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Insurance Act Charges Take up Much Time Here

Local Insurance Agent, who Deferred Payment of License Fee, Fined \$20 and Costs. Charge of Employing Agents Not Licensed Remanded for a Week. Other Cases at Police Court on Tuesday This Week.

Appearing before Magistrate S. Atkinson in the weekly police court on Tuesday afternoon, on two charges; one, that of acting as an insurance agent without the license required by the Insurance Act and, secondly, that of paying commissions or compensations to certain persons for placing or negotiating insurance when they did not have license as required by the Insurance Act. Charles W. Pexton, local insurance and real estate agent, was convicted on the first charge and fined \$20.00 and costs. On the second charge after a great deal of discussion and controversy, the case was adjourned to give Magistrate Atkinson an opportunity to look over the cases cited by both counsel for the defence, Dean Kester, and by the Crown Attorney S. A. Caldwell.

In the first case, which took the greater part of the time of the afternoon session, Mr. Caldwell pointed out that in this case, the law reverted to that of French Civil Law, that is, that the defendant must prove his innocence instead of the usual procedure in English Criminal Law, that of the Crown proving the guilt of the accused.

The first witness for the crown, Mrs. B. Gallagher, testified that she had been employed for a number of years as Mr. Pexton's secretary. On being questioned by Mr. Kester, as to whether or not she had heard Mr. Perkins of the Insurance Department on his visit to Pexton, ask him about the renewal of his insurance license, she replied in the negative but she stated that Mr. Pexton had come to her to find out if the license had been renewed.

When it had been found that the license had not been renewed, Mrs. Gallagher said that she had sent a cheque for the amount of the license with an additional sum for the penalty necessary in a case where a license renewal is overdue, and that the cheque had been accepted.

Mr. Kester, commented on the fact that having already paid one penalty, that nothing was being done to further the ends of justice by forcing his client to pay a second.

Mr. Pexton, in his own defence, stated that he had thought the license renewed and that his first intimation to the contrary was when Mr. Perkins asked him why it had not been renewed. On receiving the information from his secretary that the license had not been renewed, Mr. Perkins said that he understood that the matter was an oversight and that it would be reported to the Department, as such. According to Mr. Perkins, this was done. Evidently, the Department thought fit to overrule his judgment in the matter.

On being questioned by the Magistrate for leaving a matter so vital to his business interests in the hands of his employees, Mr. Pexton said that it had been done for some time and that it had no serious consequences before. The usual procedure, he said, was to have the application, supplied by the Department, completed by the young lady and signed by himself, but at this time,

To-day's Stocks

Stock	Price
Ashley	9 1/2 A
Brett	10 A
Base Metals	30-35
Big Missouri	45
Bankfield	90
Bidgood	85
Beattie	125
Bobjo	15B
Bralorne	6.80
Buffalo Ankerite	9.50
Canadian Malarite	1.25
Castle T.	1.05
Central Patricia	3.10
Central Porcupine	21
Coniasag	2.75 A
Coniaurum	1.25 A
Cons. Chibougamau	1.15
Dome	40.00
Farkwater	95
Fidrad	2.50
Falconbridge	7.70
Francour	90
God's Lake	50B
Glenora	12
Granada	25B
Gillies Lake Porcupine	51
Gunnar	80
Hardrock	1.60
Hollinger	11.50
Howey	40
Hudson Bay	28
International Nickel	56.25
Jackson Manion	40 A
Kerr Addison	2.41
Kirkland Lake	1.35
Lebel Oro	16
Lapa Cad	70
Lake Shore	49.00
Lee Gold	41 1/2
Leitch	62
Little Long Lac	5.50
Macassa	5.25
MacLeod Cocksbutt	1.95
Manitoba and East	3 1/2-4
McIntyre	33.50
McKenzie Red Lake	1.33
McMillan Gold	4 1/2-4 3/4
McVittie Graham	35
McWatters	68
Mining Corporation	3.00
Moneta	1.30
Naybob	80
Nipissing	1.35
Night Hawk	2 1/2-3 1/2
Noranda	61.50
O'Brien	8.25
Omega	59
Pamour	2.25
Paymaster	58
Fickel Crow	5.90
Pioneer	4.90 A
Porcupine Crown	4 1/2 A
Preston East Dome	1.05
Premier	2.67
Read Authier	4.00
Red Lake Goldshore	55
Reno	95
Rozhe Long Lac	20
San Antonio	1.50
Shawkey	60
Sherritt Gordon	2.25
St. Anthony	14
South Tiblémont	2 1/2-2 3/4
Sullivan	1.40
Sudbury Contact	24 A
Stadacona	1.47
Sylvanite	3.05
Siscoe	4.00
Teck Hughes	5.00
Teburn	2.60
Ventures	1.95
Wayside	3 1/2-4
Wright Hargreaves	6.40
White Eagle	2 1/2-3

Minister Does Not Expect Mine Trouble

Hon. Mr. Crerar Says the Mining Outlook the Best Yet.

Hon. T. A. Crerar, Canadian minister of mines, before leaving Quebec on Monday on the Canadian Pacific Empress of Australia, bound for England and the coronation, expressed confidence in the mining industry in the Dominion and laughed off the suggestion that life aboard ship might be one cabinet meeting after another because of the large number of cabinet ministers aboard.

"I look with great satisfaction on Canada's mining industry," said Mr. Crerar. In February of this year gold production exceeded February of 1936 by \$1,500,000. The increase was uniform across the country, although it naturally showed most in Ontario which is the largest gold-producing province. Gold production is far ahead of 1929, more than double in ounces as well as value, I should say, although I have not the statistics with me."

Mr. Crerar also spoke of favourable outlook for base metals mining. "Prices are up and values are up over a year ago," he said. "The demand is an indication of better times, and points to increased building and more purchases of home conveniences, in which base metals are used to a surprising extent."

Although he refused to comment on the possibility of the C.I.O. entering the field of Canadian mine labourers, Mr. Crerar mentioned that he had been speaking lately to several large mine owners and that they anticipated no trouble.

Jack Hammell Resigns From Howey Directorate

John Hammell has tendered his resignation from the board of directors of Howey Gold Mines, owing to pressure of other interests, and the board has regretfully accepted his resignation.

Gilbert LaBine has succeeded to his place, it is announced by Ray Birks, president. Mr. Hammell was the original president of the company. The annual meeting of the company will be held May 11 at the Royal York hotel, Toronto.

McIntyre Porcupine Has Not Dropped the Wilder

(From Val d'Or News)

Diamond drilling has been stopped by McIntyre Porcupine on the Wilder property in Bourlamaque township. The drilling has been going ahead intermittently on the ground since last August. Results have not been made public but we are informed that the company does not intend to abandon the project. Surface work will be continued for the present at least, as the next option payment is not due until mid-summer. The payment, which comes due at that time, is a large one in which McIntyre are required to take up 800,000 shares at 16 cents a share, or a total of \$128,000.

At the time of the option agreement McIntyre purchased 60,000 shares at 25 cents. Balance of the option at that time involved 1,740,000 shares. Total revenue to the company from these would amount to \$560,000.

To date about 5200 feet of drilling and considerable surface work have been carried out by McIntyre.

Forty-Two Mines in North Are Producers

Big Increase Shown in Gold Production Figures for March.

Forty-two mines in Ontario contributed to the gold production of the province during the month of March, which totalled \$7,398,394 from 692,742 tons of ore.

The yield compares with \$6,895,604 for February, and \$6,714,596 for March 1936. The Porcupine belt, last month produced \$3,318,759, the Kirkland Lake belt \$2,979,568, Matachewan \$133,366, Northwestern Ontario \$875,791.

Tonnage Increase

The increase in tonnage for March over that of the corresponding month last year was approximately eight per cent. Gold produced totalled 208,328 ounces, and production of silver as a by-product was 61,742 ounces.

The producers and their locations are:

Porcupine Belt (10)—Hollinger, McIntyre, Dome, Buffalo-Ankerite, Pamour, Coniaurum, Paymaster, Anglo-Hurtian (Vipend), Hollinger (Ross), Gillies Lake.

Kirkland Lake (10)—Lake Shore, Wright Hargreaves, Teck Hughes, Sylvanite, Kirkland Lake Gold, Macassa, Omega, Bidgood, Morris Kirkland, Matachewan (2)—Young-Davidson, Matachewan Consolidated.

Northwestern Ontario (20)—Little Long Lac, Pickle Crow, Central Patricia, Howey, McKenzie Red Lake, Northern Empire, Red Lake Gold Shares, Leitch, Argosy, J. M. Consolidated, Parkhill, Darwin, Wendigo, Eouasque, McMillan, Elora, Minto, Edwards Gold Mines, Tashota, Schreiber Pyramid.

How the Ordinary Miner Takes Dangerous Situation

A rather unusual but, perhaps, a typical story comes from Sudbury this week. A miner at a property some ten miles from Sudbury was reported as trapped in a recovery stope by a fall of ore. He was imprisoned for some two hours while the rest of the crew made frantic efforts to reach him. At last the rescuers succeeded in clearing away the fallen rock. The first remark of the imprisoned miner to his rescuers was:—"I don't want to come out yet, boys. It ain't quitting time. It was nice and quiet and comfortable in here before all you guys gathered around." After he had his joke, he emerged from the "quiet spot" where he had been shut off from his fellows by the rock that fell and blocked the passage to safety. Fortunately the miner was unharmed when the rock fell. He was the most cheerful and unconcerned of all the men in the crew as he reached surface and the fresh air.

Important Discovery at the Clark Gold Mines

R. S. Douglas, mine manager at the Clark Gold Mines property, Dymont, Ontario, has wired the head office of the company as follows:

"New important discovery. Vein in shaft four to sixteen inches wide. Appears to be top of new orebody. Strike of vein south south west and north north east if vertical. Gold showing. (Signed) R. S. Douglas."

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Iron was Ironed in the Area Around South Essex

(From the Amherstburg Echo)

The fertile soil of South Essex has produced many diversified crops but the strangest harvest ever reaped here was when iron ore grew in the bogs around Olanda (Gasfield South) in commercial quantities and created the only metal mining industry in the history of the country. United Empire Loyalists were given grants or land near Olanda. George Bruner was one of these. Somehow it became known that in treacherous bogs that made one section of his property a dangerous spot, iron ore, or "bog ore," could be found in large quantities. This all happened in the years between 1770 and 1800.

There came a man by the name of Calhoun who leased the mining rights of the farm. In a couple of years a large building had been erected which housed the furnace and the densely wooded wilderness had become a thriving settlement of about 800 people.

The ore was taken from the bogs to a pure spring on the Bruner farm, washed and dumped into the furnace. It was heated until it became molten metal and then poured off into long narrow moulds. When it hardened it was piled up to await shipment to Montreal by boat.

Some of it, however, was used at the furnace for the manufacture of plowshares, iron pots and other articles. Few who have once used one of the iron plows will ever forget them for the dirt stuck to them and by the time the plowman reached the end of a furrow he and the horses too, felt as if the whole field had been dragged along with them.

Ex-Mayor Simpson, Toronto is Reported as Improving

Ex-Mayor James Simpson, of Toronto, who is well-known in Timmins and district, where he visited on several occasions and made wide circles of friends, has been seriously ill in Toronto, but is now reported as out of danger. Mr. Simpson contracted a severe cold and this developed into pneumonia. Today he is reported as considerably improved and anxiety in regard to his condition has consequently been relieved.

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will also be available for shipment from these drives early in May.

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School of Mines to Open in the Abitibi District

(From Val d'Or News)

In accordance with the provincial government's policy of assisting the expanding Quebec mining industry in every way possible, it has been decided to establish a mining school in the centre of the Northwestern Quebec gold belt. The News learned Tuesday from Hon. Onesime Gagnon, provincial minister of mines.

The sum of \$25,000 has been set aside for this purpose, the minister intimated. As yet a site for the school has not been definitely decided upon, but Mr. Gagnon inferred that the choice would likely be made from Amos, Val d'Or or Rouyn.

"Decision to establish this school, which will be similar to that maintained at Haileybury by the Ontario government," Mr. Gagnon said, "is in line with the government's policy of assisting the young men of this province in becoming thoroughly trained in the various phases of the vast mineral resources of the province."

It is expected that preliminary arrangements in connection with the establishment of the school will be made within the near future.

Two-Compartment Shaft Down Seventy-Five Feet

Two-compartment shaft at Porcupine Triumph Gold Mines, Porcupine district, is down 75 feet, according to James Crockston, consulting engineer. At this depth two bulk samples were taken, one running \$69.30 and the other \$1.05 per ton.

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