

RESOURCES OF ALGOMA ARE NOW OVERSHADOWED

By Discoveries in Nipissing, But
Algoma Pioneers Intend to
Press Their Claims.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—The District of Algoma, although the largest of the districts of New Ontario, has been overshadowed of late in public interest by its lesser neighbor, Nipissing, owing to the wonderful silver discoveries in and near Cobalt. The people of Algoma, however, do not propose to remain in the darkness of the shadow much longer, and one of their movements towards the light will be the holding of a convention at Sault Ste. Marie on Dec. 6, at which representatives of the various municipalities will discuss the needs of the district and the obligations of the government of Ontario thereto. It is argued, and doubtless with much reason, that while tens of millions have been poured into the treasury of the province during the past 40 years, and millions more diverted into the pockets of the favored few who have exploited the vast timber resources of the district, only a few paltry thousands are annually returned for the construction of badly needed roads and bridges. One of the demands proposed by the promoters of the convention is for the construction of a first-class trunk highway from the Soo to Sudbury, passing thru and connecting the various towns skirting the north shore of Lake Huron, and adjacent to the Soo branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Better terms for settlers, an improvement in the class of public buildings, encouragement of mining, conservation of timber and other matters will come up for consideration, and it is altogether probable that the government will be put in possession of the united views and aspirations of the people of the district.

Mining prospects have been much improved during the year. The acquisition of the old Bruce copper mines by

an English syndicate resulted in the resumption of work, and from 50 to 75 men have been engaged in pumping out the abandoned shafts and cleaning up, preparatory to taking out ore. The new work is under the management of Carnegie Winans, who has intimated that a smelter will be erected next spring. A new strike of rich copper is announced in the same property, but some three miles north of the old mines. This new vein is being developed by parties from Rossland, B. C. Another copper proposition, near Sault Ste. Marie, a few miles east of the Bruce, is undergoing development. Ore from this mine was exhibited at the Chicago World's fair and excited the interest of experts on account of its great richness, but the lack of smelting facilities in the vicinity prevented further development. The erection of a smelter at Bruce Mines or some other point along the shore would give a great impetus to mining development, and numerous prospects are awaiting the consummation of such an enterprise. All along the line between the Soo and Sudbury there are excellent prospects, not only of copper, but of gold, and some of them have companies organized and development work somewhat advanced, so that next summer will likely witness a great deal of activity in this part of the province.

Lumbering is still, as it always has been, the leading industry of the district. As an instance of the extent of the industry might be mentioned the transfer of the Dymond mills at Thessalon, with the limits contributory thereto, last winter, to the Nester-Bishop syndicate of Chicago, Duluth and Detroit, for \$500,000. And this is one of the smaller mills of the district. This company are now bringing over a large mill from Ashland, Wis., which they are erecting at Moberly Bay, three miles west of Thessalon, where they will be in touch with the railway. Thessalon station on the C. P. R. being three miles from the town. Some 6000 men are working in the numerous lumber camps of Algoma this season, whose wages and supplies will average at least \$30 each per month. When this is added the cost of the hundreds of horses required in the woods and the expenses of driving and towing logs to the various mills, it is reasonable to estimate an expenditure of fully \$2,000,000 before the mills commence cutting in the spring. The output of the mills in the Georgian Bay district next year will probably establish a record. Not less than 15 large mills will be working to their full capacity, besides several smaller mills, all of which derive their chief supply of logs from Algoma. Some of the larger mills, be-

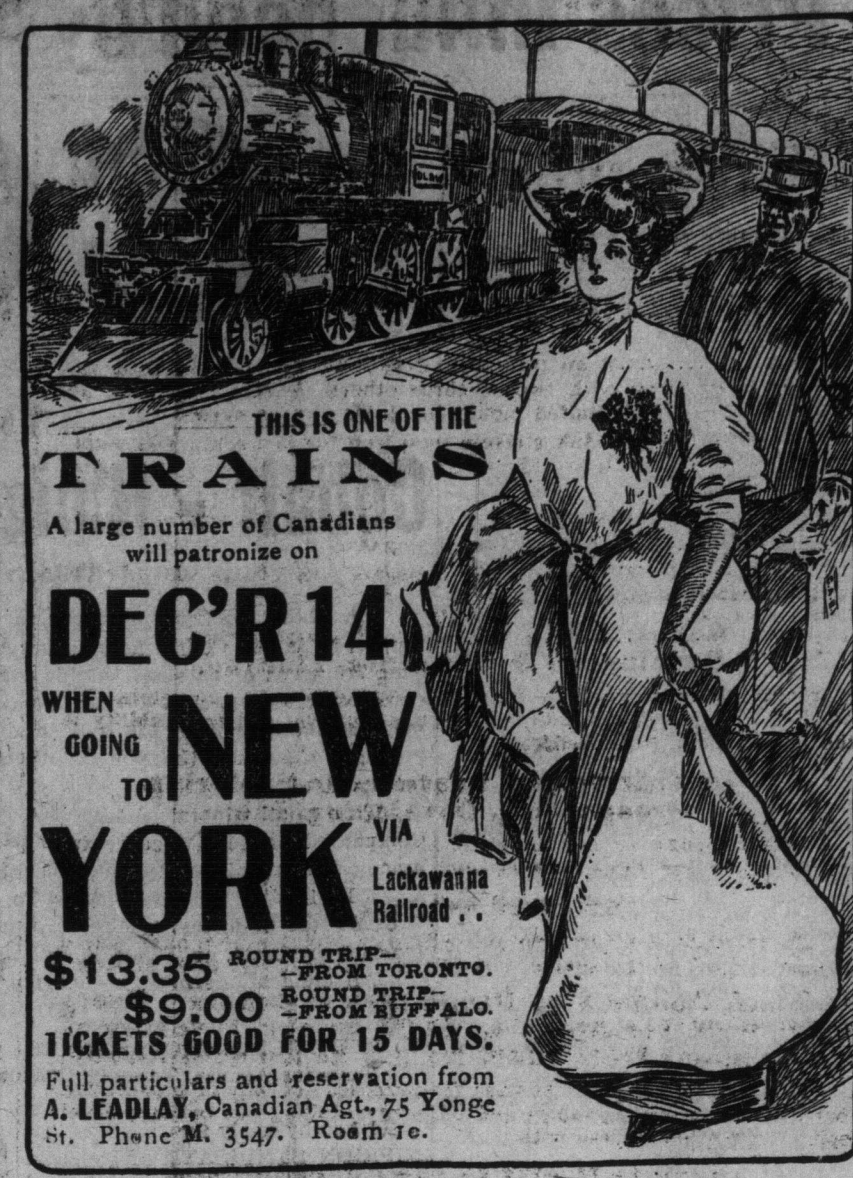
ing equipped with electric light, will run night and day.

The general scarcity of labor has affected the supply of men for the lumber camps. The lumber jacks of today have not only to be well paid, but they must be well fed and well housed to keep them on the job.

The old-time fare of fat pork and molasses, boiled beans and potatoes, will not go now. Good cooks are employed at high wages. Bread is baked fresh every day, and the bill of fare is as elaborate as that of a town hotel. Among the items of a recent engagement to the Thessalon Lumber Company, for instance, were 150 cases of St. Charles condensed cream, 500 cases of assorted canned vegetables, 50 large cheeses, besides numerous cases of pickles, crates of jam, etc. John Charlton, who has large lumbering interests in Algoma, referred to this matter in a recent interview. "Time was," he said, "when it was a matter of not the slightest difficulty to get any required number of good lumber jacks. There were plenty of them, and of the very best kind, men whose fathers before them had been in the business, and who understood it to perfection. They would work hard for small wages, and were not at all finicky about their keep. Nowadays this has all been changed. It is difficult to get the men in sufficient numbers. They want very much higher wages for a poorer quality of work, and they are continually grumbling about their food and quarters."

Thirty dollars a month and board enables many a man to lay up a goodly store of cash during the season, as there is no opportunity of spending his wages in camp. The typical lumber jack, however, is a happy-go-lucky fellow, whose only object in life appears to be to work hard for a few months, accumulate a hundred dollars or more, and come out in the spring with an abnormal thirst, which takes nearly all summer to quench. He is the source of vast profits to hotelkeepers in all these north shore towns, from the Soo to North Bay. Eight or nine years ago a French-Canadian borrowed money to start a hotel in Blind River. This year he was able to place \$20,000 cash in an hotel at the Soo.

Notwithstanding the vast amount of drinking that goes on, however, it is worthy of notice that serious crime is almost unknown in the district, and when it does occur is almost entirely confined to the Italian or other foreign residents, recently introduced in the larger towns or on railway work. For the lumber jack drinks heavily and spends his money freely, he is, on the whole, a good-natured fellow and his



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occasional scraps are readily adjusted by an appeal to the bar. When his money is gone he picks up his "turkey," usually a cotton bag, and his outfit, which he slings over his shoulder with a strap and hies him away to the tall timbers.

The recent epidemic of typhoid fever in the lumber camps was doubtless due to the exceptionally hot and dry season, from which their water supply is not exempt. In the month of August scarcely any rain fell and the sun shone daily with a fierce radiance that is seldom experienced in the district, which usually enjoys a deal summer climate. The abundant fall rains and the advent of frost have reduced the number of cases to a normal level.

The agricultural possibilities of the District of Algoma have not yet been fully exploited as they might be. From an agricultural standpoint it resembles the description of the little girl, when it is good it is very, very good, but when it is bad it is horrid. Rocky bluffs there are in abundance, some of which would not pasture a goat, and others which would sustain herds of cattle and flocks of sheep. But behind the forbidding, north shore there are valleys and plains of good soil and every sun shines on and some of the older settlers point with pride to modern and diplomas from the world's fair at Chicago in 1893, where grain and fruit and vegetables from this district took some of the highest awards. The exhibits at the local fairs in these lines could not be excelled anywhere, and the quantities of the best farm machinery sold by local dealers are eloquent of the growing prosperity of the cultivators of the soil. Unfortunately a large number of the settlers have found work in the lumbering and pulpwood industries so easy to obtain that they have neglected the farms, and content themselves with easy crops of hay and oats on the same land, year after year. But the leaves of a few good farmers are working and will produce results in time.

As a summer resort Algoma is every year becoming more popular. Its magnificent scenery, its numerous lakes and rivers, its excellent fishing, and its genial summer climate have attracted the attention of wealthy residents of Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, Pittsburg and many other cities, who come in ever increasing numbers to enjoy ideal outdoor life. One of the most popular localities is a group of lakes a few miles from Thessalon. The largest of these, a lake ten miles long, is named on the map Lake Maquoketing, but it is generally known as Basswood Lake. A quarter of a mile from this, connected by a stream that falls 87 feet in that distance, is Lake Pakawagnanau, called Mud Lake for short. Near the shore of this lake, named Clear, Round, Bass, and two or three more smaller still, without distinctive names. On Big Basswood Lake a clubhouse has been built by the Canadian C. Association of New York, an organization of prominent Americans and Canadians, among whose officers and members are ex-Presidents Cleveland, Drexler, S. J. Lenox Curtis, Robert T. Morris, Chas. McBurney of New York; Admiral's George Dewey and Robley D. Evans of Washington; Dr. C. Nelson Miles of Boston; the well-known writers Ernest Thompson Seton, Charles G. D. Roberts and John Burroughs; Earl Grey, governor-general of Canada; Sir Louis Jetté of Quebec, Hon. F. R. Latchford of Toronto, and many others. A favorite outing with members of the club is to go up to Biscotasing and come down the Mississauga River, a majestic stream, which widens into lakes in many places, spending a week or two, canoeing and fishing, till they reach Sault Ste. Marie, from which point a portage of three-quarters of a mile takes them to the clubhouse. Many American ladies have made the trip and return enthusiastically to the beauty of the route, the bracing air and exhilarating sport. Several Americans have built cottages on the shores of Big Basswood Lake and others are preparing to follow their example.

Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph.
There is a rate of single fare for the round trip, from all stations in Ontario, on the Grand Trunk, Kingston and west. Anyone interested in live stock should not miss the opportunity of visiting this fair. Tickets and information may be secured at Grand Trunk city office, northwest corner King and Yonge-streets.

Accused Takes Own Life.
Peterboro, Dec. 3.—John Cochrane, aged 65, of Cavendish Township, jumped into the Ottonabee River and was drowned. He was arrested recently on the charge of burning the barn of John Westlake of Cavendish, and was to have come up for trial on Tuesday.

ASKS \$500 DAMAGES.

Israel Mintz Institutes Civil as Well as Criminal Proceedings.

Israel Mintz has begun an action against the "Employers' Association of Toronto," James G. Merrick, The Lowndes Clothing Co., and the T. Eaton Co., claiming \$5000 damages for unlawful conspiracy to prevent Mintz earning his living at his trade, and for an injunction restraining each of the defendants, their workmen and agents, from persuading other persons from employing him who are willing to do so, but for the boycotting, blacklisting and interference of the defendants or some of them.

The criminal charges of conspiracy preferred against the same parties were to have been aired in police court yesterday, but owing to the absence from the city of Secretary Merrick of the Employers' Association, the hearing was adjourned until Friday.

TRUSTEES DEFY MINISTER.

Will Not Comply With Act Compelling Fair Salaries.

Kingston, Dec. 3.—At S.S. No. 13, North Fredericksburg, Lennox County, the trustees advertised for a teacher, saying: "State salary and experience as we do not intend to comply with the new regulations."

The attention of the education department was drawn to the matter and Minister of Education, Pyne has written to Inspector Burrows, asking him to tell the trustees that they will be held liable for any expenditure not within the provisions of the act. Further, that suspension of the certificate will be ordered if any teacher accepts a salary lower than the act provides.

At S.S. No. 13 Richmond Township, Lennox County, the ratepayers discussed the rural trustees' position and the injustice placed upon the school supporters and to mark disapproval of high salaries the supporters asked the trustees to close the school for three months, viz., second, third and fourth terms, Jan. 1, 1907, and to enter "an emphatic protest to the minister of education for the arbitrary and unjust law he has placed upon us."

TO KEEP UP BOYCOTT.

Hongkong, Dec. 3.—At a large meeting held at Canton, to consider the disposal of accumulated funds subscribed to maintain the recent boycott on American goods, a resolution was adopted to establish industrial institutions with the object in view of being independent of foreign supplies.

Christmas Excursion, December 14.
Do you want a holiday? If so and desire to get big value for your money, call on S. J. Sharp, western passenger agent, C. P. R. Atlantic Steamship Lines, 80 Yonge-street. This line will have the following steamers from St. John, N. B.: Lake Champlain, a one-class steamer, viz., second cabin and stateroom, and the ocean greyhound, Empress of Britain, sailing Dec. 14. The latter will land you in England four days before Christmas. Give us a call.

Doubt Magistrate's Jurisdiction.
Belleville, Dec. 2.—Magistrate Piltz has adjourned the hearing of the charge against the Corby Distillery Co. for employing alien labor until next Monday to consider the question of his jurisdiction.

Are You Interested in Poultry?
If so, you should not miss the opportunity of visiting the Winter Fair at Guelph. Tickets will be on sale at Grand Trunk ticket offices at single fare for the round trip, good going Dec. 8 to 14, returning until the 17th. For any further information call at Grand Trunk city office, northwest corner King and Yonge-streets.

Earl Grey in Montreal.
Montreal, Dec. 3.—The governor-general was a guest at the luncheon of the Canadian Club to-day when the subject of the supply of pure milk to cities was discussed by Walter W. Law of Briarcliffe Manor, New York.

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COBALT MERGER LIMITED OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Main Government Vein Uncovered on the Morrison Claim.

The following despatches were received Saturday, Dec. 1st, from Cobalt, at the offices of the Cobalt Merger Co., 43 Scott St., Toronto:

DESPATCH NO. 1. DeBruyne has uncovered Main Government Vein two feet wide on Morrison Claim. Government Shaft ten feet deep, showing rich cobalt and other minerals four feet wide.

DESPATCH NO. 2. Engineer Gifford examined McCormack Claims. No. 7 vein over three feet wide. Considers continuation of Jacobs rich lead through Hargreaves property. Full report following.

Arranging for Immediate Shipments
Further important announcements may be made before the Subscription Books are closed. Immediate application is absolutely necessary to insure participation in the first offering at par.

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Pending amalgamation, and to comply with all legal requirements, the Erie Company has effected a

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of the Beaver Company's properties, thus giving to the Erie Company a full, active, controlling interest.

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A complete modern equipment is being installed immediately to begin active mining operations. Upon the Erie property a shaft has been sunk 50 feet, and over six thousand feet of trenching has been done, and seven well-defined veins have been opened. One vein extends over one thousand feet and carries good value in silver. No. 1 shaft on the Beaver property is now down 30 feet. No. 2 shaft is down 18 feet and the ore taken out has been bagged and is awaiting shipment, and a rich new vein has just been discovered.

STOCK FOR SALE

Applications for three hundred thousand shares of the Erie Cobalt Silver Mining Company's stock at par value of \$1 each will be received up to

Twelve o'clock on Wednesday, December 5

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All applications must be accompanied by post office or express order, or marked cheque in full, payable to J. H. JEWELL & CO., and mailed or delivered to

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14 King Street West, Toronto, Ont.

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NOTE—Stock is being allotted in full and delivered in the order in which applications and cheques are received.

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