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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th

WILL TRAIN SETTLERS FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO

During the course of a debate on technical education in the Legislature Hon. G. Howard Ferguson made the announcement that the Government is now working on a scheme whereby prospective settlers in the northern parts of the Province shall first be given a course of training at an institution established in Northern Ontario, and shall thus be fitted, by actual experience under supervision, to set about making for themselves a home on the outskirts of civilization with some assurance of success.

"The Government," he said, "is now endeavoring to work out some scheme to overcome this difficulty. We are conducting investigations at the present time as to whether it will be possible to establish agricultural schools entirely separate and segregated from urban centres, where the scholars will be able not only to get instruction on the scientific side, but to do the actual farm work."

Special attention has been given to this of late, particularly since the outbreak of the war. The problem of settling returned soldiers on the land will be a large one, even where they are desirous of settling on farms, for it would be practically impossible to place them successfully on farms unless they have some knowledge of the work. Consequently we have had investigations made into the possibility of establishing a training school of some sort in Northern Ontario, where they may be given instruction and obtain experience in the practical work—knowledge of the kind which will be necessary in the settling of the great north country.

He hoped at some future time to be able to announce to the House some well developed scheme along this line whereby an impetus would be given to the colonization of Northern Ontario.

Cochrane Canadians Register Grievance

The following letter, sent the recent hockey game between the Timmins and Cochrane French-Canadian teams, appeared in the Cochrane Northland Post:

Dear Sir:—

Being an old resident of Cochrane and a strong supporter of the glorious game of hockey, allow me to pass a few remarks, sarcastic and otherwise, about your report of the Cochrane Canadians vs. Timmins Canadians, the game played here on the 22nd.

Your report is not at all right, the correct score was 7-6 in favor of Timmins and it took ten minutes overtime to decide, and as Cochrane Canadians were against big odds, when such players as "C.P.R. Joe," Frank Lafreniere and Newsy Lalonde stars of the Porcupine district, not forgetting A. E. Mallette who knew all the tricks of the old team. It was some proposition for them to go up against, but they played the game and they played it well, in fact, the critics here say it was one of the best games seen here this season.

And as regards my being a Timmins rooster, that particular night, if you had been in the rink you would have easily recognized me. However, W.S., when the return game is played, I expect to see the Cochrane Canadians double the score on Timmins.

"Frenchie."

The Mining Stocks

The sale of Mining Stocks on the Standard Stock & Mining Exchange for week ending April 5th. Figures supplied by Homer L. Gibson & Co.

Table with columns: Porcupines, Sales, High, Low. Lists various mining stocks like Apex, Dome Con., Dome Extension, etc.

Market Letter, Homer L. Gibson Co.

Continued selling in Vipond, based upon the unfavorable report for the past three months had the effect of lowering this issue to 51 1/2, but a prompt rally saw the stock close at 57c bid last night, and while we do not, under present conditions, expect to see it advance with any rapidity we consider it reached bottom level on its recent break. Around present prices it appears fairly attractive.

Considerable strengthening in Big Dome and Hollinger have lent an improved tone to the whole market and with the exception of Vipond no declines of consequence have been registered.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Advance is given the complete details of the agreement between The Dome Mines Limited and the Dome Extension, and shareholders in the latter issue would do well to read the agreement carefully before committing themselves either way.

Trading in West Dome stock has practically ceased and all transactions must now be made in West Dome Consolidated, the last date for transferring old stock being Mar. 31.

Silver showed a further gain of 3/8c and is now quoted at 61 3/8c but unfortunately Cobalt issues still fail to respond to this improved market for their product, and Temiskaming in particular persistently refuses to move under these improved conditions.

Seneca Superior has started pulling up the pumps and will close down in May. They are paying their 20 per cent dividend the Company will have between 60c and 70c a share in the treasury but will not dispose of this until the war tax has been definitely settled.

Porcupine News Items

Mr. Meel Jewell, of Toronto, was visiting in Porcupine the latter part of last week.

Messrs. Gordon Gauthier and P. Allison were in Cochrane Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Capt. C. M. Piercy was in Cochrane last week in company with Capt. Lindsey of North Bay. They are both busy recruiting for the 228th Batt.

Mr. Murdoch McLeod, an old timer at prospecting and one of the pioneers of this part of the country enlisted with Capt. Piercy of the 228th Batt. Pte. McLeod saw active service in South Africa, so is not new at the game.

Mr. R. M. Snow has now moved his store and post office in new quarters and is ready to enter the public on a large scale. Bob invites all to come and see his new store whether they buy or not.

When it comes to dog racing leave this end of the camp. Our good friend Joe went up to Timmins for the race and captured the first prize. Joe must have the right kind of dog biscuit.

Owing to lack of space the Porcupine School Report will not appear until next issue.

Market Letter of A. S. Fuller & Co.

To-day's closing market gave some promise of more strength than the market has shown for the last ten days, the features being the advance in Dome from \$24.50 to \$26.00 and recovery of Vipond from 52c to 58c.

The market, however, still shows a very decided tendency to be stagnant because of the lack of general public interest. There is absolutely no question but that the investor and speculator across the sea in the United States is giving the Porcupine and Cobalt stocks a wide berth and is confining his trading to other issues. As a result our markets are limited and there does not seem to be much chance of the market broadening any until the question of the proposed war tax is definitely and finally settled. When this comes to pass, we look for much more active market.

We believe the first stocks to respond will be Big Dome and Dome Ex., with Jupiter, McIntyre and West Dome Consolidated also showing advances.

The much-talked of bullish report on the Vipond covering operations for the first quarter of 1916, was issued yesterday at the annual meeting of the shareholders and was a very big disappointment to a large number of stockholders who expected a better report from this company. The news of this report was discounted yesterday in the market in this stock declining to 52c but to-day upon supported orders coming from interests closely associated with the inside, the stock sold up to 58c. Owing to the fact that the complete report is not yet in our hands, and we have only had extractions of it by telegram at this writing, we are not prepared to make any statements in detail, but from what we see it would seem that the stock is selling much higher than conditions warrant.

The silver metal reached a new high record of 61 3/8c but the silver issues have not responded as they should. This is simply due to the fact that the public is not in the market and will not be in the market until after the proposed war tax is finally settled. There is some strength in Nipissing, and Temiskaming tried hard to move up, but continued selling pressure kept the stock down around 59c.

We believe the purchase of Big Dome at this writing offers greater possibilities of profit than any stock on the Porcupine or Cobalt list. Hollinger is gradually strengthening and is also a good purchase for investment.

MONETA SCHOOL REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH

School open 23 days; number enrolled 31; average attendance 23.

- Promotions: From Sr. III. to Jr. IV.—Percy Snow, John Boardman. From Jr. III. to Sr. III.—Sadie Feldman, Klelah Brown. From Sr. II. to Jr. III.—Murdoch Davidson, Violet Robert, Annie Feldman. From Jr. II. to Sr. II.—Lucy Snow. From Sr. I. to Jr. II.—Lillian Slater, Allister Munro. From Jr. I. to Sr. I.—Willie Keefe. J. R. Anderson, Teacher.

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