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COAL MINE VENTURE IS
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Favourable Reports at McIntyre and Temiskaming Annual Meetings.

The annual meetings of the McIntyre Porcupine Mines and the Temiskaming Mining Company, Limited, took place in Toronto at the head offices of the companies on Thursday of last week. The meetings were not very largely attended by the shareholders in general, the general feeling being one of confidence in the directors and leaders of the two companies and satisfaction with affairs as they have been conducted. The old board of directors for each company was re-elected for the ensuing year, and the financial statements considered and passed.

President J. P. Bickell explained the position of the Blue Diamond Coal Mine to the meetings. Speaking of the earnings of last year, he explained, the mine workers were on strike and the company was unable to take advantage of the high prices before the slump. However, all differences have been settled and the railroads are buying coal again. They now have a large contract from the C. N. R. and prospects are looking bright. He stated Temiskaming as a mine was practically exhausted, but through its ownership in the Blue Diamond Coal Mine the company had a bright future.

Earnings were now showing up well. In July the total net profit, after allowing for almost every conceivable charge, including Government taxes, plant and ore depreciation, interest, etc., was \$14,433. In August it had increased to \$37,494, making a total of \$51,928 for the two months. This too, in spite of the fact that the railroads had been moving very little freight, and required correspondingly little coal during the Summer. With the movement of grain eastward a large increase in coal sales is expected for the company.

In addition to the market in Western Canada there was a promising field for business in supplying bunker coal to ships at Vancouver port. The United States and West Indies also afforded an outlet. Mr. Bickell estimated that the company could go on turning out 2,000 tons a day for 25 years without serious depreciation of coal reserves.

"Through its ownership in the Blue Diamond," said he, "the Temiskaming has a bright future." The Temiskaming as a mine is nearly exhausted. But with the Blue Diamond earning \$200,000 a year, of which half goes to Temiskaming, the latter company would be assured of a 4 per cent. return on its capital stock. As a fact, present earnings of the Blue Diamond were netting more like 15 per cent. on McIntyre stock.

FIFTY CLAIMS SAID TO BE
RECORDED IN RANKIN TP.

About fifty claims are said to have been staked in the locality where the Indian was supposed to have made such a wonderful strike some weeks ago. Most of the claims thus staked are in Rankin Township where close to forty are said to have been recorded at Elk Lake. About 16 or so others in Doon Township are also said to have been staked. Some months ago prospectors are said to have been fooled through the reports of rich discoveries of gold given out by this same Indian. Nevertheless the prospectors and others are giving full heed to his statements this time. The formation in the alleged new gold field is said to be much the same as in Kirkland Lake area. Indeed, many prospectors said these Rankin township claims had gold bodies that were identical with the formation at Kirkland Lake.

C.P.R. TO BUILD LINE FROM
KIPAWA TO DES QUINCE

The C.P.R. has awarded a contract for the construction of 68 miles of railway from near Kipawa to the Des Quince section of Quebec. The new line will run on the east side of Lake Temiskaming, starting at where the present line ends, about ten miles from Kipawa, and running north to the Des Quince section of Quebec. In addition an eight-mile branch line will run into Ville Marie. The contract price is said to be over two million dollars. Angus and Taylor of North Bay have the contract. Work is to be started at once and thirty miles at least must be finished before next September, and the balance ready some time next year. The new line will open up a territory rich in agricultural possibilities. His Lordship Bishop Lorraine in a recent pastoral letter suggested that the proposed new line should be extended northward to join the Transcontinental at or near La Reine. If this were done it would assuredly serve a large section of country very potentially rich in the way of agriculture, lumbering and mining.

COMMISSIONER MARTIN
SAYS T. & N. O. NOW O.K.

Traffic and General Conditions Much Improved. Roadbed in Better Shape.

Despatches from Ottawa under date of Sept. 21st. give the following summary of an interview with Lieut.-Col. L. T. Martin, of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission:—

"Traffic and conditions generally on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway have in the past two months shown improvement compared with the earlier Summer months, according to Lieutenant-Colonel L. T. Martin, of Ottawa and Renfrew, who, with the other Commissioners of the railway, have just completed an inspection, said that the roadbed of the T. & N. O. was never in better shape. Over sixty miles of tracks have recently been reballasted, and new 90-pound rails have been laid on twenty miles. In addition, a number of new concrete structures have been built during the Summer, so that every bridge and culvert on the main line is now permanent. There is now a considerable volume of traffic being moved over the T. & N. O. from the west, which comes as far as Cochrane on the Canadian National line and from there is taken over the Ontario Government lines in order to make Toronto and Montreal in quicker time than by going all the way via Canadian National. Colonel Martin says that it is only a matter of a comparatively short time before an extension of the T. & N. O. will be made north of Cochrane. This work would have been under way before had it not been for the general depression in railway business all over the continent. The gold mines in the Porcupine district are going full blast, he said, and there recently has been a small rush of prospectors to the Metagami area."

TIMMINS MAN WEDDED
AT SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.

The following wedding notice from a recent issue of The Soo Star will be of interest to Timmins readers, and all acquainted with the groom will extend hearty good wishes:—

"A pretty wedding took place at the Blessed Sacrament Church on Monday morning when Miss Mary Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dunn, 230 St. George's Avenue, became the bride of Mr. Mark Hogan, of Timmins.

"The bride who was given away by her father, wore a navy blue tailored suit with white ermine scarf and a navy blue hat with veil. She wore a corsage bouquet of bridal roses and carnations. Both bride and the groom were unattended.

"Following the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Father P. J. Monahan, a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan left amid showers of confetti on the noon train for Timmins, where they will reside.

NOT NAMELESS HERE FOREVER
MORE ON HEMLOCK STREET

From a Diary of a Sojourner in Timmins.—By Il Puggolino.

One day during my peregrinations throughout the land, it came about, after I had crossed a lonely Moore, and had come upon a secluded Haugland, I was greatly frightened and momentarily startled, for, Great Scott! there emerged from the dense and damp fogg a wild-looking Blackman, whose countenance, far from being Noble, betokened him to be of a very Wylie disposition, and with a heart as hard as Emery.

I remember well that the sweet Williams were in bloom and the Robins singing blithely in a lonely Minthorn bush beside a patch of verdant and flourishing Reed.

Swallowing my surprise as quickly as possible so as to Marshall courage to bespeak him, he then informed me that he was only a Carter on his way to the Newton, which is building, so as to lay in a stock of Brovender, such as Bacon, etc., and perhaps put some money on the Pare mutuel, if the occasion arose. But liking his looks so little and fearing that he might drug or Burke me in some manner, and not feeling by any means Happy so that I did not Longmore to speak with him, I incontinently fled and hid myself to the inn of "Ye Cushing Dove," where I braced myself with a stiff glass of the real Mac-Kay.

The Women's Amateur Athletic Association of Iroquois Falls are endeavoring to form a ladies' hockey league for the coming winter for teams from Timmins, Iroquois Falls, and Cochrane. A meeting of representatives of the different teams has been asked for and this meeting may be arranged at a comparatively early date.

THEATRICAL CLUB NOW
ORGANIZED IN THE FALLS

The latest for Iroquois Falls is a Theatrical Club recently organized. The purpose is to provide a variety of entertainments for the Falls. First, it has been decided to put on a Comic Opera in November. This will likely be followed by other dramatic and musical offerings. Iroquois Falls believes it has much dramatic and musical talent and that by organization this talent can be developed and extended to the advantage of all concerned.

Alterations and improvements are being made to the Parish Hall to provide for two new rooms to accommodate the classes at the Separate School. Despite the fine new school, the Separate School finds its accommodation overtaxed at present. There are over 500 pupils in attendance at the Separate School now. The two new rooms being provided in the Parish Hall are expected to remedy the overcrowding for the present.

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