

MINING MELANGE AROUND THE CAMPS

Reporter's Grist From W. Coleman, Elk Lake, Gowganda and Shining Tree

J. J. Rogers, an old slate miner of Welch extraction, was last week seen examining the ridge just beyond the northwest corner of Coleman township, in the Reserve, where there is known to be quite a body of slate. His object was to determine, if possible, the commercial value of the slate in that locality. It proved to be of Huronian stratification, therefore lacking cleavage or other requisites of value.

In West Coleman, near the Edison mining claim, the West Coleman Mines, Ltd., have again started in to prosecute development work on their properties there under the supervision of Messrs. Fulkerson and Bennett, company directors. For the purpose, they have leased the Edison power plant and other of its machinery. They have quite a strong vein of calcite in diabase, which extends from Little Trout Lake directly through four of their claims, when it veers south and parallels the west shore of Animapissing Lake. The vein has a good showing of cobalt bloom and seems to be well mineralized with copper and iron pyrites and galena. They have cut out a good wagon road to the claims, erected comfortable camp buildings and otherwise seem to have matters well in hand to do good work.

One of the Hitchcock brothers recently staked a silver mining claim or two in Auld. Although numerous dotted with veteran claims, there yet seems to be hopeful possibilities for the keen silver-claim prospector in that township.

At Elk Lake work is being vigorously prosecuted on the extension to that point of the T. & N. O. Ry. This has perceptibly enlivened the interest in mining thereabouts and at Gowganda. Perhaps the most successfully prosecuted work in the vicinity of Elk Lake is that at the Donaldson and Regal mines. At the Donaldson, at the 120 foot level, they are getting good silver values both in the wall rock and vein matter. The Regal is ambitiously pushing work on a shaft opening where there is every reason to look for a continuation of the Donaldson vein. There is also a considerable amount of assessment work being done in and around the camp, and merchants and hotel men are therefore doing a little hopeful whistling to invite trade revival.

The railway depot building of the Earlton-Elk Lake railway extension, at its west end, is to be located at the head of Pine street. This is the street which runs west past the Porter and Hartcourt buildings. It will stand just outside of the town limits, where the railway is located on government ground, to avoid paying fancy prices for the right-of-way. This location of the depot building seems to be generally satisfactory.

For efficient service, Elk Lake's new postmaster, Mr. Porter, is in all hands commanding the praise and respect of his office clientele. It is a real pleasure to transact business there now.

In his legal tilt with Pipe of Pipe & Presley, A. Boyle recently secured the mineral rights in the mining claim just north of the baseball grounds on the east side of the river. With his retained counsel, Thomas McGarry, he is now prosecuting his claim to the surface rights in the property, and early expects judgment in the case in his favor, as it ap-

pears some very ugly representations were made to divest him of his rights on former occasions.

The Frontenac gold mine, near the Hitchcock silver mine down the river from Elk Lake, is actively engaged in development work with a new steam hoist and other machinery accessories. They have a shaft opening down about fifty feet and claim to be getting good values from a 4 to 6 inch wide quartz vein in keewatin schist. In an average assay from an area of 80 by 120 feet the value runs \$9 to the ton. The surface stratification is much shattered there, but is solidifying with depth, and values are improving.

At Gowganda the Millerett, the O'Brien, the Mann and the South Bay companies are at work with a fair complement of help, and with the attainment of very satisfactory results in production.

The South Bay Mining Company are just now strongly speculating on the development of a water power at the falls on their property. It seems to be easy of demonstration that a power of 800 to 1,000 horse can comparatively inexpensively be worked out there. After making ample provision for themselves, the company will have sufficient power left to accommodate several of their neighbors' properties with power.

President Adsit and Captain Joe Healey appear to be a good team to get results at this property. Here some of the denizens have temporarily drifted over into West Shining Tree and made some great gold mining finds. Grassy Creek seems to be the particularly favorable field of operations, and recently a \$150,000 claim there was optioned to a well known Buffalo mining promoter.

In and around the camp George and Joe Welch are among the latest to make a find of native silver on their claim.

In the mercantile quarter of the camp trade is very quiet, but enquiry for assessment workmen is on the increase, and with the departure of the black fly, now nearing the end of his season's career, it is agreed that there will be quite a revival of development and assessment work. The hastening of laying the rails on the railway extension to Elk Lake is also perceptibly influencing faith in an active fall campaign by claim owners.

That Gowganda is soon to have rail connection with the outside world is no longer a matter of speculation, but it is not so certain whether it will be from Elk Lake or Porcupine. Then again the Canadian Northern is disposed to have something to say of the diversion of trade by way of their Sudbury division. To the Grassy Creek gold field this road seems to be quite the popular route as being the shortest and safest from down-country points, the trip from the end of the steel being but a comfortable one day's run by naphtha launch and with but one short portage to cover, launches being at both sides of it. The formation in which the gold finds abound is quartz veins flanked by dioritic schist, and the stratification compact and tolerably regular. The surface showings in gold here is good, but how the water-level sulphides will affect the product is as yet uncertain, since no great depth of sinking work has yet been performed.

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The keenest regret is felt in London. Few men enjoyed more personal popularity. Deceased was a native of Middlesex, and his whole life energies were wrapped up in the general advancement of the place of his nativity. He began life in the dairy business in a small way, and at the time of his death owned 1200 acres of farm land, and leased and worked 400 additional acres.

Porcupine's Big Celebration List

Arrangements for the big July 12th celebration are now fairly matured, and a rousing good time is assured all who participate in it. Below is the order of exercises as presented by Secretary Wilson. Take the good wife and bairns and have one day of regular old-time enjoyment.

The baseball tournament will commence at 3 p.m. and is restricted to teams in the Porcupine Mining Division. The prize is a challenge cup presented by Marshall-Ecclestone, Limited, to be held for one year by the winners and must be won two years in succession to become the absolute property of a team. To be played for on the 12th of July each year. Games to consist of 5 innings each. Entries free.

Aquatic sports commence at 7 p.m. sharp, starting from the Government wharf, Porcupine. Entries free.

7 p.m.—Single canoe championship. Distance 440 yards. 1st prize, \$10 worth of goods. 2nd prize, \$5 worth of goods presented by the Martin Walsh Store.

7.30 p.m.—Double canoe championship. Distance 440 yards. 1st prize, \$10 worth of goods. 2nd prize, presented by the McLaren Drug Store and Porcupine Drug Store.

7.50 p.m.—Gasoline launch race, handicap. Distance to be arranged. 1st prize \$20. 2nd prize \$10.

7.55 p.m.—Ladies' single canoe race. Distance 220 yards. 1st prize presented by Liberty Stores. 2nd prize bottle of perfume.

8.10 p.m.—Mixed double canoe race. Distance 440 yards. Prizes \$5 worth of goods each to the winning lady and gentleman.

8.25 p.m.—Swimming race, Distance 50 yards (in heats if necessary). 1st prize safety razor outfit presented by the Wilson Hardware Company. 2nd prize, pocket knife.

8.00 p.m.—Greasy pole contest. Prizes, hams, etc.

The above times are subject to alteration.

Entries must be in the hands of the sports secretary at or before the hour of 7 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, July, 1912. The sports committee reserve the right of refusal as regards entries. Prizes will be on view at Marshall-Ecclestone, Limited. All entries free.

Following the sports a dance will be held at King's Hall, Porcupine, where the prizes will be presented to the winners at 9.30 p.m. Gentlemen \$2.00. The sports committee reserve the right of refusal as regards entries and dance.

The following gentlemen have been asked to officiate as judges: Martin Walsh, Esq., Reeve of Whitney, J. E. Cook, Esq., Reeve of Tisdale, Arthur E. D. Bruce, Esq., J. P., Thos. H. Torrance, Esq., P. M., Gordon H. Gauthier, Esq., P. M., W. H. Wilson, Esq., Mayor of Timmins, Captain G. E. Gordon-Rogers, H. St. C. Clayton, Esq., A. H. Seguin, Esq.

L. O. L. 2323 will open at the Methodist church, Porcupine, at 10 a.m. on Friday, 12th July, 1912. The procession will leave the wharf at Porcupine at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and proceed to the Porcupine ball grounds by a route to be arranged. All brethren are cordially invited to attend.

W. H. Wilson, Sports Secretary,
Box 247, Porcupine, Ont.
God Save the King.

High Graders At Work Again

High graders have again been plying their craft at Cobalt, this time making away with 240 pounds of rich silver ore. The persons involved are Geo. A. Prescott, Peter Cassels, John Mitchell and Robert Pierce. The police made capture of the band of freebooters about 12.30 on Sunday night, with the silver in their possession, valued at about \$1,000. Prescott and Cassels appear to be quite well known about Cobalt, but Pierce and Mitchell hail from Montreal, being recent arrivals, the former at one time being a professional puglist. The ore was contained in two sacks, and was being carted away in a wagon by Prescott and Cassels, the other two following on foot, when apprehended. Just how Chief Caldbeck became possessed of the information leading to the arrest of the looters does not clearly appear, but so quickly and quietly were the wagon occupants arrested that the two footmen were not aware of what was going on when they came forward a few paces in the rear for presentation with handcuffs. They were at once escorted to the calaboose and on Monday afternoon had a hearing, at which they were handed out justice in no uncertain quality or quantity.

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Hurricane a Punk Camp

Mr. M. Christmas, who has lately returned from the Hurricane rush, reports that the whole thing is a "fizzle," and that the district does not compare as a prospect with the outlying part of the Porcupine camp. Mr. Christmas states that the overburden is very heavy and extremely difficult to prospect; that formation is scarce, and that where found the quartz veins are very small. Mr. Christmas also states that the surface indications are very favorable for gardening and farming. Mr. Christmas further states that his opinion of the Hurricane district has been confirmed by first class engineers and prospectors such as Morgan Milne, E. M., William Harding, E. M., Gore Bruce, Billy Darby, Billy Campbell, Dick Hastings, Jack Gale and Larry Downey, William Neigle, E. M., and Norman Mortson.

East Middlesex Member Dead

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