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## ONTARIO HAS GREATEST GOLD FIELD ON CONTINENT

So Suggests the Deputy Minister of Mines After Recent Tour of North Land.

Mr. Thomas W. Gibson, Deputy Minister of Mines for Ontario, was one of a party recently making a tour of the mining camps of the North Land. They visited the Porcupine, Cobalt, Kirkland Lake, Gowganda, and other camps, and were particularly impressed with the prospects for the gold mining industry. To a newspaper in the south Mr. Gibson has since said:—"With sufficient labour Ontario could quickly become the most important gold field in America." In referring to Ontario's production of gold, it may be well to remember that the North Land practically accounts for all the gold production of the Province, and in the North Land the Porcupine is overwhelmingly the important factor in gold production. Taking the official Government reports for last year, the total production of gold in Ontario was 505,963 fine ounces of a value of \$10,451,688.00. Of this amount the Porcupine contributed over 480,000 fine ounces of a value of around ten million dollars. The Hollinger alone produced about 65 per cent. of Ontario's gold output, and about 43 per cent. of all the gold produced in Canada. The McIntyre contributed about 18 per cent. of Ontario gold and the Dome about another 18 per cent. Thus these three mines of the Porcupine alone contributed about 80 per cent. of Ontario's gold output. The Porcupine's gold output this year will be proportionately greater, and as the labour situation gradually accommodates itself, the words of the Deputy Minister of Mines may rightly be amended to read that the Porcupine will be the most important gold field on the continent.

As Mr. Gibson has pointed out, Ontario has passed British Columbia, the Yukon, and all the States in the American Union, with the exception of California. At the present time California has a production of about five million a year in excess of the Porcupine's production. The lead, however, is being steadily reduced. With only a part of the milling capacity in use, the gold production of Ontario for the first half of this year showed an increase of 22 per cent. over last year's figures for the same period. With the Porcupine plants going at capacity and the newer fields like Kirkland Lake increasing their output, Ontario will soon rank higher among the gold producing countries. The Kirkland Lake district promises to be an important gold producer. Last year the Lake Shore Mine, despite labour difficulties, produced over \$262,400 in gold; the Kirkland Lake had an output of over \$55,000; and the Teek-Hughes produced \$168,607.15 in gold.

Two other remarks by Mr. Gibson after his visit to the North Land are worthy of special attention. One of these was:—"Gold districts that have not developed into the class of steady producers are receiving a substantial amount of real development work. It is a gratifying feature that the Northern Ontario field is comparatively free from wild-catting operations."

The other reference is even more interesting and pleasing. The Deputy Minister said:—"Greater emphasis should be given to the personnel of the mining industry of the North Land. Ontario has now a body of engineers and technical experts fully trained and experienced in the conditions surrounding mining in the Province. The success that many of our mining men have enjoyed in Northern Ontario has given them world repute."

The attention and interest of the outside world should be centered at present on the possibilities of the North Land. In the mining districts here there are offered the most attractive opportunities for capital and labour alike. Prospects in the south are doubtful, but there is at the present time a particular significance in the common saying:—"You can't lose in a gold camp."

### S. R. CLARKE SUGGESTS ANOTHER RAILROAD LINE.

In a recent letter to a Toronto news paper Mr. S. R. Clarke gives a number of reasons why a railroad line should be built from Westree to Kenogami. It is argued that on the east, west and south of this proposed railway there is now a sufficient population to make good support for such a road. Also it is suggested that such a road would materially assist in the development of a promising part of the North Land. Without saying a single word against Mr. Clarke's proposed railway, it may be pointed out that so many railway lines or branches are needed and desirable that there is no possible chance of them all being built in the near future. The trouble is

that every new suggestion simply adds another excuse for the leaving unbuild of other lines that have been strongly urged for years. It must be realized that ALL the proposed railway lines can not be built at once, and good policy would suggest the centering of attention on the more important. It might be a good thing for the country to have a line from Westree to Kenogami, but it would be a much better and more profitable procedure to build a line from Timmins to connect with the C.N.R. near Sudbury. This latter proposed railroad would shorten the distance between the big mining camp of Porcupine and the south and give a closer connection between the big cities and the pulp and paper industries of this North Land. It would open up a country unusually rich in forests and mineral wealth and now held back for lack of transportation facilities. The Union Mining Company have planned to spend a quarter of a million dollars on the development of their gold mining property in Whitesides Township, but one of the expensive handicaps they have been forced to face has been the transportation problem. A railway between Timmins and the C.N.R. near Sudbury would solve the transportation problem for the Union Mining Corporation. It would also mean the development of the mining district around their property, and so far as may be judged this district is an unusually rich and promising one. The timber and pulpwood resources that would be tapped by the Timmins-Sudbury line are also specially worthy of note. Also there would be a promising agricultural country opened for settlement. Among the proposed new railway lines there seems to be none more important than the Timmins-Sudbury one. Just before the war the Canadian Northern thought it so important that they had all plans made to proceed with its construction. Surely the Governments now in control of all the railways of the North Land may be expected to have as good business judgment and as thoughtful an attitude for the convenience of the people and the development of the country as private railway corporations. That Timmins-Sudbury line should be built.

Mr. Harry Villand returned last week from a lengthy visit to his home at Eganville, Ont. He is back at work at the Hollinger and is being welcomed back to the Camp by his host of old friends here.

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