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TIMMINS ONTARIO

Widening Mine Area Featured Past Year

All the Old Fields Showed Expansion, Particularly the Porcupine.

Below will be found part of an article by Frank Tobin, as published in the financial and industrial survey number of The Globe and Mail on Tuesday.

Expansion of Mine Area in Ontario

With the ringing down of the curtain on 1936, Ontario brought to a close one of the most important years in the mining history of the Province. While gold production advanced to an all-time record, this was by no means the most outstanding development of the year from a mining standpoint. Among the real achievements of engineering skill or luck, whichever term is the most fitting, was the discovery of gold deposits in formation that formerly was believed to be barren in so far as values of a commercial nature were concerned. Another feature of the year's special activities was the return to the older gold areas which had been more or less haphazardly exploited in former years, and resulted in the discovery of important and profitable producing mines. New methods of locating gold-bearing formation were devised and proved with remarkable success. While some of the facts referred to above did not altogether gather their origin in the year just closed, practically all were brought to a successful conclusion or given a substantial push forward during the twelvemonth.

Gold Output Higher

Primary gold mines of Ontario during the past year registered a new all-time high production. While part of the increase in production was due to increased output from the older-established

mines, to the new producers brought in during the year also must go a good share of credit, although the majority of the latter were comparatively small-tonnage operations, ranging from 10 to 500 tons per day. At the close of 1936 there were some 46 companies in the Province reporting bullion shipments to the Ottawa Mint, of which 17 new producers were added during the past year. While several of these new operations only reached the production stage late in the year, their output had comparatively little effect on the total for the province. During the current year, however, the great majority should reach their stride, and will tend to boost the 1937 figure well above the record achieved in 1936.

It seems to be a safe estimate that Ontario's gold production in the current year will range between \$85,000,000 and \$90,000,000. During 1936 Ontario also lost one of its former producers, Ashley Gold Mining Corporation, which closed down its mill in September, while announcement also was made by officials of Teek-Hughes Gold Mines that this company only had about another three years to go before big tonnage and profitable production would start to taper off. New producers coming in, however, will more than offset the loss that will result from curtailment of total suspension of present milling operations.

Ontario to Hold Lead

Ontario has a very substantial lead over any other Province in Canada with regard to gold production and at the moment these seems little likelihood of any other area overtaking this Province for a great many years to come. While it is a fact that Canada, as a whole, has vast areas of potential gold production untouched and unexplored, this is especially true of Ontario. To the older and more widely populated areas goes the credit for the big gold production, but who would dare to say that there are no other districts in this Province

that, over the next few years, may not compete with Porcupine or Kirkland Lake for gold output supremacy?

In addition to the seventeen new producers added during the past year, there are several other companies nearing the production stage, scattered from one end of the Province to the other, that will be pouring out their golden wealth long before the close of the current year, and there is every reason to believe that some of these will reach the big production class and soon be comparable to Lake Shore or Hollinger Mines.

Older Fields Widen

Principal interest in Ontario mining during the past year turned to the older mining fields, with Kirkland Lake and Porcupine featured. The success met with in development work at Biggood Kirkland Mines in 1936, after a number of years of discouraging work, created special interest in the Kirkland Lake camp and at the same time turned the eyes of the mining world on the eastern section of this district. Since Biggood first announced its high grade strike on the 500-foot level, which later was developed on two lower horizons, many old properties in the immediate vicinity have returned to life and again are under intensive development. From this eastern section of Kirkland Lake new developments have sprung up over a very wide area, both farther to the east and to the west beyond the main camp.

Properties that were shut down and practically abandoned several years ago when operators were unable to produce ore in commercial quantities have or are being revived, and already a number of these are beginning to take on the appearance of profitable producers. The main feature of this new interest is due to Biggood whose engineers were successful in locating high values in the diorite formation, whereas previous work largely was confined to the porphyry which was believed to carry the values in the Kirkland Lake area. Biggood's success has not gone unheeded by mining engineers, but it has proved the old saying that "gold is where you find it." Formation and geology are important, but in Biggood geologists and engineers have learned a profitable lesson.

East Porcupine Active

The Porcupine camp was equally successful in attracting new attention during the year. Whereas at the beginning of 1936 many properties in this field went begging for promotion money and there were no indications that many of the older mines would again be tackled for years to come, well before the close of the year there was a general revival of development, both old and new properties participating, and at the end of the period a number of these were well on their way to production.

The Pamour section, which got its first real test in Pamour Gold mines by Noranda Mines, was the scene of intensive exploration and development up to about the middle of the year, when interest to some extent started to wane. At present, however, several companies are continuing their tests and may equal the success of Pamour in the coming year.

Around the big producers, Hollinger, Dome and McIntyre, there has been a general revival of new interest and several companies that started new development campaigns a few months ago have been successful in locating important ore deposition that will be more thoroughly exploited this year, and there are some among these that are said to be getting ready for mill plans. Mineral Estates came into being during the year for the purpose of exploring and developing a section of ground covering upward of thirteen miles to the west of Hollinger. This is virgin ground which had not previously been prospected owing to the heavy overburden. In the vicinity of the Buffalo-Ankerite, intensive operation also are under way and in this area there are companies that have advanced to the stage where sizeable mills seem to be justified, while others in the preliminary stages of development are obtaining good results.

(Mr. Tobin then deals with Little Long Lac, Beardmore, Oba, Jackfish Bay, Nenora, Red Lake, Patricia and other areas, and concludes as follows:)

Old Area in Limelight

Toward the latter part of the year South eastern Ontario made a bid for mining prominence, but this was short-lived. Some of the larger companies, including Consolidated Mining and Smelting and Hollinger, have holdings in South-eastern Ontario and seem to be of the opinion that this section of the country may some day enter as a competitor of Northern Ontario. Engineers and geologists who have made a study of the section state that from the standpoint of formation and geology it compares with the northern mining fields and at the same time some high-grade finds have been made, but much more work will be necessary to prove or disprove its merits.

The Matachewan section failed to attract any special attention during the past year, but it was successful in maintaining its position as a producing camp despite the fact that the Ashley mine was closed down. Several companies resumed operations toward the latter part of the year, and, providing finances are forthcoming, some of these may come through.

Shining Tree, Ramore and Beauty-Munro also received attention, but failed to attract any special interest. In the scheme of things pertaining to Ontario mining, these as well as several other areas will be thoroughly tested in their own good time, and there is reason to believe that all, some day, will add their quota to the new mineral wealth of the Dominion.

Port Arthur News-Chronicle: A stunt swimmer has been trying the waters of Thunder Bay which are likely to obtain a reputation akin to that of Winnipeg air, cold but not the kind you feel.

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

To the accompaniment of a "lively campaign" and "considerable literature" the 1927 Timmins election was held on the first Monday, January 3rd. The candidates were strictly divided on several things. E. G. Dickson had been mayor in 1926. E. L. Longmore ran against him for the mayor's chair in '27 and defeated him by 183 votes.

Along with Mr. Longmore men were elected who agreed that the 1926 council had not been a good one for the town. They were: George S. Drew (who led the poll with 1353 votes), W. H. Pritchard, A. G. Carson, Dr. J. Joyal, Frank Francis and Dr. A. P. Brennan. Those who ran but were not elected were Alfred Caron, T. Villeneuve and H. Morin. Both "parties" had committee rooms in which a great deal of pre-election work was done. The business of providing cars to see that all the voters were out on election day was well done and the vote was the largest polled in Timmins up to that time.

The Advance, as usual, gave an election service that included posting of bulletins as the results came in and a telephone inquiry service through which those who stayed at home could have the standing as quickly as possible. A thousand people gathered on the main streets when the victorious Mr. Longmore was brought from his home by friends. They formed a parade, heard brief speeches from Mr. Longmore and W. H. Pritchard and generally enjoyed themselves. Then Pete Bardesson and Leo Mascioli opened the doors of the theatre to the crowd as an election treat. There was also a brief torchlight parade.

L. A. Taschereau, premier of Quebec until the last election in that province, was a visitor to Timmins early in 1927. The man who held the reins of government for so long in the neighboring province had just come from Taschereau, Quebec, and Rouyn, where he had inaugurated the Taschereau-Rouyn railway. Then he had wanted to see how Northern Ontario was getting along. Geo. W. Lee saw to it that the Quebec premier and two of his ministers, Antoine Galipeau and P. J. Paradis, had a complete tour. They visited Timmins and the Hollinger before going on south.

Rubec was not the first Quebec mine to report platinum. In early 1927, it was Acanda that startled the mining world by announcing, after much checking, that platinum ore was varying from \$290 a ton to \$2100 a ton had been found at their Boischatel township property near Rouyn. There was also copper, three to 21 per cent., and gold, 80 cents to \$199.50 a ton. The company had felt there must have been "some radical error" and had the assays checked before announcing the find.

Mines league hockey opened ten years ago this week with McIntyre meeting South Porcupine. The Schumacher team won, 5-4, in a game complete with arguments. Margaret Patterson, 14 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson, died in Timmins ten years ago this week. She had been ill for just a few weeks.

Among the New Year's parties of 1927 were the dance at the Empire hotel at which 75 couples danced the old year out and the new in, a social at the Lancashire Club and a dance at the All British Social Club. The "Venetian Gardens" at the Empire were particularly attractive that evening. The Advance said.

N. R. Wightman of London and J. Horton of Brockville were principal and assistant principal at the Central public school after the Christmas vacation ten years ago.

The first meeting of 1927 of the Ramblers Club was a fine affair, it was reported. A Guest Night brought out a large crowd and a new orchestra, under the direction of T. Stephens, made a real hit with them.

Lorne B. Howey, of Haileybury, discoverer of the Howey mine, had good New Year's news for unit-holders of the property ten years ago. The Dome had drilled the place and found, according to Mr. Howey, about \$6,000,000 worth of ore. They had dropped their option. A new drilling campaign was to be got under way and Mr. Howey asked the Globe to inform Howey unit-holders that they should hang onto their stock. Ore worth eight dollars a ton was being discovered, he said.

Timmins had a wedding as the clock began to strike midnight on December 31st, 1926. Miss K. Strain, formerly a registered nurse here, and Jack Hartley were married at the rectory by Rev. Father Theriault then. They later left for Kirkland Lake where they were to live for a while before going to Vancouver.

George Helmer and J. E. Williams of Schumacher were having quite a time deciding ten years ago which of them should hold a seat on the Tisdale township council. On the evening of the election it was reported that Mr. Williams had a couple of votes more than Mr. Helmer. Then when the figures were checked, it was found that Mr. Helmer had a couple more than Mr. Williams. So Judge Caron was asked to make a recount. He did, and found the candidates tied at 288 votes. Then it was up to Town Clerk F. C. Evans to cast the deciding vote. He flipped a coin, and Mr. Helmer became Councillor Helmer.

T. S. Vipond, thrown from a pulp sleigh near Connaught ten years ago, nearly lost his life in the accident. Only prompt medical attention saved him.

Mrs. George L. Aiken, mother of Dr. J. Aiken, of Timmins, and sister of J. S. McGuire, of Timmins, died in Toronto ten years ago this week.

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The oldest voters in the Timmins municipal election of 1927 were Mr. and Mrs. E. Richardson of 120 Commercial avenue. Mr. Richardson, 85, and Mrs. Richardson, 84, were at the polls early Monday morning. The Advance did not say for whom they cast their ballots.

Reports for the year of S. S. No. 2, Schumacher, heard at the annual meeting of the ratepayers, were found satisfactory, it was reported from the neighboring town ten years ago. The board had undertaken a good deal of work in the preceding year and had accomplished it all well, the ratepayers agreed.

The annual ball of the South Porcupine firemen was the big social event of New Year's there. A large crowd attended and had "a whale of a time." Vincent Woodbury was writing letters ten years ago. One of his was sent to Premier Ferguson and remarked that there was one thing the North needed—a highway. There had been no progress between Swastika and Timmins but for two miles, Mr. Woodbury pointed out. Mr. Ferguson replied, saying that he had handed the letter on to Mr. Finlayson, then in charge of northern development. Mr. Finlayson said he would consider it. "And there the matter rests at the moment!" said The Advance.

Locals in The Advance of ten years ago included: "Mr. J. D. Brady returned on Sunday after spending the holiday season at his old home at Perth, Ontario." "Miss Sloane returned on Sunday evening from a short vacation to Montreal and Toronto." "Mr. W. J. Post was re-elected as reeve of Bucks township by acclamation." "Miss Gilbert returned on Sunday evening after a short holiday trip to the South."

"Born—in Timmins, Ontario, on December 23rd, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. Nap Caron—a daughter (Marie Celina Noella)." "Last week Mr. Tuke, principal of the Haileybury high school, completed 21 years of service as a high school teacher, seven of these years having been spent in Haileybury." "Mr. Geo. M. Black, of the accounting department of the Homer L. Gibson Co., of Toronto, is in town this week in connection with the opening of the new offices here, and hosts of old friends are warmly greeting him again. Mr. Black was one of the old-timers of the town, being on the staff of the Porcupine Crown and other firms here several years ago. He left to-day (Thursday) for the South again." "Mr. H. W. Huckabee was a visitor to Pembroke over the holiday season." "Mr. Paul Dube, clerk of the township of Calvert, Ansonville, Ont., was a visitor to Timmins last week on business." "Miss Clara MacDonald, of Sand Point, Ontario, is visiting her sister, Miss Austin Andrews." "Mr. T. A. MacDonald returned on Monday night after spending the New Year's holiday at his home in Sand Point, Ontario. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Flora MacDonald, who resumed her duties at St. Joseph's school this week."

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JAN. 8-9
Double Feature Programme
NINO MARTINI in "THE GAY DESPERADO"
also
JANE WITHERS in "LITTLE MISS NOBODY"

MONDAY & TUESDAY, JAN. 11-12
Fred McMurray and Jack Oakie in "The Texas Ranger"

WEDNES. & THURS., JAN. 13-14
George Raft and Rosalind Russell in "It Had to Happen"

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JAN. 15-16
Double Feature Programme
Myrna Loy and Spencer Tracy in "WHIPSAW"
Also Loretta Young and Robert Taylor in "PRIVATE NUMBER"

Goldfields

MIDNIGHT SHOW Every Sunday at 12.01 (midnight)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7
Edmund Lowe and Valerie Hobson in "The Great Impersonation"

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JAN. 8-9
Double Feature Programme
WARNER OLAND and KEVE LUKE in "CHAS. CHAN AT THE CIRCUS"
also
ROGER PRYOR and JOAN PERRY in "THE CASE OF THE MISSING MAN"

MONDAY & TUESDAY, JAN. 11-12
John Wayne in "The Lonely Trail"

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