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CANADA'S MINE INDUSTRY DURING THE YEAR 1930

Maintenance of Production at the Mines had Stabilizing Influence on Business. Prospects for Present Year are Even Better.

Dr. Charles Camsell, Deputy Minister of Mines for Canada, has been reviewing the mining industry in Canada during the past year. He believes that the mining industry in the Dominion had a notable effect in stabilizing business and industry generally and in this he will be supported by most thoughtful students of industrial affairs. Dr. Camsell also, it would appear, looks forward to 1931 as a year of probable expansion and development in the mining industry. With the general revival of business in Canada an impetus will be given to the mining industry.

Dr. Camsell points out that the mining and related metallurgical industries have to quite an extent suffered from the business conditions that prevailed during the past year. The "quantity" mineral production for 1930, however, may approach the total for 1929, which gives clear evidence that in a year of generally decreasing production the mining industry has been an important stabilizing influence because of the employment for labour and the market for various commodities which it has provided.

Exploration, prospecting, and development of new properties have not been prosecuted to the wide extent characteristic of recent years. However, many exploration and mining companies have quietly and aggressively continued their search both near and far, for new mineral occurrences and have proceeded with the examination of discoveries made in 1929 and 1930.

Decreased prices as compared with 1929 of all mineral products except gold and nickel have led generally to curtailment of development programmes at established properties. It is worthy of note, however, that such developments carried out at several properties in the more important mining camps throughout the country have been rewarded with satisfactory results.

The year marked the largest development in ore-dressing and metallurgical operations ever recorded in the history of the Canadian mining industry. The larger part of the expansion was confined to mines producing the base metals and to gold mines, and included the putting into operation of a copper refinery with a rated capacity of 120,000 tons of refined copper a year at Copper Cliff, Ontario; the construction of a concentrator, a copper smelter, and an electrolytic zinc plant at Flin Flon, Manitoba; the commencement of a fertilizer plant at Trail, British Columbia; the enlargement of gold mills at Porcupine and Kirkland Lake, Ontario; and the beginning of construction on a copper refinery at Montreal East, Quebec.

Metal production for the first nine months of 1930 was higher in quantity but lower in value than for the corresponding 1929 period. Non-metallic production for the same period was lower both in value and in quantity. In the fuel group the coal output was lower while that of petroleum was considerably higher. The production of structural materials was lower for the 1930 period.

An official estimate of the value of mineral production in Ontario in 1930 is given as \$114,000,000 as against \$117,960,722 in 1929, and \$100,083,122 in 1928. British Columbia estimates a 20 per cent. decrease in value. Estimates for the other provinces are not yet available but taking into account such information as is obtainable, the value of Canada's mineral production for 1930, notwithstanding very low prices, will probably approximate that of the year 1928.

During the year the Dominion, and several of the Provincial Governments, enacted legislation or made appropriations with a view to benefiting the industry. The central of the natural resources of the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba was transferred from the Dominion to the respective Provincial Governments. To determine the cost of moving coal from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Alberta into the central provinces, the Dominion Government authorized the extension for another year of assistance in freight rates. Somewhat similar assistance was provided for the movement of coal from Saskatchewan, Alberta, and the Crownest area of British Columbia into areas in Manitoba where imported coal has been offering serious competition. Funds were also provided for the construction of new ore-dressing laboratories at Ottawa.

On the whole conditions in the mining and metallurgical industries have been better than might have been anticipated earlier in the year and when business improves throughout the world, the mining industry in Canada will, no doubt, quickly respond to such stimulus.

Winnipeg Free Press.—Bruce Barton, advertising man, cites a theory that depressions usually last eighteen months, a period otherwise measured by the average man's possession of two suits of clothes. When both pairs of pants wear out hard times end. Here's hoping there are not too many two-pants suits in circulation!

Public Faith Involved Regarding Indian Rights

That further thrashing out in the law courts of the Indians' rights to trap where the encroaching white man has passed his game laws contrary to what the Indians believe are their treaty rights, is inexpedient at the present time, was the suggestion given by first divisional court at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, last week. It was a question in which the public faith was involved. Chief Justice Sir William Muirlock said.

The case of Joe Padjena and Paul Quesawa, White Lake Indians, accused of having beaver pelts in their possession out of season, had been spoken to by C. M. Garvey, K.C., on the part of the province of Ontario. He was appealing against the quashing of their conviction by Judge McKay, of Thunder Bay.

M. H. Ludwig, K.C., speaking for the federal department of Indian affairs, was anxious to have concluded a case which had been delayed and put over for many months. He contended, however, that the Ontario government had no power to curtail the hunting rights of the Indians in view of the old treaties made with the wilderness people by the crown. "These people hunt for food," he said.

"I understand," said the chief justice, "that this was argued 14 years ago and no decision was given. It is a large question and one in which the public faith is involved. I think the court of today should hold, as did that of 14 years ago, this is inexpedient that this question be further litigated. "You might communicate this to those for whom you are acting. If they insist on going on with it, then it is our duty to hear it. Meanwhile, let it stand over for two weeks."

REPORTED TO HAVE ADDED TO INTERESTS IN SISCOE

A despatch last week from Rouyn says:—"Lindsay and Timmins interests are reported to have increased their holdings in Siscoe Gold Mines, and with plans for this company to increase its scope of operations. It was announced some time ago that Noah Timmins of Montreal and Thayer Lindsay of Toronto had become involved in the ownership of Siscoe Gold, and it now develops that these interests are also aggressive toward interesting themselves in other properties in this part of the Quebec mining field. In having maintained production during the past 12 months on a favourable grade of ore, the Siscoe Gold has attracted a new wave of interest."

The next regular meeting of the town council will be held on Monday afternoon, Jan. 26th, commencing at 4 p.m.

STATESWOMAN COMING HERE



ELLEN WILKINSON British Labour Member of Parliament, and known as the smallest woman in the British House of Commons, who is en route to this continent for a five weeks' lecture tour. Miss Wilkinson will investigate the unemployment situation and the distribution of pure milk.

Schedule of Hollinger Inter-Department Hockey

There is some good being shown in the Hollinger Inter-Department hockey league. The Advance last week received the schedule of games for this league, but it was too late for publication in last week's issue. It is given herewith.

It should be noted that all games start at 7.30 p.m.

The following is the schedule of games from the opening of the league this season:— Jan. 6—Mill vs Mine; Shops vs Office. Jan. 14—Shops vs Mill; Mine vs Office. Jan. 19—Mill vs Office; Shops vs Mine. Jan. 28—Mine vs Mill; Office vs Shops. Feb. 11—Mill vs Shops; Office vs Mine. Feb. 17—Office vs Mill; Mine vs Shops. Feb. 25—First team vs Second team. March 3—Second team vs First team. March 11—Third game, if necessary, to decide the winners of the league.

Fergus News-Record.—The Conservative and Liberal parties in Ontario both have rich farmers as their leaders now. Who can still maintain that there is no money in farming?

Hoyle School Best of Its Class in District

The following letter received this week speaks for itself:—

Hoyle, Ont., Jan. 15th, 1931 To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—On the evening of the 13th inst., the annual school board meeting of the Hoyle-Matheson school district was held in the local school, a large number of the ratepayers being present and keen interest felt in the affairs on the school section. The reading of the annual report revealed a healthy state of the school finances. "A matter of much satisfaction" to all concerned is the fact that the local school has been brought up to a standard where it is regarded by the inspector as the best-conducted school of its class in his inspectorate.

In regard to the above it may be mentioned that through the leadership and guidance of Mr. A. C. White and those associated with him such a splendid record has been made. And being a pioneer trustee in other localities perhaps our feeling is that those who have laid the foundation and reared the structure there are entitled to a measure of appreciation not always received. The thought of service well rendered is in itself a very great satisfaction.

Part of the business of the evening was the election of a trustee, Mr. White's term of office having expired. Mr. White was nominated, also Mr. Passaw. On a poll being taken Mr. Passaw was elected.

It may be said that Mr. Passaw is an untried man in school or municipal management. There will be problems that will require very sound judgment. The community will watch with keen interest and perhaps with some concern as to the course of events.

—CHAS. J. DAWSON.

SCAFFOLD PLANK SNAPS AT KIRKLAND AND MAN DIES

The snapping of a plank supporting a scaffold at the Lake Shore mill at Kirkland Lake last week resulted in the death of Marvin A. Walker who fell some 26 feet and fractured his skull. A verdict of accidental death was returned by the coroner's jury. The late Marvin Walker was only 22 years of age at the time of death. He was born in Renfrew County and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anson Walker.

Estevan (Saskatchewan) Mercury.—An African game hunter says the terrors of that continent are greatly exaggerated, and that a man can cross it safely with no other weapon than a pea shooter and a harmonica. The humane hunter, of course, will draw the latter weapon only in self defence.

OTTAWA TO HOLD BIG WINTER CARNIVAL



OTTAWA takes to the hills in earnest when she holds her annual winter carnival, which this year embraces a complete week of sports events from February 2 to February 7. There will be the renewal of the 100-mile dog derby for the Chateau Laurier \$1000 Gold Cup; National and International speed skating races; ski jumping competitions; fancy skating; international hockey matches, and, since the young people are as ambitious as the grownups, a junior dog derby for which boys and girls of

Ottawa and district towns are now training their dogs. The winter carnival week programme at Ottawa is filled with activities for spectators and participants alike. The plans include a skating extravaganza, "Aladdin and his Magic Lamp," with more than 100 fancy skaters in costume; bonfire of Christmas trees and moccasin dances; carillon recitals on Parliament Hill and then, to make the Ottawa winter carnival more unique, aquatic sports in the

swimming bath of the Chateau Laurier hotel. Photographs show, top: International speed skaters preparing for their championship race; Lower left, Emile St. Godard, defender of the Chateau Laurier Gold Cup which he won in 1930 hundred mile dog derby, and right, one of the ski-jumping champions of Canada going off the take-off at the Rockcliffe Park jump in an attempt to establish new distance records.—Canadian National Railways photograph.

DIAMOND DRILL RESULTS VERY GOOD IN MATACHEWAN

Cores From Ashley-Garvie Claims Said to be Unusually Promising. Shaft to be Sunk on Discovery Claims. Looking More Like Big Find All the Time.

Reports from Matachewan would suggest that the camp is even better than expected. Diamond drill cores from the original discovery on the Ashley-Garvie claims are very encouraging. Jos. Brisson, of Timmins, an old-time prospector of this camp, returned last week from Matachewan, and to say that he was enthusiastic is not to overstate the case. "When you can walk for three hundred feet over a strike that shows gold right along," he says, "you surely will take notice." He says that free gold can be seen in nearly any sample taken from the strike. He is certain that the Matachewan find is to be a big thing.

The results of the recent diamond drilling on the Ashley-Garvie claims, the discovery that caused the rush, are proving very encouraging. The results have been so satisfactory that the Mining Corporation of Canada, who are working the property, are understood to have decided to proceed with active mining operations as soon as possible. It is understood that a mining plant will be installed at an early date and that a start will be made in the sinking of a shaft. An official memorandum from the head office of Mining Corporation with reference to the Bannockburn claims in Matachewan reads as follows:—

"The Mining Corporation of Canada, Limited, has received assay returns from two more drill cores taken from the Ashley vein of their Bannockburn property.

"The four drill holes so far completed cover a total length of 175 feet on the strike of the vein, and have cut the vein at an average depth of 85 feet on the dip of the vein. The average assay results of all cores have shown commercial ore over a stoping width, the vein showing strong and regular in all holes. "One of the cores just received was taken from under the swamp at a distance of 39 feet from the most southerly surface showing of the vein.

"Two more holes have been started, one of them 75 feet farther to the south in the swamp, the other 100 feet farther to the north, which will make a total of 350 feet on the strike of the vein.

"The assays from the cores to date have caused the Mining Corporation to decide on sending as soon as possible a complete mining plant to start shaft-sinking on the Ashley vein."

In regard to the diamond drilling operations it may be noted that four diamond drill holes covering the strike of the exposure over a length of 175 feet have revealed commercial values over a stoping width of about six feet to an average depth of 85 feet. Two more holes have been started, but in the meantime preparations are being made to ship a mining plant to the property to commence shaft sinking on the vein.

The success met with by the Mining Corporation of Canada in working the Ashley-Garvie claims has naturally encouraged others to proceed with work on properties in the area. To this end a number of syndicates and mining companies have been formed or are in course of formation. It is understood that a separate company, an auxiliary to Mining Corporation of Canada has been formed to look after the Ashley-Garvie development. Then there are others. A number of syndicates are reported as finding little trouble in securing a good market for their units in Toronto and also in some other Southern Ontario centres. An issue of units in the Matachewan Argyle Syndicate is being offered in Sudbury. These claims are located to the north of the Mining Corporation group and approximately on the strike of the discovery. The Scourough Syndicate, organized by the McDonough brothers, is also offering an issue of units on claims staked south and west of the Ashley-Garvie finds.

A prospector returning some days ago to Timmins after a trip into Matachewan, said there were about 45 men in the camp, with another 15 or 16 steadily engaged in carting in supplies.

The chief need of the new camp is adequate and convenient transportation facilities. There is a road in from Elk Lake but it is like the rocky road to Dublin; it is full of hills and dunes and long detours. Elk Lake is having a great revival but Elk Lake has not the facilities for handling the crowds of men going in and out of the new camp. Also, there is a general feeling that Elk Lake can not give the service nor supply the needs nearly as well as a town like Timmins could do. The average prospector going into the district seems to believe that the best thing that could happen to Matachewan, or the Bannockburn field would be the connecting-up by road of Timmins and the new gold camp. With such connection those at work in Matachewan would be able to secure anything and everything needed in the work of exploration and development.

London Punch:—Looking back over the years, the proverbial line of least resistance seems to be a woman's waist line.

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