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**MINE INDUSTRY THE BASIS
OF COUNTRY'S PROSPERITY**

President of Aconda Mine Speaks on
the Value of Mining in Its Results
on the Progress of Peoples.

In a recent address to the Mining and Metallurgical Society of America, Cornelius F. Kelley referred to the value of the mining industry to the progress of nations. Mr. Kelley, after pointing out that the progress of man has been due in the main to efficiency in bringing to his aid the mineral resources of the world, urged further vertical integration of the mining industry so as to minimize waste in the utilization of the world's mineral wealth, and advocated freeing the mining industry from laws which work against its stabilization by forcing undue competition in the exploitation of mineral resources.

In developing this thought, Mr. Kelley said, in part:

"No period of man's existence has been attended by such profound changes as the present, not to the people of any land has there ever come such an advance in the standard of living, enjoyment of comforts and possession of more than necessities as have been and are now being experienced by the inhabitants of the United States.

"The simplest analysis of the causes that underlie this enviable position must recognize the supreme importance of mines and mining products as essential factors in this development.

"Business has broken away from the traditions and practices of the past, and has been established upon the basis of new ideas and endeavours. Such profound changes could not have occurred had it not been for the potentialities which existed in the superabundant supply of raw material with which this country had been blessed, the possession and utilization of which not only formed the basis for its present supremacy, but also underlie its future possibilities.

"Too often the fact is overlooked that the rise of our country to its present position of political importance and unrivalled industrial position could not have been achieved without its deposits of coal, oil and iron; its mines of copper, lead and zinc, of gold and silver. These constitute, in final analysis, the storehouse of the nation's treasures, and upon their proper administration and utilization our industry must live, our commerce grow and our national existence be maintained.

"Revolution of methods and evolution practice in the contemporaneous epoch have exercised no more complete change in any industry than in that of the mining and reduction of non-ferrous metals.

"It is not, however, in mere size of operating units that the most useful progress has been made, but rather in that combined achievement of the miner, engineer and the metallurgist which has brought within the scope of profitable beneficiation enormous tonnages of metal-bearing material considered valueless so brief a time ago.

"This has been the basic condition that has made possible the industrialization of an occupation that had always been regarded as one of risk and hazard.

"The time has passed when the mining, milling and smelting of ores, the refining of metals and the fabricating of products can be regarded as wholly independent branches of industry. Methods that tend to isolate one branch of the business from another, should be revamped.

"The ultimate purpose of the industry, that of furnishing the necessary metals to ultimate consumers in adequate quantity at reasonable prices, should be the objective toward which constructive action should be and must be directed. Those conversant with the subject can not feel that the problems of marketing and distribution have been solved as effectively as have been those of mining and extraction.

"Vertical integration of productive effort from the mining of ores through successive stages of reduction, refining and manufacture to the ultimate sale and distribution of the product, would seem to be a logical sequence and one which I believe, nationally exercised will result to the benefit of all concerned.

"The ultimate result of the working of every mine is its exhaustion. It should therefore be made a duty to conserve to the fullest extent consistent with economic need the known mineral resources of the world.

"Waste, the inevitable result of selective mining should be avoided, and the vice of over production, resulting in the dislocation of markets, widely fluctuating prices and chaotic conditions throughout the industry, should be penalized as an economic crime, instead of being compelled as a civic obligation.

"The archaic conception that a necessary protection to society demands that men should be deprived of the right to exercise a common intelligence in the production and distribution of the products of natural resources, should be relegated to the oblivion that enshrouds other discarded vagaries that once possessed the dignity of statutory enactment.

"No sensible person contends that the public is not entitled to protection, or that unrestrained liberty of action might not lead to abuse. So long as a desire for gain is an impelling motive to human action, so long must a regulatory control be exercised in the interest of the common good: but no rational philosophy can justify the absurdity that compels a continual glutting of markets with an unabsorbable surplus or that prevents the exercise of a rational co-operation, not for the purpose of fixing exorbitant prices, but to establish a reasonable equation between

**TEMPORARY CENOTAPH TO BE
ERECTED AT KIRKLAND LAKE**

Kirkland Lake is erecting a temporary cenotaph for the men who answered the call in the great war. The temporary cenotaph is in the form of a large wooden cross and is located on the rock on the north side of the school. On Sunday and Monday wreaths will be placed on this cenotaph by the Legion and other organizations and individuals, who wish to honour the memory of those who gave their lives in the great war. It is hoped in the near future to replace this temporary cenotaph with a permanent memorial at Kirkland Lake.

**CLASSES FOR PROSPECTORS
FOR THE COMING SEASON**

Each year for several years past the Ontario Department of Mines has conducted classes for the training of prospectors at various centres in the province. The classes for the coming season are announced as follows:

Ottawa, Nov. 7th to 15th
North Bay, Nov. 18th to 26th
Sudbury, Nov. 28th to Dec. 6th
Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 9th to 17th
Port Arthur, Jan. 6th to 14th
Port William, Jan. 16th to 24th
Mine Centre, Jan. 27th to Feb. 4th
Port Frances, Feb. 6th to 14th
Kenora, Feb. 17th to 25th
Sioux Lookout, Feb. 27th to Mar. 7th
Timmins, March 10th to 18th
Matheson, March 20th to 28th
Kirkland Lake, March 31 to April 8
Haileybury, April 9th to 17th.

The training includes day classes for the study of minerals and rocks, and evening lectures on geology and the mineral deposits of Northern Ontario, including a special lecture on the district in which the class is being held. These classes and lectures are open to the public free of charge. In past years prospectors and others interested in mining matters have found these classes of great interest and value and no doubt the classes this coming season will be equally beneficial.

**HEAVY LIST OF APPEALS AT
COBALT COURT REVISION**

Nearly 1000 appeals have been entered against the assessment roll of the town of Cobalt for this year. This is an unprecedented number of appeals from a municipal assessment in a town in the North Land. It is well to note, however that the larger part of the appeals are from the mining companies in regard to lots owned by them. Eliminating these appeals the number of appeals is not so notable. The Northern News makes special reference to the matter in an article from their Cobalt correspondent as follows:

"Court of Revision proceedings when they open here shortly for the hearing of appeals against this year's assessment just completed by Assessor Malcolm Campbell, promises to be of very special interest owing to the very large number of appeals entered. The situation is unprecedented in the history of any municipality in the Dominion. Nearly 1,000 appeals have been made principally by mining companies, who appeal through W. E. McCready, the Nipissing Land Company, the holding company for the various mines in the municipality. Surface rights of the Nipissing, La Rose, Aladdin-Cobalt and Mining Corporation are affected through the raising of the assessment on many lots owned by these companies and by the inclusion, as lots, of land hitherto slumped under acreage. The situation is further complicated by the allegation that there is no registered plan of the town of Cobalt, and it is claimed by the appellants that the assessor this year used as the basis of his roll a plan which shows many lots which have no existence, and which are chiefly rocks and slimes. While, in numerous cases the financial amounts involved are quite small, in the aggregate they amount to a considerable sum. In the case of the Nipissing mine the assessment has been increased in this respect from approximately \$16,000 to \$27,000, it is stated. The companies allege that places which are used as lanes or are sheer rocks or are merely slimes have now been assessed as lots, similar to those on which most of the houses in town are erected, and it is further given as a ground for appeal that increases out of proportion to their value have been made in the case of other lots. The Court of Revision has not yet been appointed, but it is expected that its members will be announced at the next meeting of the council. At the same time, dates of sittings will be arranged and these are likely to be in the latter half of November. Further interest is attached to the prospective sittings by the fact that one member of council, Councillor J. E. Boughton, is involved in an appeal on his lot in the Wright sub-division. In this instance, he is but one of a number, as practically every resident of that part of the town has appealed an increased assessment on the lots there, the raise being from \$100 to \$300 each. It is understood locally some residents of the sub-division held an indignation meeting and decided to fight the increase collectively."

Huntingdon Gleaner:—When the New York city police searched the \$12 a month tenement of Miss Pauline Poppitz after she died they did not expect to find much. This eighty-year old woman had always lived in a state of poverty and her death, they thought, was a blessing as it spared her from the hardships of another winter. However, instead of calling for a junk cart to haul her effects to the city incinerator, they summoned an armoured truck, because the search uncovered hundreds of bonds and mortgages which, when computed at their present day values, showed that the old lady was worth at least half a million.

**WELL-KNOWN PROSPECTOR HAS
PLACE ON THE FRONT PAGE**

Last week The Ottawa Journal issued its annual fall mining and oil special edition. The issue pays more attention to oil than to other forms of mining. Indeed gold mining comes in for comparatively little notice compared to the generous space devoted to oil. The front page of the special edition should be of special interest for two reasons. First there is the picture of a prospector with his sleigh and equipment and dressed for the trail. The picture has the following caption:—"The prospector, his outfit and dogs. Hundreds of such parties will leave the last outposts of civilization during the coming winter to search the far north for new mining possibilities. From such humble beginnings many great mines have grown."

The prospector pictured is John Jones, well-known in the North Land these many years. He will be recognized by anyone even glancing at the picture shown, though the identity of the fur-clad prospector is not even suggested in the reading matter accompanying the picture.

Another feature of the front page is a map of the Dominion of Canada, showing the richness of the northern part of the Dominion of Canada in the matter of minerals, etc.

**SUGGESTIONS IN REGARD
TO THE ORIGIN OF GOLF**

A correspondent writing in The London, England, Spectator deals with the origin of the now famous and popular game of golf. He thinks apparently that it is closely allied to hockey and may indeed have originated from the ice game. To many this may seem almost on the verge of lese majeste, but however that may be, here is a part of The Spectator correspondent's ideas on the matter:

"In a very pleasing little speech last week at a semi-private dinner, given to Mr. Warner of cricket fame, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle said that the origin of most games was British, but he excepted hockey and golf. The exceptions are not, perhaps, wholly justified. I have seen an old print—I believe the oldest on the subject in existence—in which two Dutchmen, on skates, are "bullying off" with two long bent sticks that might be either hockey sticks or drivers. The game they were playing was called "kol," so far as I remember. It was an ice game, and probably partook of the nature of both hockey and golf. Possibly these two games, as played today, were within the British Isles, very much as lawn tennis was evolved out of the French game of court tennis. Some form of ice hockey certainly preceded the Indian game of "polo" which some people have suggested as the origin of hockey."

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