

## A DISPUTE OVER THE TITLE

To the Marvelous Hammond-Folger Dyke.

## REEF IN THE SAW BILL LAKE

Has Been Called the Greatest Mining Property on Earth.

**Judgment Has Been Reserved—The Hammond Spectator Gives Mr. Hardy Some Points—Hawthorne Directors Elected—Another New Mining District—Mining News From Ontario.**

The title to the great Hammond-Folger Dyke, or Kabiakong property, as it is sometimes called, is in dispute. This is the immense reef of ore on Saw Bill Lake, which has been called the greatest mining property on earth. The ore body upon it is said to actually extend for something like three miles in length with a maximum width at points of 700 feet. So easily excited is the ore that it has been suggested that it should be simply quarried out and carried to the stamp mills.

But, as was said above, the title is in dispute before the Master of Titles at Rat Portage. The property stands in the name of James Hammond of Fort William and Paul Clagstone of New York wants a title deed conveyed to him. The basis of the action is found in the following facts: Months ago Hammond and Clagstone and Harry Folger of New York were out prospecting, when they fell in with an Indian, who sold them property for some food and a small sum of money. The two decided that Hammond and Folger should put up the money for registration and development purposes, while Hammond, being the practical miner, was to register the claim in his own name and afterwards convey two-thirds interest to them.

Hammond alleges that Clagstone would not pay the money for development as was agreed, and consequently refused to make the conveyance. On the other hand Clagstone says he did not put up \$400 for development, and hence the lawsuit, Clagstone seeking to compel a conveyance of one-third to him.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Another Point for Mr. Hardy and His Mining Property.

While Hon. Mr. Hardy is exercising his serious consideration on the subject of the improvement of the mining law, he might take note of some happenings in Ontario mining circles which demand attention and should result in a law to prevent the deception of the public by the similarity of names of many companies.

The Saw Bill Mining Company is a well-known concern, its property making a first-class showing, and its prospects being of the very best. The success of the stock of this company upon the market has had the effect of producing no less than three other "Saw Bill" companies. These are the Ground Floor Saw Bill Company, the West Saw Bill Company, and the East Saw Bill Company, the latter concern not even pretending to have a mining property anywhere. It is plain as the nose upon one's face that these three companies adopted the name "Saw Bill" and incorporated it in their several titles solely because of the success of and great reputation of the original Saw Bill Company.

The average citizen, seeing the words "Saw Bill," and knowing the reputation of the original Saw Bill Company, would pay no attention to the "Ground Floor," "West" or "East" parts of the names, and would with one of these companies as he would with the original. If one of these companies, or all of them, were to stand in the original Saw Bill Company's name, in short, the similarity of names must lead to the greatest confusion and misunderstanding, and must be injurious to the owners of the original Saw Bill Mine.

That sort of thing should not be permitted. It is not allowed in any other business. No approach whatever to similarity in any business is heavily pushed as being an attempt to deceive the public, and no attempt to trade upon the reputation of another company should be allowed in Canada. It will pay Ontario to compel honesty by making its mining laws and stock brokers. There are risks enough in legitimate mining without adding to the confusion by allowing half a dozen companies—some good, some worthless—to trade upon the reputation of another company. It is to be hoped that when Hon. Mr. Hardy's bill comes, amendments will be made which will prevent similarity of names, either accidental or purposely, and in the meantime it is only just that steps should be taken to prevent the issue of charters to companies whose names seem very like other existing companies.

## Hawthorne.

At a meeting of the directors of the Hawthorne Gold Mining Company held at Hamilton P. C. Bruce was elected president; H. C. Beckett, vice-president; H. A. Wiley, managing director; H. N. Kitchin, secretary-treasurer. Staunton & O'Hair reported the receipt of the charter, and the certificates will be mailed to the shareholders as early as a date as possible.

The managing director reported satisfactorily on the progress of the work at the mine, the shaft being down to 100 feet and the vein about four feet in width, and showing a much richer grade of ore as depth is attained.

## Another New Mining District

War Eagle Lake, five miles north of Keweenaw, says The Rat Portage Miner, is coming to the front as a section of mining country worth prospecting. Already one localities surveyed there last fall has changed hands, having been purchased by the Lakeside Mining Co. from J. Shipton and partner.

## A FALSE SUPPOSITION.

A man with a Mathematical Mind Makes Mistakes.

Some individual with a love for figures has sized up the possibilities of an average mine with a shaft 1000 feet deep and drifts for blocking out the ore. He says: "A mineral location of 100 feet in length, the vein of which carries one foot of pay streak, or mineral matter, will yield about four tons of ore for each foot of depth. A shaft 100 feet, a drift 100 feet, and an upraise of 100 feet will block out ready for stoking 100 tons of ore, and if opened by ordinary methods to a depth

of 1000 feet the vein will yield 150,000 tons of ore. These figures are on the basis of ten cubic feet of ore to the ton. At \$10 per ton, which is a very low estimate, its product to 1000 feet deep would be worth \$1,500,000."

The estimate is made upon the supposition that all of the vein for its full length of 1000 feet and the depth of 1000 feet will carry a foot of ore. It is a pity the writer did not follow the example of that king of fakirs, Brick Pomeroy, and, as he did, figure that the vein carried pay ore to the centre of the earth. There is no reason why he should have stopped at 1000 feet depth. This kind of a thing is made to catch suckers, and the bait might as well be larger and richer and more tempting.

No such a vein as is supposed in this article ever existed, and there is no reason to expect such a one will ever be found. Ore is never evenly distributed in veins. It comes in pockets and chutes, and it is rarely the case that more than half of the ground in a vein is rich enough to pay for stoking. In a large proportion of mines not more than from a tenth to a quarter of the ground opened by shafts, drifts and winzes will pay to stoke. What the miner is always hoping for is to find the ore, when he does find it, in such quantity and of such richness that he will make a profit on its extraction which will pay for all the dead work required, and leave a large margin in addition. This is exactly what does happen in good mines well mined.

But the writer of the article quoted makes a very poor showing for mining. If the statistics are analyzed, the fathoms of stoking. The cost of this work under ordinary conditions must be placed as follows:

Shaft at \$20.....	\$20,000
Winzes at \$10.....	30,000
Drifts at \$5.....	50,000
Stopes at \$15.....	60,000
Total.....	\$160,000

The above includes nothing for timber, machinery, interest on investment, nor any of the incidentals which are always surprisingly large to the ordinary man.

If the 150,000 tons of ore could be hoisted, put in a mill and treated for \$2 per ton, it would be less than the average cost and would \$300,000 to the debit side, bringing the cost to \$1,300,000. If 75 per cent. of the value in the ore could be realized, the yield would be \$1,125,000, showing a profit of only \$825,000 to pay for risk and interest for years on the investment. This is a poor showing. Only under exceptional conditions reducing the cost, no mining man of experience would accept as a gift such a mine as the one supposed, if such a thing existed. Ten dollars ore must come out of the mine more than one foot wide to be attractive.

## THE TIGER IN GOOD THIM.

Mr. Croker is Going Abroad, But Leaves Old Tammam in Good Shape.

New York, Feb. 17.—Richard Croker said yesterday he would sail for Wiesbaden next week in order to give his son, who is in delicate health, the benefit of the waters of that health resort. He refused to commit himself as to his candidacy for Mayor of Greater New York, but said he would return in time to participate in the coming campaign, and help leader Sheehan. He declared Tammam was in good trim for the fight. He said during his stay abroad he would go to England to look after his horse, two of which he had entered for this year's Derby. He would not venture a prediction as to the ability of either of his entries, but said he was saying that he was ignorant of their condition.

## TO REPLACE WEYLER.

A Crisis Impending in Spain Which Will Affect Cuba.

Madrid, Feb. 17.—El Dia, in an article on the position of affairs in Spain, is most positive terms that a Ministerial crisis is impending, and that it is possible that Don Sagasta will return to the Premiership. The paper also says there is a likelihood of the resignation of the Governor-General of the Philippines, who will be replaced by Don Weyler as Captain-General of Cuba.

## MUST PROVIDE SEATS.

That is if Mr. Brennan's Bill Goes—A Good Move for Tired Passengers.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Assemblyman Brennan of Brooklyn has introduced a bill providing for the issuance of indemnity tickets to passengers by railroad companies in cases where fare is paid and no seat provided. The act is to go into effect July 1, 1897. The bill provides that an indemnity ticket shall be furnished to passengers by the conductor, which ticket shall entitle the passenger to another ride, or a rebate of half the amount of the fare paid.

## INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION.

The Committee of the Toronto Board of Trade Met Yesterday.

The Insolvency Committee of the Board of Trade met yesterday, with Mr. Stapleton Caldwell in the chair. It was decided that the cooperation of the Board of Trade of the chief cities in Canada to aid in getting Ireland out of an insolvency law covering the whole Dominion.

## Her Pocket Picked.

Mrs. A. L. Gentile of Victoria-street has reported to the police that her pocket was picked of a purse containing \$15 while she was attending a lecture in the Normal School Tuesday afternoon.

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## NIAGARA FALLS NOTES.

Park Commissioners Will Meet—Hear the Best of a Kicking Match—Bravery Rewarded.

George Clayton, a young man in the employ of Mr. McHattie, butcher, had his hand badly cut in a power cutting machine to-day. The doctor had to put a number of stitches in it. There is a large-sized row approaching a crisis in the Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church at Niagara Falls South. A short time ago the organist left town and the choir, through the church management, has been asked to put a number of stitches in it. The organist, Mr. McHattie, to take charge of the organ for one Sunday, with the idea that it was satisfactory, he would be hired permanently. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Wilson, and a number of the congregation objected to Jacklin on the grounds that a short time ago he had been employed in the insignificant occupation of driving a beer wagon, and went so far as to threaten to leave the church. Jacklin consequently did not reside at the organ, and the choir kicked and got out. Jacklin, who resides being a B.A. is an M.D., Mus. B. and F.G.O., backed up by several members of the congregation has laid the matter before the General Assembly of the church, and also claims that Rev. Mr. Wilson, not the necessary diploma for the position he holds, and that he has practically deceived the congregation. The organist are about to purchase a new \$2000 organ, and those who are instrumental in its purchase are that the organ will open it. Jacklin, however, has refused all offers by the congregation.

A policeman had an exciting chase after a man who, it is alleged, stole a quantity of clothing from a merchant in Peblan township. The local constable of that township and Ontario Policeman Main succeeded in capturing him on the road towards Fort Erie. Detective Murray sent word from Dunnville to the police here to arrest a woman who is wanted as an important witness at the inquest held here to-day. The woman was taken to Dunnville this morning by Officer Main.

The electric street car went down to-day while repairs were being made to the shafting at the power house. Col. Shaw of Watertown, N.Y., president of the Canadian Niagara Company was in town to-day. The colonel had nothing new to give out in connection with the Power Company. They are awaiting the decision of the Government.

A special M.C.R. detective has been located here to prevent trespassing on that company's property. Several large chunks of ice fell out of the penstocks at the wheel-pit extension of the big power tunnel last yesterday afternoon and struck two laborers, a negro and a Pole, senseless at the bottom of the pit. The ice fell on their heads, and the Pole had to be taken to the hospital, but the negro was able to resume work after a few minutes' delay.

## News From the Foreign Fields.

Letters have been received at the Presbyterian mission from Rev. Mr. May and Rev. W. Gaud of Formosa, Japan, dated Jan. 12, stating that they have suffered severely at the hands of the Japanese mobsters, the latter of the latter being friendly, and has promised to do what he can for the people who may be persecuted from the persecution consequent upon their change of belief.

Letters have also just arrived from the Honan missions in China, where the work is most encouraging progress. Rev. Mr. McTear has just suffered the loss, through death, of his only son.

Spain is Crushing Out a Rebellion. The Northern Pacific steamer Olympia arrived last night, bringing Hong Kong and Philippine Islands advices to Jan. 20. According to the latest Manila papers, the Spanish forces are crushing the rebellion. Thirteen rebels were shot on Jan. 11. One of them was the well-known Francisco L. Boxas, another a military officer. In the case of the latter the execution was preceded by the summary degradation of the traitor, his sword being broken and thrown on the ground and his decorations torn off.

## British Help for Northwest Missions.

Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of the Presbyterian missions in Manitoba and the Northwest, is spending the present week in Britain. Recent letters from him give information regarding the results of his mission. He has obtained large contributions, one of £400 sterling, on behalf of the Northwest Church Mission and Building Fund. He has also interested many congregations in the home mission of the Northwest, and several of them have promised to contribute for the next three years towards the support of missionaries in specific fields.

## Died in England.

Mr. Alfred Seymour, son of Sir Hamilton Seymour, who in the early seventies married the first daughter of Lord William McDonnell, C.B., died at Folkestone, England, on Jan. 20. He was 29 years of age, and was a member of the 1st Buffs, and was killed in action during the Boer war. He was brother-in-law of Judge McDonnell and of Mr. J. V. McDonnell of the Toronto Railway Company. Deceased had been an invalid for the past two years.

## Canadian Institute.

The members of the Canadian Institute will hold their usual meeting in the hall of the Institute, Richmond-street, on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. Two papers will be read on "The Latin Conquest of the Tames and St. Lawrence" by Professor Bell, Ph.D., and "The Latin Conquest of the Tames and St. Lawrence" by Professor Campbell of Montreal. The public are cordially invited to attend.

## In Mar.

Editor World: Please inform me through your paper when the next civil examination will take place in Toronto. Subscriber.

## Gen. Pleasance to Be Dead.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Gen. Alfred Pleasance, the famous cavalry leader, who has long been ill, died at his residence in this city at 3 o'clock this morning.

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COMSTOCK UNDEARIES A FRAUD. He is Said to Have Detected & W. Baird in an Alleged Lottery Scheme. Baltimore, Feb. 17.—Anthony Comstock of New York has unearthed a big fraud conducted by Jesse L. McDaniels, alias O. W. Baird, of this city. McDaniels has been arrested, charged with violating the laws of the United States against using the mails for promoting a lottery. The prisoner has, it is alleged, been selling

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ing tickets in all sections of the country purporting to be issued by the Royal Havana Lottery, which is operated under protection of the Government of Spain. McDaniels had, however, no connection with the Havana Company. His tickets were dummy forgeries and his scheme made it impossible for any purchaser to win a prize. Several thousand of the fake tickets were found in McDaniels' possession.

Mrs. Alexander Grant, a former resident of this city, has committed suicide at Vernon, B.C., by taking laudanum.