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GOLD INDUSTRY NEEDS SYMPATHETIC ATTITUD

Governments and Public Can Assist in Development by More Intelligent Co-Operation.

Writing in the Toronto Globe's Annual Financial Survey, Mr. A. F. Brigham, general manager of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, says:

There is no better method of antiand the results of human endeavor than by applying the average results width of six feet. Free gold was of the nearest normal past and an strongly in evidence, and the samples analysis of the external influences brought last week to Kirkland Lake which affect the subject, together with are said to be among the very richest the inertia of the subject itself. In from any of the smaller gold properthis case the subject is the outlook for ties in the North Land. The shaft on gold mining in the Porcupine fields the Lightning River Gold Mines pro-

necessarily approximate, is about \$12, ried on. The contractors have the 000,000 from three organizations in work now well under way and the two very adjacent areas. During the work is meeting with very encouragcurrent year owing to circumstances ing results, to put it mildly. As soon in no way connected with the hazards as the shaft is down to the 50-foot leof minings, two months were lost, vel, it is understood that the intention hence ten months would have sufficed is to let a contract for further sinking. to produce \$12,000,000, a rate of \$1,-200,000 per month of \$14,4000,000 per

This latter figure comprehends the inertia and can confidently be expected for 1922, as there are no other operations far enough advanced to materially add to the production for Cochrane, will be of general interest increase will depend upon the activity Mr. Geo. A. Smith was well known in of prospectors.

The Porcupine district should carefully and minutely examined by intelligent and hardy men, assisted in every way by the Provincial technical organizations. For the prospector there is every possible encouragement should he "find," for while much has bride. The Cochrane Post says:been said about the desirability of inducing outside capital to interest itself it is the opinion of the writer that Canada, or even Ontario, will provide Thursday next week. He is opening a the capital to exploit any worthy dis-

It might be well at this point to define "worthy discovery." The persistent character of the known normal gold occurrences in Porcupine makes this fairly easy.

sent principal items of cost-labor, in his new career." power and supplies. The first two are to a limited extent interchangeable. Low cost power permits increased ase of labor saving machinery. The latter item is affected by a variety of causes. The most important are general economic conditions through the civilized world, the fiscal policy of the Dominion and Provincial Governments and taxation. Canada cannot influence the first, but it can determine the latter

It is necessary here to much emphasize the desirability of gold. With a It is necessary here to much emphagold dollar one can get 100 cents value or more anywhere in the world today, hence Canada cannot produce too much for her own or the Empire's benefit, and the gold mining industry has a right to expect the fullest cooperation and assistance from each government in its effort to produce more and yet more gold.

Referring to the second item-fiscal policy—the tariff is almost the whole subject. Practically every item of machinery, and with a few not very important exceptions, mining supplies, are subject to a tariff charge which, together with freight, increases the landed cost 50 per cent. at Porcupine, and as supplies account for about onehalf of the mining costs this item alone is a serious handicap for a low grade mine to carry. The writer contends that machinery and mining supplies for gold mining should bear no tariff charges.

The tariff was designed to assist Canadian industry generally, therefore it should not be applied to work such a vital injury to and restrict the industry devoted to wresting the last payable ounce of Ontario's gold from her known or soon to be discovered great stores.

It is manifestly unjust to impose a burden upon a single industry which, while it confers no great benefit to the others, determines whether a gold !! mine is or is not to live.

The third item, taxation is affected by the same general arguments as above, coupled with the uncertain and sometimes unenlightened programs of mutable governments. As the ounce of gold must bear all costs and because its production costs must be sufficiently lower than its standard price of \$20.67 to permit a safe profit, so is a gold mine's future made uncertain when a government launches out won a campaign of indefinite and positily predatory taxation.

I conclusion, what the gold mining in gistry needs to stimulate it is an inte Frent understanding of its pro-Ans on the part of the public gener-

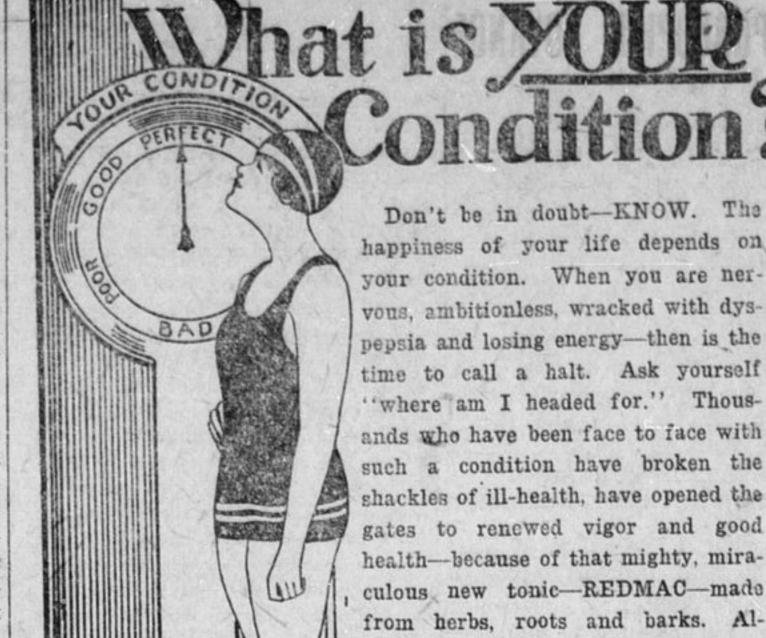
ally, and a practically sympathetic attitude on the part of the public's servants, for Canada has many men with the vision, courage and ability needed to advance the production of gold to such a figure that the performance of 1921 will look in retrospect like a small beginning.

RICH FIND AT LIGHTNING RIVER GOLD PROPERTY

At a depth of about 12 feet in the shaft being sunk by the Lightning River Gold Mines in the Lightning River cipating the future of human events district, some very rich ore was taken out. Values were found across a perty is being sunk to the 50-foot An estimate of the 1921 production, level where lateral work is to be car-

MR. GEO. A. SMITH MARRIED AT OTTAWA RECENTLY

The following paragraph from a re cent issue of The Northland Post, or a long time to come, and any further to the pople of Timmins and district. Cobalt and Haileybury and district before the war. After returning from overseas he conducted a photographic studio in Timmins for some time, later going with the Geo. Taylor Hardware departments and other public service Co., moving in that capacity to Cochrane. His friends in this Camp will extend good wishes to him and his "Mr. Geo. A. Smith will leave on Sunday for Ottawa, from where he expects to return in double harness on photographic studio on Monday, January 9th, on 6th. Avenue, over K. Joseph & Co.'s store. Mr. Smith has long experience in photographic work, which he has followed up to the time of going overseas, having been located in Haileybury for a time, and his One million tons of \$7.50 ore care- excellent work is well known throughfully capilatized which means a mini- out the North. After his return to mum of promotion expenditure coupl- Canada he went with the Geo. Taylor ed with scientific and economical mine Hardware, where he was employed up management, about comprehends the to about two months ago. His many low limit as determined by the pre- friends will wish him deserved success



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