

rapidly. At the present time drifting is being carried on at the 100-foot level, and some good ore is being taken out. The shaft is being sunk to the 200-foot level, and from that point a cross-cut will be run about 300 feet, where it is expected to cut the Ophir vein. Several new camp buildings are being erected.

It is understood that the Cobalt Lake will ship a car of high-grade ore in a short time.

The Silver Mines Exploration Co. has declared its regular dividend of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and an extra bonus of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., payable Sept. 16th.

The Crown Reserve Mining Co. has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 6 per cent., and also an extra bonus of 9 per cent. On August 30th the cash on hand and ore in transit amounted to \$912,000. After paying the quarterly dividend the surplus will be \$647,000.

The Buffalo Mines has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 5 per cent., payable Oct. 10th, and an extra dividend of 3 per cent., payable Nov. 5th. Up to date this company has paid 59 per cent. of the capitalization.

The Temiskaming & Hudson Bay Mining Co. has declared a dividend of 300 per cent.

A 5-drill compressor has been installed at the Last Chance mine, which is located near the town of Latchford. This company has lately found good values at depth, and the force of men has been doubled and the work is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

At the present time there is a force of nearly one thousand men engaged in the construction of the plant of the Mines Power, Limited, and good progress is being made in the different branches of the work. The poles for the transmission line have been erected, and the work on the sub-stations for the distribution of the air and electricity at Cobalt and Kerr Lake is making good headway. The Cobalt sub-station is being built on the Nipissing property on the south side of Cobalt Lake, and the one which is to serve the Kerr Lake district is being built at Brady Lake. Large compressors will be installed in both these sub-stations, and air will also be connected by a 10-inch main, so that in case of breakdown at either place, there will be no interruption of the supply of air.

At the eleventh hour the Provincial Government has realized the gravity of the fever situation in Cobalt, and has sent several special inspectors to look after the work of cleaning up the town. A great many nurses have been sent in from outside points, and a number of tents have been erected to serve as hospital camps. It is hoped that the methods now being employed, together with the colder weather, will be successful in checking the disease.

Active development work is being carried on at the Temiskaming & Hudson Bay, and it is understood that several very promising discoveries have been made within the past few weeks. In a short time the management expect to sink a winze below the 200-ft. level, and from the bottom of this drifts and cross-cuts will be run to catch several veins. A few days ago the Coleman Township properties of this company were transferred to the Hudson Bay Mines, Limited, which has a capital of \$3,500,000.

At the Nipissing Mine, vein No. 122, which was discovered on the surface some time ago, has been traced for 820 feet. This vein has been cut underground at two points, 520 feet apart and 80 feet below the surface and in both places shows high grade ore.

Some excellent samples of niccolite ore were recently brought into Cochrane. These were stated to have been broken from an outcrop a few miles from the town. It was in this section that the International Nickel Co. were working diamond drills on a large nickel deposit on which they had an option.

Some time ago the machines were taken off, but no announcement has been made as to the results obtained.

Mr. W. P. O'Brien, on behalf of the Imperial Crown and Silver Leaf, denies the report that these companies will amalgamate. A special general meeting of the Silver Leaf Co. will be held in Toronto on Sept. 27th to confirm by-laws passed by the directors.

Recent development at the Silver Cliff mine has much improved the outlook at that property. Drifting is now being carried on on Nos. 1, 2 and 3 veins, and some very good ore chutes have been encountered. At present operations are confined to the main tunnel, which is now in 400 feet. A winze has been sunk to a depth of 80 feet below the tunnel, and from the bottom a cross-cut is being run to catch the No. 1 vein. The foundations for the new concentrator have been started, and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

During the past month a large number of prospectors have been going into the new gold fields in Whitney Township, which is 65 miles by canoe from Driftwood City. A large number of claims have been staked, and some very fine specimens of gold quartz brought out. The veins in this section are very similar to those in Munro Township, and are narrow, but rich.

The addition to the concentrator at the King Edward mine is now complete, and the company only await the delivery of power in order to re-commence operations. There is a large quantity of milling ore on hand but as the enlargements to the concentrator were made with a view to using electric power, operations will be delayed for some time.

On Sept. 15th the assay building at the Trethewey mine was destroyed by fire. The prompt action of the brigade from the Coniagas was undoubtedly the means of preventing some of the other buildings being burnt.

The Nipissing Central Railway, which is to connect Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard, expect to have their rails laid by the last of November. The contract has been given to the Algoma Steel Co., and several carloads have already been received. The contract for four passenger cars has also been let. The only hitch at present is over the bridge crossing the T. & N. O. tracks on the southern edge of Buck Township, and it is expected that this matter will be settled next week by the Railway Commission.

The trouble between the Nova Scotia Mining Co. and the Peterson Lake Mining Co. has culminated in an action against the Nova Scotia for the recovery of one million dollars, and to restrain the Nova Scotia from trespassing on the Peterson Lake property. The report of the Peterson Lake engineer shows that the Nova Scotia has trespassed upon the Peterson Lake property not included in its lease, and has removed a large quantity of ore to which it had no title. The report also shows that the ore was handled without regard to the Peterson Lake interests, and that due care was not exercised to separate the ore taken from the different properties. It also appears that no returns were made to the Peterson Lake from one car of ore shipped from its property, and that improper deductions have been made in freight and smelting charges. The trouble is partly the outcome of the want of independent management of the two properties. The Nova Scotia has been working one of the Peterson Lake claims on a royalty basis. The annual meeting of the Peterson Lake Co. will take place on October 6th.

About twenty-six miles of the wagon road between Elk Lake and Gowganda has already been completed. The road is in first-class shape, with very easy grades, and it is reported that next summer an automobile line will be in operation between the two places.

In the Gowganda district a large vein carrying some silver values has lately been discovered on the property of the Gow-