



LOVELAND AND STONE'S CAMP NO. 1, READING ROOM IN BACKGROUND.

In the last four years the Canadian Reading Camp Association has shown it to be possible to acquire even the rudiments of an education in these camps, and also in lumbering and railway construction camps, a field which correspondence schools have not entered.

The Ontario Department of Education has assisted the work of the Association by initiating a system of camp libraries and giving a small grant for the maintenance of reading camp instructors. It has also, for several years, sent representatives from the School of Mines, Kingston, and the School of Practical Science, Toronto—usually Professors Goodwin and Bain—to visit the mining camps during the summer months, and give a series of lectures and practical demonstrations in mineralogy, geology and metallurgy to the men actively engaged in the mining industry.

These gentlemen, as well as the

reading camp instructors, do not confine their efforts to technical instruction, and are an untold influence for good in the camps they visit. This year Dr. Goodwin has taken his magic lantern with him, and additional interest is being awakened. The lantern has also been used successfully by the Association in a number of reading-rooms in the lumbering camps.

It is hoped the various provincial departments of education will in the immediate future undertake and assume full responsibility for the education of all beyond as well as within the school walls.

Hitherto, because of the failure of our Canadian departments of education and educational institutions to provide for the needs of the miner and railway employee, American correspondence schools have occupied the field. Although some of these schools are doing good work, and although