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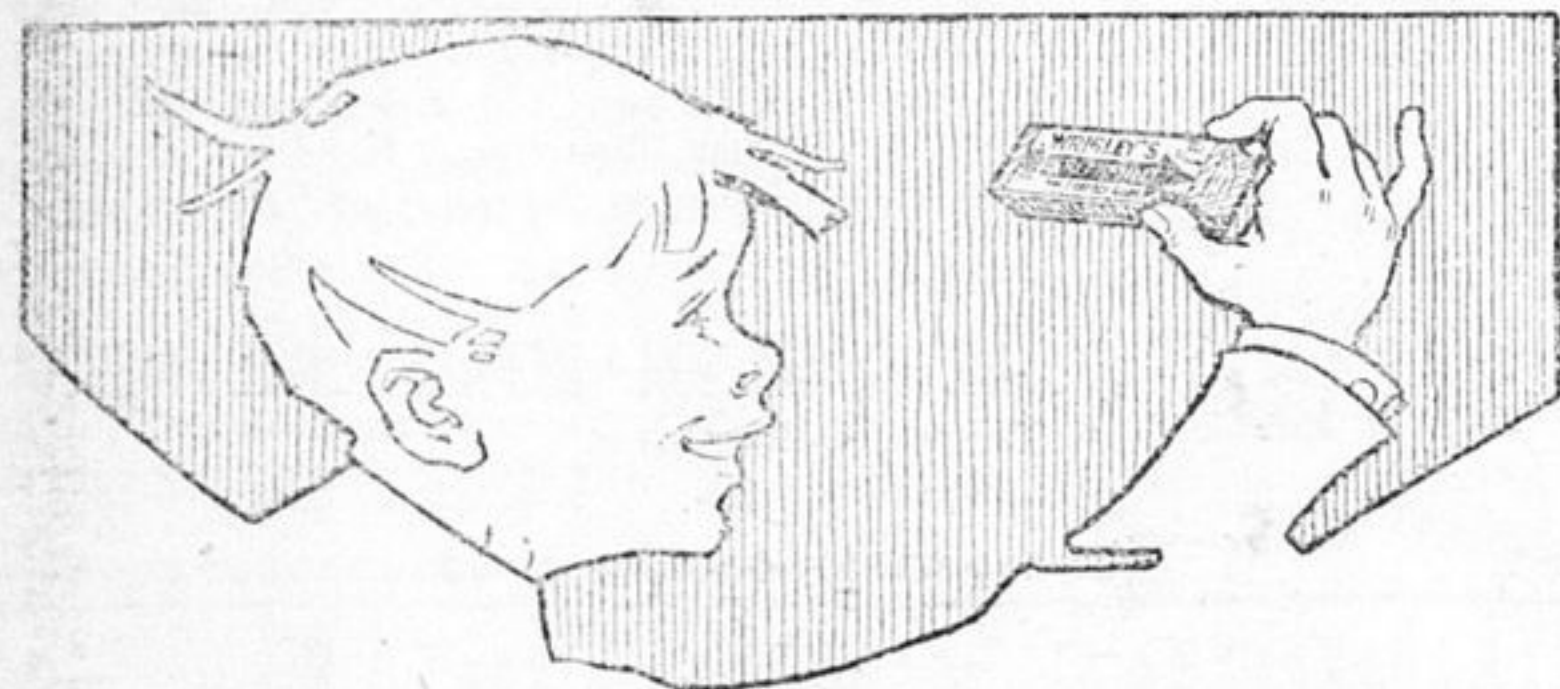
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**DOMINE MINE NOT YET  
READY TO RE-OPEN MILL**

Report of Big Dome for the Past Nine Months Gives Interesting Information.

Last week the Dome Mines issued a report covering the first nine months of 1918, and this document was received with more than usual interest by the public concerned in the future plans and prospects of this mine. For some time past there have been rumors and reports as to the early opening of the mill, and the report issued last week would naturally be closely read for an answer to the question "When will the mill resume?" The report points out that labor conditions are steadily improving. Mr. C. D. Kaeding, the Vice-President and General Manager says: "The indications point strongly to the probability that before many weeks labor will be available in increasing quantities, and that it will be efficient, after getting the necessary training. At the present moment the conditions are not such as to warrant planning the immediate resumption of milling, but conditions are altering rapidly, and before the date on which our annual report is due sufficient definite data should have been acquired in this connection so that you may be able to adopt a fixed policy on this phase of our operations."

For the meantime, accordingly, Mr. Kaeding recommends that the diamond drilling campaign now started be continued; also that the drifting west and south on the eighth level now in progress be continued. Also, if labor situation continues to improve, a certain number of men be put to work in stopes. Considerable work has been carried on during the period under review, including the completion of a loading station and preparation for installation of an underground crusher on the eighth level. There are now about 800,000 tons of ore below the present crusher station. The work since March 31st last includes 199 feet of shaft sinking, 55 feet of stopes, 392½ feet of raises for ore pockets and passes, and 1265 feet of drifts. During the nine months a total of 1435 feet of drilling was done. The estimated ore reserves remain at 1,950,000 tons of ore values at \$9,945,000.

In view of the fact that the mill and stopes have been closed down during 1918, the financial report is not as interesting as it might be in the case of a mine on the active producing list. The balance sheet, which shows conditions as at October 31st, 1918, discloses a net outlay of \$127,211, while \$136,717 has been written off for depreciation of plant, etc., making a total of \$263,929 written off the surplus. The surplus at the close of 1917 was \$531,948. It is now \$268,019. The assets are given as \$5,311,364, including \$2,575,000 for mining claims and properties, \$1,857,337 for plant and equipment, \$278,149 cash, \$278,149 in Government bonds, and \$244,374 supplies. The liabilities include \$4,000,000 for capital stock issued; reserves for depreciation, etc., \$833,928; current liabilities, \$11,238.

In regard to the carrying out of the program outlined in the last annual report an interesting statement is made. It was decided to make the eighth level the main haulage level and to install the underground crusher there, moving it down from the fifth level, and also to make the permanent pumping installation at this level. The statement is made now that there are about 800,000 tons of ore beneath the present crusher station and above the eighth level, and it is estimated that a saving of five cents per ton, or \$40,000 will be affected at a total cost of \$17,000.

From the report issued by the Dome Mines, it is clear enough that the mill will not re-open at once, as some reports suggest. On the other hand it is equally clear that the resuming of milling operations is not probable to be delayed more than a few months. For further information shareholders and others will do well to wait official announcement. The new president, Mr. J. S. Baehle, of New York, has publicly stated that it is the desire of the directors that the shareholders be kept fully and promptly advised as to the conditions on the property.

**SOME WORKSHOP HINTS.**

"Good enough" is not good enough. Nothing is done well enough if it can be done better. Never commence a piece of work till you know how you are going to do it. Do nothing by guess; any fool can guess. Don't depend on brute force; the difference between a man and a mule is that a man has brains. A French proverb says that "A bad workman always complains of his tools." It is also true that a bad workman usually has tools to complain of.

**REPORT OF PATRIOTIC  
CLUB TO END OF YEAR**

Contributions to Consolidated Patriotic Club Over \$7000 in December.

In previous issues of The Advance reference was made to the falling off of contributions to the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club during the past few months, and the need for the pledges to be paid. The Club commenced with about twelve thousand dollars of the amount pledged still unpaid, and contributions for October and November only amounting to a few hundred dollars each a month. December, the contributions totalled over \$7,200, and the total contributions to date amount now to \$32,865.00, while the amount pledged at the start of the year was \$37,664. Of course, there are a few contributions that have been made during the year that were not included in the amount pledged, but at the same time the pledges have been fairly well paid up. As will be seen by the Treasurer's report December was the best of recent months. The report of Mr. J. P. Taillon, Treasurer of the Consolidated Patriotic Club, as at December 31st, 1918, is as follows:—

Total pledges, \$37,664.  
Receipts:—Total contributions to date for 1918, \$32,865.80; received from Timmins Red Cross, \$72.35, D.Y.B. Club, (proceeds of theatre nights, etc.) \$106.65; total, \$33,044.80.

Disbursements:—Canadian Patriotic Fund, Ottawa, \$14,000.00; Timmins Red Cross Society, \$5,100.00; Schumacher Red Cross Society, \$3,850.00; South Porcupine Patriotic Society, \$3,700.00; D.Y.B. Club, \$99.96; Salvation Army for Overseas Work, \$250.00; France's Day Fund, \$300.00; Knights of Columbus for Army Hats, \$200.00; sundry administration expenses as follows:—special campaign in January, \$258.35; printing, postage, stationery, etc., \$53.87; balance in bank, \$4,332.62; total, \$33,044.80.

The report of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, as at December 31st, 1918, is as follows:—

Receipts:—Nov. 30th—Balance in bank, \$797.63; received from Ottawa, \$500.00; total, \$1,297.63.

Disbursements:—Paid to soldiers' wives and mothers, \$492.85; balance in bank, \$804.78; total \$1,297.63.

J. P. TAILLON, Treasurer.

**THE UPPER IS LOWER AND  
THE LOWER IS HIGHER.**

(Canadian Engineering Journal)

"Let me have sleeping accommodations on the train to Ottawa," I said to the man at the window, who didn't seem at all concerned whether I took the trip or stayed home.

"For a single passenger?" he finally inquired.

"No," I replied. "I'm married, but I'm not taking anybody with me. A single shelf will answer."

"Upper or lower?" he asked.

"What's the difference?" I inquired.

"A difference of fifty cents," came the answer. "Our prices to Ottawa are \$1.50 and \$2.00."

"Then let me have a lower," I said.

"You understand, of course," explained the agent, "the lower is higher than the upper. The higher price is for the lower berth. If you want it lower you'll have to go higher. We sell the upper lower than the lower because the upper is higher than the lower. It didn't use to be so, but we found everybody wanted the lower. In other words the higher the fewer."

"Why do they all prefer the lower?" I broke in.

"On account of its convenience," he replied. "Most persons don't like the upper, although its lower, on account of it being higher, and because when you occupy an upper you have to get up when you go to bed, and then get down when you get up. Now, if you don't care to get up to go to bed and to get down to get up, I would advise you to take a lower, although it's higher than the upper, for the reason, as I have stated, that the upper is lower than the lower because it is higher. You can have the lower if you'll pay higher; but if you're willing to go higher it will be lower."

When he got through elucidating I was seasick, and decided I wouldn't go at all if I could get out of it.

Directors of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, paid a visit to the Camp and mine last week, coming up on Friday evening's "National," and returning on Monday morning to the south. The party included Messrs. L. H. & N. A. Timmins, of Montreal; Mr. D. A. Dunlop and Mr. John Holden, of Toronto, and Mr. McDougall. They inspected the mine here, and were well pleased with the progress being made and the satisfactory condition of affairs at the mine.

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