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**SIGHT OF INJURED MINER  
MAY BE SAVED AT TORONTO**

The condition of Arthur Hardy, one of the two men hurt in the recent fatal blasting accident at the Keeley mine, Silver Centre, continues favourable, reports reaching Cobalt from Toronto indicate. Hardy is a patient in the General Hospital in that city, where he was rushed on the evening after the mishap in an effort to save his eyesight. It is believed that one eye is now quite safe and that the other will not be permanently affected. A little rock remains in one, it is said by a fellow-patient who has just returned north, but it is thought this will work itself out. Hardy is able to recognize friends, although not able to read. He will be in hospital for some time yet, an official of the mine said last week.

Perth Expositor:—A word to the wise is often resented.

**HAMMELL EMPHASIZES THE  
PART PLAYED BY AVIATION**

Room for More Air Companies, Noted Mine Man Tells Engineers' Club at Montreal Last Week

The value of the airship to prospecting, mining and the North Country in general was stressed by John Hammell, noted mining man, in an address given last week to the Engineers' Club at Montreal. In introducing, or rather, presenting, the speaker, Dr. Frank D. Adams referred to him as "the most romantic figure in the history of Canadian mining." That is "going some," as most prospectors would phrase it, yet few would be ready to name a more colourful figure in recent mining affairs in this country. The idea hit the Engineers' Club at Montreal last week as a very apt description, and they listened with keen attention to all the speaker had to say. And he said much. He pointed out that his own airship company had gone the year through without a casualty. He referred to the many ways in which the airship could give a service not otherwise available by any other medium in Northern Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba. "His boys," as he called them, had covered over 100,000 miles without a serious accident, and this despite the fact that the country in which the flying took place lacked what would usually be considered the attributes making for safety. He went further and showed that the aeroplane method of prospecting was really more safe than the old-time methods. Many other interesting and helpful points were made by the able speaker of the day.

Mr. Hammell, who is president of the Northern Aerial Minerals Exploration Company, praised his staff of pilots and stated that it is due to them that many of the most important mining fields of the north country have been opened up.

"In 100,000 miles of flying in the north country by my boys, I am happy to relate there has not occurred a single air casualty. Most of our flying has been done over virgin territory, never before visited by white men, and we have now established bases and flying stations all over the north country, most of which are equipped with two years' supplies.

"All this we have accomplished in less than nine months. The planes have travelled from the Alaskan coast on the west to the Labrador coast on the east and from the transcontinental rail to the Arctic circle, carrying prospectors who have gained for the company several large new goldfields, as well as deposits of every known kind of metal.

"The aeroplane is the only feasible means of transportation in the north and from the viewpoint of safety since the first serious attempt to carry out prospecting by plane in 1926 there has not been a casualty to passengers, whereas by the old method of prospecting 42 men have lost their lives.

"The morale of the prospecting crews has increased tremendously because they have had all the worry of transportation of supplies and materials removed from them. When they are finished with any locality they together with their canoes, which are sectional, and other supplies, can be flown to other places in a fraction of a day.

"Three large bases and 26 mail bases of the company have been established to help fliers in the north country, and during the winter eight tons of supplies, 25 men and equipment had been flown into the Crow River properties of the company.

"More young men are needed to develop the north country, he said. "We are operating in a country which has tremendous rewards for those who are highly organized, know the game and are bold enough to strike deeply into the new areas.

"Hundreds of young men are sending in applications to the company to be tried at the game, which shows that the old spirit is still alive.

"The record of the company in one year is enough to justify the organization of other companies, as the experience now gained will be valuable to anyone else contemplating the breaking of new ground in the north country."

Blairmore, Alberta, Enterprise:—The very latest fish story comes from Pincher Creek, where a fellow named Fraser found his goldfish still and lifeless in frozen water, and on breaking the ice and lifting the fish out poured brandy down its throat to revive it. The next morning, which was much milder, the fish was again found motionless—pretending to be frozen in.

**BILL TO ASSURE SAFETY  
FOR MINERS UNDERGROUND**

Provisions in Full of Act Sponsored by Hon. Chas. McCrea. Follows Suggestions of Enquiry Report

Last week The Advance gave a summary of the bill introduced in the Legislature by Hon. Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines, to assure further safety for workers at the mines of the province. The bill is based on the recommendations in Judge Godson's report of the enquiry of the Royal Commission into the accident at the Hollinger Mine in February of last year. Several readers have asked for further particulars as to the wording of the new act, and as The Advance publishes herewith the full text of the act as printed after amendment in committee of the whole house, leaving out only the legal trimmings that are immaterial:—

1. This Act may be cited as The Mining Act, 1929.

2.—(1) Clause e of section 81 of The Mining Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:—(e) For the first instalment of work, except where the Minister of Lands and Forests has restricted the time for performing the same to a stated period, between the 16th day of November and the 15th day of April, both days inclusive, but this shall not have the effect of extending the time for the performance of any subsequent instalment of work.

2. The said section 81 is further amended by adding at the end of the words "but notwithstanding anything contained in this Act where the Minister of Lands and Forests has restricted the work to a stated period the work shall be performed within such period."

3. Subsection 1 of section 88 of The Mining Act is amended by inserting after the word "default," in the second line, the words "or the Minister at any time, after which such three months on report of the judge."

4. The Mining Act is amended by adding thereto the following sections: 156a. Every man employed as an underground foreman (meaning thereby one who is exclusively engaged in supervising the work of other men) shall be able to give and receive orders in the English language.

156b. The Inspector of Mines shall have the right to suspend any foreman or mine captain who is not familiar with or does not understand, the requirements of the regulations governing the operations of mines as contained in The Mining Act.

5. Rule 11 in section 161 of The Mining Act is amended by striking out the words "above ground" in the first line, so that the rule will now read as follows:

(1) No building for thawing explosives shall be maintained in connection with any mine except with the written permission of the Inspector of Mines. The site of this building and the style of structure and equipment shall be subject to the approval of the Inspector. The building shall be under the direction of the manager or some person authorized by him. The quantity of explosives brought into any thawing house at any one time shall not exceed the requirements of the mine for a period of 24 hours, plus the amount that it may be necessary to have thawing to maintain that supply.

6. Section 161 of The Mining Act is amended by adding thereto the following rules:

(38a) All underground buildings or enclosures necessary for the housing and maintenance of machinery or equipment shall be constructed as far as practicable of fire-proof material.

(38b) All fans except "Booster" fans shall be above ground and shall be reversible, and all fans and structures containing the same shall be fireproof.

(38c) Oil and grease kept underground shall be contained in suitable metal receptacles and the amount so kept shall not exceed the requirements for seven days.

(38d) There shall be a sufficient number of fire doors at every underground station where practicable so that the shaft can be completely cut off from the rest of the mine.

(38e) All inflammable refuse underground shall be removed at least once in every 24 hours, and shall be brought to the surface and there disposed of in a suitable manner.

(38f) Every shift boss and mine captain shall certify in writing to the mine manager at least once in every week, that there is no accumulation of inflammable refuse underground in the area under his supervision except as reported by him.

(38g) Suitable fire protection systems shall be installed at all underground crushers, triples, and in dry shafts.

(38h) Every mine which has a maximum production of 100 tons of ore per day, shall be equipped with the necessary mechanical apparatus so that the stench ethyl mercaptan may be introduced into the air line as a warning signal to underground workmen.

(38i) Legible signs showing the way to emergency exits shall be posted in prominent places underground and all workmen shall be instructed as to location of auxiliary exits.

7. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it receives the Royal Assent.

Pembroke Standard Observer:—The Board of Education, we think, will be well advised to allow for a yearly increase in the salaries of the teachers. There should be something for a good teacher to look forward to without having to be persistent in the request for an increase.

**GOLD HILL MINES PLACES  
FAITH IN LOWER LEVELS**

Details of the year's developments at Gold Hill mines are given in a letter by President D. H. Angus accompanying the notice of the company's annual meeting on March 27 and of the special meeting on the same date to increase the capitalization from 5,000,000 shares to 6,500,000 shares. Although the shares created by the increase in capitalization last May were sold at prices higher than the market price of the stock the sum realized by the company was not sufficient for it to complete the programme of development recommended by Victor A. James M.E., says Mr. Angus. Since development work on the upper levels was discontinued last July the shaft has been sunk from the 800-foot level to the 1,100-foot level and approximately 1,200 feet of crosscutting and drifting has been done on the 1,000 and 1,100-foot horizons. On the 1,100-foot level, where the vein was first encountered in the crosscut from the shaft, values were found over a greater width than prevailed on the upper levels, according to the report, and this condition extended along the vein for a length of approximately 130 feet. On this lowest level the conditions have been found to be much different than on the upper levels. Veins have been found which were not known to exist on the upper levels and the veins at this depth so far developed have shown greater width. When the present work was commenced it was believed that profitable ore bodies would be encountered at lower levels in the area lying some distance east of the shaft, states Mr. Angus. If profitable ore is encountered here development will probably be concentrated on this section of the mine and the downward extension explored by means of a winze in order to bring the mine into production as soon as possible. The plant and mill are being kept in good condition.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Pembroke Standard-Observer:—Ex-President Coolidge said that the one thing he made a success of in Washington was in minding his own business, which by the way is often a difficult thing for less important individuals.

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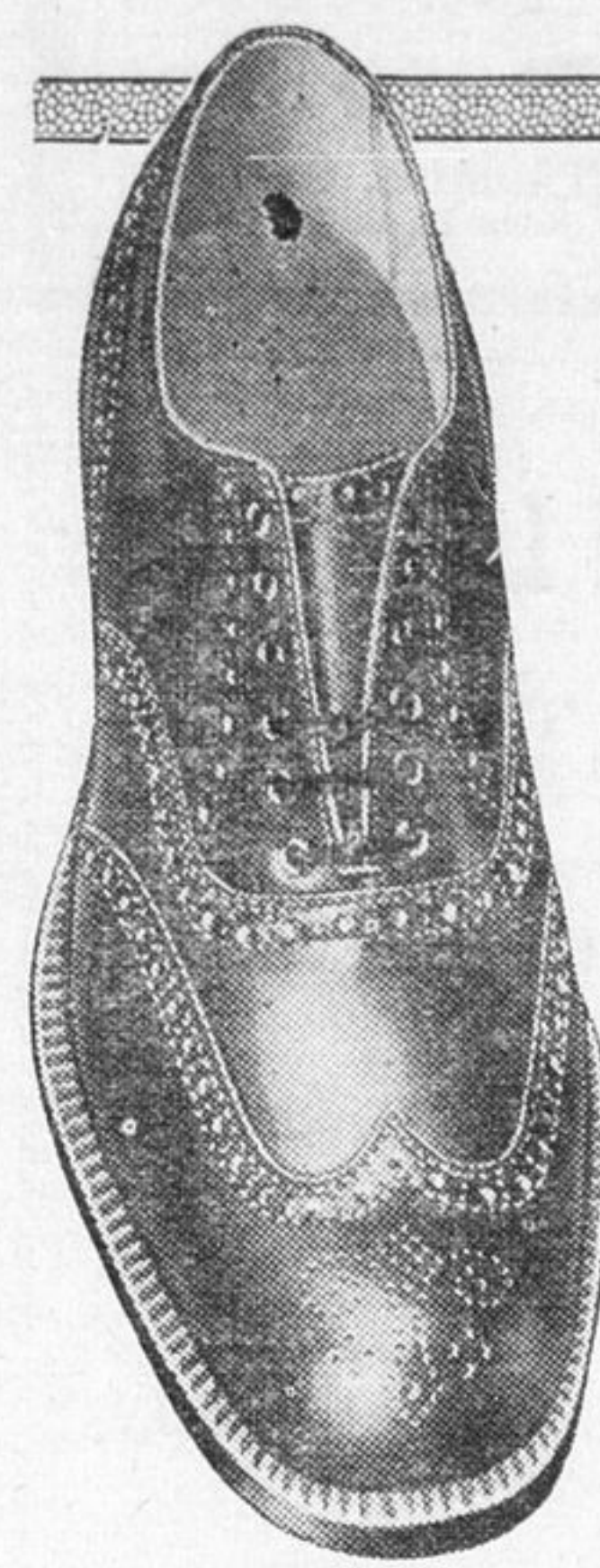
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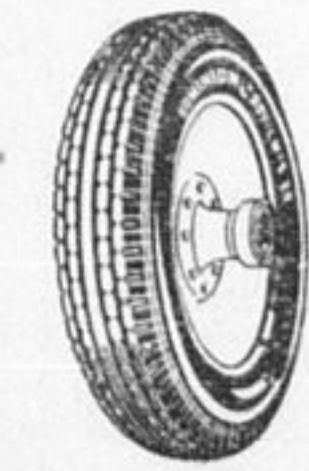
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