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**A FAIR CHANCE**

Despite the relaxation which, for a time only, has followed on the very busy scenes which took place in the early days of the Porcupine gold fields there are old stagers still in business in the camp who are indicating their confidence in its future by word and action every day.

That there would be those connected with its doings who could not succeed making all the ready money they anticipated, and as quickly as they hoped, was a foregone conclusion and it is such as they who, after leaving their centre of activities have the worst word to say of a country from which they looked for all kinds of quick returns.

Everyone who is deeply interested, however, and have gone carefully into a study of the possibilities and probabilities of what will eventually be seen can afford to ignore pseudo primary supporters and look at the prospects in a broad light. It should not be forgotten in the very first place that the Porcupine camp as yet is just beginning to find its footing, consequently people, who, because of some personal grievance through lack of their own enterprise or tenacity see fit to condemn the camp do not really know what they are talking about. They do not realize—or choose not to realize—that before a mining camp can be fully developed and its standing secured on a permanent basis there are first necessary the investment of time, skill, money, energy, knowledge and perseverance.

Give the Porcupine camp a fair opportunity to prove what it possesses; allow a further three or even four years to show what will be brought forth and, after that when something like a reasonable length of time has been conceded, those who have resided in the gold-field, seen its ups and downs and become acquainted with its actual results, will be better able to proffer information than the prejudiced knocker who so often crops up in discussions outside the camp entirely. There is no gainsaying the fact that what has been carried out and accomplished so far is of merit to the camp and augurs well for its future.

**THE JUPITER REPORT**

Reverting to the annual report of the Jupiter Mines, published in The Advance last week the comments of "The Canadian Mining Journal," in an editorial, will be interesting.

Says the Journal:  
"As an example of judicious reserve, Mr. R. W. Brigstocke's report presented at the annual meeting of Jupiter Mines, Limited, is worthy of comment."

The Jupiter in its early days was one of the much beslobbered Porcupine prospects. Extraordinary rich surface showings threatened it with galloping consumption. However, the property was transferred to its present owners before it had been fatally affected. The Messrs. Drummond, of Montreal, and their friends are the chief owners. Mr. Brigstocke is the consulting engineer. The policy followed has been influenced only by the requirements of the mine. No attention has been paid to the stock market. The president, Mr. T. H. Hamilton, stated this fluently. "So far as the present market value of our shares is concerned," he said, "I may say that it is a matter that does not interest us in the slightest degree."

Mr. Brigstocke's report shows that the necessary buildings have been erected and 3,000 feet of underground work accomplished for an expenditure of less than \$100,000. His reference to spectacular showings of visible gold is worth repeating: "It is a very interesting detail. . . . that phenomenally rich ore exists in the Jupiter mine. . . . While it is somewhat dangerous to lay too much stress on the results of such samples, they must, when properly taken, be reckoned with. In arriving

at the average assay values, results of samples of extraordinary richness have been excluded."

This attitude is refreshingly sane. The honest intention of sticking to essentials is apparent. Porcupine is to be felicitated upon the Jupiter report. It contains possibly too little, certainly not too much."

**EARLY CLOSING**

There have been a different number of suggestions made in South Porcupine as to the possibility of arranging either for the closing of business establishments one afternoon in the week or to close on one or more nights of the week at 6 o'clock in the evening.

There is quite a diversion of opinion as to the best steps to adopt although so far as "The Advance" could ascertain after careful enquiries the idea is fairly popular to have some time each week during the summer months for the regular closing of stores and take advantage of the light evenings for much desired recreation.

That Wednesday afternoon would be the most popular if a half holiday is decided upon seems to be a settled point, but, as was pointed out in some instances, the action would have to be unanimous among the main stores of the town at any rate, although it is realized that a certain percentage of small places would not, on account of the small extent of their business, be persuaded to lose even one afternoon.

In other Northern towns the council or governing body have taken the matter in their own hands and passed a by-law insisting upon stores closing at least two nights a week. Once the fact was made known to the general public and the practice carried into effect no inconvenience appeared to be felt but rather on the other hand benefit accrued to the assistants, whose duties include long hours and tedious routine of being on their feet most of the day.

To see the suggestion carried out in South Porcupine, therefore, it would appear that the best plan is to call a public meeting, say, at the Board of Trade offices. Better still, those who are interested in the project could attend the next meeting of the Board of Trade—on the second Thursday in each month—and, having in view a desire to become members, approach the Board on the matter and receive their support.

Whatever is done must be done soon if the benefit of light evenings is to be derived. June 21st will soon be here and after the longest day in the year is over twilight soon begins to creep along earlier each day. "The Advance" will be glad to receive any letters containing suggestions and publish same to push forward the movement. Baseball on Sunday is not to be allowed and, apart from the right or wrong of that, there will be very little opportunity for the average business man to play or attend a game unless something as outlined above is brought about.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

In reference to the scavenging work which is carried on at South Porcupine attention has been drawn to the fact that on occasions the men employed in the duties have been seen in the hours of seven and eight o'clock in the morning on the main streets proceeding with their work just as if it was at night or very early at dawn. Such a state of affairs when the residents are moving round town and business people opening up their premises is of course one which should certainly be put a stop to. From enquiries made officially therefore it is satisfactory to note that almost immediately some changes in this department of the township's routine are to be made and it is further noted that those taking the work in hand will be required to carry it out in the very early hours and keep strictly to the back lanes and alleys.

A contemporary in reporting the visit of Inspector Rogers to the north this week stated that the Government official intimated he wished to ascertain how much rain we had north compared with the other parts of the province. In Porcupine at any rate the Inspector must have found it pretty "dry" for there were no cases of misdemeanors. Of course it was officially understood that the object of the visit was to inspect the

picture shows. It reflects considerable credit on all the Porcupine district, however, that the authorities have had empty cells and blank lists for some time now maybe because the last round of fines proved a hard nut for those convicted and it is becoming realized that the illicit business does not pay.

Referring to the editorial comment in The Advance last week anent reporters not attending the Tisdale township council meetings, but being supplied with an official report, it is worthy of note that enquiries result in the assurance that no objection to the press representatives taking their own reports personally will be made by other local bodies in different townships. In an official report the kernel of the meeting is absent—that is the interesting little points in discussion where ratepayers like to know just what their representatives' views lay, are not given. One council member in speaking to The Advance when permission was asked to attend the meeting said, "Surely you are not anxious to stay here till 12 or 1 o'clock at night and listen to all the arguments?" In answer to such the only response can be that it is not a matter of anxiety to work unnecessarily, but anxiety to see that the readers of The Advance are supplied with news of interest and surely discussions of the township's affairs by its governing body could not be excelled in interest to those who have to dig down when the necessary finances are required.

It will be noted from a report in another column that the South Porcupine Board of Trade are desirous of having local trains stop at the foot of Main street if the townspeople will erect a bridge and small platform as means of access to the other side of the track. That the scheme if carried out would be a boon to residents in the centre and southend—in fact to many others—is undeniable. The Board have instructed their Secretary to write the T. & N. O. Railway Commission on the matter and the outcome will be waited with interest especially when those cognizant with townsite matters remember that the present station is so close in touch with the Melbougall townsite wherein it is claimed the Commission are so deeply interested. Therefore one cannot expect too much of the "pro bono publico" spirit to be exhibited.

The Tisdale Township Council have decided to impose a tax on owners of dogs which is one which none can make any objection to when it is remembered that the finances of the Township are in urgent need of replenishing. The canines have not come to be a nuisance in South Porcupine as was the case in Cobalt, where stringent methods were adopted in dealing with them, but it is in very few instances that a dog is an absolute necessity in this district—hence the fairness of the tax decided upon.

The report as to the big fire in Cobalt on Wednesday night has an indirect bearing upon the papers and records of South Porcupine—indeed upon any governing body where such are kept filed. It was suggested on Wednesday evening by Reeve Cook that a vault be erected to ensure the safety of such valuable papers and he himself would be prepared to come to terms in the erection of one, taking a portion for his own use on a mutual arrangement. Singular enough, it would appear that his remarks on the need of this must have been made when the Cobalt fire was raging and to which the Cobalt Town Hall was in such close proximity. That hall was quoted as an instance of the loss which might be sustained if a large fire destroyed the building which has only a safe for civic records. With a warning such as this might be taken to resolve itself into the sooner a vault is erected the better.

**NOTICE**

The Court of Revision for the Township of Tisdale, to hear appeals against the assessment, will be held in Wilson's Hall Tuesday, June 18th, at 1 p.m.

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Clerk.

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### Licenses Altered By Tis. Council

In reference to the change of license fees for establishments in South Porcupine mentioned in the report of the Tisdale Council meeting last week some of the alterations in the way of reducing or raising will be interesting.

An annual fee of \$150 previously covered a license to sell temperance beers, soft drinks, cigars, cigarettes and tobacco, but this has been entirely eliminated and the different items split up. Now a fee of \$20 will allow the sale of temperance beers and soft drinks. The sum of \$25 will be required to dispose of tobacco, cigars and cigarettes. An increase has been made for billiards and pool, the first table being now \$20 instead of \$10, and for each extra table \$10 in place of \$5. For first and second beds in bowling alleys \$25 will be necessary in place of \$5 previously and \$15 for each extra bed, where \$5 used to be paid.

Restaurant and victualling houses have been raised from \$10 to \$20, while the same applies to oyster, fruit or soda and ice cream parlors. Passenger boats up to 10 passengers remains the same as formerly, \$10, but a decrease has been made in the case of 10 to 20 passengers from \$20 to \$15 and over 20 passengers brought down from \$25 to \$20.

Additional places of business which did not before appear on the official list include the following: Hand laundry, \$10, steam laundry \$20, livery stable, 10 horses \$10, and over ten horses \$20, employment agency \$50. Attention is drawn to the fact that the period for which any of the above licenses is required is for the year ending December 31st, 1912.

### Many Changes At The Mines

Several changes have taken place in Porcupine among the personnel of the mine managers. At the McIntyre F. P. Schwindler has resigned his position as manager, which he has occupied only for a few months. W. Cooper, superintendent at the McIntyre, has also resigned and it is understood that the property will be in charge of C. B. Flynn, who represents the holders of the majority of the McIntyre stock. Changes are also occurring at the Success where Keith Gardner has resigned the management. Mine Captain Brandt also leaves this property to do some work on properties in Hastings county. The Success is now in charge of Mr. Emery, who has been on the property for some time.

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