

## GOLD SHOWINGS FROM NIGHTHAWKE

### Huddleson Claims Developing-- Facts About the Outlying Districts Show Great Promise

In dealing with news of the Porcupine district The Mining Investor says:

Reports of gold finds in outlying territory illuminate the mining horizon. The assessment work season is on in full blast and daily almost discoveries are reported.

"Territory to come prominently to the front this week is the Nighthawk Lake district. Prospectors at work on the Botley claims in Thomas Township, east of the lake, unearthed quartz leads that yield free gold. The district is not developed to any extent so far and it is impossible to say just how extensive the recent finds may prove to be. The formation is similar to that in Porcupine with quartz showing up in regular shears.

"Thomas Township, aside from staking and prospecting that was done last year, has not been worked, and this year assessment duties are being performed perhaps on fifty claims.

"To the southwest of Thomas on the west shore of Nighthawk Lake lies Carmen, and here several free gold finds have been made. The most promising strike comes on the Logan-Byrnes property, sold last fall to a Montreal syndicate. The famous Burns lead in Shaw has been picked up across the border on the Logan-Byrnes claims. A shaft is now being sunk to determine values and width at depth.

"While reports of gold discoveries are emblazoned on Nighthawk bulletins, consistent work in the Turnbull district brings to light more gold discoveries to the west. On the Huddleson group encouraging finds are reported, in addition to the Shields showings. Five different syndicates are probing into the rock on lots that adjoin the Huddleson and Shields claims.

"It will be next to impossible this summer to place properties in a condition where engineers are able to say if there are payable ore bodies ore in the new sections."

Most of the above claims are owned by local prospectors and people heavily interested in Porcupine.

It was in order to obtain confirmation that "The Advance" approached some of those concerned in that part of the country above referred to.

At the Huddleson claims a gang of men are now engaged sinking and so far a depth of over 20 feet has been reached. The quartz already carries a little free gold in addition to sulphides, while assays taken have resulted in \$20 to the ton.

It is worthy of note that an option of \$120,000 on the Huddleson claims which did not materialize has now expired and from diamond drilling operations which are being carried on there would appear to be better negotiations in view.

## Silver Prices Cause Activity

The gratifying high price of silver is one of the causes of the generally heightened activity in Cobalt, Gowganda and Elk Lake district. As a matter of fact, Gowganda and Elk Lake would have come forward without the added inducement. It is recognized that they have not been fairly treated, and recent work has brought much encouragement. So also in the case of Cobalt mines, like the Nova Scotia and the Peterson Lake, the possibilities are too great to permit of their being long neglected. But the movement would have been slow had not silver reached and maintained its present high level.

India and China are, of course, the chief consumers of the world's production of silver. It seems highly probable that India, whose silver reserves are much depleted, will soon be forced to buy heavily. The successful adoption of a limited gold currency has not appreciably affected the demand for silver. India is prosperous and well able to absorb additional silver. Should this year's monsoon prove other than bad, the demand for silver will be sufficiently strong to hold, or even to raise, the price of silver.

The situation in China is uncertain. It is safe to predict, however, that if political unrest does not become too pronounced, and if the proposed Chinese loans are successfully raised, then another stimulating factor will immediately be brought to bear upon the silver market.

In brief, the whole situation at present seems favorable. This in itself affords a sense of security to those who are attempting to open new prospects or to revive abandoned mines in northern Ontario.

John D. makes, or other people and John D. gets, sixty million dollars a year. He should be able to live comfortably on it--or them.

## Doctor's Special Cost Over \$500

An item of between five and six hundred dollars added to a doctor's bill on account of travelling expenses is no small matter even in cases of emergency. Yet such is the cost of the emergency special train from Toronto to North Bay and return last week. The rate is based on mileage. There is a minimum charge of \$25, while for 100 miles the tariff charge is \$150 one way and \$250 return.

For distances over 100 miles the rate is \$1.50 per mile of such excess one way or \$2.50 for the round trip. On this basis as North Bay is 227 miles distant this round trip charge would be in excess of \$550.

The cost is prohibitive except to the well-to-do and makes the "emergency special" a rather unpopular luxury.

Local railroad officials state that calls for such special trains are few and far between. Three or four a year is the average for the C. P. R. and G. T. R. For the Grand Trunk the special to North Bay was the first this year. Moreover, it is said to be the longest run in the history of the road for an emergency special, with one exception. The latter was a run to Montreal two or three years ago but G. T. R. officials have forgotten the circumstances and no special records are kept.

### IN AN HOUR'S NOTICE.

Passenger motive power is generally available and a special train can be ready on about an hour's notice. The emergency special of course has the right of way over other traffic.

As frequent, if not more so, as special trains for doctors on emergency calls are incoming emergency cases. But even these are uncommon. Due to the cost and the fact that there are fairly good medical ability and hospital facilities in outside towns, calls for emergency specials are not numerous.

## Porcupine Like the Transvaal

A noticeable feature of the report of the Transvaal gold fields for last year was the decrease in value of the ore being treated. The value of 23,888,258 tons of ore mined at the mines of the Witwaterstrand ran \$6.93 for 1910 and \$7.04 for 1909.

Among the ascribed reasons for this decrease in grade value are the inclusion of payable lower-grade rock, the disorganization caused by native labor shortage, which, in addition to reducing the amount of waste rock sorted out, induces the tendency to work for the moment rather than the wider, and consequently the poorer, slopes more suitable for the ordinary type of machine drill, in order that adequate tonnage may be obtained for the mills. The excuse for this course is that idle stamps consume their share of the standing charges.

The mines of the Witwaterstrand pay dividends on values that are less than half the average values obtained in Porcupine. Our own gold field is producing ore of an average value of \$12. Compare this with the \$6.79 of the South African mines and with the \$2.50 ore of the Alaska Treadwell which pays dividends, or with the \$3.50 ore of the Homestake another dividend paying mine. The South African mines are able to keep their costs low owing to the supply of native labor but the Homestake and the Alaska mines have no advantage over Porcupine in the matter of mining labor costs.

If they can pay a dividend out of ore that runs less than four dollars, the possibilities of Porcupine mines with large bodies of \$12 ore are enormous.

## Reduced Fares for Circus Visit

Reduced fares will be allowed by the T. & N. O. Railway Commission on the occasion of the visit of the Mighty Haag Shows to Northern Ontario.

The dates applicable and the conditions as given by the railway are as follows:

Shows at South Porcupine, Monday, June 17th, 1912; Englehart, Tuesday, June 18th, 1912; North Cobalt, Wednesday, June 19th, 1912; North Bay, Thursday, June 20th, 1912.

Single fare for the round trip. No fare to be less than twenty-five cents (25c) for adults or children.

To South Porcupine from all stations, Cochrane to Timmins inclusive, good going June 17th, returning until 18th. Special train will leave South Porcupine for Timmins 10.30 p.m. June 17th, 1912.

To Englehart from all stations, Iroquois Falls, to Latchford inclusive, good going June 18th, returning until the 19th.

To North Cobalt from all stations, Englehart to Tomiko inclusive, good going June 19th, returning until June 20th.

Trains 46 and 47 will stop at all stations where there are passengers at or for June 19th only.

## THANKED JUDGE FOR DEATH SENTENCE

### Montreal Man Blames His Mother-in-Law for Act He Committed

John Cummines, who has been on trial for the murder of his wife on Chateaugay Street, Montreal, on Nov. 21st last, was found guilty by the jury after thirty-five minutes' deliberation and sentenced by Judge Gervais to be hanged on Aug. 9th.

Maintaining his composure to the last, the prisoner, on hearing the sentence, bowed to the judge with a "Thank you, your Honor," and turned to the jury with a "Good-evening, gentlemen."

He then made a brief speech, admitting that he did the shooting but recounting the circumstances and telling how his mother-in-law, whom he had brought out from Scotland at his wife's request, had first brought trouble into their home by telling his wife that he already had another wife in Scotland. "That woman is not fit to be the mother of children," said the prisoner.

The afternoon was occupied by the addresses of counsel, the defence seeking a manslaughter verdict on the ground that Cummines had had some provocation. They failed to establish sufficient provocation, however.

It was shortly after six o'clock on Nov. 21st last that Cummines approached his wife, with whom he had not been living for some time, as she was walking with a young man on Chateaugay Street, and fired two shots, killing her almost instantly.

The evidence showed that Cummines and his wife had separated some time before, on his mother-in-law telling her that he had another wife. The evidence also showed that Cummines had been drinking on the day of the murder, and that he had previously made threats against his wife.

## Interesting Items About the Mines

The new ore body at the Davidson property, on which the final payment has just been made by the Crown Chartered Company, has been developed for 30 feet. A crosscut has shown that the ore body when first struck was at least 20 feet wide, and, according to the channel samples taken, this promises to be all good pay ore. Work is at present confined to opening up another level at 200 feet, and both the old and the new ore body should be opened up this month as the plant is now running very smoothly.

The shaft at the Mulholland property in Whitney township is down to 170 feet, and will be continued to 200 feet. Work is being done by hand, and a plant will not be installed until better showings warrant the outlay.

It is stated that the Foley-O'Brien is to resume operations. In the meantime the council of South Porcupine want to secure one of the shafts as a source of water supply and application has been made to use some of its acreage as a burial ground.

Of all the outlying townships where assessment work is being done the best results are reported from Turnbull. Sampling has shown that values are fairly consistent and the veins are large enough to warrant further investigation.

An examination of the Rea mine has been made by the new directors and their technical advisers. An attempt will undoubtedly be made to re-finance the company and resume work.

It is understood that an attempt is being made to merge the two power companies--the one operating and the other preparing to operate in the Porcupine camp. If the merger were effected the Porcupine camp would have at its service between 11,000 and 12,000 horse power. The Timmins-McMartin-Dunlop syndicate controls the Sandy Falls plant, which is now delivering power; and a Montreal syndicate, of which Mr. Lorne McGibbon is president, has control of the Waiwaitin plant, which should be completed about August.

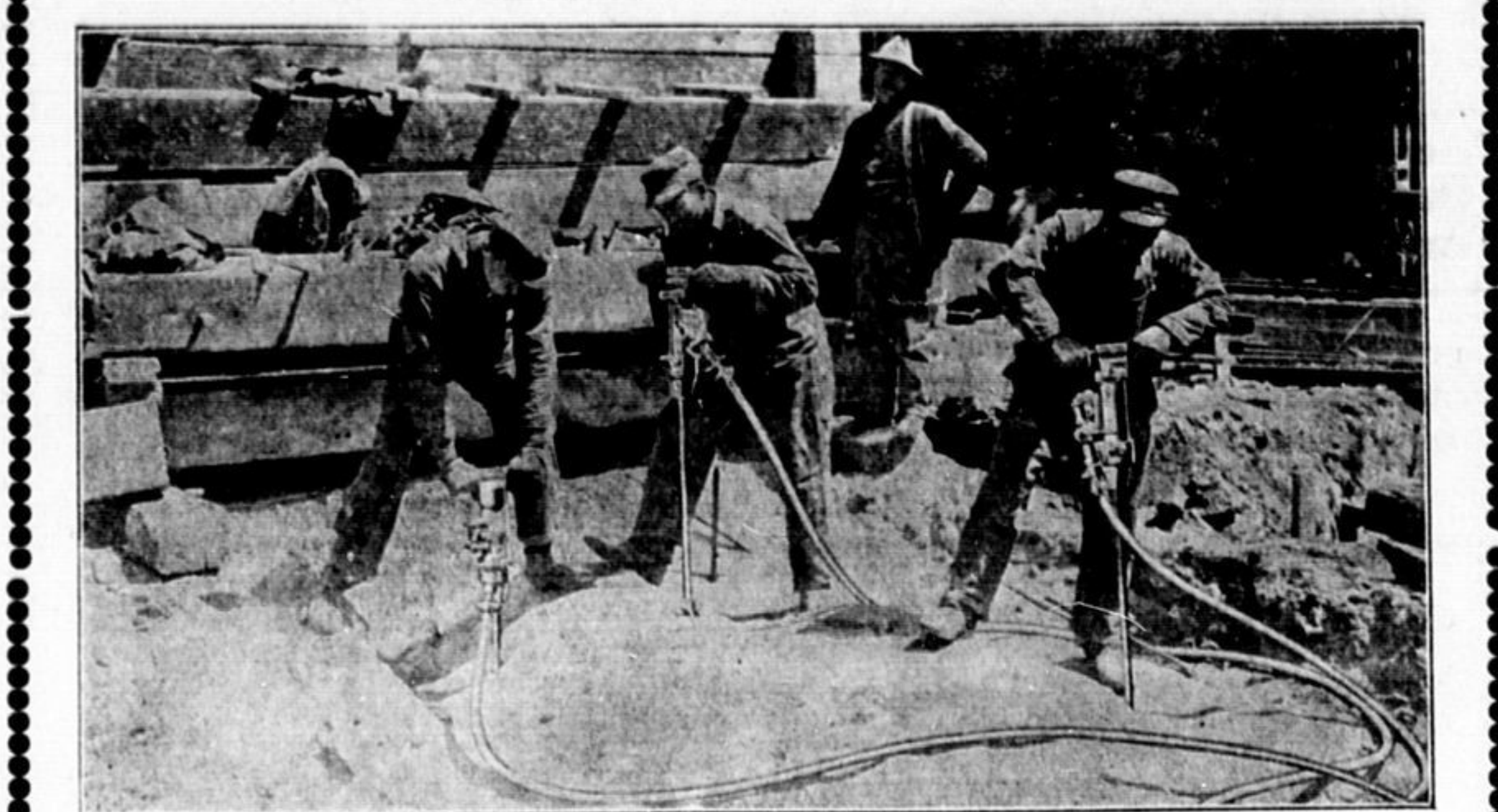
Owing to the delay in the delivery of machinery the Vipond mill will probably not be running till the early days of next month. The construction of the mill is almost completed.

While the Hollinger mill has made great headway during the past month, there is much yet to be done, and it is not probable that the first run will be made until well into this month.

It is reported that the Dome Lake mill will be completed in August. The mill run of ore at the Kilmerton School of Mines was very satisfactory to the management.

Quite a number of prospectors are travelling east from Cochrane to the Harricaneau River and are following it north to a new field found during the winter. Quartz veins carrying coarse gold are being stripped, but it is reported that so far the pay streak is narrow.

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