

ONTARIO'S GOLD OUTPUT RECORD ONE FOR NOVEMBER

Gain in Production Due to Increase in Porcupine Output. Dome Mines Again in the List of Producers. Figures for the Eleven Months.

Gold production in Ontario valued at \$3,063,865 for the month of November created a high monthly record for the year, and exceeded October's output by \$22,433. The gain in production was largely a result of increased output in the Porcupine camp, which totalled \$1,517,137 for the month.

Dome Mines was added to the list of producers during November, and was responsible for a good portion of the increased output. For the month under review, production exceeded that of November, 1929, by \$50,504. Ore milled last month at 380,586 tons showed a gain of 75,105 tons over the total of 305,481 tons reported for the corresponding month of last year.

For the 11 months ending with November gold production totalled \$32,318,621, as compared with \$30,341,894 for the corresponding 11 months of 1929, according to figures compiled by the Ontario Department of Mines.

During the 11 months of this year ore milled amounted to 3,544,722 tons, which is a decline of 120,837 tons under the total of 3,665,579 tons treated last year.

According to the increased production of gold and the decline in ore treated, it is clearly shown that ore values that passed through the mills this year were generally higher than those of the previous year, despite the fact that large tonnages of development ore were treated by Ontario mines in recent months.

Toronto Mail and Empire:—Letters exchanged between Shaw and Ellen Terry indicate a sentimental warmth on the part of the dramatist which is hardly in keeping with his vegetarian practices. One recalls a remark that another celebrated actress, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, once made to him. "Lor, Mr. Shaw," she said, "Once of these days you will eat a pork chop, and then God help us poor women."

Claims That Canada is Wasting Too Much Timber

In a recent interview Frank J. D. Barnjum, widely known as an advocate of forest conservation, said:—"I think Canada will not learn her lesson until it is too late. True, we are having a tree survey. But that will take five years, and during that time we shall lose a great deal more timber in fires, and we already know only too well how few trees we have left. The pulp people too, have not learned to conserve. Despite the present low price of paper—and I saw some go to South America the other day at a lower price than I had ever heard before—new machinery is still coming in. They continue to cut down more and more, and instead of conserving their paper and holding the price up, they are heedlessly throwing all they can on the market, apparently unwilling to learn a lesson.

"Just to show you what conservation really can mean, let me tell you about English oak that sells for \$1,500 per 1,000 feet in Germany. Now the Ontario grower would probably get about \$25 for same amount. The German producer always is just a little short. Hence the high price. If some of the Canadian lumbermen would take heed, instead of having no regard for the future, perhaps the future of the lumber industry would be brighter.

"The waste on the British Columbia coast is enormous. After they have cut off their big trees, there is more timber left on the land than you would get off the corresponding area in Ontario. In Ontario you would probably cut about 5,000 feet of timber off an acre. They leave as waste 20,000 feet to the acre.

"Much of the land all the way up the lake of St. John line is burned off, and you can travel in British Columbia for hours through burned off lands.

"To get an idea of how much wood is required in the world, the United States alone uses a pile of it, four feet long, four feet wide, and 369,000 miles long!"

North Bay Nugget:—Oysters may be delicacies, but to four young chaps in a restaurant the other day were merely fish that spoiled a soup, which looked as if it "had milk in it."

DEATH OF COL. R. LEONARD PROMINENT MINE ENGINEER

Had Many Interests in the North and was Widely Known Here. Noted for his Many Philanthropic Activities.

Hundreds of people in this part of the North Land will learn with very sincere regret of the death at his home in St. Catharines on Wednesday morning of last week of Lt.-Col. Reuben Wells Leonard, prominent Canadian engineer and philanthropist. He was 70 years of age at the time of his death, and had taken a prominent part in the development of the North Land through his mining interests and his belief in the future of this country as a mining centre.

Col. Leonard's benefactions were many and generous and while the cause of education in Ontario received particular assistance his contributions towards Canadian and British causes were noteworthy. Included among these was the purchase and delivery to the British Government of Chatham House, London.

While a civil engineer by profession Col. Leonard entered the financial world 25 years ago interesting himself particularly in Ontario mines. His ventures were successful. He was for many years president of Coniagas Mines, Limited, a silver mine, and one of the most profitable in the Cobalt area.

Col. Leonard first entered railway construction work with the C.P.R. and was staff officer of transport during the Northwest Rebellion in 1885. He was also engineer of the first electrical development at Niagara Falls and later of the enlargement of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company's plant.

An ardent student of politics, Col. Leonard was enthusiastic to lend his moral and financial support to any movement which promised to improve a Government, or strengthen the bonds of Imperialism, of which he was a strong supporter. He was strong in his advocacy for closer union of component parts of the Empire.

During the Great War he gave much of his time and money to patriotic movements and other work tending to promote Canada's whole-hearted participation in the fray.

During a most successful financial career, Col. Leonard served as a director of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and other such companies, but his positions in charitable work were more numerous. He lent financial support to practically every branch of this direction, including the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, of which he acted as honorary vice-president; the Royal Colonial Institute of London, Eng., and many Canadian hospitals, especially consumptive sanatoriums.

Born in Brantford, Ont., a son of Francis Henry Leonard, a warden of Brant County, Reuben Wells Leonard was educated at the Royal Military College, Kingston, from which he graduated as a silver medalist. He is survived by his widow, who was Kate Rowlands, of Kingston, Ont.

Barrie Examiner:—Does a pig think? asks the Stayner Sun. Last week a firm of butchers in the town purchased a pig from the local stock yards and took it to their slaughter house. The following morning the porker could not be found. It was learned the pig had been purchased from James Graham, living on the townline. A call was put in and the proposed bacon supply found among his old-time friends after travelling a distance of nearly two miles under fences and across fields to get home. Thus endeth the first chapter of a lively piece of pork. Whether he has brains or not he must be given credit for getting home.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT USAGE ON CONTRACTS AND IN BUSH

Men Working on Contracts in Cochrane District Alleged to be Wrongfully Treated. Improper Charges and Deductions Made, it is Claimed.

There are a number of complaints made throughout the district as to the usage given employees by some men and firms hiring help. It may be argued that there are always such complaints and that they should not be taken too seriously. As a matter of fact, it appears that at present all complaints from men working should be taken very seriously and investigated by the authorities. No firm should be allowed to make money improperly at the expense of labour in these present difficult times, and particularly is this true in regard to the men employed on Government work or on contracts farmed out from Government contracts.

The bad example set by the Ontario Department of Northern Development in actually cutting wages to \$2.40 per day has had its evil effect apparently on the contractors who are making money from Government work. The Advance registered complaints several months ago in regard to the rate of pay given on the work done directly or indirectly under the auspices of the Ontario Government north of Cochrane. There was an increase of pay given and for a time reports were favourable. In recent times, however, the stories coming down from the area north of Cochrane and the reports given by men returning to this area from that work all would suggest that things are not as they should be. It would appear that a thorough investigation should be conducted by the authorities and the results of the investigation made public. Someone should get a term in jail. If the stories are made out of whole cloth those responsible for these slanders should be sent where they belong. If they have basis of fact then the people responsible for the mean form of graft indicated should be given a term behind bars. The day has surely gone by when contractors or others can profit unduly by use of improper methods that mean serious hardship to men honestly employed. Some of the stories coming down from Cochrane are very disquieting, to say the least, and they should be very thoroughly investigated.

The regular correspondent of The North Bay Nugget at Cochrane last week took up the question in extended way and voiced the complaints made by the men. The Government can not afford to allow the matter to rest there. There should be an investigation and punishment for wrong-doing whether the evil is in spreading false reports or in carrying through improper practices. It is certain, however, that all the reports are not false, for at least one police court case recently at Cochrane showed how some men failed to receive adequate return for their labour. The Cochrane correspondent referred to last week had the following dispatch dated in Cochrane:—

"Rarely a week passes that provincial and town policemen do not receive complaints from men just returned from the bush or from construction contracts that they have not been paid the full amount of pay coming to them. All these complaints are fully investigated and in almost every instance, the police find the men have a just grievance, but unfortunately in very few cases have they a legal remedy. Experienced bushmen with a reputation for being industrious workers are refusing to take jobs on contracts under any circumstances, preferring to remain idle to working hard for months for what amounts to no more than their board. Your correspondent has been told by some men that they are better off to stay around town working at odd jobs for their board and a few cents extra than to go into the bush.

"One man recently returned from a job on which he had worked two months and received only \$2.00 at the completion of the job. He had bought only a pair of rubbers, a windbreaker and some tobacco, but had been charged so high for them and for his board that there was nothing left. On most jobs the men are compelled to purchase any clothing they require from their employer, and are charged an exorbitant price for it.

"On one construction job near here, now completed, the men were paid by cheque. The only place to cash their cheque was at the company store and the store-keeper discounted each cheque 50 cents for cashing it. Most of the men were foreigners and did not know enough to complain.

"The evil is aggravated by the system of sub-contracting, and in many cases the actual employer of the men is not to blame. The contract may be awarded originally at a fair price, but the contractor divides the job among sub-contractors, and in cases even the sub-contractors re-sub-contract. The result is that after the contractor and the first sub-contractor, who do no actual work, have received their rake-off there is nothing left for the men. They must either work at starvation wages or not at all.

"There is evidence also that some of the large employers of labour are taking advantage of the present unemployment situation in a manner which they would not do if men were scarcer. Last week a group of men were sent to Frasersdale, destined to the Canyon, by the government employment bureau in Timmings. The men had been requested by the contractors on the Abitibi Canyon development. Arrived at Frasersdale, to which place they had paid their own fare from Timmings, they were notified that there had been a mistake and that they were not requir-

ed. They had to pay their return fare back to Timmings.

"A local employment agent, discussing the matter yesterday, declared that contractors were deliberately refusing work to married men, to whom they would have to pay enough to keep their family, and hiring single men, usually foreigners. There are more employed in Cochrane than in any other town in the North with the exception of Sudbury, but instead of employing men from Cochrane, they are sending to Timmings, Kirkland Lake, Cobalt and other towns where the unemployment situation is not acute.

"Recently, two men, well and favourably known to the police as industrious workers, married men, but now in destitute circumstances, from the police point of view deserving citizens, applied at the provincial police office for help. The police had been led to believe that any men in the district really deserving of work and actually destitute would be given employment at the Canyon, so these two men had their way paid to Frasersdale. Arrived there they were told that there was a misunderstanding, there was no work for them and they were not allowed into the camp.

"Treatment such as men returning from the bush complain of, and which your correspondent is reliably informed is not exaggerated in any way, is creating a dangerous sentiment in the hearts of the unemployed in the district. Men without a trace of "Red" sympathy, native Canadians, English and French, as well as British born and foreigners, have reached the stage where they simply refuse to accept jobs in the bush.

"What is the use?" they ask. "We slave at the hardest work there is, only to be beat out of our wages at the end." The sense of injustice is growing, and one has only to listen to the conversations where unemployed congregate to realize that it would not take much encouragement to bring about violent action."

Port Arthur News-Chronicle—President Beatty of the C. P. R. told the Engineering Institute at Toronto that in a five year test period only \$237.05 has been lost by the company because of defalcations by employees, while during the period money to the amount of over a billion passed through their hands. That is a remarkable record and one which is certainly creditable to the men who conduct the business of the railway in so wide a field.

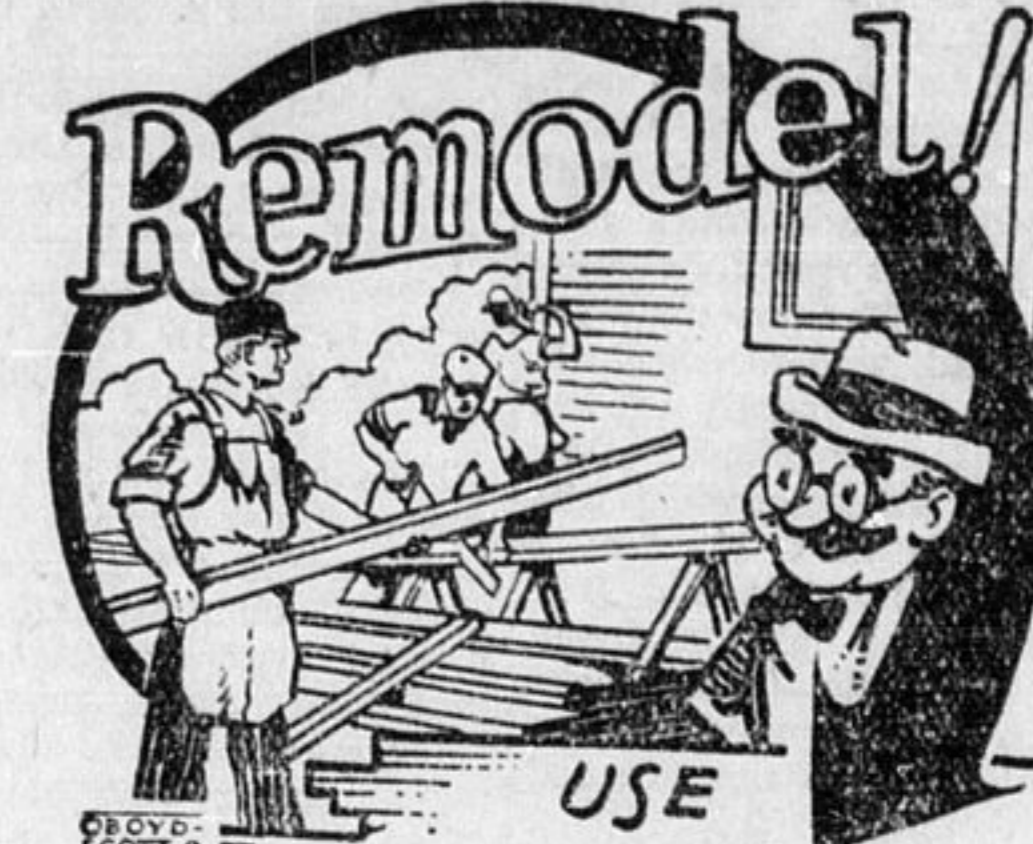
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