

WELL-KNOWN AND HIGHLY ESTEEMED OLD-TIMER DEAD

Mr. Neh, Faulkenham, Pioneer of Porcupine, and First Store-keeper at Red Lake, Killed in Explosion of Dynamite.

There were innumerable anxious enquiries in Timmins on Friday last when a report reached here that Mr. Neh Faulkenham had been killed at Red Lake. Soon, it was found that the report was only too true. It appears that Mr. Faulkenham, who was conducting a store at Red Lake, had received some dynamite that had been returned to him as not in good condition. He was doubtful as to how to dispose of the explosive, knowing from his long experience that defective sticks of dynamite are dangerous. After discussing throwing it in the lake and other methods of disposal suggested, he eventually decided to place it in a cave nearby. He started away with the case of defective explosive, and was about 200 yards away from his store when apparently he decided to sort out the defective sticks, some of the explosive apparently being all right. It is believed that the warm weather had caused the glycerine to come to the surface of the sticks and gather there in bubbles, and that in handling some of these the bubbles burst, causing two of the sticks to explode. Mr. Faulkenham was killed instantly by the explosion. The balance of the box of dynamite was found intact. The body of the late Mr. Faulkenham was brought out on Thursday to Hudson, and from there shipped to Matheson, where the funeral was held on Sunday afternoon. The funeral was largely attended, many Oddfellows from all over the North Land being present for the last sad rites, the deceased having been a valued member of the Order for some years. Prospectors and other old-timers of the North Land were also largely represented at the funeral, the late Neh Faulkenham being one of the best known and most highly-esteemed old-timers of this country.

Very sincere indeed will be the regret among all classes at the untimely death of Neh Faulkenham. He was one of the early residents of this North, prospecting in the Porcupine and in the Matheson district for years. For some time years ago he and his brother, Parnie, were on the staff of the Hollinger Mine and were well-known and highly regarded here. More recently Mr. Parnie Faulkenham took up a farm near Matheson, and the late Neh Faulkenham, who also had a farm in the district, and made his home at Matheson, travelling all through the North and being well known for his wide knowledge of furs and trapping and his invariable square dealing. Early this year he decided to go to Red Lake to open a store there. His was the proud title of being the very first merchant at the new gold camp of Red Lake. At the time of his death he had built up a noteworthy business by his shrewdness and his never failing policy of a square deal all round.

The late Neh Faulkenham was a native of Nova Scotia, but had been in this part of the North for close to twenty years. He staked many claims in all the mining camps of the North, and was well known for his keen knowledge of bush and trail. He had travelled widely, being in the Yukon and other gold rushes, and his reading had been equally extended. As a consequence, he was unusually well informed and a most attractive and interesting companion. Always good-humoured, and with an odd but ever-ready wit, a chat with Neh Faulkenham was ever a pleasure, and a sure opportunity for genuine information. He had a keen and lively mind, and possessed a singular knowledge of the bush and its denizens, human and otherwise. Although about fifty years of age, he was one of the best men in the country on the trail, and being remarkable for his strength and vitality. Innumerable are the stories about Neh Faulkenham—about his daily cold bath on the trail, irrespective of weather; about his ready laugh and his ready wit; about his knowledge of all sorts of mines in all sorts of countries; about his love for a good-humoured argument and his striking skill at the same. His thoughtful kindness and his strength like were indicated last winter when he travelled through drifted snow for twenty miles to bring help to another prospector ill in a cabin in the bush. Neh Faulkenham was a good pioneer, a good citizen, a good friend, and his death will bring genuine sorrow to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

In addition to the brother, Parnie, at Matheson, another brother, Lige, is employed at the Ankerite Mine, while another brother, formerly in this district, is now residing in the old home district in Nova Scotia. To these and to all the other near relatives and friends the sincerest sympathy of all will be extended.

In recent years, the late Neh Faulkenham had been a frequent visitor to Timmins stopping at the Kingston Hotel, where he was very popular. Among the old-time prospectors, he had hosts of friends. On the trail he had a name for being specially gener-

ous and thoughtful, always ready to help out or share his last grub with anyone in need.

NO DAMAGE FROM FIRE AT WILSON AVENUE FRIDAY.

The usual speedy response was made on Friday afternoon about ten minutes to six when a fire alarm came in from Box 54. The motor truck and firemen were at the scene before the bell quit ringing. The fire was at Mr. M. Levert's, 126 Wilson avenue, where some stovepipes were ablaze. The fire was extinguished without trouble and with no damage resulting.

'THE BLACK PIRATE' AT GOLDFIELDS NEXT WEEK

An extra special is booked for the Goldfields Theatre on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, August 25th to 28th. It is the roistering tale of "The Black Pirate," a gorgeous, glorious picture of adventure and humour. And the popular Douglas Fairbanks is the hero. It is described as a regular riot of adventure. To the colourful exploits of Douglas Fairbanks and his pirate crew have been added the most perfect Technicolour pictures yet flashed upon the screen. Coloured pictures, little doubt about it, have

arrived. "The Black Pirate" proves that colour can heighten, instead of distracting from, the vividness of a thrill.

Never did more villainous crew board the peaceful merchantman than that headed by Douglas Fairbanks. With a gay "yo ho" and a muttered curse, he takes us back to the old dark days when buccaneers sailed the Spanish Main.

Treasure chests in secret hiding placing, sparkling water and gray sky, these are the background for a swash-buckling adventure story. Then there are alarms and excursions and gallant, incredible rescues. And there is Doug, too, in a part

he must have loved. When he's not skimming up the rigging he's fighting duels, swimming through green-blue waters or taking a vessel single handed. That exploit, of course, is the very essence of Douglas Fairbanks. Swarming up the slippery sides, he is a pirate crew in himself. He does every one of the magnificent, unbelievable things that little boys dream of.

"Can you tell why a bull-dog is like a pair of corsets?"

"No, why is he?"

"Well, they're both tied tight in the day-time, and they're both loose at night."

BY-LAW TO INCREASE THE CAPITAL STOCK OF VIPOND.

Directors of Vipond Consolidated Mines Ltd., have authorized an increase in the capital stock of the company from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000 par value \$1.00, and a by-law to this effect will be submitted to shareholders at the annual meeting, which will be held in Toronto in the board room of the Trusts and Guarantee Company on Monday, Sept. 13th, at 11.30 a.m.

Lazy men are as useless as dead ones, and they take up a darned sight more room.

THE POWER COMPANIES OF THE NORTH

Canada Northern Power Corporation Limited

The parent organization controlling through ownership of stock the following power companies:

Northern Ontario Light & Power Company Limited

Generates power at Hound Chutes and Fountain Falls on Montreal River and at Metabetchewan Falls and transmits to Cobalt for use locally in Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard. Also supplies power to Kirkland Lake and South Lorrain camps. Total capacity 21,000 hydro-electric h.p. and in addition 5,000 h.p. hydraulic air.

Northern Canada Power Limited

Generates power at Wawa, Waitin Falls, Sandy Falls and Sturgeon Falls. Has 100,000-volt transmission line from Quebec border to Schumacher substation whence power is distributed to Porcupine district. Also supplies power to Gowganda district. Total capacity 30,000 h.p.

Porcupine Power & Telephone Company

Does retail power business in three centres in Porcupine district, and operates telephone line, connecting with Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway system for long distance.

Quinze Power Company

A subsidiary of Northern Canada Power Limited to whom it supplies wholesale; also is constructing transmission line fifty-five miles long to Quebec-Rouyn district. Developed capacity of 20,000 h.p. Ultimate capacity 60,000 h.p.

The total developed capacity of these plants amounts to 76,000 h.p., besides 42,000 h.p. additional which may be developed as required.

Power Corporation of Canada Limited

acts in supervisory capacity to all of above corporations.

Power Development in Northern Ontario Mining Districts

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THE association of three power producing and distributing companies that operate in the mining districts of Northern Ontario, namely, Northern Canada Power Limited, Northern Ontario Light & Power Company, Limited, and Great Northern Power Corporation Limited, promises to be of considerable help in solving the power problems that have existed in that area in the past, and to stimulate a rapid development in the mining industry in the future. On June 30th, there took place the final transfer of control of Northern Ontario Light & Power Company, Limited, from United States to Canadian interests. It is reasonable to infer that the new situation will result in an even greater tendency for development of the northern district on the part of this and associated companies.

A recent survey of the whole area, from the plant of the Quinze Power Company Limited in the east, to the Porcupine district in the west, has impressed me with the favourable prospects that exist, not only for the growth of mining itself, but the development that lies before the group of companies upon which that industry is dependent for a supply of hydro-electric energy.

In the east, the Quinze Power Company, Limited, over the border of the Province of Quebec, is facing a most important task. In addition to providing power which is utilized by its parent company (Northern Canada Power, Limited), it is expending a sum of \$750,000 on transmission lines, and a substation that will bring it into touch with the new mining district in Quebec Province, of which the Noranda Mine is at the moment the most outstanding example. It is expected that this line of 55 miles in length will be completed by November, through which Noranda will receive power for its mine and proposed smelter, and that a number of other promising mining properties in the same district will become customers of the Quinze Company. This Company at the present has an installed capacity of 20,000 horse power, but it is expected that this will shortly be increased to meet coming demands. Power from the Quinze Plant will be transmitted over 100,000-volt lines to a substation at Noranda, and then distributed along 12,000-volt lines of 20 miles length to various properties in this area.

Northern Canada Power, Limited, which purchases a portion of its requirements from the Quinze Power Company, has a 110,000-volt transmission line running from the Quebec border to a substation at Schumacher, to which lines also feed in at 12,000 and 44,000 volts respectively from three plants on the Mattagami River. From the Schumacher substation power is distributed along 12,000-volt lines to the Porcupine district, to Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine. In addition, at Elk Lake, the 100,000-volt line is tapped by a 25-mile line running into the substation at Gowganda, from which power again is distributed at 12,000 volts to the mines in the Gowganda district.

A subsidiary of Canada Northern Power Corporation, Limited, is Porcupine Power & Telephone Company, Limited, which links up still more closely the activities of this mining region. This Company purchases power from Northern Canada and carries on a retail business in the three towns in the Porcupine district, to which reference already has been made. In addition it operates the telephone system in these towns and connects up with the long-distance lines of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

The Great Northern Power Company generates power at Indian Chutes on the Montreal River, and transmits this to the Porcupine district, where it does a small volume of business. The surplus power of this system is about to be diverted to the Northern Ontario Light & Power system, for use at Kirkland Lake.

The Northern Ontario Light & Power Company generates power at Hound Chutes and Fountain Falls on the Montreal River, and at Metabetchewan Falls on the river of the same name. This power is transmitted at 12,000 volts in one case and 44,000 in the other, to a substation at Cobalt, whence it is distributed, after being stepped down to 12,000 volts, for use in Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard. This Company also covers the growingly important camps of Kirkland Lake and South Lorrain, through lines of 44,000 volts, connecting also with the Argonaut mine. The Company is undertaking an expenditure of \$250,000 for a new line from Indian Chutes to the Kirkland Lake district, with the necessary increase in substation capacity, to take care of the increasing load at that point.

Besides selling power for the mines the Northern Ontario Company also distributes compressed air in the Cobalt camp from two mechanical air compressing plants in Cobalt, and from a hydraulic air compressor at Ragged Chutes on the Montreal River, from whence air is transmitted to Cobalt to supplement the mechanical supply.

Another activity of the Northern Ontario Light & Power Company is a ground-wood pulp mill owned and operated under the name of the Temiskaming Pulp & Paper Company. This is located between Haileybury and New Liskeard, and has a capacity of 12,000 tons of pulp a year. This mill makes a good use of the Company's surplus power, pending its sale to other enterprises. Attached to the mill property are limits of 50 square miles across the border of Quebec Province, but up to the present this pulpwood supply has not been touched, as the Company has been able to purchase its requirements from settlers clearing the land.

It is the policy of the Canada Northern Power Corporation to do everything possible to stimulate the mining development and industrial growth of the communities served.

Industries Served by Power Plants

MINING

A summary of some of the more familiar of the mines in the various camps that are supplied with power from one or other of these power plants, will serve to indicate the important strategic position occupied by these power companies in the mining field. For, in a large number of instances, it will be evident that a good deal of development may be expected and that in this growth of the mining companies the power plants must share. Particularly promising are the Kirkland Lake and Lorrain camps and the Quebec-Rouyn field among the comparative newcomers in the mining world. It is safe to say that these power enterprises will provide one of the most indispensable of the elements that are required for the development of these and other mines still to appear on the scene, and that a fair return on the investment should be the portion of the various power-producing companies.

In the Porcupine district, Hollinger, McIntyre, Dome, Ankerite and Paymaster are among the chief mines served. At Larder Lake there is Argonaut, in the Kirkland area, there are Tough-Oakes, Sylvanite, Lake Shore, Wright-Hargreaves, Tack-Hughes, Kirkland Lake Gold and others. In the Gowganda district, Castle-Tretheway, W. J. Nine, Tonopah, Miller Lake O'Brien, and others; with Keeley, as one of several in South Lorrain, and a list in Cobalt that includes Nipissing and others.

AGRICULTURE

Progress in northern Ontario has not been, and will not be limited to mining developments, and thus in other directions besides mining, the power companies that operate in this territory will share in future growth. Great agricultural possibilities exist in the country stretching from Haileybury north through the agricultural belt to a point well north of the National Transcontinental Railway. For some years past a large number of farms have flourished on both sides of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway line running north to Cochrane, and along the National Transcontinental to the east and west. One of the most picturesque incidents in the north above the mining districts is the local fair at centres such as New Liskeard, where abundant displays of agricultural products afford an insight into the productive character of the whole district. As a matter of fact, while the country is spoken of as "the North," after all Porcupine, the most northerly of all, is only two degrees north of the city of Montreal, and lies actually south of the city of Winnipeg. As is well known, huge quantities of grain are grown and harvested north of Winnipeg, and the farming possibilities of northern Ontario should not be discounted through a mistaken conception of the geographical location.

Canada Northern Power Corporation LIMITED

POWER PLANTS AT: HOUND CHUTES, FOUNTAIN FALLS, AND METABETCHEWAN FALLS, WAWAITIN FALLS, SANDY FALLS, STURGEON FALLS AND THE QUINZE.