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THE BIRTH OF PORCUPINE

Canadian Gold-Mining History Made in a Day

DOMINE MINE STAMPS WILL DROP SATURDAY

Big Mine Will Be Thrown Open to the General Public

Hundreds of Distinguished Public Men, Eminent Mining Engineers, Cabinet Ministers, Now En Route to Participate in Celebration of Historical Event.

"Dome Day" is at hand and flags of all nations and design are floating gaily throughout every street in town, while patriotic citizens are seen on the roof, and leaning out of windows adding the finishing touches to the decoration of their various places of business and residences.

The big demonstration is under the auspices of the South Porcupine Board of Trade, and the progress thus far made is sufficient to warrant the assertion that the coming event will be the most important undertaking in the history of Canadian mining.

Announcement by wire indicates that fifteen private cars will arrive from Toronto, one from Chicago, two from Ottawa, one from Montreal and the two private cars of the T. & N. O. Commission, the Sir James and Temagami. In addition to the above the Pullman Company have sent word that at least twenty Pullman cars will be in the camp Saturday.

All the Dome Mine directors will be present, including Messrs. Magell, Delamar, Edwards, Wilson, Converse, together with their personal friends.

Hon. W. R. Hearst, minister of mines, R. T. Shillington, M. P. for the district, Chas. McCrean, M. P. of Sudbury, Harry Mowle, M. P. for Nipissing, together with Cabinet Ministers from Ottawa and elsewhere, will add to the prestige of the great event.

The first trains from the South are expected to arrive some time tonight, and special trains will leave Toronto all day tomorrow.

Friday night a grand smoking concert will be given in the Rex Theatre. Admission will be by ticket, as a tremendous crowd is expected. The only regret of the committee in charge is that a larger building is not available. At the concert the best entertainers in Ontario will appear, together with an orchestra of undoubted musical skill and refinement.

Saturday morning at 9 o'clock special trains will run to the Dome mine at close intervals up to 1 o'clock p.m.

The big mine will be thrown open to the visitors, giving them an opportunity to explore the underground and surface workings as well as to watch the big mill of forty stamps in the interesting operation of turning out gold bricks—real gold. This is the first time in the history of gold-mining when a mine was opened to the inspection of the public, and the courtesy of the Dome management is certainly worthy of special mention.

At 1 o'clock the Dome directors will entertain their guests at luncheon, after which the local trains will return to South Porcupine. An hourly train service between South Porcupine and Timmins all day Saturday. On the return of the special train from the Dome, it will be met at the Y by the local train, to accommodate passengers to Timmins, the McIntyre or other mines. There will also be a local train to Timmins after the banquet Saturday night.

The banquet will be held in the Majestic Theatre Saturday night at 7.30. Covers will be laid for 175, as the number must be restricted to the capacity of the building.

The caterer is Wm. Prestwich, of Toronto, formerly steward of the Toronto Club, who will have a staff of thirty waiters. The banquet decorations will be largely smilax, and the following menu:

Caviar
Clear Green Turtle
Olives Celery Salted Nuts
Sweetbreads and Mushrooms, sur Cloche
Saddle of Lamb Currant Jelly
New Potatoes Green Beans
Nesselrode Pudding
Fancy Cakes Hot House Grapes
Nuts Raisins Coffee

The street decorations are in charge of the well known firm of Messrs. Pipe & Co., Toronto. The birth of Porcupine will make history.

T. & N.O. WILL ESTABLISH UPTOWN TELEGRAPH OFFICE

Announcement Received With Pleasure—New Office Will be in King George Hotel

As a result of the visit here this week of Superintendent Griffin, the T. & N. O. Railway Commission will establish an up-town telegraph office.

The office will be located in the King George hotel block and will for the present be in charge of Mr. J. J. Cameron.

This decision will meet with general favor. Heretofore messages had to be delivered at the depot, and those who had occasion to use the telegraph need not be told of the great inconvenience thereby occasioned.

The new arrangement is a decided forward movement and leads one to believe that at last the absolute requirement of public utilities in this great gold area is being recognized by those who have the authority to provide them.

McINTYRE MINE WILL ERECT FOUR HUNDRED-TON MILL

Sixty Thousand Shares Will be Issued Shortly for This Purpose

In order to finance the erection of a 400-ton mill at the McIntyre mine, sixty thousand shares of a par value of \$5 are to be offered a little above par.

C. B. Flynn, vice-president of the McIntyre, is enthusiastic over the manner in which the property is showing up.

The encountering of several veins in the crosscut at the 200-foot level, all of them within 150 feet of the shafts, causes a change in the plans of the company in regard to the underground work, and drifting on the ore bodies is now being done instead of continuing the crosscuts.

It is evident that, from the work already done, the aggregate length of these veins is several thousand feet, and from them a large tonnage of ore will be obtained.

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With this issue we offer to the people of Porcupine and the public generally the first number of The Porcupine Advance.

The record of such enterprises in many mining camps is not such as to surround this undertaking with absolute security as an ultimate success. Nevertheless this fact has no deterrent influence over our ambition to give to the Great Porcupine Gold Camp a newspaper carrying at least sufficient merit to ensure the nominal support and friendship of the entire people.

We have unbounded confidence in Porcupine, and to an equal extent have we confidence in the citizens of Porcupine.

Our first duty is to the community wherein we labor, and, though we may fail in the performance of that duty it will not be through lack of earnest effort and application.

It is not intended to permit excessive optimism to obscure a keen and careful scrutiny into the future of this promising field, so far as our perhaps limited ability and past observation will allow. Rather is it our wish to be guided by our past experience and avoid the danger of rashness.

It is our desire that The Porcupine Advance will develop a distinct newspaper personality, and that it will be gladly welcomed in every home, and by every citizen, in the camp as a journal above suspicion and a credit to the locality and province wherein it is published.

High ideals, we admit, but with your co-operation and assistance they will, we trust, be speedily realized.

George Lake is proprietor of The Porcupine Advance, and with him is associated W. G. Ferguson, who will endeavor to perform the duties of editor.

They are depending very largely for their success on the goodwill and friendship of all the people of Porcupine, and by extending fair and courteous treatment to all.

The new paper will be issued each Thursday evening, and will be mailed to subscribers each Friday morning.

The Porcupine Advance has no connection whatever with the late Porcupine Press nor with any other publication, but to all who have paid their subscription to the Porcupine Press this paper will be mailed to the expiration of the term so paid without any additional charge.

We respectfully request a share of your patronage.

Harris Abattoir Directors in Camp

Three directors of the Harris Abattoir Company, who have the contract at the Dome for supplying the cookery and bunk houses, came north Saturday to view operations in the camp.

They will inspect the cookery and bunk houses and also their store and report to Toronto headquarters.

Among the three are Mr. McLean, secretary-treasurer of the company, and Mr. Jas. Harris, managing director.

Mr. Walkinshaw, of Haileybury, largely interested in Porcupine, is spending a few days in camp.

Reeve Gauthier Now Magistrate

The Provincial government has appointed Gordon H. Gauthier, reeve of Whitney, to be police magistrate for the Porcupine Mining Division. Mr. Gauthier's jurisdiction will extend over the whole of the mining division with the exception of the township of Tisdale, where there is already a police magistrate's court.

Invitations are out for a grand celebration ball to be held in the Miners' Union Hall Friday night, 29th. Refreshments will be served and a first-class orchestra will furnish music. Gentlemen \$1.50.

CANADIAN CLUB GAINS STRENGTH AND LAURALS

Native Enthusiasm Marked Second Club Dinner and Added Many New Names to Roll

The second banquet under the auspices of the Canadian Club of Porcupine was held in the spacious dining room of the King George Hotel last Saturday night.

Those who were in any manner connected with the function must have experienced ample satisfaction and pleasure, when the splendid success of the undertaking, in every particular, was so apparent to all.

Eighty-five guests responded to the invitations extended, and it is needless to add that every one of them thoroughly and heartily enjoyed the evening.

Justice having been done the good things provided by Mr. Hugh Mulheron, the obliging manager of the King George, in which task he was ably assisted by Mrs. Mulheron, Mr. Arthur E. Bruce, mining recorder, who was unanimously chosen as president of the club at the organization meeting, introduced the second part of the program.

"This is the first opportunity afforded me," he said, "to thank the members of the Canadian Club of Porcupine for the great honor bestowed on me by electing me to the highest office in the gift of the club, and that, too, during my absence, which is an additional reason why I should the more appreciate the kindly feeling thus displayed. When I look about me and see present so many gentlemen much better qualified to occupy the president's chair,

it is difficult to suppress my surprise when I fully realize the extent of your confidence. I am not here to make a speech, but instead will call on the secretary to give you the proceedings of the club up to the present time."

Dr. Sutherland read the minutes of the last meeting, which proved quite interesting to those not present at the birth of the club, and took occasion to refer briefly to several important matters pertaining to the welfare of the club.

"In the first place," he said, "I want to tell you that I sent out 150 invitations with a reply card attached to each. Out of that large number I received only forty replies. Instead of laying covers for forty, the number was increased to seventy-five, and yet you will note that provision had to be made for many guests after the proceedings had really commenced. Had I received replies from all those to whom invitations were mailed the situation would have been much relieved. May I impress upon you the necessity of your hearty co-operation if the Canadian Club is to fulfill its proper functions? The membership is growing rapidly, and I am confident that we can accomplish a splendid work in a field so full of opportunity."

Archdeacon Renison, the ever popular pioneer missionary of the diocese of Moosonee was the next

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T. & N. O. ELK LAKE BRANCH TO COMMENCE AT ONCE

Contract Let to Toronto Firm, Who are Already Preparing to Begin Work

The grading contract of the Charlton to Elk Lake section of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway was secured by the Toronto firm of McCafferty and McQuigge. Twelve concerns of the United States and Canada competed, the lowest bidder of \$180,000 coming from the Toronto firm secured the coveted undertaking.

The line is thirty miles in length, necessitating the construction of two large trestles, one over the Montreal River, and the second at St. Jean Baptiste. The company's engineers announce a six-tenths of one per cent. grade over the country traversed.

In submitting the forms of instruction to bidders the company also embodied the estimates of their engineers which is not usual with this class of competition.

Chief Engineer S. B. Clement states that the contractors have 420 acres of clearing and 75 acres of close cutting along the right of way to be done. This, together with 1000 cubic yards of solid rock to remove, and 340,000 cubic yards of common excavation, will make the undertaking no slight affair.

E. C. Wakefield, American consul at North Bay, has been in the camp during the past few days looking over the progress being made in connection with the development of his mining interests. He will remain for the great demonstration Saturday.

LOCAL HOTELS MAKE IMPORTANT CHANGES

Kingston and King George Greatly Enlarge Premises to Meet Requirements of Patronage

As further evidence of renewed vigor in the camp it is noted that two of the leading hotels are making many changes and improvements to their present premises.

The King George hotel has just completed a large addition to the kitchen and culinary departments, by reason of which an excellent service is maintained with much less effort than heretofore. The new wing is about 30x30 and is certainly of great value in fulfilling the purpose for which it is intended.

At the Hotel Kingston a real transformation is taking place. Plate glass has replaced the old familiar 8x10, all the sleeping rooms have been, or are being, tinted and adorned, the rotunda is submitting to the art of the painter and the skill of the carpenter. The cafe is undergoing extensive alterations and improvements in every department, and the Hotel Kingston in every particular will at once assume the striking features of an up-to-date city hostelry.

The managers of each are to be congratulated on their enterprise and good taste.

Sixty thousand men will be needed for railway construction this spring.

Steel has been laid into Athabasca Landing by the Canadian Northern Railway, opening a large territory for settlement.

Exploding Lamp Injures Two Men

Two employees were severely burned at the Dome mines on Saturday night by the explosion of an acetelyne lamp. The accident happened in the power house.

The men are now in the hospital, but are doing nicely and will be about again in a few days.

A. T. Short, of the Mines Chemical Supply Co., has returned from an extended trip to coast cities, including Portland, Ore., and Seattle. Mrs. Short, who accompanied him, remained to visit friends in the east for a few weeks before returning to camp.

Dome Mines Try Twenty Stamps

The Dome mines Saturday tried 20 more stamps with the most gratifying result, not a hitch marring the whole proceedings.

Everything is now in running order for the grand opening of the mill on the 30th.

The many friends of Mr. F. Watts, of Chas. See's drug store, will be sorry to hear of his departure next week for Detroit, where he will in future reside.

E. Baldwin Hammett, of Portland, Me., who is largely interested in Porcupine, is in camp and will remain until after the big demonstration.