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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10th., 1920.

KINDLY KEEP FIGHTING

DOGS OFF RACE COURSE.

The Committee in charge of the Porcupine Dog Race to be held on Saturday of this week would be very grateful if all owners of dogs not entered in the race would keep their animals locked up during the time of the race. The general public also would no doubt be thankful for this measure of consideration. Last year interference by other dogs with his dog team while they were passing through South Porcupine practically lost the race for one of the entries in the Porcupine Dog Team Race. In 1918 dogs around the Dome and at South End added to the difficulties of those in the race. A few seconds are easily lost through the attention taken up by a dog running out and barking at or attacking a dog team on the trail. And a few seconds may win or lose the race. Dog owners are usually good sports and will need only the suggestion to make sure that their dogs are kept safe from any interference with the race. In Timmins the co-operation of the police authorities and the enforcement of the dog by-law help to keep the course free from the interference of stray dogs. Here, too, the interest, kindness and good sportsmanship of the public in general is of great value. In South Porcupine and at the Dome and along the rest of the course the whole dependence has to be placed on the kindly consideration of the people. The Advance believes, however, that the people along the course are such good sports that it is only necessary to call the matter to their attention to have them see to it that stray dogs are given no possible opportunity to disturb the big sporting event on Saturday.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR A SNOW SHOE PARTY.

Last week-end three dog team owners and three other good sports went over the dog team race course on snow shoes and did much to put the trail in good condition for the big race on Saturday. The dog team owners were Messrs W. Martin, F. M. Wallingford and E. Everard. The others included Mr. Martin's daughter who has special skill on snow shoes and Mr. R. Caverley who is an expert at snow shoe work. They spent hours going over the course and did not leave it until they had it in the best possible shape. The trail, however, needs some more attention before Saturday. It should be gone over once or twice by a snow shoe party. There are many in the town and district who would enjoy a snow shoe tramp in a pleasant party. This is their opportunity. Let a half a dozen of them get together and go up to the Porcupine Crown where Mr. W. Martin will be pleased to give them all directions as to the course, etc., and they can thus spend a pleasant hour or two as well as doing a distinct service by improving the trail for the Porcupine Dog Race on Saturday of this week. A trip on snow shoes over the course to-night or to-morrow night would do much to make it a better trail for the big race. Those accustomed to snow shoe work should take special note.

A number of mining and North Land newspapers and magazines have been waxing sarcastic over an interview recently published in a Toronto newspaper. The interview had a most peculiar flavor, one of its statements being to the effect that Mr. John Jones had left for the North with his dog team to locate a large body of anthracite coal somewhere up this way. The interview credited Mr. Jones with saying that while the coal was rather soft on top, the further down you went the harder it got, until at depth it was the best of good hard coal. One North Land paper suggests that friend Jones go down just a little deeper and get the real hard diamonds. However, while people here may laugh at the interview, it should not be forgotten that newspapermen, especially Toronto ones, often get sadly twisted in reporting affairs in this North Land. John Jones knows the North Land and no matter what he may have told the reporter or what the reporter may write about it, the same John Jones has every reason for possessing a hopeful and "close-up" knowledge of the resources of this same great North.

HOLLINGER'S EXCELLENT RECORD FOR YEAR 1919

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returned man who desires the work, and inexperienced men are given the necessary practical training to fit them for the work required of them. Relations with our employees continue to be satisfactory. A number of new dwellings were erected during the year at a cost of about \$50,000.00, an extension of this housing programme, sufficient to take care of the increase in our working forces, will be carried out during the year. An up-to-date hospital, which will provide adequate accommodation in case of sickness or accident for our employees and their families, is rapidly nearing completion. A sick benefit insurance has been instituted, the entire cost of which is borne by the company. We have advanced sufficient working capital to establish stores in Timmins in order that our employees may obtain the necessities of life at net cost. As is pointed out by our general manager, the reduction at present in the cost of necessities is 15 per cent. below the prices that obtained on August 1st 1919.

"The demand for gold to provide an adequate backing for the highly inflated issues of paper money now outstanding, already great, becomes daily more insistent. We are ready to supply this demand and to add to the gold reserves of Canada to the fullest extent of our ability and the capacity of the mine, but, before we can do so, the disadvantages from which the gold mining industry has suffered since the commencement of the war must be improved, or entirely removed. There must also be a more abundant supply of efficient labor and an appreciable reduction in the cost of all materials and supplies used by us, otherwise it will not be possible to greatly increase our output along sound economic lines, which is the only policy we would feel justified in attempting to carry out."

Among the interesting and informative comments made by Mr. A. F. Brigham, the General Manager of the Hollinger, regarding the year's work, the following may be cited:

"Plant—This item has been written down \$600,000.00, and stands on the books at 50.8 per cent. of its cost.

"Development—In this connection, the amount \$408,250.00 is the physical value at this date of the Central, Hollinger and No. 11 shafts. The other shafts which represent a very considerable portion of our capital expenditure have ceased to be of any further value. No. 9 is at present an exception, but it is our intention to dismantle as soon as No. 11 shaft is equipped.

"Recovery—The net value of \$9.40 per ton milled was determined by the selection of such ore as would yield a close approximation to the average value of the ore reserves. Should labor become more plentiful and mining supplies fall to a rational level this figure can be further reduced. The wisdom of the latter course is obvious.

"Ore reserves—These figures, together with the values at the 31st of December, 1918, are summarized in a changed order to emphasize the relative tonnages and values of the several grades of ore. Plus \$10.00 ore has been depleted about \$1,500,000.00, while ore of \$8 to \$10 tenor has increased by more than \$2,000,000.00. Minus \$8.00 grade ore shows a decrease of \$1,850,000.00. It will be seen from the above that our development efforts have been principally directed towards the maintenance of reserves approximating the value of the tonnage milled during the year. We find it very difficult to determine a definite programme while labor conditions are so unsettled, and mining supplies and machinery rising from levels already abnormally high. The lower grade veins could be profitably developed and exploited if a tolerably sure combination of stable conditions obtains, but it is useless to exhaust our resources upon such, unless we can be assured of a fair return from them.

"Mine and Mill—The mine is ready to supply the mill to maximum capacity, namely, 3,200 tons per day, when a sufficient number of miners can be secured to break the ore. Re-modeling the last four tanks in the continuous decantation plant and some minor details connected with the remaining twenty stamps are rapidly nearing completion.

"Costs—Mining machinery and supplies continue to advance, and any advantage which we secured in the small reduction in the price of cyanide and explosives has been more than absorbed by the advance in timber alone. Only the most drastic economy will prevent an increase under this head during the coming year."

The annual statement of the Hollinger shows gold and silver produced to the value of \$6,722,266, as compared with \$5,752,370 for 1918. Dwellings and rents bring in \$1,630, and interest

and exchange \$336,291, making a total income of \$7,063,000. Operating charges for 1919 were \$3,272,617, as compared with \$2,857,519 for 1918. The operating profit for last year was \$3,340,482, as compared with \$3,050,817 for the year previous. Depreciation last year was placed as \$800,000, as compared to \$375,000 under this head in 1918. This year also \$276,185 has been written off for deferred development and \$363,686 for capital development written off. The net profit for 1919 is \$2,321,290, as compared to \$2,588,563 in 1918. In 1919, \$1,722,000 was paid in dividends and \$599,290 added to surplus, as compared with 1918 figures of \$1,230,000 and \$1,358,563 respectively. The total surplus now is \$5,738,063, as compared with \$3,681,136 in 1918.

The total tonnage of ore milled in 1919 was 711,882, as against 578,756 in 1918. The average value per ton was \$9.73 for 1919, and \$10.24 for 1918. The average tonnage per day was 1950 tons in 1919 as against 1590 in 1918. The development work, sinking, etc., amounted in 1919 to 22,643 feet, as against 25,611 feet in 1918. The ore reserves for the year ending Dec. 31st 1919, are given as \$39,928,430, while for 1918 they were placed at \$41,080,905.

Local News

The Timmins Oddfellows held a very enjoyable smoking concert last night.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Williams and daughter, Miss Mary are making good progress to recovery from their recent illness.

The McIntyre-Porcupine Mines has announced Dividend No. 10, a dividend of 5 per cent. on the capital stock issued, payable May 1st to shareholders of record of April 1st.

Their many friends will be pleased to see Messrs. Garner and Ryan of the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment office here, able to be back again at their posts after being laid up for some days with the prevalent illness.

The Timmins Citizens Band, which has been without the regular practices on account of the prevalence of illness during the past few weeks, will start regular practices again next week, the first such practice to be held on Monday evening next March 15th.

Local fans will be interested in the fact that Collingwood defeated Kings ton Hockey team in the O. H. A. semi-finals last night with a score of 14 to 2. Collingwood and Sudbury play Thursday night in Toronto in a sudden-death game. The winner of this latter game will play off with the winners of the Hamilton Tigers and Kitchener groups.

Thursday of this week has been set as the date on which the different branches of the G. W. V. A. in the District of Temiskaming will hold their organization meeting in English-hart for a District Command. Each local branch has been asked to send one delegate to this Convention, and the gathering is expected to be a representative one.

There has been a rather remarkable prevalence of measles in some of the North Land towns recently. There were many cases in Timmins recently, but the prevalence of the disease seems to be considerably lessened, though there have been a couple of deaths reported from this case in the Camp during the past week. In Hailleybury, however, there is reported to be a regular epidemic of measles, with a large number of children ill with the disease.

The firemen had a call one morning last week to the residence of Mr. Moses, above the store of Buecovitsky & Co., Third Avenue. The firemen made their usual record response, but the people in the house had been even more prompt in dealing with the fire when it was discovered and had succeeded in getting it extinguished before the arrival of the Brigade. The place was filled with a dense smoke when the firemen arrived and there were indications to show that a serious fire had been averted. The blaze had apparently started in one of the bedrooms of the house, and the towel on the washstand was among the articles consumed the fire running up along the wall behind. The family were alarmed by the presence of smoke and investigated, finding the blaze under headway in this bedroom where so far as known, there had been no one for an hour or more. No stove or stove-pipe was near the starting-point of the fire, and there is no apparent explanation for the commencement of the blaze, except that some one from outside may have entered the room unnoticed and left a cigar or cigarette butt that smouldered on the washstand. The tenant of the room was at work at the mine for a couple of hours or more.

WOMAN WANTED FOR PLAIN SEWING. Apply Hotel Gold-fields.

COTTAGE FOR SALE—opposite Catholic School. 68 Spruce Street. M. A. Ellis 10 p.

BOARDING HOUSE FOR SALE—The Algoma, 5 Spruce street, opposite the station, for sale at a bargain. Apply to D. Laprairie, on the premises. 9-11 p.

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PIANO FOR SALE

FOR SALE, Heintzman Piano. Apply 37 Birch street, Timmins. —9-11 p.

NOTICE.

To the Brothers of L. O. L. No. 2552.

This is to give notice that I have received letter saying that the Royal Searlet Chapter will meet on the 17th. All Brothers wishing advance in degree be present.

A. POOLEY, W. M.

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