

VIPOND MAKING GREAT HEADWAY IN RICH ORE

New Vein Carries Heavy Deposits ---Modern Machinery Being Rapidly Installed

Veins, Nos. 2 and 3 at the 200-foot level, at the Vipond Porcupine Gold, are more encouraging in both values and volume as the drifting and crosscutting proceed. Over 1000 feet of underground work is now accomplished on these leads alone.

The main shaft has been pushed through to the 300 foot level and station-cutting for the second level has been started. The uprise in the main drift at the 100 foot level was completed this week and now an uprise is being driven from the 200 foot level to meet with the one on the first level. By the time the crushing plant is ready for operation the underground will be blocked out satisfactorily. A body of ore sufficient to keep the crushers running for a year will be on hand.

Crosscutting from the No. 2 drift at the 100-foot level, a three-foot vein of quartz was struck. It has not been sampled yet, but shows every appearance of carrying good milling values. In the last month development work has proceeded at good speed. On the main vein, there is now a continuous shoot of pay ore for 528 feet, and in the east face spectacular ore was mined. On the 200 foot level of the same vein 420 feet of good pay ore has been developed. No. 3 vein at the 200 foot level now averages between \$8 and \$12 per ton.

Construction of the mill is proceeding apace, and the trial run should be made early in May.

On the dump there is 5,000 tons of ore waiting to be crushed.

At the crusher plant the cement work is completed and the small machinery will be placed without delay. The very heavy machinery is now on the road and expected to arrive any day.

A month from now should see the crusher plant in its ultimate stages of completion. The cyanide plant will be completed later and there will be no delay in the starting of the crushers, classifiers, peddle grinders, etc.

PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICERS BEGIN WORK

General Clean-up of Souts Porcupine Now Well Under Way

George E. Young, provincial health officer, is in town for the purpose of putting into effect the provision of the health act. In this work he is assisted by H. C. Parker, a member of the Toronto Board of Health, who will remain in camp until the work in hand is completed, while Mr. Young will take up his temporary residence in Porcupine at the north end of the lake.

In the work of a general clean-up these officials will be assisted by the local boards of Tisdale and Whitney, and already a decided improvement in sanitary conditions is noticeable. It is also quite evident that the citizens are joining heartily in this important task and the result cannot be other than satisfactory.

A thorough examination of the wells and other sources of water supply will be made. Wells that are reasonably safe will be chlorinated by the inspectors, while wells that could not be considered proper sources for securing water for drinking purposes will be put out of commission. The inspectors will also see that there is no pollution of the lakes by the dumping of refuse on the banks or by allowing sewage to run into the water.

The South Porcupine Board of Trade is more than active in promoting the health of the community, and in this effort they will receive the hearty co-operation of all residents who have the welfare of the town in view.

The amalgam will be taken from the plates, as is done at the McIntyre and cyanided at a later date, or saved exclusively for the present free milling process.

If the mill works as successfully as the McIntyre, fully 75 per cent. of the values will be saved on the plates.

The Vipond commenced installing the machinery in their new mill today and expect to have the mill in operation by May 20th.

Improve Timmins Water System

The town council of Timmins has decided to make considerable changes in the water service with the view of increasing its efficiency.

It was found that the steam pump of the plunger type now used is not the best type of pump for the purpose. With the wooden pipe system used at Timmins the plunger pump is a likely cause of leaking mains.

There is no outlet to the water pipes and the pressure exerted by the plunger pump is much too heavy for the mains.

This pump will be taken out and an electrically driven rotary pump will be installed.

The water works committee is now obtaining prices and specifications from several firms and the order for the new pump will be placed shortly and the changes in the system effected.

McIntyre Tests Lake Ore Depth

Before the ice on Pearl Lake became unsafe the McIntyre mine management made soundings for the depth to guide its operations under the lake.

About the deepest point yet discovered is 70 feet of water and mud lying on the rock. Owing to the soft schisty nature of the formation it will be necessary to leave a safety margin of nearly 100 feet between the top of the workings under the lake and the lake bed.

As soon as the depths have been fully ascertained and a chart prepared the work of driving a crosscut underneath the lake will be proceeded with.

The McIntyre are proceeding with the construction of the mill, twenty more stamps being installed at the present time and arrangements are also being made for the future installation of twenty more stamps.

The mill returns show that seventy-five per cent. of the values are caught on the amalgamating plates and about all the entire remainder in the concentrates, the tailings running from forty to sixty cents to the ton.

The fourth gold bar was shipped on Thursday last, valued at \$3,170.00, and the fifth shipped last Tuesday.

Board of Health For Township

The new board of health recently chosen for the township are contemplating a progressive policy in regard to the sanitary conditions of the towns and township.

A meeting of the board will be held immediately to deal with all questions and methods pertaining to public health.

The new board consists of A. C. Brown, George M. Rounds and R. E. Brosser, while Reeve Cook and township clerk Whyte are ex-officio members. Joe Alexander is to be appointed sanitary inspector. The medical health officer of the township is Dr. Sutherland.

Great Swindle That Made Good

United States Senator Borah claims that his state of Idaho is so good that even the people who get cheated within its smiling domain make money by the transaction. On his way from Washington after the adjournment of the last session of congress, he was introduced on the train to an eastern woman, who immediately began to tell a long, sad story about the robber-like practices of western people in general, and Idaho men in particular.

"My husband was a traveling man," she explained, in a lachrymose voice, "and one night in Boise City some of your people gave him too much to drink, so much in fact that he didn't know what he was doing. The next morning he waked up and discovered that he had bought \$1,400 worth of mining stock at four cents a share. Think of that, the greatest outrage I ever heard of! I have never even looked up the mine in which the stock was sold, but the experience has taught me that western promoters are merely burglars. My poor, dear husband was robbed as surely as if those men had held him at the point of a gun."

Mr. Borah asked the name of the mine, and she told him. Without saying a word, he picked up a newspaper and pointed to the stock quotations. Right there that Niobe-like woman got the shock of her life. The stock was shown to be worth \$140,000 that day.—Popular Magazine.

LAND BOOM BEGINS IN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT

Eastern Capitalists Secure About 100,000 Acres in British Columbia Section

The interest that Eastern Canadian capitalists are taking in large land projects in Canadian Northwest is instanced by the announcement of the organization by a strong group of capitalists of the Peace River Land and Investment Co. The company has secured approximately 100,000 acres in the British Columbia section of the Peace River District, and land immediately adjoining the Dominion block in British Columbia and extending along both sides of the Half Way River, which is one of the tributaries of the Peace River.

The company is placing on the Canadian market \$500,000 of its capital stock, but of this amount it is understood a considerable amount has already been placed privately. The shareholders of the stock now being offered will benefit by the entire profits that the company will make as the capital stock is the only class of security issued by the company, there being no bonds nor preferred stock ahead of it. In this way all profits accruing from the sale of the company's lands or other deals it will be interested in as a result of its board charter, will be available for distribution among the holders of the present stock.

Considerable attention has been attracted to the Peace River district in the past couple of years, owing to the favorable conditions that prevail in that country for the growth of all classes of crops. The Alberta Government has already guaranteed the bonds of three different railways that are building into the Peace River district, while the British Columbia Government has also guaranteed the bonds of a railway which will unit the Peace River district with the city of Vancouver.

A strong group of financial interests in both Eastern and Western Canada have become largely interested in the enterprise and the first board of directors in the new company will include such well known Canadians as: Hon. George Taylor, Senator, Gananoque, Ont.; Thomas

WELL-KNOWN MINING MAN UNDER ARREST

Pete Farrah, the Big, Good-natured, Popular Assyrian, in the Toils

Charged with the alleged misappropriation of \$10,000 of the fund of the Big Pete Canadian Mines at Larder Lake on March 25, 1910, and with the issuing of a false prospectus and statements on Feb. 1, 1908, and subsequently Kalil (Big Pete) Farrah was arrested yesterday by Provincial Constable Jerry Lefebvre and Jack MacKay.

The prosecuting of the charges against Farrah is being conducted by Count Guy de Forrez of Paris, a solicitor in France, and a shareholder in the company to the extent of 13,000 shares, representing approximately \$25,000. Count de Forrez in his visit to Haileybury represents 300 shareholders in France, whose holdings are said to amount to about \$400,000.

Following his arrest Farrah was admitted to \$10,000 bail.

He was arraigned before Magistrate Atkinson at Haileybury and after pleading not guilty the case was enlarged for a week.

The Big Pete Canadian mine at Larder Lake is well known to residents of this section. Considerable work has been done in the way of developing the property.

Farrah is also well known to people of New Ontario. He is a Syrian, who came here a number of years ago and through assiduous work and judicious acquiring and selling of mining properties and in other investments is reputed to have made himself independently rich.

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