

THE FREE PRESS PARTY ENJOY MONTREAL VISIT

Many Places of Interest Are Visited

SOME BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES

Public Buildings and Mount Royal Occupy Their Attention.

Montreal, Sept. 1st, 1908.

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MINES OF NEW ONTARIO ONLY IN THEIR INFANCY

DOWN THE SHAFT—ORE STOLEN EVERY YEAR—THE GREATER COBALT—LIFE OF THE CAMPS—MINES THAT HAVE MADE GOOD AND ARE PAYING.

Probably nothing in recent years has taken up the attention of the professional speculator and the investing capitalist more than that vast region known as New Ontario, a region which has proven to be the hub of the mining camps of the world, and yet it is only in its infancy.

Tramping through mud and water, we continued until we reached the scene of operation and saw the drilling of the rocks.

Being naturally lazy, the reporters thought that a mine would be a dandy place to loaf.

It is not the object of the writer to criticize the reports he has read of Cobalt and its wealth.

These who have read stories of the different experiences of miners have not the faintest idea what the feeling below the earth's surface really is until they go down themselves.

Science tells us that the deeper we get into the earth the hotter it becomes, and therefore in order to keep the galleries cool, compressed air is forced into these rocky channels.

The writer was introduced to Mr. Rochester, manager of Cobalt Lake mine, and we were given a permit to go down below.

When the writer visited the Coniagas mine he was told by Mr. King, the timekeeper, not to believe all the reports that appeared regarding the country.

Not only is Montreal the key to the great waterways of Canada, but it is also the chief railway centre of the Dominion.

Judging from the above, people must not allow themselves to be affected by the stories of Cobalt unless they knew who the writer is and that he would not write a lying report for the sake of money.

To facilitate direct railway communication with the city, two magnificent bridges span the St. Lawrence.

Every person who visits Cobalt wants to know or get an estimate of how long the mines are going to last, and the opinion is prevalent around the district that when the present generation are passing away from the earth Cobalt will just be springing into its youth.

The harbor of Montreal, situated on the north side of the River St. Lawrence, has seven miles of wharfage accommodation, and this is being constantly increased.

The Nipissing mine has been boosted over time, and although reports claim it to be everything to the good, the writer would advise only small investments in this mine.

The Seminary adjoins the church, and here since 1710 have been kept all the registers—baptismal and others—of the city.

What promises to be a second Cobalt and perhaps the greater of the two, is the district around the shores of the Montreal river and the area in the vicinity of Elk Lake.

The towers are 228 feet high. In the western tower, from the top of which a view is obtained, is hung the great bell, Le Gros Bourdon, the largest in America, weighing 24,750 lbs.

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Stolen Ore.

As we passed along the gallery, looking carefully at the rocky walls on each side, we could see huge pieces of native silver projecting from the veins, and the question was asked how the mine managers guarded their silver against theft.

False Reports.

Ever since Cobalt was first discovered, good and false reports have been carried from that country and published in some of the leading papers and magazines.

Would Shoot Them.

The evidence of John Barry was first taken. He told of having passed the two prisoners on the street several times and rubbed up against them on each occasion.

Found Guilty.

Mr. F. McDiarmid made a strong plea in the young boy's behalf. He showed that there was no evidence against Benton, and pleaded for leniency in the case of Nettleton.

Threw Knife Away.

The other defendant, Nicholls, was not called upon, and the evidence of W. Benton, one of the prisoners, was proceeded with.

The Life of Cobalt.

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Mines That Are Good.

In closing this article, the writer is in a position to say which mines in Cobalt have made good and are safe investments. While in Cobalt Mr. J. D. O'Brien, an old Lindsay boy, who is a junior partner in a broker-

YOUTHFUL PRISONER SENTENCED THURSDAY

Case Heard at Fenelon Denton Discharged

NETTLETON FOUND GUILTY

Admitted Cooly that He Made a Slash at Barry.

On a charge of having assaulted John Barry at Fenelon Falls by using a knife and inflicting bodily injury, Percy Nettleton was found guilty Tuesday by Magistrate Moore, and sentence will be passed Thursday in Lindsay.

Since the affray, the case has been the chief topic of conversation throughout the village, and the court room Tuesday was crowded with villagers who were interested in the outcome of the case.

While down on the ground Nettleton came behind and struck him on the back of the head and twice in the back with a knife.

"If I had a revolver I would shoot you both," Benton swore that he did not know who the boys were.

The evidence of Dr. H. H. Graham concerning his attendance on Barry brought out that he had a clean cut in the back of the head and two slight ones in the back; none of them, he told Mr. McDiarmid, was dangerous.

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His Worship did not think that Benton was at all to blame and discharged him, but found Nettleton guilty of assaulting Barry.

where the bonanza discovery was made on the Keeley property, is proving an acquisition to the district. Speaking of this property, Mr. Arthur A. Cole, M.E., of the T. & N. O. commission, said: "I think this will be another shipper added to our lists within four months."

There are fourteen mines in the camp paying dividends. Thirty-two mines have shipped since 1904 to December 1907, and this year five new shippers have been added to the list.

That the camp is in a position today to command a greater production of the higher grades of ores is beyond the shadow of a doubt.

While the oft-told tale of the over-capitalization of the camp cannot be disputed, it is obvious at the present time that this is not the average mis- several existing optimistic features which help to counterbalance.

In Canada, the United States and in Europe there are more smelters in the field for Cobalt ores, and keen competition has effected the mutual result—better rates. There has been a marked change for the better in the European market generally.

The unsurveyed below Lorraine

while in that position he heard Barry say, "I have been struck on the head," and with that he released his hold. He did not hear his friend mention anything about a revolver, but admitted that he thought he had cut somebody with the knife and therefore dropped it by the wayside, not wishing to have it found in his possession.

Nettleton, though only fifteen years of age, was cool and collected when put in the box, and gave his evidence in a straightforward manner, meeting all the questions put to him with ready replies.

He was allowed to go, as no evidence was brought against him on the same charge, and the testimony taken from all the witnesses proved conclusively that he had not used a knife.

He is employed in the same saloon as Benton, but said that his friend was a call-boy, not a bartender. They come over here to have a week's fun, and he purchased the knife in question for a quarter. He told of the walk that evening and his evidence leading up to the starting of the fight corroborated that of the former witnesses.

He said, he put his two arms around his neck in a clinch. He struggled for freedom, but seeing that he was overpowered, reached with his left hand for the knife, which was in his side pocket.

Hhis two arms were free, and putting them around Nicholls' back he opened the blade of the knife with his right hand.

Looking over in Benton's direction he found his friend lying on the ground with Barry kneeling on top of him. He ran over in that direction and plunged the knife into Barry's back, but did not know whether he had cut him or not.

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The Party of Young Ladies Who Are Guests of The Free Press on a Two Weeks' Vacation Trip.

before the bottom was reached. A cool breeze came up from below, which was gradually tearing its way through the atmosphere above.

We had 155 feet of a climb before us. We had not climbed more than fifty feet when the light went out above the writer.

Looking up the shaft, all was dark, and a sort of uncanny feeling stole over the two scribes, who were making their maiden voyage through the underground channels of a modern mine.

At last we both got on dry land. Green, though a hardy youth, was very pale and looked rather sick, and getting his breath he turned to me and said, "Say we go down again?"

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