

DOMI CELEBRATION

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vancement and well-being of the community, was equally alive to the responsibilities of his office, and wherever work was to be done, there was found Harold Proctor. And his very presence was always a guarantee of labors well and faithfully performed.

A. C. Brown, one of the pioneers of the district, was ever in evidence. It was a labor of love with "Archie," and it is safe to say that the proudest man in Porcupine was A. C. Brown when he noted the magnificent termination of the greatest event in the annals of Porcupine—in deed, of the Province—and realized that he had contributed his share to that end and deemed it a privilege to do so.

Capt. Blacklock, whose residence in Porcupine dates from a later period than that of his associates, contributed largely to the efforts through which the demonstration adds lustre to the name and fame of the youngest gold camp in the world. No sacrifice was considered too great for this "soldier of the King," in order that the aim in view might be fully consummated.

The remaining members of the committee were ever ready to respond to the call of the chairman, and we are convinced that they will join with us heartily in seconding the few words of commendation above written in behalf of their associates on the committee.

The program arranged for the occasion was more than ordinarily ex-

tensive and elaborate, and from start to finish not a single incident intruded to mar its progress or detract from the pleasure of the entire proceedings.

In this respect the citizens one and all gave much assistance by way of decorating their various homes and places of business, which, in conjunction with the splendid street decorations arranged by Messrs. Pipe & Co., of Toronto, transformed the leading town of Porcupine into an enthusiastic city, responding gaily to the magic touch of decorative skill.

For two nights darkness failed to settle over the golden streets, aflame with a myriad of lights supplied by one of the greatest water powers of the continent.

Friday the first of the special trains began to arrive, and the first was met at the depot by at least fifteen hundred loyal citizens, who joined heartily in the Porcupine yell as the train pulled into the depot. Those arriving by the first trains

spent the day sight-seeing and visiting some of the mines near-by, all anxiously awaiting the coming of the morrow, when the real celebrating would begin and the big mill at the Dome would pound out bricks of solid gold.

In the evening a smoking concert was held in the Rex Theatre, which was crowded to the doors, many failing to secure admission.

Before the conclusion of the programme the special train carrying the members of the T. & N. O. Commission arrived, and, though the hour was late, it was none too late for these Northern enthusiasts to seek the theatre and enjoy the closing numbers of an exceptionally clever entertainment, in which Messrs. Hollinshead, Piggott, and Sault, of Toronto, took part, as did also the inimitable Major "Eddie" Holland, the Northland's own real fun-maker, without whose presence no function in the golden land is complete.

At 9 o'clock Saturday special trains commenced a service to the big mine, the Dome, which was the magnet by which guests and townspeople were drawn.

Bankers and millionaires mingled freely with the humble prospector, Jew and gentile, Poles, Pollocks, Pólanders, Swedes, Italians, Russians, Americans, English, Irish, Scotch and French—all united as one mighty nation to do honor to the Great Porcupine Gold Camp, which this day, above all others, emerged triumphantly from a land of doubt and adverse criticism to a genuine, living gold camp. The combined efforts of fire and frost had failed to subdue the ardor and persistency of those whose confidence in the camp never wavered, and from early morn till late at night the road to the Dome presented the appearance of the highway from London to Epsom Downs on Derby Day.

The Dome mines was en fete to the crowds of visitors present on the memorable occasion of the opening of the big mill, and the management are to be congratulated on the splendid and thorough manner in which they handled the crowds and by which every detail was arranged without a hitch.

To describe in detail would be a

task, indeed; but when one has been over the gridiron of drifts and crosscuts, then one begins to realize the careful preparation and long months of planning that lie behind the wonderful plant that now presents such a satisfying view to all who have the prosperity of the Porcupine camp at heart.

The drifts and crosscuts are now being driven with the idea of making them all tributary to a main haulage-way, and the series of chutes, fifty feet apart, will render more easy the handling of the ore.

This main haulage-way, fifty feet under ground, connects with the crusher house by a thirteen per cent. graded tunnel or shaft.

Here it goes through one of two gyratory crushers on to a belt conveyor and passed on to a series of smaller gyratory crushers.

The intention is to suspend a large magnet over this belt conveyor just before it dumps into the second ser-

ies of crushers to take up all hammer heads, bits of machine steel, etc., in fact anything that would put the crusher out of business.

After passing through the second crusher the ore passes by a second belt conveyor to the top of the mill where it discharges into the cre bins.

Here it is then passed through the stamp batteries where forty 1050 lb. stamps are dropping a hundred times a minute over amalgamating plates to a series of Dorr classifiers.

The coarse products from the Dorr classifiers pass through tube mills, and are then passed back into the Dorr classifiers, while the fines are run over a second series of amalgamating plates, and then passed into the solution tanks for the final treatment of cyanidation.

The power plant with its Corliss engines, generators, Rand compressors, large hoists, etc., was a very interesting sight; but to the uninitiated eye was a mystery of mysteries. And then came the dinner provided by the management for all the visitors; it would take too long to describe the variety of good things spread out on the festive board for all who desired to partake thereof.

Many distinguished guests were present, and the manner in which the management had arranged every detail was certainly gratifying.

But it was not alone the dinner around which interest centred. The huge building, in which the forty stamps were thundering with their mighty arms, with a precision almost human, was the object of the keenest scrutiny.

Many contented themselves with an inspection of the surface workings of the mine, but those who were brave enough to explore the underground recesses of the great mine will not soon forget their novel experience nor the sights they beheld.

And a word right here for the staff of the Dome—and we mean by "staff" every man connected with the mine. They were the embodiment of politeness and courtesy, and spared neither time nor effort to conduct the sightseers throughout the entire workings, at the same time cheerfully volunteering any in-

formation desired.

In this respect the management has established a record, as it is the first time in the history of gold-mining when the general public has been admitted to the mysterious of underground operations.

At 7.30 the banquet proceeded in the Majestic Theatre. To describe the wonderful transformation of this well-known place of amusement would require more space than can be devoted to the subject in this issue.

The floral decorations were supplied by Dunlop & Co., Toronto, with the exception of the potted plants, which were kindly forwarded from the T. & N. O. conservatory at Englehart. The entire effect of the floral adornment bore ample evidence of skilled hands, and, added to this the charm and ingenuity of the gracefully arranged bunting and flags, with the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack entwined from either side of

the stage, the fascinating spectacle can be better imagined than described.

The tables were very artistically arranged by the caterer, Mr. W. Prestwich, of Toronto, who, with his staff of thirty experienced waiters, served the following menu with remarkable promptness and in a most cheerful and satisfactory manner to the large assembly:

- 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 menu cards were in themselves a work of art, and reflected great credit on the firm who performed the work, Grand & Toy, Toronto. The title page was surmounted by an excellent reproduction of the now famous little animal, the Porcupine, embossed in gold, while the fly leaf carried an excellent photo engraving of the big mill at the Dome. Needless to say these were readily placed in safety and carried away as valuable souvenirs.

Long before the hour announced for the festive events, tickets were at a premium, and large sums were offered for admission without avail.

W. Proctor Smith, as previously stated, performed the duties of toastmaster in a most acceptable manner, and as only he can perform such a duty.

The health of the King and the President of the United States having been drunk, the chairman proposed the toast of the Provincial Government, which was responded to by R. T. Shillington, M. L. A. for Temiskaming. Mr. Shillington briefly expressed his pleasure on being present on such an auspicious occasion, and said it was the happiest moment of his life, as it brought to him a full realization of his hopes when he with others had broken trail into the great Porcupine country, encountering many hardships which were endured with much courage. It

was the aim of his government to assist in the development of the north country in every way possible, and to especially devote careful attention to the great mining industry. He eulogized the Railway Commission, stating that while many complaints were registered, a very large per cent. were beyond the jurisdiction of the commission. He would close his remarks by expressing profound faith in Porcupine, and looked forward to the opening up of other great camps in the wonderful Canadian Northland.

J. L. Englehart, Chairman of the Railway Commission, responded to the toast of the Railways in his characteristic manner, in which he expressed his great love for the North, and manifested a deep and lasting interest in its speedy development. The wonderful sights beheld by all during the day must produce beneficial results, and it could not be otherwise than that great

good and rapid expansion would follow. The importance of the mining industry of the North was frequently lost sight of, but one only need remember that \$64,000,000 had been produced in Cobalt, of which \$31,000,000 had been paid in dividends. Sudbury had produced over \$100,000,000, and still all this vast production was scarcely worthy of comment when the possibilities of Porcupine were taken into consideration. Aside from what had already been accomplished in such a short time there were yet 25,000,000 acres in this vast northern region which had not yet received any attention from the prospector, and it was not unreasonable to assume that the result of the same activity over this wide area would result in the opening up and development of many other camps. As to the government railway, the commission was pursuing its work as trustees of the people and with the intention of demonstrating that public enterprises would yield a profit. He spoke most encouragingly of the Elk Lake branch, which would be proceeded with immediately, and would open up a magnificent country of great possibilities, containing as it did about three-fourths of good farming land.

He complimented the genius of Mr. Merrill, whose name was known wherever stamps dropped, in his wonderful performance, and said that if the Dome could accomplish so much in so short a time there would be other object lessons. The grand results at the Dome were worthy a just reward for the labor and time expended. The newspapers had been somewhat lax in doing justice to the north, and he hoped they would give the district more attention. He advised all to keep on the sunny side of the walk, and assured his hearers that the sun would not set outside the vale of Porcupine.

A. A. Cole, mining engineer of the T. & N. O., responded to the Mining Industry. He recited the varied experiences of a large party that had gone over the trail with him when he was engaged making a report on the new camp. The Porcupine camp meant much to the country generally, and in a wire to Mr. Englehart he had expressed his faith in the gold deposits of the district.

Ambrose Monell, president of the Dome mine, was the next speaker, and that his remarks were looked forward to with intense interest was clearly shown by the manner in which he was received.

"Mr. President and Gentlemen,—It affords me great pleasure to be with you this evening and take part in this truly wonderful exhibition of enterprise on the part of the Board of Trade of South Porcupine.

"When my associates and myself were first approached by Mr. Edwards and Mr. Wilson in early March, 1910, with a proposal of sale of the Dome, they found those who had a deep-seated faith in the future mineral outlook of Ontario, a faith which is growing greater as time goes on.

"Were I to describe the aspect of the country on our trip in by trail through a forest as impenetrable as one in the tropics, and with 30 degrees below zero, to any other audience it would sound incredible.

"We arrived and examined the outcroppings so far as we were able under the existing conditions. On the threshold we were met with the staggering expense of transportation of supplies and material. Our haulage bill along from the steel was eighty thousand dollars. After sufficient money had been spent to make us hopeful of later results, the courage, the hope, the belief of Mr. Englehart, whom I have never had the pleasure of meeting until today, came to the aid of the prospector, and you witness the remarkable spectacle of a 35 mile road determined upon, the right of way cleared, the roadbed made, steel laid, and trains in operation, in six months after the announcement of the intention to construct. May an outsider, familiar with men and affairs elsewhere, congratulate this country in the possession of such a man in the public service. It is a rare spectacle, and is uplifting in this world of materialism to find a man of such intelligence and business ability both

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