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Preliminary Report on New Sturgeon River Gold District

Department of Mines Issues Timely Review of the Jellicoe and Other New Gold Sections in the Thunder Bay District. Report of Geologist on Number of Leading Claims in New Gold Area.

(E. L. Bruce)

Four days in September were spent by the writer in company with the Provincial Geologist, H. C. Rickaby, in the area north of Jellicoe between the Namewaminikan (Sturgeon) river and Windigokan lake. Discoveries of gold-bearing quartz veins were made in that area during the summer, and a large number of claims were staked. Brief visits were made to the Brookbank, Knox, Springer, Barnum-Green, Wood-Brown, and Brennan-Kenty groups of claims. The Brookbank, Knox, and Springer claims are located immediately south of Clear creek which drains Windigokan lake to the Sturgeon river. The Brookbank group consists of twenty-four claims; the Knox claims are in two groups consisting of nine claims to the west of the Brookbank. To the west of the western Knox claims is a group of claims staked by the Karl Springer Syndicate. About two miles farther north in the valley of the Sturgeon river are the Barnum-Green claims, under option to the Agaura Syndicate; the Wood-Brown claims, which are being developed under the direction of the Coniagas Mines, Limited; and the Brennan-Kenty claims.

Brookbank Claims (Connell)

On the Brookbank claims the rocks are massive greenstones. Along the top of a ridge extending in an east-west direction there is a fractured zone 8 to 12 feet in width. At the west end the strike is N. 85° E., but towards the east it swings to N. 55° E. The fractures contain a net work of quartz veinlets, and in places the rock along the quartz-filled cracks is altered to a reddish material, which seems to be made up mainly of feldspars. In many

the shore of Knox lake the vein is 2 feet in width. It is traceable for 500 feet from the lake, and other outcrops farther west may be a continuation of it. At a point 400 feet from the lake the vein has widened to 15 feet of quartz and wall rock altered to reddish material similar to that just described on the Brookbank claims. Both in the vein and in the altered wall rock pyrite cubes are rather abundant. No systematic sampling has yet been done, but gold can be panned from weathered material.

Springer Claims

The Springer claims lie at the west end of Knox lake. A short distance south of the lake a vein 2 to 4 inches in width has been traced for about 100 feet. The strike is nearly east-west. The vein carries a moderate amount of pyrite, and fairly high assays are reported from samples assayed.

Claims South of the Sturgeon River

Few outcrops of rock occur along the Sturgeon river in the part of its course below Martin rapids. Apparently the valley is a pre-glacial one, filled during the glacial period with sand and gravel in which the river is now excavating its channel. Hence rock begins to show through the drift only at a distance of from half a mile to a mile from the river, and the discoveries, accordingly, lie back from the river. Several groups of claims have been located along the south side of the valley for a distance of several miles. Three of these groups were visited.

Barnum-Green Claims (Agaura)

The Barnum-Green claims are under option to the Agaura Exploration Syndicate (U.S. Smelters). The property consists of claims T.B. 13,392 to T.B. 13,405. The few outcrops that occur in the northwestern part of the claims are dioritic in character. The rocks of the southeastern part are granite or granodiorite. Across the central part a belt of lavas half a mile wide extends in a northeast-southwest direction. They are typical greenstones. Along the south side of T.B. 13,403 there is a mass of quartz porphyry, tongues of which extend to the north and pinch out in a short distance.

On the claims when visited in September, considerable trenching and stripping had been accomplished and four veins had been discovered. All of these are roughly parallel with a north-easterly strike. No. 1 vein in the south-east corner of T.B. 13,399 has been traced for 400 feet. Actually it consists of two parallel veins, each with an average width of less than one foot. No. 2 vein has been traced continuously for a distance of 2,300 feet from near the centre of T.B. 13,398 S. 30° W. across T.B. 13,399 nearly to the centre of the claim next southwest, T.B. 13,395. It consists of a quartz vein, the maximum width of which is 7 feet and the average width about 2 feet. The dip is nearly vertical. On the northwest side of this vein and separated from it by two feet of chlorite schist is a silicified zone, which contains a considerable amount of sphalerite and some galena and pyrite. The sphalerite is a granular variety, coffee-brown in colour, and is said to indicate the presence of fair gold values. Towards the south end of the workings is on the southeast side. The quartz of the quartz lenses has a ribboned appearance in places, due to the presence in it of dark streaks. There are two generations of quartz, the later variety being clearer. It cuts across the ribboned quartz as transverse veinlets half an inch to three inches in width. Grab samples of the sulphide zone and of the quartz lenses have shown some gold values, but no thorough sampling has yet been done. No. 3 vein is offset a short distance to the west from the south end of No. 2. It strikes nearly northeast-southwest. No. 3 vein has been traced by trenches and pits for a distance of 500 feet; the average width is 2 feet. It is somewhat similar to No. 2, of which it may be a branch, but no silicified band has been found associated with it. No. 4 vein on T.B. 13,397 is an irregular fracture zone in diorite, in which quartz veinlets form a network. The quartz contains considerable pyrite. The zone can be seen for only a short distance and the direction of the strike is difficult to determine.

The Wood-Brown Syndicate

On claims lying northeast of the Barnum-Green group is exposed a vein that may be the continuation of one of those described above. These claims were staked by Wood and Brown, but are not included in the Coniagas group next mentioned.

Wood-Brown Claims (Coniagas)

This group of claims lies southwest of those held by the Agaura Syndicate. Rock outcropping beneath the drift along the river is granodiorite; on the higher ground that forms the southern boundary of the old valley the rocks seem to be mainly a greenish-coloured lava, which is, in places, rather coarse-grained. This is cut by porphyry dikes, and there are also fine-grained green dikes which cut the quartz veins. At the time of the visit these were not well exposed and were thought to be inclusions of chloritic material from the wall rocks. A later report from Mr. R. H. Hutchison states that further stripping has shown them to be intrusive.

Three veins have been uncovered on this group of claims. The No. 3 vein, which at present seems to be most important, has been traced for a distance of over 750 feet. In this length there are some gaps where heavy overburden has prevented trenching to the solid rock. The main part of the vein has a strike N. 13° E., but at the north end it swings to a strike of about N. 30° E.; at the southern end it also curves to that strike. The quartz occurs as lenses varying from a mere crack up to widths of as much as 18 inches. The average is about 9 to 12 inches. For short distances at two places there are parallel veins. The wall rock is slightly schistose close to the vein but on the whole is fairly massive. The quartz is of two generations. The older type has a somewhat fractured appearance and a pale pinkish colour; the younger occurs as tiny veinlets of somewhat more glassy character. A small amount of

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pyrite occurs in the vein, and gold in visible quantities was seen at many places along it. Much of the gold is in a very fine state of division, and both it and the sulphide are most abundant along fracture planes in the quartz. In places the gold occurs as tiny flakes along these planes of movement and being rather light-coloured, somewhat resembles sericite in appearance. On account of the large proportion of visible gold it is difficult to arrive at any estimate of the average value. The lack of alteration in the wall rocks makes it likely that the greater part of the gold occurs in the quartz.

No. 1 vein lies west of No. 3 and crosses the line between T.B. 13,643 and T.B. 13,642. It strikes N. 42° E. and dips 60° N.W. At the point where it disappears beneath overburden to the north it is 100 feet west of No. 3 vein and, if continuous, should intersect that vein 200 feet farther north.

No. 2 vein has been traced for a distance of only 200 feet. It shows a width of two feet at a point 250 feet west of the east boundary of T.B. 13,643. The strike is somewhat irregular but the general trend is northerly.

The large number of occurrences of gold in visible quantities in No. 3 vein is the most promising feature of this group of claims. It will, however, be extremely difficult to arrive at an accurate estimate of the value by accurate sampling. On account of the narrowness of the vein and the apparent lack of mineralization in the wall rock the gold content of the quartz will have to be high to make the deposit workable.

Brennan-Kenty Claims (Sturgeon Reserve)

The Brennan-Kenty claims lie west of the Coniagas group separated from them by the McDonough (Macjoe) claims, which were not visited. On the Brennan-Kenty claims the rock is greenstone intruded by some masses of granite or granodiorite. At the original discovery there is a lens of quartz 5 feet in width exposed on the side of a hill for a length of 15 feet. It appears to strike N. 25° E. and to become narrower toward the northeast. At the southwestern end it is apparently displaced by a fault which has shifted the vein to the southeast. The continuation uncovered in a trench in that direction is, however, considerably narrower and has a somewhat different strike. Farther east a narrow and very irregular vein in strongly schistose chlorite schist cuts across the schistosity for a distance of 60 feet, and for some distance farther is parallel to it. In the part where it is transverse to the foliation, quartz stringers tongue out along planes of the schist. The quartz is white with a banded and brecciated structure, marked by chloritic streaks. It contains considerable quantities of a buff-coloured carbonate, probably siderite. The metallic minerals present are galena, chalcocite, and pyrite, all of which occur in small quantities. The maximum width of the vein is one foot, and in places it narrows to a couple of inches. Gold in visible quantities is reported to have been found in this vein; assays of grab samples are said to have been high.

Other Discoveries

Besides the properties in the Sturgeon river area already described a number of other discoveries have been made; these were not visited. These discoveries lie along the Sturgeon river and extend from a point about 4 miles east of the Barnum-Green claims for a distance of approximately 20 miles southwest almost to Lake Nipigon. On several of these, veins have been found from which gold values have been reported.

General Character of the Area

The geological conditions seem favourable for the occurrence of gold-bearing veins. The basic volcanics have suffered a good deal of shearing and fracturing, and to the northeast there occurs a mass of granite or granodiorite which is probably related to the intrusive masses that occur in the vicinity of Atigogama lake. So far as exploration has gone the veins in which gold has been found in visible quantities are narrow. It seems possible, however, that in some there may be a sufficient quantity to make them workable in spite of the narrow widths of quartz. Sufficient work has not been done yet to determine the value of any of the discoveries, and thorough sampling will have to be done on all of them.

Niagara Falls Review—No longer is a left-handed boy or girl compelled to use the right hand in most Canadian schools, and it has been found that the left-handers are not behind their contemporaries who use the more normal hand. In the Caledonia public school it has been found that the 18 left-handed pupils all are among the leaders in their classes. Fortunately, nowadays, no effort is made to force children to use the hand found least natural and the results are all to the good.

Value of the Mining Industry to Canada

President of Howey Mines Shows What Mining is Doing to Help Canada's Stability and Progress. Great Wealth Produced.

The importance of the mining industry in Canada's national picture was stressed by R. T. Birks, president of Howey Gold Mine, Limited, in an address before the Y's Men's Club of Orillia. Mr. Birks gave a warning against tipster sheets and urged buyers of stocks to investigate before investing. Mr. Birks pointed out that mining had replaced agriculture as Canada's chief industry. In the past 30 years Ontario produced 250,000,000 ozs. of silver and \$350,000,000 worth of gold. Canada a country of ten million people, is first in the production of nickel, second in gold and asbestos, third in copper and fourth in lead and zinc.

It is expected that Ontario will produce \$105,000,000 worth of mineral wealth in 1935. Mr. Birks stated, and went on to say that Hollinger alone produced \$195,000,000 in twenty-two years. Wealth produced from the mines is divided into three parts.

The first part goes to the labourer and executive in salary. Timmins and Kirkland Lake have never known a depression, stated the speaker, who said that the mines have never taken advantage of the unemployment problem to pay lower wages; salaries have remained the same as before the slump. The wages of the men below the shaft are slightly in excess of \$5 a day at present. There has been in the past few years a tendency to employ more Canadians, and now Mr. Birks thought that he could say at least half of the men employed in the mining industry were Canadians for two generations.

Another channel into which mining wealth goes is that of supplies and power. Howey uses 108 freight cars of supplies every year, and they have to be taken in under difficulty.

Extremely Heavy Taxes

Mines had all the vexatious taxes, the speaker thought. International Nickel is paying 27 1/2 p.c. of its net profits in taxes. He knew of another mine paying \$190 an hour in taxes every day in the week. However, no mine has ever defaulted its taxes. Mines dispensed in dividends this year \$45,000,000 and part of that money finds its way into nearly every community. International Nickel, for example, writes 90,000 cheques when a dividend is declared.

Mining does not interfere with any other industry. Gold is sold anywhere, and is under no restrictions. There are no tariffs with which to contend, and it is not necessary to keep a trade commission or sales staff. It is unfortunate, said the speaker that the public comes into contact with the mining industry through unscrupulous promoters. An industry that can carry on with those parasites and hangers-on clinging to it must be fundamentally honest. Avoid tipster sheets, was the warning given the audience.

"If the parties who write these tipster sheets knew half as much as they thought they did they would have owned all the mines in Ontario ten years ago." The losses made by the public because they do not investigate before investing were unfortunate for the whole mining industry.

Some News and Views from the Goldthorpe Gold Area

The following paragraphs are from the last issue of The Speaker, being sent in by the Goldthorpe correspondent:—

We hear that the old Bourkes mine, at Bourkes, has been sold to a group of mining men from Buffalo, N.Y., and that they will pump out the shaft and once more give the old Bourkes a fair trial. We hope this pioneer mine will stand up to the test and soon be a producer.

J. R. Young went down to Thornloe last week and brought up a load of vegetables for the Alschback Mine, also a cow. Mr. Young was only away a few hours and delivered the goods with neatness and despatch. Just a little hard on the T. & N. O., but what can we do about it. Mr. Young also went down to Heaslip and got a truck load of potatoes for the Alschback.

The Kirkland Consolidated are still diamond drilling. The drill cut a nice vein some few days ago. The vein is about 4 feet in width and there is free gold in the core. This is very encouraging. The company have a full crew of about 40 men working.

The Alschback Gold Mine are going toward China at the rate of about 526 feet per day. They have a crew of about 25 men and are apparently doing fine. Their object at present is a depth of 500 feet.

Work at Brydges Mines to the East of Matheson

A small crew of men is engaged in surface exploration on the property of the Brydges Gold Mines lying on to the east of Consolidated Smelters' holdings about 15 miles east of Matheson, Ont. Several interesting discoveries have been opened up and officials propose diamond drilling of the showings. Sampling has indicated high values in a quartz vein about three feet in width and which has been opened up for a short distance. Low values have been obtained across good widths in a mineralized syenite porphyry.

The geology consists chiefly of a large dike of syenite porphyry which crosses the property and which is mineralized with sulphides and visible gold. Sediments are located north of the syenite and granite to the south. However, it is in the syenite that all discoveries have been made to date.

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Exploration Work in the West Shining Tree Area

There should be more than usual interest in any mining property in the Shining Tree areas. The proposed road from Sudbury to Timmins is planned to pass through both Shining Tree and West Shining Tree. These are two of the several camps that would be served by the proposed Sudbury-Timmins highway. Other mining camps along the proposed route include Gowganda, Elk Lake, Matachewan, McArthur, etc. The road would add to the chances for development of any or all of these mining camps. The Advance has been advocating the road-way to connect the Sudbury and Porcupine camps largely because it would give transportation to all the mining camps mentioned, and also because it would very materially assist in the development of these camps. Matachewan's growth and development has been a full justification for the advocacy of this needed road. Development in any of the other gold fields south of here would seem to add weight to the proposal for the new road. The development of any properties at Shining Tree or West Shining Tree may well be taken as further evidence of the need and usefulness of this strip of roadway to connect up Sudbury and Timmins.

F. J. Sullivan, mine manager, for Lake Caswell Mines, in the West Shining Tree gold area, reports that surface exploration work is being continued, and a series of shear zones are being examined and mapped. A number of these shearings recently were located and there are 17 in this area as well as several others to the east.

The No. 109 vein is being blasted, and where opened up free gold is in evidence in a number of places. It is the

intention to fully explore the 109 vein to determine its length and continuity. Samples taken from the blasted section returned assays of 1.54 ounces gold per ton, according to figures supplied by the Ontario Department of Mines. It also is the intention to map the section on the west side of the lake and to spot locations for blasting into the veins. Nos. 110 and 110A veins are being opened through to the lake shore. Other samples sent to the Ontario Department of Mines for assay, returns from which have just been received, run from a trace to two ounces of gold per ton, with the average close to one ounce.

In addition to present surface exploration, Mr. Sullivan states that arrangements are being made to start underground development at an early date and preliminary work in this connection is under way. Work will be carried out from the main shaft which was put down to a depth of 500 feet under earlier operations.

Noted Actor Has Complete Railroad Trains and Tracks

(Huntingdon Gleaner)

In his boyhood days nothing thrilled William Gillette, 79, noted American actor, like railroad trains. His favorite toy always was a miniature train and as he grew older his ambition was to become a railroad engineer. Instead, he became an actor but now in retirement on his estate near Haddam, Conn., his long-deferred dream has come true. On this farm he has built a miniature railroad three miles long with trestles over creeks and tunnels through hills. Seated in the cab of his sturdy little locomotive attached to a string of cars, the old man may be seen almost any day racing along over his railroad track, his boyhood dreams realized.

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