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A SOLILOQUY IN GOLD CAMP OF PORCUPINE

Its Wonders Under-estimated---Rap at Greedy
Claim Owners---Capital Reasonable
When Treated Fairly

It has grown to be a habit almost everywhere to take statements emanating from gold camps "cum grano salis", and to discount news accordingly. This habit may or may not be justified, in some cases, but, insofar as the Porcupine camp is concerned, it does not seem to be warranted. Rather is the reverse true, because few, other than those who have seen with their own eyes, and heard with their own ears, have or can have any conception of the veritable hive of industry that has been developed here within the last five years. It should be remembered that this is no longer a "gold rush" section, with wild-eyed men scurrying here and there, like ants on a rampage, in search of the alluring metal. That day has passed. Wild hope, conjecture and expectation have been crowded off the trail by accomplished facts, set with concrete strength in the bowels of mother earth.

Nor is it a flash in the pan, like so many other so-called camps. It is here to stay, to work, to develop further, and, who knows, grow richer with the passing of the years. There are hundreds of claims as yet unmined, awaiting the arrival of the time when the average prospect owner will permit a medium of common business sense to enter and percolate through his cranium. It is within the mark to say that the number of developed or proven mines, in Porcupine would be a baker's dozen more at least, had the owners not obscured their vision with the black spectacles of greed and avarice. Capital is venturesome, within certain bounds of reason, and willing to take a chance with the owner of the prospect, for the purpose of ascertaining the probable value of the property. An owner is unreasonable when he demands from capital, a certain fixed, stupendous sum, cash on the nail, for a mere prospect, that has not even reached the dignity of a "hole in the

ground." The prospector has everything to gain, and nothing to lose by allowing capital to be employed on an equitable working lease. The terms of his lease will define his share in the reward, whatever it may be, and should the expected gold turn out to be mere boulders of despair, capital will have lost a considerable sum, while demonstrating to him that his hope of riches, from that source, is but an empty dream.

Turning from the consideration of prospects, it is pleasant to take a look at the active working and producing mines, because these, after all, are the supporting basis of the camp, and new mines will but add to its size, importance and security.

The visitor's first feeling is one of surprise, even amazement, as he travels from mine to mine, some larger than others, but all imposing objects, lessons of nature's wealth. The third of stamps cuts off the chance for conversation, and gives him a chance to take a mental picture which will last for many a day. The surface structures are amazing enough, but it is when descent is made into the source of all this activity that his mind begins to wander on the wings of fancy until it becomes completely lost in a maze of wonderment.

If he has read the papers in the past, and if, perchance, by habit, he clothed his mind with incredulity, he is prepared to admit at last that instead of over-statement and gross exaggeration, "the half had not been told." That is the feeling that envelops every visitor to the camp which is, for the present at least, the greatest in the world. It is certain, too, that many, many years will pass before these vast machines shall come to a stop for the last time. Enough is exposed now to keep some of them going at full tilt for a quarter of a century, and by that time Porcupine will be able to look back on a worthy record as a creator of world wealth.

CORPORAL JAMIESON GASSED AT ST. JULIEN IS WELCOMED HOME

South Porcupine Gives Rousing
Reception to Returned Hero
Kaiser's Effigy Burned

Last Friday night, at Oddfellows Hall, a great reception was tendered in honor of Corporal Jamieson, on his return from the battlefields of Flanders. The gallant Corporal's name was one of the first to appear on the roll of honor in South Porcupine when his country's call for service came ringing through the gold camp. He enlisted in the 97th regiment, transferring afterwards to the 48th Highlanders, and as a member of this famous regiment, he participated in the great battle of St. Julien, in which so many of his brave companions fell. Corporal Jamieson was wounded, not by a ball, or shell, or bayonet, but that even more deadly agency, gas—that abomination of civilization, but the pride and glory of German Kultur. The Corporal's lungs have been seriously injured by this "gas inferno" to completely recover from which, the doctors say will probably require a period of two years or more. Much to his regret, Jamieson has been pronounced by the military authorities as unfit for further service at the front.

Preceding the reception, Corporal Jamieson was escorted round the town, seated in a chair perched on the shoulders of admiring friends. The procession was then formed into a menacing circle to witness the burning of the German Kaiser in effigy. This duty being well and truly performed, the crowd proceeded to the Hall, for the reception. All were welcome and all went, and it was a cheering crowd which greeted the Reeve who took the chair, and, in a short and appropriate speech, welcomed the soldier they had assembled to honor.

Corporal Jamieson, in response, said it would take quite a while to relate his experiences, and provoked a cheer when he said that he would much prefer fighting the Germans to making a speech.

Mr. L. A. Strain, being called upon to speak said that Corp. Jamieson had been "gassed" in May on that awful day at St. Julien when so many of our brave fellows were laid low, and although he was speaking of a blood relation he had to say he felt proud of the patriotic spirit which had led him to serve his King and country, and now that he had returned to his friends, he hoped it would not be long before his health was restored to him. He was glad to see the people of the town turn out to welcome him, which showed they had the true British spirit.

Mr. Mac Lang, M.P.P., said: "We all expected when the war broke out it would have ended before now, but as it has only really started we may all have to follow Corp. Jamieson's good example before the finish. Corp. Jamieson has done his bit for Canada and the Empire. He was among the first volunteers who went from Canada, and had suffered at the enemy's hand by their diabolical fight with gas, which the Germans used to try to annihilate the British. By speaking to one of our soldiers returned from the front it puts the matter more forcibly before us as to why we do not enlist, and makes us think more seriously if we are doing our share in the strife or not. Corp. Jamieson has done all he could, and it is only right we should welcome him home."

Mr. Silvester Kennedy said he was glad to see Jamieson home, and hoped all the boys who had enlisted would also return. "We have a big duty to perform," said the speaker, "and we must not spare any effort in helping him in every way. He should be received with open heart, hand and pocket."

Mr. Gordon Gauthier said: "Some two hundred and fifty men have left the camp at different times, and we should be glad to welcome them all back. We do not appreciate the stress the Empire is under, but when the boys come back it brings to our minds our duties, which should be performed, and if the time comes, no Canadian will be lacking in manhood, but will be ready to do his bit. It is a war between democracy and autocracy and it behooves us all to give ourselves up and face with a weapon the autocratic murderer."

During the evening several musical selections were rendered by Messrs. Kemp, Kincaide, Docker, Pottinger, P. Gallagher and Miss O'Connor. The accompaniments were ably rendered by "Seotty" Wilson, and selections were rendered by the Italian Orchestra. The proceedings ended with the singing of the National Anthem, and three cheers for Corporal Jamieson.

STILL RECRUITING TUNNELLING COMPANY SIXTEEN BOYS JOIN

Room For Ten More--Lieutenant
Thorne Leave Saturday--Globe
and Moore in Charge

Lieutenant Thorne, who returned to Timmins several days ago, has enlisted about 40 men from the northern district, for the Tunnelling Company of the Royal Engineers. Seventeen of these are from the Porcupine district as follows:



Three of these boys—McQuarrie, Sutherland and Lemieux—are already at Pembroke, and the remainder left on the noon train to-day for Haileybury. Lieut. Thorne leaves to-morrow at noon for Swastika. All of the men now recruited will be assembled at Haileybury, to proceed on Tuesday next to Pembroke, for a short training.

Lieut. Thorne states that recruiting in this district will probably not be kept open after the end of next week, so that it is important that all those who contemplate offering their services to fill the remaining vacancies, should come to an immediate decision. Transportation has been placed in the hands of Mr. Globe and Dr. Moore for such other men as they decide to send on, during the coming week.

If full strength is attained with promptitude, it is likely that the Company will embark for the trip across the herring pond about Christmas. Members of the Pioneers, who are otherwise qualified for the Tunnelling Company, will have the opportunity to transfer.

There should be little difficulty in securing the required number of men to complete the Porcupine quota. It is an opportunity for unique service—the Royal Engineers.

Option on Porcupine Success Gold Mine

Success Gold Mines, which adjoin Vipond on the east, is under option to New York State interests. The agreement calls for the expenditure of \$50,000 in development work. The option is for control and if exercised, calls for work to be commenced within the next thirty days.

Vipond Statement Soon Forthcoming

President Ward of Vipond has announced that a statement covering the operations of the company, would be forthcoming to stockholders very shortly. In his announcement, he denied, incidentally, that a dividend had been under consideration by the directors.

Market Shows Flurry of The Local Stocks

A considerable local flurry in Hollinger shares was noticeable this week which sold up to \$26.50, the next in activity being McIntyre, which remained steady at 55½ to 56. Big Dome also came in for a share of attention, without change however, and Vipond, which stood at 79-80 a week ago, is now shaded off to 75.

Shower For Local Red Cross Tonight

The attention of citizens is particularly desired to the "shower" being held to-day at the Council Chamber, Timmins, on behalf of the local boys enlisted in the Pioneers. Socks, handkerchiefs, and other articles will be very acceptable, and gratefully acknowledged by the ladies of the Red Cross Society, under whose auspices the shower is being held. The "shower" will be open until 9 p.m. to-night (Friday). Help to make it a success.

DOMINE MINE PROGRESS OCTOBER RECORD MONTH

Activity in Construction Work, Foundation for
Hardinge Mill and Leaching Plant
Progressing Very Favorably

At the close of October, 1915, Big Dome Mines had milled an aggregate of 259,153 tons, with a production value of \$1,147,622, or an average of \$4.428 per ton. Striking a monthly average, the operations show 25,915.3 tons and \$114,762.20. It is satisfactory to note that the figures for October not only exceed all previous months, both in tonnage and value, but show an improvement of approximately 15 per cent. in tonnage and 31.4 per cent. in value over the monthly average. The figures by months are as follows:

	Tons	Value	per ton
1915	milled	prod.	
January	23,220	\$82,727	\$3.56
Feb.	21,600	\$4,412	3.90
March	23,220	97,881	4.21
April	23,630	94,863	4.01
May	26,133	111,261	4.25
June	27,200	120,822	4.45

July	28,300	131,928	4.67
August	28,600	133,928	4.68
Sept.	28,500	139,000	4.83
October	28,750	150,800	5.24

The month of May, 1913, has held the record up till now, with \$148,499. The foregoing figures demonstrate the steady progress made, month by month, during 1915, and notably the advancing value per ton. January showed \$3.56 per ton, or \$1.68 less than the latest figures.

Steady progress is being made on the foundations for the Hardinge mill which is to be installed to take the place of the 80 stamps now in use. The extension to the leaching mill will also soon be completed. Work on this extension has been delayed for some time due to the non-delivery of the structural steel. This has now been delivered, and work is going on apace.

PRIVATE P. JACOBI DIES FOR COUNTRY

Was One of First in Gold Camp
and Employed by Sylvester
Kennedy Before Fire

Local friends and acquaintances of Private Percy Jacobi will regret to learn of his death at the front. The announcement came by letter to his father at Haileybury, from his Platoon Commander, Lieut. H. J. Price. He was a battalion scout attached to the 2nd Division, Canadian Expeditionary Force, and a general favorite with both officers and men. His death occurred shortly after receiving his bullet wound, on October 23, while patrolling toward the German lines.

Pte. Jacobi was a well known and respected young man in the gold camp, having been employed in the grocery business of Mr. Silvester Kennedy in South Porcupine until the time of the great fire of 1911.

CHARLIE DALTON RETURNS FROM TRIP

Charlie Dalton, of Dalton's Livery, Timmins, returned home yesterday, after a two months holiday, touring the west. He made many stops, both going and coming, and had a pleasant visit with his brother in Colorado.

Being a citizen of Timmins, the lure of the mines of course stayed with him, and he indulged in visits to several mines in the western States and California. Naturally he did not expect to see anything to equal Porcupine, and therefore was not disappointed.

Charlie spent some time at the San Francisco Fair, which was immense, he says, and quite up to his expectations. The return trip was taken through the Canadian Rockies, and stops were made at Regina, Winnipeg and other points along the route.

Every hour of the trip was enjoyed, not the least part being the first sight of the gold camp on approaching home. His many friends are glad to see him back again, in good health, and it is hinted that several feminine hearts are overjoyed to learn that, in spite of allurements and opportunities, he has not yet signed the roll of the benedicts.

Toronto Office For Local Stock Broker

Homer L. Gibson has been elected a member of the Standard Stock Exchange, Toronto. His business will henceforth be known as Homer L. Gibson & Co., and an office is being opened in Toronto at No. 140½ Traders Bank Building. O. S. Moxley, who is well known in Timmins, will be manager in Toronto. As soon as the Reed Building is ready for occupancy, probably about December 15, Mr. Gibson will remove his Timmins office there. His many friends note with pleasure the business growth which has justified these changes.

Silver advanced ¼ cent on November 11th, the price being 50¼, the highest reached in several months.

RAMPAGES OF FIRE VERY EXTENSIVE ALONG HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

Big Loss of Timber and Fur in
Great Half-Million Acre
Conflagration

Fire is no respecter of neighborhoods, nor does it exempt Government property from its ravages. The Porcupine District well knows how to sympathize with the Dominion Government on account of the conflagrations along the route of the Hudson Bay Railway. Extensive forest areas have been destroyed this year between LePas and Port Nelson, aggregating about half a million acres. The money value in timber thus wiped out will easily exceed \$250,000, and the loss in game and fur-bearing animals cannot well be estimated. Railway contractors here and there also suffered heavily by the loss of supplies, plant and equipment.

The country traversed by the railway is fairly rich in jack pine, spruce, black spruce and birch, averaging from 4 to 30 inches at the butt, along the rivers, creeks and lakes, and also on the islands. All the high land has an average crop of timber, a survival and re-production from previous fires of many years ago. Lack of drainage has, of course, stunted the growth of timber in the muskegs.

Fire rangers have been on duty in this territory, and it is only fair to assume that their best efforts were applied to the protection of the timber under their control. While charging the conflagration to "an act of God" it might prove no surprise if contributory causes were found to exist in the carelessness or negligence of sub-contractors, and of unemployed laborers along the line.

Fire, like some other things, possesses indispensable virtues in the capacity of a servant, under proper restraint, but as a master, without curb or check, it is one of the most devastating agencies of loss and affliction from which mankind may suffer.

The Hudson Bay Railway is not under the jurisdiction of the Railway Commission, but is under the direct control of the Department of Railways and Canals, and, no doubt, a stringent investigation will be set under way by the Dominion Forestry Branch, in order that the cause may be located and dealt with as the merits of the case deserve.

McIntyre-Extension and Pearl Lake

McIntyre Extension is at work on the old Pearl Lake shaft, which is expected to reach the 1000 foot level about the beginning of next year. It is the intention at this depth to cross out into both McIntyre and Jupiter ground. This work is, of course, under the direction of McIntyre Mine, which recently acquired control.

THE PLENAURUM MINES COMPLETE DE-WATERING

De-watering operations are practically completed on Plenaurem Mines, and sampling will be commenced immediately. This property is under option to LaRose Mining Company.

BOX NOT YET FULL NEED MORE PACKS AND OTHER COMFORTS

Christmas Box To Go Forward
on Monday--Last Chance
To Donate Gifts

The Christmas Box in course of preparation by Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Globe and Mrs. Mulholland, must be completed and sent forward on Monday next in order to insure its delivery in time to give Christmas cheer to the local boys now across the sea. There is still a lot of vacant room in the box, and intending donors should see that it is filled immediately. Shoe packs and socks are badly needed, also tobacco, cigarettes, pipes, Christmas cake, etc.

Let all who can participate in this Christmas greeting, and don't forget to attach a card bearing the donor's name, besides the name, number, rank, company, and battalion, of the friends they wish to remember.

Local Option Elections in January

There are 847 municipalities in the Province of Ontario, 556 of which have banished the liquor trade by the local option route. Of this number 141 have gone dry during the last five years, and only one has seen fit to revert to the license system again. Of the 291 municipalities remaining under license, 44 will vote on local option by-laws in January next. These comprise eight cities, eleven towns, ten villages, and fifteen rural municipalities. With the recent closing of bars at eight o'clock instead of eleven, by Provincial Law, the advocates of temperance reform have every reason to feel satisfied with the progress being made.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND TO DOME SHAREHOLDERS

The books of the Dome Mines will be closed from November 24 to December 2nd, both days inclusive. The dividend of 50 cents per share will be payable to Shareholders of record November 23.

QUEBEC GETS PIONEERS THE TRANSFER BRINGS PROTEST BY TORONTO

Mayor Church Incensed at the
Action of Canada's War
Minister

Notwithstanding the energetic protest of the Mayor of Toronto, it has apparently been decided that the Pioneer Battalion shall take up its winter quarters in Quebec, instead of Toronto. Sir Sam Hughes' wire to Mayor Church was as follows:

"Telegram third received. Many thanks, but our arrangements are already made."

This decision has excited widespread disapproval, especially as Toronto offered to provide them with first class accommodation. Many of the men when enlisting were given to understand that the Battalion would winter in the Queen City, and their removal to Quebec inconveniences their families, and hurts recruiting.

About 100 boys from Porcupine district, many of whose homes are in Toronto and vicinity, are members of this Battalion, and probably the rumblings of discontent will soon be heard in Timmins and South Porcupine because of this action by the Minister of Militia.

Four Compartment Shaft at Big Dome

Big Dome Mines have started to sink a new main working shaft. This will be a four-compartment shaft and will have a steel head frame 125 feet in height. The shaft will be continued to the 600 foot level before a station is cut.

Diamond Drilling Porcupine Imperial

D. D. Chisholm has secured a contract for 1000 feet of diamond drilling on the Porcupine Imperial property. The work is to be proceeded with immediately, which should set at rest the recent rumors of a projected closing down.