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"Oh John," screamed the excited woman driver, "the car is running away."
"Can't you stop it?" asked the worried husband.
"No."
"Well, then, see if you can't hit something cheap."—Two Bells.

REVIEW OF THE WORK AND PROGRESS ON THE PICARD

Statement Issued Recently by E. A. Dowman, the Manager of the Co.

A survey of the situation of Picard Gold Mines Limited, is given by Mr. A. E. Dowman, manager, in a letter to The Northern Miner. Mr. Dowman points out that he believes the company have selected very promising properties, and that the extensive programme of development outlined should prove interesting. Mr. Dowman says:

"The company was formed in December last by The Quebec Mining Securities Ltd., of 93 St. Peter street, Quebec. The directorate is L. A. Gaudry, president; Joseph Racine, vice-president and treasurer; Dr. Art Fafard, Dr. Romeo Roy, F. X. Forques and Capt. L. P. O. Picard, directors; A. E. Dowman, engineer in charge, for the purpose of taking over from L. A. Gaudry a group of 20 claims, 14 of which comprise what is known as Picard's Island in Woman Lake, and also acquiring such options as may be obtained from time to time.

"Last summer a staff of twenty men were employed on Picard Island, where considerable surface development work was performed, and a vein approximately 1,800 feet in length was uncovered, sampling disclosing exceptionally good values. Although more or less patchy, Douglas Wright, who reported on the property, insisted that further development was justly warranted. The company therefore signed a contract with Messrs Reed & Ryan, of Timmins, to do 2,000 feet of diamond drilling on the island. As this company now have a diamond drill, which completed a contract within two miles of our property last fall, they are expected to arrive within a week to move the drill to our property and commence operations. If the drilling proves that the vein widens and values increase, as the work so far performed tends to prove that this may be expected, the property will then be developed by sinking and drifting.

"In order to place our company on a solid basis as miners, we have optioned the Macaulay group of nine claims, which are located on East Clearwater Lake, and on which the Huronian Belt Company, who formerly held an option, carried out a somewhat large amount of development work, when C. B. Dawson was in charge of a camp there last summer. This work proved a vein which to date is 260 feet in length, with an average width of 33.6 feet and an average value of \$5.83 over this width. Individual assays go up to \$22.00 over five feet. The Huronian Belt Company put down four diamond drill holes, of which two showed improved values.

"Permanent camps just been completed on this property by us, and a sinking plant consisting of a 10 x 8 portable Ingersoll-Rand compressor with all the necessary accessories is now on the property. I am going into the property at once and will locate position for a two-compartment shaft, which will sink to 300 feet, crosscut and drift at three levels. All showing will be resampled. There are four other veins on the property, which we will open up early in the spring.

"As we sincerely believe that when

the Picard Island property is explored at the 300-foot horizon by drilling we will be rewarded with results sufficiently satisfactory to develop the property, the company have optioned a group of 19 claims contiguous to the south and in line of strike.

"The above is our programme of work as outlined for the district, and the directors inform me that they have sufficient money for over two years' work. As you no doubt know, the Quebec Mining Securities have also the Haillwell property in Boischatel township, and another property in Nova Scotia.

"The district is simply alive with activity this winter, a considerable tonnage is being moved into the various camps. While a few holdings were allowed to lapse last fall, it is safe to say that practically everything in the Narrow-Woman and Clearwater Lakes section has now been staked solid, and there is every appearance of a very busy year ahead for us."

BLOCK OF JACKPINE SOLD IN TOWNSHIP OF GODFREY

Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests for Ontario, last week announced four small timber sales. The largest sale was made to the Shevlin-Clarke Company of Fort Frances, who acquired 300,000 feet of red and white pine, board measure, at berth 54, Rainy River District, at a price of \$9.55 each thousand. Lorne Hunter, of Gooderham, secured the cutting rights to 150 cords of pulpwood and 300 cords of hardwood, in the township of Glamorgan, Haliburton District, a block of jackpine in Godfrey township, District of Cochrane, was sold to H.H. Rudolph, of Weston, at \$10.05 each thousand feet, while a small tract of pulpwood in Booth township was sold to Silas Platt, of Nipigon, at \$3.15 each cord.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC HELPING THE PROSPECTOR

An editorial article in The Rouyn Miner last week says:—

"The Quebec Bureau of Mines is conducting a series of reconnaissance surveys in order to indicate to the prospector the areas which it might be profitable for him to examine. Several small geological parties were thus engaged during the summer of 1927, under the general direction of a mining geologist, and very interesting results have been obtained which will be published in the next annual report of the Bureau. It is the intention to continue this work throughout the field season of 1928. In the light of these developments and possibilities, the Porcupine of Quebec may look to the future with confidence. No halt to the progress of our province is as yet in sight. The renewal of interest in Quebec minerals, which has been such an outstanding feature in the economic development of Canada in the last six years, has resulted in the staking out of over 850,000 acres of mineral land in the counties of Abitibi, Temiscamingue and Gaspé and in the region of Chibougamau, which are just now held as mining claims, mining licences and mining concessions. Several million dollars have been spent in prospecting and development work on these lands. This work and these expenditures have already resulted in the discovery and the development of several mines some of which are producing and yielding returns and others of which are on the very eve of production."

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

PROGRESS ON WORK ON THE BRETT TRETHEWEY MINE

Property in Barnet Township Near Ramore Showing Great Promise from Work Done

As noted before in these columns progress on the properties in the Ramore area are coming in for special interest because they are pioneering what may be termed a new mining section of the North. Recently Mr. F. W. Tretthewey, vice-president of the Brett-Tretthewey Mine, gave out the following statement:—

"It is too early yet to give much information regarding the work so far in Barnet township. We have a very rich discovery in a small syenite vein which dips to the south and apparently has a definite relationship with a 40-foot well-mineralized porphyry dyke with an approximate east and west strike, carrying gold values and lying only a few yards south of the high grade discovery. Although badly handicapped by severe weather conditions, the work so far, with an Ingersoll-Rand compressor running two machines, has proven a very interesting fact. This is the occurrence of tellurides, both with the free gold and also in these porphyry dykes, of which there are several on our ground, which are very strong intrusions and well defined.

"The next two months' work should be very interesting. There is a great deal of sampling and geological mapping to do before finally deciding on the site for shaft sinking. Our consulting engineer, E. T. Corkill, is making a visit to the property early in February to supervise this work and to make a report on present progress. The directors feel very much encouraged with the results so far obtained. At present there are about 12 men employed here.

"Although we have had no publicity about our Clifford township property (16 claims) we are making a very real effort in this district, on a discovery of copper carrying gold, where about ten men are employed in stripping and trenching. This will be followed by a dip needle survey and diamond drilling. Mr. Corkill has a high regard for this prospect and compares it, as to surrounding geology, with the better class of properties in Quebec, more especially the Robb-Montbray. We have recently completed a good winter road via Morrisette township and the Bidgood in Lebel to Kirkland Lake and have been freighting our supplies over this road. On both properties we have erected very comfortable camps.

"At this stage it is difficult to give more detail. I can add that the enterprise is well sponsored and appears to have the confidence of our directors and engineers, and great care is being exercised in the expenditure of funds."

TASHOTA STATION A VERY BUSY PLACE THESE DAYS

In the past couple of weeks about 500 tons of supplies have arrived at Tashota station on the C.N.R., 300 odd miles west of Cochrane, says The Northern Miner. About 150 tons are shipments to Taskota Mines, 18 miles from Tashota, and to the Adair property, 1½ miles, under option to N. A. Timmins. Mining plants are included. The balance will have to be hauled from 100 to 125 miles. Fort Hope Mines is taking in 150 tons and Reville Freres and the Hudson Bay Company the balance, all going to Fort Hope stations on the Albany River. The Fort Hope Mines equipment arrived late last week and includes three cars of machinery. The Brooks Contracting Company, of Prince Albert, Sask., have put 36 teams and a five-ton tractor at Tashota for the Fort Hope haul. They hope to run the tractor night and day, and as long stretches of the route are very level and the road straight, expect to haul several heavily loaded sleighs at a time. There is promise of considerable activity this year in the Tashota section. A number of outfits are at work and prospects are considered promising. Advise from there says that Mr. Timmins has made his first payment on the Adair.

"I seem a little better," he exclaimed to the doctor, "but I'm still short of breath."
"Have patience," said the doctor. "We'll soon stop that."—Exchange

The pedestrian, bumped by a taxi, looked up as he lay in the middle of the street and saw a steam roller bearing down upon him. "Ah, that reminds me," he exclaimed, "I was to bring home some pancake flour."

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