

SWASTIKA WILL PROVE ITS VALUE

No Mistake as to Values in the District---Reports on Finds Indicate Good Prospects

Some resume of the doings at Swastika may be interesting at the present stage of affairs in the Porcupine gold camp. The notion has been created that Swastika is not just what has been claimed for it and consequently those who have properties in the neighborhood have been endeavoring to dispose of their own.

The story of Swastika and its development is as follows: A year ago this last spring, Swastika was staked quite thoroughly and a small boom prevailed throughout the summertime and into the fall. The first year's assessment work was accomplished and as there seemed to be a rather dull market for gold claims at that time, the claim owners simply held their properties and waited for the times to better themselves.

This prosperity did not arrive at the first of the year as predicted and it did not show in the spring when the snow had left the ground, although considerable work was performed late in the spring and some little staking took place principally throughout Teek and Lebel townships where so many good claims had already been discovered. By this time the whole country was pretty thoroughly staked up and the time for investment and development had arrived. But for months it has been impossible to sell claims of good value, for more than a song.

NOT DEAD YET.

Swastika is not dead nor even dying and the time is soon coming when capital will reach the district and show it up for what it is—a very rich mining center. With the Tough claims showing so well, with the Lucky Cross and Swastika mines continuing to produce good gold ore and a dozen newer companies already in the field and ready to promote serious development work in the near future, it certainly shows that Swastika is still to be a camp and to be a rich one. This backward development is not localized to Swastika. It is everywhere, and with the lure of Porcupine north of them, Swastika has not progressed as fast as the public expected. Lately, it is known that some of the biggest engineers in the country have gone into the Swastika district to look over claims and none of them have come away disappointed.

FORGING AHEAD.

The Lucky Cross mine although a trifle short-handed at present, will resume the full force of men at an early date, while Swastika mine has never slackened for months and is daily forging ahead with the development work that will place them in the forefront of Ontario mines. They have an enormous amount of ore already blocked out for milling and it is expected that a mill will be established before a great while. The Lucky Cross is continuing to make gold finds on their property and have very recently made a rich strike in a raise on their 100-foot level.

Swastika is holding her own and with the assurance of the advent of capital in the near future, of becoming one of the leading camps of the north.

Gold Found on Seneca

It is reported that gold is discovered on the Seneca Porcupine company's lots, known formerly as the Lawton claims, directly to the east of the famous Hughes, in just about the precise spot where Manager Mowry Bates figured. The diamond drill struck rock at 139 feet depth, and five feet into the rock the shear was cut. Quartz showed in the shearing. Fine particles of gold, it is announced, appear in the quartz.

Although the overburden is heavy, the lots lying in the lowlands along the river bottom, conditions were found just as the management expected would be the case. Thus, the first connecting link between the Scottish-Ontario and the Three Nations belt is forged. Uncertainty regarding the Porcupine lowlands gradually disappears as more work is done, and there is every indication that in the depressions mine men will find the biggest values. Depth of soil is no barrier to good value, only the development is more difficult till the shears are located.

The success of the Seneca in locating the vein in the first hole bored, in which free gold appears, will act as a stimulant to others to prove up claims in this section. The drilling also shows without a doubt that the Hughes lead crosses from the property to the east on to the Seneca holdings, and in this event other claims in line with the shearing should be equally as rich in gold-bearing rock.

GOWGANDA SITUATION IMPROVING RAPIDLY

Reported Purchase of Mann Property for Over Ten Thousand Dollars

The situation in the Gowganda vump is improving rapidly. The Mann, which is now definitely a mine with good prospects, has purchased the Boyd Gordon, for, it is reported, \$10,500 cash. The Boyd Gordon failed to discover any ore on their property, though there was a remarkable surface showing, but the Mann has now drifted within forty feet of their line and still mines good ore in the face. They will break through into the Boyd Gordon property soon.

The O'Brien-Jaques which has been taken over by a group of Pennsylvania capitalists, is to be vigorously developed under the new management. On Hanging Stone Lake, where the Temiskaming & Hudson Bay Co. is working a property two new veins carrying high-grade ore have been cut at the 90-foot level and are being developed. The cost and difficulty of transportation are so great that the shipment of ore has almost ceased. The Millerett is now sending out a car. At the Miller Lake O'Brien in addition to the high-grade ore, a large tonnage of milling rock is being developed at the 250-foot level and this property is now the best in the camp. Capital is slowly creeping back.

The right of way on the Elk Lake railroad has now been cut through to Earlton, and grading is in progress all along the line. The track will cross the Montreal River near the Hitchcock mine, and will run along the west shore of Elk Lake to the settlement of Elk Lake itself.

RESCUE APPARATUS IS NECESSARY

Canadian Mining Institute Advocate Its Adoption---Free Duty from the States Asked For

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute a resolution was adopted by which the secretary was instructed to communicate with the authorities to urge again that rescue apparatus for use in mines be admitted into Canada free of duty. At present such appliance is apparently classified under "machinery composed wholly or in part of iron and steel, not otherwise specified," and as such is subject to a duty of 15 per cent., if of British manufacture, 25 per cent., under the Intermediate Tariff, and 27 1/2 per cent., under the General Tariff. Since most of the rescue apparatus imported is of German manufacture it is taxed at the high rate. Mining machinery of a class or kind not made in Canada is admitted duty free; so are lifeboats and "life-saving apparatus imported by societies, to encourage the saving of human life." Mine rescue apparatus is not manufactured in Canada; it is for use in mines; obviously it is imported with a view to the saving of human life.

Two or more years ago the Mining Institute brought the same matter to the attention of the Dominion Government, and received the assurance that mine rescue apparatus would be placed on the free list. It wasn't. The authorities now assert that they cannot act on the suggestion to classify mine rescue apparatus under "life-saving apparatus" or "machinery not manufactured in Canada," which would be a simple way of getting round a difficulty, if there is one; but add, that "the request will be laid before the Tariff Commission when appointed, as a change in the tariff would be required to meet the views of the Institute."

This is a very fine sample of red-tape. As a matter of fact importers of rescue apparatus can now obtain a rebate of the duty by applying to Ottawa for it, which shows that the authorities sympathize with the importers' point of view. Mine rescue apparatus is not specifically mentioned in the tariff schedule. Hence to the mere outsider it would appear the simplest thing in the world to make a ruling that would settle the question and satisfy everybody. Since this is not so, importers must be content to wait until the "matter has received the consideration of the tariff commission," which has yet to be appointed.

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CANOEISTS PLUNGE INTO THE LAKE

Amusing Incidents at South Porcupine in Which Local Couple Received Unwelcome Ducking

An incident which took place in the lake at South Porcupine on Sunday evening last is causing much amusement among residents with whom the victims of the affair are well acquainted.

From reliable information which can be gathered a certain grocery traveller representing a prominent Toronto house decided to be the escort of a certain young lady, also well known round town, in a little canoe trip. Everything apparently went along pleasantly so far as the trip itself was concerned, but the concluding scenes were such as to put a "damper" on the evening's enjoyment in more ways than one.

On reaching shore the waves caused by one of the launches were so heavy that, practically without warning, the canoe in which the drummer and his fair companion were seated was upset and both the occupants plunged into the water. According to eye witnesses the ensuing picture was highly amusing for everybody except those who were the chief participants. The mud was pretty thick and of that nature to prove "very clinging" as the clothes of both parties evidenced later.

It was just approaching twilight, very fortunately for the shipwrecked couple no doubt, but as there was no imminent danger they soon succeeded in getting away from the spot and the inquisitive onlookers, among whom there was not a single straight face. The young man, it appears, always stays at the Kingston Hotel during his sojourn in Porcupine. Enquiries, however, would point to the fact that he must have secured a change of clothing elsewhere, for he did not appear in any condition indicating a drenching.

The young lady hastened to her own quarters to effect a change into dryer and cleaner apparel and it is asserted that the gallant escort instead of deserting her in the time of adversity accompanied her to the building where she resides. The question of surmises among the friends of the Toronto young man is, how and where did he succeed in fixing himself up so that he was able to appear at the hotel without giving any idea of his experience?

Probably on his next trip to the gold section a couple of weeks hence he will have to stand for quite a bit of jollying among those aware of his and the lady's identity.

Airship Flight at Haag Shows

Along with the Mighty Haag Shows which are to be at South Porcupine on Monday next one of the thrilling features will be an airship flight. To substantiate the idea that whatever is new, novel, thrilling, bewildering, educating and interesting The Mighty Haag Shows have first, Mr. Haag has secured under enormous expense the celebrated king of the air, Mons. Di'Paulham and his world famous aeroplane "Meteor." Mons. Di'Paulham has had all France at his feet since his successful flights with the "Meteor." He is today the only undisputed equal of the celebrated Wright Bros.

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McCluskey Gets Sixty Days

"Well, it's a mean thing to do, to steal from a man who has been burnt out, so it will be 60 days in North Bay jail for you, McCluskey," said Magistrate Atkinson to Alexander McCluskey in provincial court at Cobalt Friday afternoon. McCluskey took a watch charm from Arthur Deyell's room in the Bilsky block where A. H. Black's jewelry had been stored after the fire. He was working in the room and picked up the charm, made of a silver nugget. He sold it later to a fellow by the name of Fyles for a dollar. Mr. Black gave the value of the article as \$2.50. McCluskey said he didn't intend to steal it but having done so the truth of his statement was open to a certain degree of doubt.

Heard in Porcupine this week—"What kind of a summer do you have up here?" "Can't say, I've only been here ten months."

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