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Canada Bids Fair to Take High Place in Gold Mining

English Lecturer Gives His Impression of the Different Canadian Mining Fields. Glasgow Engineer Sees Brilliant Mining Future for Canada. Address to Royal Empire Society Last Month.

The view of others is always interesting and helpful, particularly when it is expert opinion. Accordingly, there should be general attention here to the following report from a recent issue of The Mining World, London, Canada, of an address recently given to the Royal Empire Society at London. The Mining World report is as follows:—
 A lecture on Canada's metalliferous wealth was delivered on Wednesday, November 21st, 1928, by Mr. John Stewart, of West Regent Street, Glasgow, before the Royal Empire Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, formerly known as the Royal Colonial Institute, illustrated with lantern views.

Mr. Stewart observed that in the Dominion population and development had followed in the wake of railway construction. This applied not only to agricultural land, for on turning to the mineral kingdom it was seen that in Canada the more permanent stores of wealth and progress had followed railway expansion.

Dealing with metals, Mr. Stewart stated that gold had always played an important part in the past in stimulating prospectors in virgin regions of the earth. The successful search had led to the establishment of civilization in South America, United States, Australia, South Africa and Canada, which had now entered well on the path in the search of gold, and her development bids fair to take second place in the gold production of the world in the course of a few years. Statistics were given showing the great movement and distribution of purchasing power coming from the mining industry, and, it was stated, dividends doubtless set in motion another series of sales and purchases.

Mr. Stewart went on to say that the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway through the Sudbury district was a particularly fortunate step for Canadian mining, because of the discovery of nickel-copper ores. The great mines and smelters of the Mond and International Nickel companies were shown. Data was given from which the lecturer deduced that it could safely be inferred that metallurgists could readily extend the use of the nickel without fear of shortage, and said that it was the use of this metal that had made the motor car and aeroplane such reliable machines. Another railway construction (that of the Temis-

kaming and Northern Ontario Ry.) led to similar results in that it gave raise to the discovery of the rich silver field of which the town of Cobalt was the centre. The district had, up to the end of 1925, yielded nearly 341,000,000 oz. of silver, and with the newer areas of South Lorrain and Gowganda the output was still running about \$10,000,000 ounces annually. The Coniagas mines had yielded alone 32,000,000 ounces and paid out \$11,500,000 in dividends, and Nipissing 69,500,000 ounces and \$26,000,000 in dividends.

Next in sequence of time was the discovery of gold at Porcupine in 1908, since, when the Hollinger Mine had become the third greatest gold mine in the world. Other discoveries were the McIntyre, which he was pleased to observe from a recent issue of The Mining World had placed a large order for electric winding plant with the General Electric Co. The McIntyre shaft was being sunk to a depth of over 4,100 feet. The mechanical portion of the winder was manufactured at the Fraser & Chalmers engineering works of the General Electric Co. at Erith, Kent, and the electric apparatus and switch were made at the Whitton Engineering Works of the company at Birmingham. Thus Canadian mining was benefiting the engineering industry of Great Britain. Dome, another of the Porcupine mines, had also been a large producer, but this mine had now passed its zenith, and was only expected to have a life of two years, but in practice it was known that the lives of the mines were generally longer than supposed.

The famous Kirkland Lake are a next received attention, and a brief description of the several important gold mines were given. These included Teck-Hughes, which was now the largest producer in the camp, Kirkland Lake, which, by the persistent efforts of the management had made a mine and was giving good results, Lake Shore and Wright-Hargreaves. Recently he had heard from a friend that a cable had been received that a strike of good ore had been made on the Continental Kirkland. This was important, not only for that property, but also for those operating further east, such as Lebel Lode and Seneca Leber. In the eastern section other promising properties were Bidgood and Moffat-Hall. It was said that although the present producing zone was two and a half miles in length, there was every reason to believe that the length of the zone would be doubled on the strike of the lode, and that great activity in the centre of Lebel township, where rich gold had been located at certain points both on surface and at depth, gave every encouragement to the present great efforts that were being made to bring into several new mines. Attention was drawn to the fact that Teck-Hughes had proved to be one of the richest gold deposits of recent times, and that Lake Shore, although now paying 80 p.c. per annum, was still a young mine and would in all probability be continued to double and treble the present depths, and increased output would gradually be built up.

A general description followed of the Rouyn gold field, where the Noranda Mine is operating its new smelter for the treatment of ore rich in copper and gold. Great activity was taking place and there were considerable possibilities for the development of other mines. This had led to the introduction of the railway, and a less primitive environment which would expand into an important metallurgical centre.

Going westward, the Manitoba field was described, where at the northeast corner of Lake Winnipeg and reaching back to the border of Ontario a number of gold mines are being developed, including the Central Manitoba Mine, which was under management of Messrs John Taylor & Sons, London, Manitoba, however, owed its prominence to the discovery of the base metals near its western border, where the Flin Flon and the Mandy, the Sherritt Gordon and several other copper deposits of first magnitude were being developed. Here again it has proved fortunate that what appeared to be an almost futile railway to The Pas had actually made it possible to consider a spur line into the Flin Flon copper area, the branch being about 85 miles in length, and now almost completed, permitting the establishment of another great smelter for the treatment of copper ores. Doubtless a secondary spur railway of some 35 miles would be put in to the Sherritt Gordon area, so that all told Manitoba was on the eve of becoming a great metallurgical centre, rivalling that of Quebec. In British Columbia also, important mineral development were taking place.

Emphasis was laid upon the fact that Canada was a great country, seeking to develop its mineral resources in a great way and to advance the well-being of its citizens and to play an adequate part in the development of the Empire in that quarter of the globe along the same lines as had made the United States a great nation by adding to the store of wealth from its mineral resources. It was pointed out that within recent years Canadians had come to recognize that mining was an extremely important factor in the development of their economic status. Taking the wealth won from Sudbury, Cobalt, Por-

cupine, Kirkland Lake and British Columbia, running into hundreds of millions sterling, and with new metalliferous areas of almost equal promise being brought into being in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the question arose as to whether the people in the homeland recognized as fully as they might what opportunities there were to participate in the future expansions.

Comparative figures were given indicating that Great Britain was playing, so far, a very inferior part toward financing the growth of the Empire in Canada, and the lecturer suggested that if that matter was neglected for lack of wise direction to the continued advantage of the United States, the question might well arise at a later period as to whom a more prosperous and populated Canada belonged, and whether the British Empire was drawing a fair share of the natural wealth to which only capital support could entitle it.

The lecturer closed on an appropriate note by quoting what he called the wise words of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales: "Canada, as I see her today, Canada, as all of us must see, is on the threshold of one of the most outstanding eras of its extension and development that the world has ever known. Canada, with all her natural resources, both human and material, still has room for more of the three commodities essential to national progress and prosperity, and those are, I think, good brains, good money and good work. She needs, I think, more of all those things, and if I have learned anything in my eight years' experience of Canada, it is that she wants them to be British."

MOTHERS FROM EVERY LAND CLOSE TO THE MANGER STAND

The following Christmas poem by Elizabeth Hurd Bourke, of Ottawa, has been forwarded to The Advance by a reader as worthy of a place in this Christmas edition:—

Mother from east and mothers from west,
 Mothers from every land,

Holding their soft warm babes to their breast,
 Mothers who work and mothers who rest,
 Close to the manger stand.

Close to the manger these mothers meet
 Early on Christmas morn,
 Hastening the Virgin Mother to greet
 Who bears on her breast a Babe so sweet
 God's little Son—new born.

"Glory to God"—how the angels sing—
 "Glory to God on high."
 Humbly these mothers their treasures bring
 To greet a baby—their Saviour King,
 Who must in a manger lie.

And the Maiden Mother turns her head
 These others for to see,
 These mothers close to the Christ Child's bed
 Who came so far and so softly tread,
 And smiles understandingly.

And up from His wondrous resting place
 She lifts the Holy Child,
 His eyes rest on every baby's face,
 He smiles on each with such tender grace,
 This Incarnate Babe so mild.

The babies stir on their mothers' breast,
 Their little faces bright,
 And nestle closer—these babes now blest

By the Christ Child lifted from Mary's breast—
 Was ever so sweet a sight.

Mother from east and mothers from west,
 Mothers from every land,
 Holding their soft warm babes to their breast,
 Mothers who work and mothers who rest,
 Close to the manger stand.

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