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Hollinger Mine Production Over \$5,000,000 in 1916

ANNUAL STATEMENT SHOWS RESERVES GREATER THAN PREVIOUS YEAR. SHORTAGE OF LABOR AND MATERIALS HAMPERS PRODUCTION. MILL CAPACITY BEING INCREASED TO 3,500 TONS PER DAY.

The annual statement of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Limited, the greatest gold mine in this, the greatest gold camp in Canada, has just been issued to the shareholders, and contains much of general interest.

"On the street" there has been more or less talk of the Hollinger cutting the monthly dividend in two or passing it altogether for a month or two until the unprecedented conditions in labor and material adjust themselves. The management in their annual statement touch on this point, explaining that operating costs have increased 50 cents per ton, labor is scarce and a certain amount of restlessness is noticeable in the labor market, making the situation one for consideration and care from the financial standpoint. When the merger was completed last June it was estimated that operating profits would be \$290,000 every four weeks, but the labor shortage and the increased costs of materials offset this and the profits did not reach this figure. In view of the fact that the mill capacity is being increased from 1,700 to 3,500 tons per day, however, much greater profits will be available to more than cover the full dividend as soon as more normal times and conditions return. The matter of cutting or passing the dividend for a month or two will come before the shareholders in a day or two for final decision.

During the year 604,062 tons of ore were hoisted from the mine, containing \$5,341,000 in gold. Despite this, however, the mines are able to show a greater value in reserves than a year ago. In addition to this gratifying fact, it is also important to note that the scarcity of labor and materials prevented anything but a limited amount of work below the 425-foot level. As is generally known, the Hollinger makes a particularly good showing at depth, over 69,000 tons of the total tonnage mined to date having come from below the 425-foot level, the lower levels showing much richness. Indeed, as some of the miners who know the mines would say, "the deeper you go at the Hollinger the better the gold." The management, however, as in previous years make very conservative estimates regarding the ore reserves. In estimating the reserves the company uses the actual measurements of the ore in place, but a certain amount of waste rock is bound to mingle with this

when mined, and the effect is to increase the tonnage and to reduce the value per ton a little. The Manager estimates the ore reserves at 3,938,540 tons at an average value of \$8.68 per ton in gold, but as their experience in five years' operations has proven the dilution by waste to be about ten per cent, the present reserves on the conservative estimate of the management will probably yield 4,300,000 tons averaging about \$7.75.

The annual statement reports all underground developments as highly favorable, and it is suggested that normal times will see increases in total values of ore much beyond those contained in the present estimates.

Profits for the year ending Feb. 1st, 1917, amounted to \$3,006,409.07, of which \$180,000 represents the premium of \$1.50 per share upon the 120,000 shares of treasury stock sold last year. Dividends were \$3,126,000, thus causing a deficit from operating profits of \$119,590.33, to which must be added the \$150,000 written off for plant and depreciation, making a total technical deficit of \$269,590. The 120,000 treasury shares sold to shareholders at \$6.50 per share, yielded \$780,000, which enabled the company to pay their indebtedness at the time and reduce the deficit by \$60,000. Of these shares over four-fifths were taken up by the Canadian Mining and Finance Company.

The following is a brief statement of the income of the company for the past year:—

Gold and silver produced	\$5,073,401
Operating dwellings and rents	4,419
Interest and exchange	25,127
Premium on shares sold	180,000
Profit on sale of War Loan	2,062
Deficit	269,590
	\$5,554,601

The disposal of this income was as follows:—

Operations	\$2,134,538
Taxes	144,063
Depreciation	150,000
Dividends	3,126,000
	\$5,554,601

Operations of the company and the individual companies comprising it since the beginning of their active career have been \$15,754,322 in total income, while \$7,456,000 has been paid in dividends.

FINE NEW QUARTERS FOR TOWN COUNCIL

Municipal Offices Being Moved to Courtemanche Building, Next Advance Office

This morning a start was made on the removal of the municipal offices from their present quarters to the Courtemanche building on Fourth Avenue, next to The Advance Office, and it is expected that by night the work of moving will be completed.

The new quarters of the Municipal Council will have the advantage of being both commodious and well heated. They are fitted and equipped in modern fashion, the finish being up-to-date and the heating being by steam heat.

The larger part of the ground floor will be occupied by the municipal offices and council chamber, the whole front being thus used. The large room on the west side will be the Council Chamber, and the Clerk's office will be the front room on the east side.

The 253rd Highlanders' Battalion who opened a recruiting office in the old municipal building have made arrangements to remain there, the Council loaning them a stove to help to that end.

The new municipal quarters will be much more suitable for the purposes required than the old ones, the steam heating allowing use of all the rooms and ensuring comfort in winter weather as well as summer.

Mr. Morris Williams is leaving the Hollinger mill staff to take the position of mill superintendent at the Schumacher Mine.

NO SELLING HERE OF HOLLINGER STOCK

Interesting Sidelight on the Opinion of the People "On the Ground."

The uncertain stock market has been playing tricks recently with the quotations for Hollinger Consolidated stock, but it has only been the stock market quotations that have been affected. The difficulty of maintaining production on the large scale planned, owing to the abnormal market conditions in labor and materials coming as the war progresses, has had its effect on the quotations for Hollinger stock, but everyone here knows that the Hollinger has such reserves of ore and such a strong position as a mine that even the quotations must come back to their former high mark. The conservative statements of the company in regard to the possibilities of their mine may tempt people at a distance in cases like this to underestimate the mines, but those on the ground know its unheralded strength.

As an indication of the position of Hollinger stock here in the Camp, where the people know, it is interesting to note that A. S. Fuller & Co. report large orders to BUY the stock for local people, but not a single order to sell. Other brokerage firms have had a similar experience. So far as can be learned not a single share of stock held locally has been put on the market, while large buying orders are not uncommon. This is the opinion of the Camp on Hollinger and it evidences the faith, well-founded, that the people who are "on the ground" have of this wonderful big mine.

KEORA PROPERTY IS PROMISING ONE

Robt. Gamey, M.P.P., and Associates Now Said to be in Control.

Diamond drilling is still continuing at the Keora Mine in Whitney Township, and it is stated that the work is proceeding with very good results at depth. This property has been very favorably considered by mining men, but no underground work was attempted. The holding company was incorporated some years ago, and the control has been held by Mr. Wm. Gunton, Toronto. We understand that Mr. Robt. Gamey, M.P.P., and associates, have secured control, and it is through their efforts that the present diamond drilling has been done.

Capt. Anchor is consulting engineer at the Keora.

GRAND CONCERT AT IROQUOIS FALLS

In Aid of the Parsonage Building Fund on Monday, March 5th. Timmins Talent Assisting.

Under the auspices of the Choir of the Methodist church, Iroquois Falls, there will be a big concert in the big Paper Mill Town on Monday evening, March 5th, at eight o'clock, proceeds in aid of the Parsonage Building Fund. Mr. S. G. McCoubrey, Mayor of the town, will occupy the chair, and an unusually good program is promised. Among the items of special interest are selections by the Timmins Male Quartette, choruses by the choir, solos by local talent, and a number of readings by Miss Fluker, graduate elocutionist, of Pembroke.

The Methodist church choir at Iroquois Falls has an increasing reputation for doing well whatever it attempts, and so there is every reason to expect a very successful and pleasing event on Monday evening.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

Since the beginning of this year over \$133,000,000 in gold has been transferred by way of Canada to J. P. Morgan and Co., New York, for Great Britain's account.

Spectacular showings are said to have been found at the 500-foot level at the Kirkland Lake Gold Mines property. The holdings of this property were recently purchased for \$308,000, a payment of \$75,000 being made last week two or three days before it fell due.

Mr. Maurice Summerhayes, manager of the Porcupine Crown, has just returned from Tashota where he has made an examination of the Tash-Orn Gold Mines property for Buffalo interests. This latter company controls about twenty-five properties in the Tashota and Kowkash districts.

Following the finding of gold in the Townships of Cairo and Powell these townships have been transferred, along with Flavelle, Willison, Alma, Holmes and part of Baden, to the Montreal Mining Division, instead of the Temiskaming. This is for the convenience of prospectors who find Elk Lake a more convenient centre than Haileybury.

Mr. G. C. Bateman, manager of the La Rose Company, arrived in Camp on Monday night and will spend several days looking over the Maidens-McDonald mine, Deloro Township, now under option to the La Rose people. Drifting operations on the Maidens-McDonald are being pushed from the 100-foot level of both shafts and results are said to be very satisfactory.

Clarence R. Pope, president of the Tommy Burns Gold Mines, Limited, is in Camp and will spend most of the week on the property to complete the final arrangements for the shipment of the car of high-grade ore being sent from the mine. The head office of the holding company is at No. 1 Wall Street, and the operating company is opening offices in the Connaught Hotel, South Porcupine, a shipment of furniture just being received for that purpose.

IS THE NORTH LAND TO BE SIDETRACKED?

Report of New Train Service—or Lack of Train Service—Suggests Serious Inconvenience.

The latest story regarding train service, or lack of service, for this district is to the effect that two trains a day will be cut off this line—the train now leaving here at 11.45 a.m. and the train reaching here at 10 a.m. This will mean that anyone wishing to go to Toronto, for instance, will have to leave here on the early morning train—at 6.15—and at that there will be a wait of some hours down the line for connections south. It also means that the only mail from the south will reach here at 10 p.m. and so will not be available until the next morning. Timmins people will be reading Toronto papers two days old in the summer time and three days old in winter weather when the train service freezes up as it did usually this winter.

The people of the North Land are quite ready to put up with inconvenience and loss "on account of the war," but if there is any way in which a proper train service can be maintained on this important line they want it so maintained. The careful attention and consideration of the management of "The People's Railway" is directed to this matter in the interests of the people. If the change for the worse is not absolutely imperative and unavoidable, a better service should be provided than that outlined as to go into effect on Saturday or Sunday, for it means much to the progress and upbuilding of the whole North Land.

Officials at the T. & N.O. station here at the time of going to press said they had no official notice of the change. The report of the changes, however, came in the first place from such a source as to give it general credence. It is to be hoped, however, that "The People's Railway" will make a desperate effort to supply the people with something better than the side-tracking proposed in the new timetable.

At the Davidson mine from 6 to 7 inches of remarkably rich high-grade ore has been cut on the 100-foot level on the crosscut which was being run to the foot wall of the vein. The values run several thousand dollars to the ton, it is said.

At the Croesus the practice is to sort out the high-grade from the hoisted rock. Since the resumption of operations about two months ago, it is estimated that the rejected ore amounts to a thousand tons and this ore will run \$40 in gold to the ton on an average. There is some rumors of the Croesus putting in a small Nissen stamp mill, but for the present the production will be limited to high-grade shipping ore.

The Vipond merger with the North Thompson is now officially complete. The details of the amalgamation are as announced in The Advance some weeks ago. Twenty-five thousand shares go to the Vipond companies, bringing the total issue up to 1,125,000 shares, which is equal to the North Thompson. Shareholders receive share for share in the new company to be known as the Porcupine V. N. T. Gold Mines, Limited.

Important results are reported from the diamond drilling on the western half of the Newray property. At a depth of 104 feet a quartz vein four feet wide, showing visible gold, has been struck, and in addition the diamond drilling has proven that the property carries the formation—the basaltic or carbonate schist and the porphyry—which has already been productive to a large extent in the big mines of the Porcupine.

The McRae Gold Mines, Limited, will shortly be listed on the Standard Stock and Mining Exchange. The Company owns 92 acres in Deloro Township. J. G. Meyer is president; R. Bigley, vice-president; J. L. Bigley, secretary-treasurer; and J. B. Kitchen, Toronto, and Dr. T. C. McLaren, Cobalt, directors. This company was incorporated about a year ago, and the capitalization is \$2,000,000.

Date of Dog Team Race Changed to March 10th

GLOBE SHIELD IN COMPETITION; CUP BY DR. MOORE; SET OF DOG HARNESS AND OTHER PRIZES. SUGGESTED COURSE. ENTRIES MAY BE MADE AT ADVANCE OFFICE. SOME OF THE RULES.

It has been necessary to change the date of the Timmins Dog Team Race from March 3rd, as announced last week, to March 10th. The big event will consequently be held on Saturday, March 10th, and all should bear the date in mind.

Chief among the prizes will of course be the Globe Shield for competition, and in addition other valuable prizes are offered, including: Cup donated by Dr. Moore, set of dog team harness and other prizes.

The entry fee will be \$5.00, and entries must be made not later than Thursday, March 8th. They may be left at, or mailed to, The Advance office, together with the fee of \$5.00. If the team finishes the course this fee will be returned. Otherwise it will be turned over to the Patriotic Fund.

Among the rules are the following:—Drivers must finish the course with the same team and outfit that

they start with. Those in the race must check at points where judges are stationed. They must give half the road to passing teams. No whips are to be used when teams are passing each other. Not more than four dogs are to be in a team entered.

The course as outlined now will be as follows:—From the Imperial Bank, Timmins, to the Porcupine Crown Mine; Porcupine Crown to Imperial; Imperial to Standard; Standard to Dome Lake; Dome Lake to Dome; Dome to South Porcupine; South Porcupine to Schumacher; Schumacher to Timmins. Teams may take any road they wish between these points, but they must check at these named points where judges will be stationed. The course is about 14 miles.

Liverymen, companies, and the general public are asked to give the dogs the right of way during the race. The event is expected to be a big and interesting one, and one creating general interest.

BOARD OF TRADE HAS PLEASING BANQUET

Interesting and Inspiring Addresses by Mr. J. W. Mahon and Others.

About forty business and professional men and others sat down to the attractive banquet provided by the Board of Trade on Thursday evening, and there is practical unanimity that the event was a success. The banquet was held at Laprairie's Hotel, opposite the station, and a very pleasing dinner was provided for the guests by Mr. Laprairie, who had everything up-to-date and spotless and who made a name for himself by the abundance and quality alike of the good things on the tables.

Mr. T. F. King, President of the Board of Trade, was toastmaster for the evening and did the honors with tact and grace.

The first toast, "Canada and the Empire," was proposed by Mr. D. Ostrosser, former president of the Board, in a neat speech. Response was made by Mr. S. Kennedy, Reeve of Tisdale, who spoke at length on the greatness of the Empire and the opportunities of Canada. The Empire, he pointed out, was the mother of all free parliaments, and the greatest empire the world had ever seen. He touched on the growth of the Empire from its early history to the present, and speaking of Canada, voiced the belief that great opportunities were before this country. He renounced his former political allegiance, denounced all present political partisanship, and announced that he was of no party now, but for the people. His address, of course, was full of Irish wit and humor, and he had some sport for a time "toasting" the lawyers.

Dr. Melnis also briefly but wittily responded to the toast.

"Our Town" was proposed by Mayor J. P. McLaughlin, who illustrated the progress of the town by reference to a photograph taken five years ago of the "principal business street of Timmins"—Third Avenue, he said—and one of the same "principal business street" to-day. A few poor buildings, many trees, some stumps and much mud,—then!—Now, lines of well-kept, modern business places and all modern conveniences. The loyal support of the citizens had built the town to its present greatness, said the Mayor, and the same earnest support would assure even greater

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PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENING WITH PORCUPINE MASONS

About seventy-five couples enjoyed the pleasant social evening and dance given by the Porcupine Lodge A.F. & A.M. on Monday evening in their hall at Golden City. The evening throughout was a very pleasant one for all who enjoyed the hospital of the Porcupine Masonic brethren. A large number were present from Timmins, South Porcupine, Schumacher and other district points. Appreciation was expressed for the orchestra furnished the best of music during the evening. Tables were set upstairs, and all enjoyed the good refreshments served.

\$35,000 PLEDGED TO PATRIOTIC FUND

The Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Fund Campaign Continues.

Up to the time of going to press, the total amount received in pledges by the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Fund for this year was \$35,000. This includes the whole district and the mines and the employees of the mines, with the exception of one of the largest mines from which the returns have not yet been received. There are, however, several other large contributions expected, and it is confidently expected now that the total amount that will be pledged for the year's patriotic fund will be \$45,000. There are some optimists who even hope yet that the full amount aimed at—\$50,000—will be contributed before the campaign closes, but to achieve this will mean that ALL must put their shoulders to the wheel and advance the Fund. To secure \$45,000, however, will certainly be a notable achievement in view of the fact that less than \$10,000 was gathered in the district last year.

A.L.-STARS COMING FROM IROQUOIS FALLS

Picked Hockey Team from Paper Town to Play Timmins on Tuesday.

Iroquois Falls has four good hockey teams, and after a successful season they have decided to pick from the four teams an A.L.-star aggregation to visit Timmins and see whether there are any hockey players here. Timmins, consequently, is rounding up all her "has-beens" or "may-bes" with a view to testing the great question. The game is called for Tuesday evening, March 6th, and a hand-picked Timmins team will on that evening try conclusions with the all-star aggregation from Iroquois Falls. It will be the most interesting and exciting game of the season in all probability.

ANOTHER \$200 FINE IN POLICE COURT

As a sequel to the case against Frank Scullino, Moneta, for having liquor and liquor-making materials in his house, Provincial Officer Aekroyd preferred a charge against Palamaro Glorino along similar lines. The case came before Police Magistrate Atkinson on Thursday, and Glorino was fined \$200 and costs or the usual 30 days in jail. The charge against Glorino was withdrawn. Charles Wang, whose place was vacated by the police recently, was charged with unlawfully having opium in his possession. To this charge he pleaded guilty, and as a consequence was leniently dealt with, only a fine of \$50 and costs being imposed.