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RESULTS OF FIRST YEAR'S OPERATIONS AT RIDGEDOME

Ridgedome Cuts New Vein. Report of Engineer in Charge in Regard to Property Near Timmins.

Favourable developments are continuing on the Ridgedome property near Timmins, Ontario. C. J. B. Armstrong, engineer in charge reports under date of January 24th that he has cut a new six foot vein in the first diamond drill hole put down under his direction. In addition to encountering the vein the drills cut 23 feet of well mineralized porphyry, which constitutes the hanging wall.

This vein was found to dip at an angle of about 60 degrees and was cut at a depth of approximately 150 feet. Owing to having reached the vein at this depth the drill is now being moved to the East and will be set back so as to cut it again at a depth of around 300 feet. This work should be completed during February.

Assays from the core from the drilling just completed are being made and officials report that results of same will be available within the next week or ten days.

The following are the results of last year's operations on this property:

After a thorough examination of surface showings and geological conditions by leading geologists five major veins were disclosed. It was then decided to sink a two compartment vertical shaft on vein No. 1. During the month of June last year the collar of the shaft was started. Head frame 40 feet high consisting of 8 in. x 8 in. square timber and covered by corrugated iron was erected, together with power house, blacksmiths shop, water tower and tank, powder magazine and thaw house, bunk houses, cook house and office.

The power house contains complete power plant consisting of 50 h.p. locomotive type boiler, 6 x 8 Jenks hoist, a two drill Alley McLellan upright steam driven compressor, 6 x 4 x 6 Fairbanks Morse water pump for fire purpose, together with a boiler feed water pump.

During August shaft sinking operations were commenced and a two compartment shaft 7 x 10 outside the timbers was sunk and timbered with 8 x 8 square set to the 125 foot level.

After completing the cross cut during December, drifting was done on the vein East and West at this point. The vein showed up very strong and in places well mineralized.

It has been decided that the information obtained from shaft sinking is sufficient to warrant further exploration of other veins on the property with a view of ascertaining the best policy for mining operations on a large scale and preparations were made to start a diamond drilling campaign on veins No. 2, 3 and 4 near the centre of the mineralized vein area. This work has been started and has met with the above encouraging results.

In summing up the year's operations C. J. B. Armstrong, engineer in charge, says as follows, "The results have been in general very satisfactory. The sinking and drifting operations disclosed the fact that No. 1 vein has every appearance of going to depth and the position of the porphyry intrusion lying as it does close to the quartz vein and carrying values as encountered in the shaft proves that the geology on the Ridgedome property is practically the same as other producing mines in the Porcupine district as the major part of production coming from the Hollinger Mine is fine quartz veins close to the porphyry intrusion."

"In conclusion I might say that the operations to date on Ridgedome have been very satisfactory. Geographically the property is very favourably situated. Easily accessible in summer and winter. It has complete mining plant for underground operations on a large scale and the same geological conditions that have made producing mines elsewhere in the Porcupine camp. So that, with a considerable amount of money spent on development the Ridgedome should make a producing mine in the near future."

HYDRO POWER NOW IN USE AT THE HOWEY GOLD MINES

Information from the North is to the effect that power from the hydro-electric plant at Ear Falls was turned on last week and is now being delivered to the Howey Gold Mines in the Red Lake district. With power available development work at the mine will be speeded up and plans are also under way for the starting up of the mill about the middle of February. Officials state that the plant is now practically completed and it only requires a few finishing touches to enable it to go on production. It is understood that the mill will be started on a small tonnage but will be stepped up to 500 tons as soon as it has been run in. It is expected that the 500-ton rate will be maintained for some time and then gradually increased to the 750-ton schedule. According to J. E. Hammill, president, Howey has enough ore in sight to supply mill feed for several years, and as development proceeds to lower depths the outlook for the property becomes more promising.

Chicken thieves have attained the proportion of an epidemic in the Kirkland Lake area. A week or so ago the loss of no less than 55 chickens was reported to the Kirkland Lake police. One man lost 40 good chickens. Another man lost 15. The Kirkland Lake owners of poultry do not see much joke in this sort of thing.

The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine

By the Secretary-Treasurer.

At our last general meeting the following comrades were initiated into the Post:—A. B. Booth, J. W. Precious, W. A. Barr, R. P. Hardy, T. A. Court, A. Paquette, J. H. Sollett, B. Curtis, K. Sandford, G. E. Rhyno, Bertie Vine, George Gibson, D. Parks, J. Harvey, E. Finchen, R. M. Harris, John Park.

We have had seventeen applicants for membership during January this year. Many of our comrades who have application forms in cannot get to a general meeting, owing to being on night shift the year round, which is tough luck, but their dues still keep coming in, which helps out the Legion. We will have to try and work out a system, where they can be formally admitted to the Post. We also had an honorary member come forward at the general meeting, namely, Mr. W. Johnson. I have also great pleasure in stating that Mr. John Knox has again come forward as an honorary member. This brings our total to 10 honorary members and 170 members in good standing.

During the week the Legion was able to help another family, who were in distress in this district, through the Relief fund.

Everyone turn up on Monday, Feb. 10th, at 8 p.m. sharp for the whist drive and dance. Admission only 50 cents, and there are four prizes for

cards, and one lucky door ticket. The prizes are already bought, and as the entertainment committee are handling this drive and dance, everyone can be assured of a good time. The ladies of the Auxiliary, will be in charge of the refreshments, and we can rest assured that they will be of the first order. So everyone keep Monday, February 10th, in hand, and if any member has an intending member in view, bring him along, and we will make out his application form.

I had a letter from Comrade Danielson, and he certainly was glad to receive the tobacco sent, from the proceeds of the sale of his torch. The torch was resold again last Monday and the buyer was Comrade J. Nicholls. I have forwarded Comrade Danielson the sum of \$5.00 the proceeds of the sale. Comrade Danielson wishes to thank the members of Timmins Post, for their interest in his welfare. I'm sure we are all pleased to do what we can to help any comrade in need. That is what the Legion is for.

Legion business has been rather slack for a week or so, but I hope it will be brisk during February. We ought to try and beat our January record. Let's try and make the applicant list read "20 for February." It can be done.
—The Secretary-Treasurer.

ENCOURAGE WINTER BIRDS IN NORTH BY FEEDING THEM

When Miss Marsh, the well-known Canadian bird lover, was in Timmins last year, she was told there were not many winter birds in this part of the North Land. She made no reply in words at the time, but later pointed out and named a number of birds that could be seen around here at the time. There were a surprising number of different species. Accordingly, it is not correct to say that there are not many winter birds around here. It may be safe to say, however, that there are apparently more birds in the New Liskard district in the winter time than around Timmins. Perhaps some of the reasons for this may be that the folks in Temiskaming pay more attention to the birds. Probably, plans for helping the winter birds out in the matter of food and shelter may have something to do with it. There are one or two at least in the Temiskaming district who have particular standing in the matter of knowledge of bird life and bird lore. The interest taken in the birds is evidenced by the following article in the last issue of The New Liskard Speaker:—

"Said a gentleman to us the other day in our office, when asked if he knew any news. "No, I don't think I do. But you should have seen the Crimson-throated Grosbeaks enjoying themselves on a tree on the lawn of Mr. Ommond." He enlarged upon the pretty scene. We asked him to "write it up" and thought he had been fully persuaded, when he had another thought. "Ask Mr. Ommond," said he. "They are his Grosbeaks." A reader gives us the following interesting write-up of the winter birds seen at Uno Park and suggests that food be placed out to encourage these winter visitors. But read the letter. If a bird lover, you will enjoy it.

Dear Editor: I wonder how many of us who notice our winter birds flying over, scouting for food, have any out so as to make it a little easier for the feathered tribe to withstand the cold and so stay with us. What more charming sight would one ask than to see a flock of pine, or as we sometimes call them, rose breasted Grosbeaks, feeding on a few frozen cranberries which have been left on the bushes, the males looking as if their breasts were dyed with cranberry juice? These birds eat weed seeds as well and so benefit the farmer. Then our Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers would appreciate the picking of the meat bones we sometimes put in the stove. Often small boys would be delighted to climb the trees and tie these bones or some cheap suet, beyond the reach of cats or dogs, and just see how clean these woodpeckers will pick them. They will scarcely leave the bones. Our government values these birds so highly on account of their protection to our timber. Me thinks we should do our part in putting out a little extra feed in the cold weather. Chickadees and Nuthatches also like meat and the Cross Bills like salt.—Readers."

ANOTHER TRIBUTE TO THE IMPERIAL WELSH SINGERS

Timmins music-lovers are fortunate in the fact that they will have opportunity to hear the Imperial Welsh Singers, one of the most noted choral organizations of the day. The Imperial Welsh Singers will present two concerts in Timmins under the auspices of the Timmins Welsh Choir. These concerts will be given in the United Church, Timmins, on Friday and Saturday of this week, Feb. 7th and 8th. The reserved seat plan is at the Molsley & Ball drug store.

The Advance makes no apology for giving special space and attention to this event. It is an occasion that is particularly noteworthy. From all sides come comments in regard to the Imperial Welsh Singers. Elsewhere in this issue will be found a note from a Peterborough gentleman, a voluntary and unsolicited testimonial to the remarkable quality of the Imperial Welsh Singers. In all the newspapers in all the cities in which this choir appeared recently there have been words of the highest praise. The Advance was particularly impressed with the comments from some of the town weeklies. The

PROSPECTS APPEAR TO BE PROMISING AT MATHESON

Many Properties Now Being Worked. Correspondent Believes District Has Greater Mines Than Those Already Discovered

Writing from Matheson a correspondent of The Advance says:—"In Wilkie township, north of the town, camps are being built and a number of men will be employed on the Wilkie claims where considerable work is to be done. Also, it is almost certain the old Golden Pyramid, which adjoins the Croesus, is to start work in the near future. The Rhodes claim is expected to start again soon and the Hyslip Mines will also be doing considerable work. The Potterdoal continues to ship ore and rumours say it is looking better.

"Matheson lies directly east of Porcupine gold camp, and on a clear day this country can be seen plainly from the tower at the Vipond Mine. With Kirkland Lake camp a short distance south of Matheson, and Porcupine a short distance west, there is almost sure to be three or four great gold mines in the Matheson district somewhere. The richest gold in Ontario was found 14 miles east of the town. There is yet no place in Ontario where the chances are better for finding more gold mines of importance than in the country east and south of Timmins, in the Matachewan area and then east to Kirkland. It is in this area that all the greatest gold mines are, and they were so easily found. Jack Hammill, it is said has proved the only new gold mine in ten years. The writer claims that if certain townships not far from Porcupine were thrown open he feels sure he could have a mine in ten days. It is hoped that with so much work to be done at Matheson that a mine of importance will be found. It is quite a walk across country from Porcupine to Kirkland Lake by way Matheson, then south, and anyone who undertook to do it, I am sure would be walking over greater mines than we have at present.

"The writer could see the bright reflection of the Dome mill burning from his window at Matheson, and it is not more than thirty miles straight west. "Stuart Abate claims also are expected to do further operations. This property lies directly east of the Rhodes gold find. Stuart Abate should prove to be a mine after sufficient work is done as there have been wonderful showings on their main veins and different engineers who have taken assays from this property claim it has every earmark of a mine."

weeklies usually have no special musical department editor, and so are more likely to reflect more accurately the popular opinion. The comment of The St. Mary's Journal-Argus was particularly interesting. After detailing what it considered as the very fortunate combination of circumstances that resulted in the people of St. Mary's having opportunity to hear the Imperial Welsh Singers in a St. Mary's hall, The Journal-Argus concludes as follows:—

"The Singers are composed of a group of fourteen male artists, every one of whom is an exceptional soloist, and the choir is considered by those qualified to judge, to be as fine a combination of male voices as has ever visited Western Ontario. Conductor Festyn Davies conducted these superb voices that sing like an orchestra. Their tone was brilliant and resonant in favourite passages and wonderfully sweet in subdued passages. The selections were particularly happy for a popular audience, including many of the old-time favourites, such as:—"Old Black Joe," "Kentucky Babe," "Just a-wearying for You," "Mary O'Neil," "The Blind Ploughman," and some old Welsh Folk Songs."

Ottawa Journal—The Canadian Press cable from London carries the report that while Britain may be ready to cut down materially on battleships and cruisers, she is headed to beat the world in commercial aviation. Plans are under way to link every part of the Empire with swift communications, transport and passenger service.

Baltimore American—A new method of growing seed oysters has been made known here. Instead of strewing the seed oysters over a wide area of the oyster bed, structures, with a number of floors are being built and lowered into the ocean in favorable areas. Seed oysters can be placed in layers and more of them can be raised in every bed.

London (England) Chronicle—A West London registrar was recently faced with a marriage problem. A young man came in to be married and when the license was produced it was revealed that the girl accompanying him was not his intended, but her sister, whom he had brought to serve as "proxy." His fiancée, he explained, was ill, and since they wanted to be married within a short time, he had asked the sister to serve as proxy. The marriage was not performed.

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