

PORT ARTHUR WILL GROW

The Thunder Bay Town Has a Great Future

AS A BIG MINING CENTRE

Thriving Port of Upper Lake Navigation and Its Surroundings

Mineral Deposits of Great Value to the East of It and to the West of It and North of Thunder Bay, All of Which Will Bring Business—Some of the Valuable Properties—The People of Port Arthur Have Faith in Their Surroundings—A World Man's Investment.

Port Arthur, Ont., June 10.—(Special.)—As conductor of the mining department of The World's news columns, I have, for upwards of a year, from after devoted considerable attention to this western mining country, but until I came and began to enquire for myself I had no proper idea of the extent or possibilities of the region, or of the important part likely to be played by Port Arthur in the development of the several mining districts with which it is surrounded.

In a series of letters, to be dated from this point, and of which this is the first, I propose to take up the different sections of the surrounding country, with a view to giving the eastern public an idea of their resources and of the development going on in each.

Port Arthur has been long known as a shipping and business centre, and some years ago it came forward as the capital of the local silver mining industry, but now it bids fair to surpass itself as a distributing point for the various gold mining districts in its vicinity.

As I have been here for only a few days, I have not yet had an opportunity of visiting any of the mining sections referred to, but, from all accounts, the present summer will see a great amount of development east and west, and some possibly north of this town.

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These remarks may be taken as a preliminary review of the situation immediately east of here, and to be supplemented in detail in the following articles, but it may be added that the whole territory, some hundred miles in length lying between here and Schreiber, is believed by many to be a rich mineral-bearing area.

One company alone, the Silver Lake Syndicate, owns 108,000 acres of mineral lands distributed between here and Sudbury, and it is said that agents of this company are at present in England negotiating for a sale thereof to British capitalists.

West of Port Arthur. To the west of Port Arthur lie several mineral areas that are already pretty well known in Eastern Ontario. These include the Shebandawan, Atikokan, Upper and Lower Seine, Saw Bill and Hawk Bay, Manitow and Wabigoon districts. Each of these is very readily accessible from this town.

In the Shebandawan region so far little development work has been done, but several Port Arthur and Toronto companies have taken up a number of locations near Lake Shebandawan, and, according to all accounts, the prospects for developing paying mines in that district are good.

Saw Bill or Upper Seine country is by way of Bonheur. At present the journey is from Bonheur to the Saw Bill, Hawk Bay and Hammond Reef gold mines is made by canoe and a series of portages, but only a couple of days ago the Government road commissioner left here with 110 men and a number of teams to build a road into these properties.

The construction of this thoroughfare will, of course, facilitate the transportation of supplies, accelerate the development of the district and generally benefit it by bringing it within easy reach of civilization.

Half day's journey by canoe from the Saw Bill mine brings the traveler to Lake Harold, in the neighborhood of which a number of properties are now being actively worked.

A day and a half's journey further down the Seine brings one to Mine Centre and Seine River City, in the vicinity of which are the Foley, Ferguson, Olive and other gold properties, all very favorably known in the East.

Sixty miles west of Bonheur, on the C. P. R., are Wabigoon, Dinosaur and Dryden, the immediate distributing points of the Wabigoon and Manitow districts. Three steamers are at present engaged in transporting supplies and machinery to the working mines, of which there at present about 10 in the region, among them the Ernie, owned in St. Paul, the Kirby, controlled by a Winnipeg syndicate, and the Larson and the McDougall.

In the preceding paragraphs the mining districts lying to the east and west of this town have been briefly referred to, but it is thought by a great many that the great unexplored country lying to the north of Thunder Bay will yet prove to be rich in minerals as any of these districts. Hundreds of prospectors have already gone out into these northern wilds, and during the next month or so numerous discoveries will likely be announced from this quarter.

With such an extensive group of mining districts surrounding it, Port Arthur, as before stated, should have a most prosperous future. Lying, as it does, at the head of navigation on the Great Lakes, and being an important point on the C. P. R., and the terminus of the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway, it has already benefited largely from the distribution of supplies to the mines in operation, and when the Ontario & Rainy River Railway is once constructed its importance will be greatly enhanced.

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summer climate and its general adaptability as an exceptionally enjoyable summer resort.

The overland route by rail for some hundred miles west of North Bay runs through an almost interminable succession of barren hills, dead forests and gloomy morasses, and the feeling of desolation inspired thereby is not relieved until the beginning of the end of the Journey is entered upon.

At Heron Bay, down the line, heaving cliffs begin to overhang the railway and great stretches of Lake Superior come into view, but these glimpses of nature are only a foretaste of what is to follow.

Darkness settles down before Port Arthur is reached, and when the traveler arises next morning a glorious panorama arrests and holds his gaze.

Petropolis is situated upon a sloping hillside, the town overlooks one of the greatest and most beautiful bays in the world—a tremendous natural harbor, capable of sheltering the combined navies of the earth, and guarded by rock-bound islands, and the gigantic promontories.

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Shaft House and Dump at Saw-Bill Gold Mines.



THE SAW-BILL ORE DUMP.

Today The World gives a reproduction from a photograph of the ore dump at the Saw-Bill Mine. This wonderful pile of rich gold-bearing quartz is the talk of the district. Over two thousand tons are ready for milling, besides something like 10,000 tons blocked out ready for stopping, thus giving a supply of ore sufficient to keep a ten-stamp mill running 18 months.

In a new country a record seldom equaled, and is creditable to the company and undoubtedly a source of satisfaction to the shareholders. A New York mining expert, who recently visited the property had assays made of ore which he took from the dump, giving results ranging from \$30 to \$300 per ton.

He expressed the opinion that the ore is the richest and most uniform he ever saw for such a wide vein, and had no hesitation in stating that Saw-Bill is a big mine—not a small proposition, but a great big mine. This opinion seems to be verified by every expert who has recently visited the property, and great speculation is now rife as to what the mill run will be when the machinery starts pounding out the yellow metal.

Mr. J. A. Switzer, lay delegate to the Methodist Conference, was in Toronto yesterday on business. Early closing is spoken of by some of the stockholders, the assistants falling in perfect accord with the suggestion.

An old resident, in the person of Matthew Dean, passed away yesterday, aged 80 years. The funeral will be held on Friday at Thornhill Cemetery.

Mr. D. James will preach at the morning service of the Methodist Church on Sunday, and the Rev. Mr. Hoach at 7:30 in the evening and Hutchinson in the afternoon.

Arrangements have been made by the council to have the dining dinner at 8 o'clock for the purpose of appointing a committee to draw up a constitution for the club.

The members of St. Sylvain's choir in singing on the occasion of the celebration of the York Township Council concerning the arrangements for the building of the addition to Little York Public School.

Mr. L. Sherry is training for the coming competition on Jarvis-street. He intends to compete in the 100-yard race.

A special meeting of the East Toronto Conservative Club will be held in Carleton Place on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of appointing a committee to draw up a constitution for the club.

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DEER PARK

The annual meeting of shareholders of the DEER PARK MINING CO. will be held at Spokane, Wash., on the 10th of July next, and all shareholders are requested to communicate with Mr. F. A. McPhillips at the office of Mr. Melfort Boulton, 30 Jordan-st., Toronto, where they will furnish them with full information regarding the present position of the property.

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