a Mining Claim, and for which he collects his fixed fee. See Schedule Mines Act, Ont.

That your petitioner humbly presents the above facts and prays for the revocation of the Order-in-Council removing Recorder's Office from its lawful and proper place in Larder City to the Northerly Extension of the Larder Lake Mining Division, which has the map of inconsistency stamped upon its face by ignoring the logical extension due west and north to Whitney and Tisdale Townships, as shown by a map in "*Toronto Globe*" April 6th, and asked for by the men that know—the miners, the voters.

Signed:

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