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The afternoon trains Saturday last brought large crowds of visitors to South Porcupine from the various outlying towns and this burg for a time gave every evidence that the Box 120 cry of "hard times" is only a myth.

### TURNBULL AND GODFREY COMING TO THE FRONT

## ceive Attention From Capitalists and Mining Men

Porcupine district none have been been ordered for the Hollinger is inmore prominent of late than Turn- stalled this mine will have the largrespectively two and three townships Rand compressor, the order for which velopment, and such small testing to feet of air. depth as has been done that prospectors, engineers and capitalists headgear on the main shaft is next sensational developments in the refinery has begun. gold mining line.

Mining men who have just returned from the north report that a good deal of activity is now on in that section of the Porcupine camp, if it can be included in that category. A decided trek over the Sandy Falls route into Turnbull and Godfrey has been under way for weeks, and according to report, an average of about twenty dog teams, with loaded toboggans, and as many men with pack sacks, have passed that way daily.

Many prospectors rushed supplies in before the break-up, and development work will be prosecuted with vigor. Some claim owners have been in and out of the district several times during the winter, while the outside world is little informed of the results of their labors, 41x3x4 Fairbanks Duplex there are some surprises due from that quarter when the snow is gone and the trails are in condition for travel.

A summary of results obtained on some of the leading properties in the district is as follows: On the Monty Montgomery claims in Western Godfrey a shaft is down 50 feet, and drift runs 15 feet into the vein. Good assays have been taken. West of this are the Seguin and Vallieres proper-2 Sheaves, one 3 inch, one two ties, on which fine native gold showings have been uncovered. Next are the McLean lots, with a good looking vein and assay results. Barney McEneany, who sold the property in the Porcupine camp proper, which bears his name, to the Crown Reserve, the McEnaeany Mines, Limited, has a couple of claims also, which have excellent showings.

The Ferland claims, on which work has been done this winter, show very creditably, as do the Dennis and Lesh properties, where are located the largest quartz dykes in the district. Adjoining these are the Clearihue and Silver King lots. A large force of men are now at work there, and leads of no mean character are in evidence.

In Turnbull Township no fewer than 20 creditable gold showings are uncovered. Among the properties most in the public eye might be men-Christmas-Devine claims. All these now very small. look good from present indications. West of these are the Porcupine Gold Peak lots, and the Smith, Jamieson Bismuth Scarce and Joly claims. Others might also be mentioned.

The formation in this locality is the same as in the Pearl Lake district of Porcupine, Keewatin schist, quartz, porphyries and diorities of the Huronian series and a sprinkling of diabase of the post-Huronian. The ply its needs. The scarcity of bisquartz is well mineralized and the veins are true fissure ones. It is more often the rule than the exception to get good traces of gold in panning both the quartz and the country rock.

#### Timmins Hotel **Nears Completion**

Great progress is being made with the fine new hotel at Timmins. The building is completed and the painters and decorators are now at work finishing the interior.

The large hall and dining and reading rooms are all being prepared in plain soft-toned papers, and the woodwork left! with a natural finish, the effect being most pleasing.

There are hardwood floors through-Ontario. out the hotel and the accommodation as regards bathrooms and other TO RENT - ONE STORE, IN conveniences will place this hotel Grant, Ont., building with a room with the best in the North country.

Patrons of the Hotel Kingston who have not visited this popular except dry goods store. For parti- hostelry for a few days are surprisculars write or apply personally to ed on returning to find such a change in appearances throughout the hotel. on the general improvement, espe-Cochrane, Ont. Manager McLean is daily receiving cially the cafe, which has undergone the congratulations of many friends a real transformation.

### HOLLINGER INSTALLING LARGE NEW COMPRESSOR

#### Turnbull's Great Showings Re- Results of Development Continue to Surpass all Previous Estimates of Orebodies

Of the outlying townships of the When the new compressor that has bull and Godfrey. These are located est machine in the camp. The new due west of Tisdale, and they have has been placed, is a 15-drill machine shown up so well under surface de- and has a capacity of 1582 cubic

The management report that the

The construction of the mill pro-

ceeds apace, the tube mills being in stamps being installed at the pre-No. 2 vein on the 200 foot level has developed into a rich ore body, sinking on the main vein down to a level of 236 feet.

So far developments at the Hollinger mine have more than justified the estimates P. A. Robbins made in his annual report.

To date the most favorable developments have been on No. 2 vein and No. 4. In the report, No. 4 vein was estimated to contain 35,000 tons for the first 200 feet, although the 200foot level had not then been reached The vein at the 200-foot level has just been cut at the time of writing, and while it has not yet been sampled, it bears a strong resemblance to the vein at the 100-foot level where it was good payable ore.

The crosscut from No. 1 vein was pushed 200 feet and had passed under a point directly below where the vein should have appeared. The walls of the cross-cut were then washed down and on the north could seen some pyrite which gave a low assay. A round of holes was then driven and when fired a four-foot vein of quartz was opened up.

On the 100-foot level the No. 4 vein is so much better in grade and so many breaks in the vein have been filled in that it is estimated that there is now about twice much ore in sight on this vein as was estimated in the report.

Development work on No. 2 vein has been so much better than pected that it is computed that \$1, 800,000 is estimated rather than \$1, 200,000. These estimates are not of ore actually blocked out, but of what may reasonably be expected to be developed.

The work on the main vein is proceeding more slowly. To the north the drift ran into bad ground, and it time he made his discovery, is probable that the commencement of the next ore body will not picked up for 80 or 100 feet.

At the end of this slightly barren tioned the McLean-Flanagan, recent- patch a winze has been sunk 30 feet ly given on option to Billie Munro below the 100-foot level and there and R. W. Gibson, of Pembroke; the shows \$32 ore, so that the probabil-Magridge and Speckeler, Goodwin- ity that the ore shoot does not con-Morton-Spellman, and the Merry tinue down to the 200-foot level is

## In United States

Bismuth is one of the few metals of which the United States cannot or does not produce enough to supmuth in this country and the accredited control of the market by a foreign syndicate have kept the American price high, but according to the United States Geological Survey interest is rapidly being developed in the recovery of bismuth as a by-product in electrolytic, lead refining. No large deposits of bismuth are known in the United States, but some ores mined for their gold or silver have been found to be more valuable for their bismuth than for their original

Thus in 1910 a Colorado mine reproduction of ore which carried to 18 per cent. of bismuth, in addition to gold and silver. The ore was smelted for the precious metals contained, but if it had been sold for its wismuth content alone it probably would have brought at least \$185

ed at \$332,668.

## PROSPECTOR'S STORY TOLD TO HIS BURRO

### Finding and Loss of Gimlet Hole Mine Contains Thrilling Adventure

long time between hay and grass," noon when he reached the summit, said the prospector to his burro, and he was completely tired out 'and that you have about worked when he got there. After eating over the garbage dump in the rear lunch and taking a long pull at one in of Mike Kelley's hash house down of his canteens, he began urospecting alike are looking their way for the place and the construction of the mouth of the canyon; all of around. At the saddle the dyke seemwhich is a sure indication of the ed to be very porus and full of little near approach of spring; another holes about as big as a lead pencil, sure prediction being th? arrival, yes- which Pete designated as gimlet place and the batteries for the terday, of a pair of robbins, whose holes. It was a rather rugged spot, appearance is always hailed with de- with a dyke overshadowing the sadsent time, the stamps also being set. light by the prospector in the hills. dle, and a place which would not Another positive indication exists in hold out many attractions to a burthe fact that my feet are itching to ro; but Pete was so absorbed in prosget out into the rough places, and I pecting that he never felt his isolaam almost sure to follow them with- tion nor noticed that the day, was in the next week or ten days, for I rapidly waning. In fact, it was dark have made up my mind to take an- almost before he knew it, and so he

> 'that you don't take much stock in by this time, or has grown whiskers gle. which will rival the chin adornment In the morning he went out and of the old hermit up in the Elkhorn found he had brought down a mountpass, back of our camp; but, none ain lion of immense size. The shot whatever; for a ledge or deposit of had struck him just behind the shoulore rarely deteriorates through lapse ders and near the heart, and, notof time, like a burro in an old cor- withstanding the fatal wound, it had ral, and sometimes it experiences se- lived and struggled several hours. He condary enrichment, much the same was stone dead when Matthews went as the garbage dump improves in to him, however, and looked as big vitality and sustenance when Mike as a house. Pete managed to turn adds to it his daily contribution of him over, after considerable effort, left-over mulligan stew, the leavings and, in doing so, noticed where the of a 'ham and' or a 'stack of animal, in his throes, had clawed wheats;' and, if I can only rediscov- away the debris and exposed solid er this lost bonanza, I will lay a formation. The rock had an appeardollar against a plugged roulette ance that attracted the attention of wheel that it will make both of us Pete at once, and, forgetting the

> Pete Matthews a quarter of a cen- rock like a mangy dog fighting fleas. tury ago, and he told me, one day, The first fragment broken off rolled how he found; it, and how he missed out into the sunlight and glistened his landmarks, and could never go like a diamond in a pearl necklace; to the same place again.

It is an interesting story, and if you can keep your ears under control for a few minutes I will relate it to you. Pete Matthews, at the about twenty-five, and as husky as a wild-cat in active training. He was born in the hills, and had been used to prospecting ever since he was old enough to lead a burro up to a fence so he could get on him. He had made several minor discoveries during his time, but was so imbued with the idea of finding a bonanza that his father had to put lead soles on his boots to keep him from wendering too far away from home.

One day, however, he fastened his pack to his burro, took his rifle and six-shooter and started out into the back country. For a week he traveled, paying no attention to the ore blossoms on the hills or the float in the canyons. By this time he was well out of the beaten track, and began to congratulate himself upon the fact that he was now in a region where, in all probability, the hand of man had never set foot. It sure was a wild and desolate looking country. The mountains were high and rugged, and the canyons narrow and precipitous. In the distance, looking from the top of a high range, he could see what seemed to be twin buttes, between which a great dyke coursed almost like a Chinese wall.

the base of the buttes, and night he camped at a little spring much of the time. Most of this time that trickled down through the wild he had been without water and he growth of manzanita and scrub oak, was crazed with thirst and weak As a matter of fact he made this from hunger. It was quite a while, his stopping place while in that sec- after getting him home, before he tion, for no other water was to be was rational, and then he told his found for miles. Early in the morn- story and exhibited his ore. Of ing he was up and was pleased to course the prospectors and miners of find good looking float in the wash a camp went wild over what he claimshort distance from his camp. The ed he had found, and he was soon at great dyke I have spoken of seemed the head of a strong party whom he Another Colorado mine produced to terminate near the spring, and a expected to guide to his great disduring the same year ore containing close examination proved it to be covery-the Gimlet Hole, he called it 11 to 16 per cent. of bismuth, the porphyry. The country rock could -but he had lost his reckoning, and total content of the metal amount- not be determined at that spot, for search as carefully as he might, he ing to several tons. Though mined the whole hillside was covered with never found it again. for gold, this ore was more valuable slide rock and d?bris, and, but for "I want to tell you, Old Long for its bismuth. The imports of bis- the dyke the mountain side was as Ears," concluded the prospector, "I muth in 1910 were 198,174 lb., valu- smooth as a barker at an auction am going to find the lost Gimlet sale. The dyke, however, was a huge Hole, and, if I am fortunate, you affair, being about 100 feet in width can bet your last six-bits that I at its base and often rising 150 feet will have my landmarks in mind so into the air.

Filling his canteens, Pete started dark; and there you are, and then up the dyke towards the saddle be- some."

"You are complaining that it is a tween the twin outtes. It was high other trip into the Calabash range decided to camp where he was for in search of the lost Gimlet Hole the night, finding a sort of cave in mine, about which there was so much the porphyry dyke, where he slept talk, throughout the west twenty- fairly well until near morning, when he became aware that wild beasts "I see," continued the prospector, were prowling around his retreat.

Twice, before daybreak, he fired his the Gimlet Hole, which, in your es- rifle at shadowy forms in the distimation, is of too small a bore to tance, and evidently one of his shots figure much in a big mining proposi- was effective, for there was a great tion, and that, undoubtedly, the tearing in the brush as if some aniwhole proposition has gone to seed mal were engaged in a death strug-

dead lion, he soon had his pick in "The Gimlet Hole was found by hand and was tearing away at the only the color was different, being like the reflection from a scarlet fever quarantine notice. Picking up the rock Pete was surprised to find that it was a fine sugar quartz which was literally filled with wire gold, with nuggets of the pure metal, as big as a pea, scattered throughout the

> From then on until almost dark he put in his time uncovering the goldbearing rock, which he found to be a true fissure in rhyolite, which paralleled the big dyke at a distance of about 100 feet. The big vein was a true fissure and about two and a half feet in width, and the filling was the same rich sugar quartz as the first piece he had broken off. That night he returned to the camp, taking with him about twenty-five pounds of the ore. The next day he devoted to staking out a group of three claims, and the day following he dug out about fifty pounds more of the bonanza stuff. By this time he was about out of grub, and so decided to strike out for home with the intention of returning to his discovery as soon as possible. Taking seventy-five pounds of the high-grade with him, he started out the next morning, but had not gone far before a great dust storm arose which completely covered the country. When it passed he was off his route, and had lost his

From then on, until he was found, It took him two days to get to a week later, by some sheep-herders, that his mind was blank, just as yours is

that I can find the way back in the

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