

MINING NEWS.

A meeting of directors of the J. O. 41 was appointed for last week or the beginning of this week for appointing Canadian officials instead of those at present. The property is considered very valuable and requires, it is thought, very little more development to bring out its full value. Also better management is needed, it is thought, hence the meeting.

Iron mines that have been long lying idle are being operated again owing to the present iron boom. The Kroman, for instance, near Republio, will, after 25 years' rest, begin soon.

For want of miners, the copper output in Lake Superior district fell off last month. Quincy's output was 700 tons less than the previous month, and the Osceola mine's showed a similar decrease.

The Mountain Lion mine in Minnesota is said to be the largest shipper of iron ore in the world. It daily ships ore to the amount of 8,000 or 11,000 tons.

After much discouragement, a Toronto firm has struck an even vein of mica 20 feet wide in Frontenac. The mica will cut up to 8 x 10 inches. A cutting shop is to be started this fall in Toronto. It will be of great use to local users of electrical mica and to those who using stoves need supplies of this mineral.

Three new Companies for the development of nickel mines in Sudbury district have commenced work. One of them has a cheap process of treating nickel, and is putting a small plant up for this purpose.

LATE OF THE WOODS.

So busy is mining in this district that scarcely a miner can be hired in Rat Portage. Some of the prospects here where steam power has not yet been installed, are hindered by water and by want of ventilation. Explosions of dynamite generate bad air which is not got rid of for 6 to 7 hours and a double shift of men is thus impossible. Mr. Israel Gagnon, a successful prospector, has come in after a turn in the woods and reports a very good find between Witch Bay and Stella Mine. The property is bonded already at a good figure.

Regina—Sinking is progressing in the main shaft.

Burley—Water has been removed and active work will soon be resumed.

Camp Bay—Trojan mine here has been sold to a Chicago and Montreal syndicate for \$30,000 and one-fifth interest. There are two shafts on the property of 60 and 40 feet respectively. Both these will be sunk to the 100 ft. mark. Capt. Marty Wright is in charge.

Sentinel—Shaft is down to 76 feet. What is unusual in this district, Capt. Proudlock had 5 boxes of dynamite and 13 sacks of blacksmith's coal stolen lately.

Virginia—A compressor plant is to be put in at once when sinking will be resumed. A few miles north east of Virginia is a good property on which Capt. Pritchard is making developments with a view to sale.

Witch Bay—Shaft has been sunk 25 feet by the Chemical Mining Co.

Beck—Shaft is down 60 feet and the valuable character of the property proved.

Gold Hill—The Upton syndicate is doing some prospecting work here and is sinking the old Black Jack shaft.

Hay Island—Water is now cleared off and mining will be started soon.

Falcon Lake—Shaft is down 46 feet. There is a wide vein of quartz and schist carrying gold. The gangue tends to un-mixed quartz as the shaft deepens. This will become a paying property even if there is only moderate low-grade gold.

Sirdar Group—Sirdar is now down 200 feet; Bullion 26 feet; Contact 26 feet; Fork 57 feet; Central 16 feet; Cascade 20 feet.

Sirdar Peninsula—Mikado, Summit, President, President branch, Cliff, and Helmet, all have shafts from 15 to 44 feet, and all show good values.

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