

## Genuine Masterpiece in Misrepresentation

Hardly a Statement in Lengthy Interview that Does Not Clash with the Facts. Alleged "Confession" of Alleged Shift Boss to Midland Newspaper Takes the Sault Prize.

A friend of The Advance has handed in a copy of The Midland Free Press of January 5th, 1938, the front page featuring an interview with an alleged shift boss from Timmins. "It is the best I've ever seen," the friend said. Certainly it is the limit for misrepresentation and misstatement. Hardly a statement in the whole article but is open to flat contradiction by the facts. With a thousand men out of work, a waiting list at all the mines, and the normal curtailment of work during the winter months, it is easy to see how false it is to suggest that anyone can get work here. As for the senseless insult to the "foreigners," the records show that they are not "rather tough" but are law-abiding and orderly. Indeed, those who know the "foreigners" in this country are more and more inclined to withhold the term "foreigners," referring to them rather by the more merited name of "New Canadians." If there is a mine that follows the promotion plan suggested in the interview, there would be little but drilling possible in a short time. They would also have a problem in placing their managers as the "muck and shovel" lads graduated into the high jobs, naturally sneering out those above them. The alleged shift boss wasn't even right about there being no coloured gentlemen in town. There have always been a few of this nationality. The suggestion that Ukrainians or any others of the New Canadians attempt to frame shift bosses is a gratuitous slander. Everybody would like to see that "lift" that carries about 240 men at a time. That lift would be a whopper. As it is, it's the statement that deserves the name. In keeping with all the other statements, the remark that all men in the mines belong to the union is in direct conflict with the facts. Also "the union" conducts no store here, while the stores in general sell at fair prices. Item by item, the article might be contradicted, but for those in this mining camp who know conditions, it will, perhaps, prove amusing by its very absurdity and misstatement. Here it is, as published by The Midland Free Press:

### Physically Fit Can Get Jobs in Northern Mines

"That there is work for the physically fit man who doesn't object to pick and shovel for three or four months with a rather tough bunch of foreigners," was the information given by a shift boss in a gold mine in the Timmins area. Home for Christmas leave, he was interviewed by a member of the staff of this newspaper, and the questions and answers are recorded for the benefit of those considering work in the North of Ontario.

"Are the mines all busy?" we asked. "Yes, they're working twenty-four hours a day on three shifts," stated the shift boss.

"Would there be any chance of getting a job if a fellow went up?" was our next query.

"Sure," he replied, "if you're healthy enough to pass the physical examination, but it's awful stiff. They would start you at 'muck and shovel' but that would only last for about three or four months then you can get a job with a drill and from then on it's up to you; you can work up to a good job."

"You start at \$4.25 for an 8-hour day, that's for the first four months, then you usually get a boost to \$5.60 per day for the next 6 months, then another boost to \$6.40. That's for a minimum of 6 days a week."

"The kind of board a white man wants costs about \$11.00 per week. All the miners belong to unions now and the union operates stores where you can buy food and clothing at reasonable prices, much less than the rest of the stores charge."

"Can a man save any part of his wages?" we asked.

"Sure," the shift boss said, "if he sticks in his room and doesn't go out at night, but who is willing to do that? After working hard all day a guy wants to go out at night."

"Are there many foreigners working in the mines?" we then asked.

"Lots of them," he countered. "Poles, Ukrainians, Finns, Swedes, Germans, Italians, in fact just about every race but negroes. I don't think there is one negro in the town."

"I'd sooner work under a Finn than any other but a Canadian," the boss

stated. "The Ukrainians don't know what fear is; they'll go anywhere, and as long as you can control them they're good workers, but if they get anything on you they won't work at all."

"What do you mean by 'get anything on you?' we asked.

"Oh, they bring you beer," was the reply. "Then if you drink it on company property they have you for breaking company rules."

"Our next question was: 'Do city fellows succeed in the mines?'" "They do if they're willing to put up with the first few months tough work among foreigners," he said. "Three fellows from my home town came up a couple of years ago, I got them jobs and even had to pay for suitable work clothes and they left at the first pay day without saying thank you. Then about six months ago some young fellows from Toronto came up and they like it a lot."

"About 10 minutes by bus, takes us to the head of the mine and then we go down the mine in lifts that carry about 240 men at a time."

"How far down," we asked, "Do the mines go and what is it like."

"The Hollinger mine is now over a mile deep, but they don't work down there yet because it is too hot. The temperature at that level is between 95 and 105 degrees all the time but they are putting in an air conditioning system so it won't be too bad. Near the surface it is pretty cold. When you start work, they start you near the surface, then as you get used to the air pressure they move you down to the deeper levels," replied the shift boss.

"Is the work steady?" we queried.

"Well, I've been there for four years and this is the first time I've been away and I had to ask for leave then," he said.

"Are there any other jobs open for men who cannot pass the physical exams?" we said.

"Not very many. A lot of men who aren't healthy enough to work in the mines are without jobs of any kind. The only places where they can work are in stores or offices, and most of them haven't enough education for that," he explained.

"Is there any opportunity for a man with a business training to work in the mines offices?" we inquired.

"Yes, if you have a business college training you can usually get a job there. They start you at about \$27.50 a week," he stated.

"What about . . . ?" we started again.

"Sorry, I have to get off here. Look me up if you come to Timmins."

### Jack Landry Winner of Jumping Contest

Ski-Jumping Experts Take Part in North Bay Competition on Sunday.

Jack Landry of North Bay, won the ski jumping championship of Northern Ontario at a district meet held in North Bay on Sunday. In his longest jump Landry made 131 feet. A large crowd witnessed the competition, which brought out the cream of the ski-jumping fraternity of the North.

### Airplane as Ambulance for Fraserdale Child

Cochrane, Jan. 15th.—The A. E. Wicks Co. Waco plane successfully completed another mercy flight Thursday afternoon when it brought Marion Northey from Fraserdale to Lady Minto hospital here for an emergency operation.

### Speedy Trip

The call for the plane was put in early in the afternoon by Dr. R. L. Empey who had travelled to Fraserdale by train to attend the young patient, and the plane speeded from South Porcupine to Fraserdale and returned to Cochrane about 3.40 p.m. when Marion was delivered at the hospital and operated on for a ruptured appendix.

Marion, five years old, was accompanied by her father and a nurse, Dr. Empey performed the operation and the patient was reported Thursday night as being in a favourable condition.

## To-day's Stocks

Stock	Listed	Price
Afton	2 3/4	2 3/4
Ashey	7	7
Ere't	8	8
Base Metals	37	37
Big Missouri	48	48
Beattie	1.35	1.35
Bidgood	30	30
Bobjo	10	10
Bralorne	8.85	8.85
Buffalo Ankerite	14.75	14.75
Canadian Malartic	1.08	1.08
Castle Tretheway	65	65
Central Porcupine	62	62
Central Patricia	2.25	2.25
Conlagas	1.75	1.75
Conlaurum	1.80	1.80
Con. Chibougamau	29	29
Darkwater	12	12
Dom	55.75	55.75
Eldorado	2.40	2.40
Falconbridge	6.60	6.60
Glencra	14 1/2	14 1/2
Goldale	20	20
Granada	5	5
Gunnar	80	80
Hardrock	1.30	1.30
Hollinger	13.00	13.00
Howey	31	31
Hudson Bay	26 1/2	26 1/2
International Nickel	51.25	51.25
Jackson Manion	13	13
Kerr Addison	1.87	1.87
Kirkland Lake	1.33	1.33
Lebel Oro	12	12
Leitch	95	95
Lake Shore	52.25	52.25
Lee Gold	1 1/2	1 1/2
Little Long Lac	5.40	5.40
Maccasa	4.95	4.95
Manitoba & East	2	2
McIntyre	41.50	41.50
McKenzie Red Lake	95	95
McVittie Graham	13	13
McWatters	35	35
Mining Corporation	2.20	2.20
Moneta	2.23	2.23
Nayob	27	27
N'pising	2.00	2.00
Noranda	60.00	60.00
O'Brien	3.90	3.90
Omega	28	28
Famour	3.80	3.80
Payma	60	60
P. Lake Crow	4.75	4.75
P. O. S. S. S.	3.05	3.05
Preston East Dome	1.21	1.21
Premier	1.95	1.95
Read Authier	4.15	4.15
San Antonio	1.40	1.40
Red Lake Goldshore	23 1/2	23 1/2
Sheratt Gordon	1.75	1.75
S. Anthony	15	15
Sullivan Con.	1.05	1.05
Sudbury Basin	3.45	3.45
Stadacoma	27	27
Sylvanite	3.00	3.00
Siscon	3.15	3.15
Teck Hughes	5.30	5.30
Toburn	2.50	2.50
Ventures	7.00	7.00
Wright Hargreaves	7.65	7.65

## Reviews Insurance Record



G. WILSON GEDDES  
President, Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association, whose review of the record of life insurance in Canada is of particular interest.

## New Gold Find West Shiningtree Area

Recent Work on Discovery in Fawcett Township Reveals Rich Values

North Bay, Jan. 15, 1938.—Located in Fawcett township, east of Ashquith, in the West Shiningtree area, a new discovery of gold is reported, having been made last fall by E. B. James, prospecting in behalf of Toronto interests. Considerable work has since been done on the occurrence, and it is stated sampling has shown the presence of high values.

The discovery has been partially uncovered for a distance of about 2000 feet and entirely stripped for 160 feet, showing a width of 35 feet over that distance. The occurrence is west of Granite Lake.

Reports on the find state that the vein is covered by a shallow gossan capping and only in a few places does the quartz show on surface. After the capping was blasted off good-looking quartz was seen, especially on the footside wall where a pit was sunk to a depth of about five to six feet. Two channel samples were cut across widths of five feet at the bottom of the pit and revealed values of \$157.50 and \$189.80 respectively.

Although no free gold was seen where the channels were taken, gold was noted at two other places in the pit. Towards the hanging wall side the quartz is sparser. A few feet south of the pit and just beneath the capping, a channel over a 10-foot width is reported by Mr. James to have averaged \$8.20 per ton. Channel samples over a 20-foot width between the pit and the hanging wall showed assays of 35c, 10c, \$1.05 and \$6.30 in five-foot sections.

When the discovery was made a group of ten claims covering the southern part of the vein was staked by the prospector, and now the six claims to the north have been acquired from the four prospectors who owned them. Another vein running north and south has been found on the shore of Granite Lake, about 1500 feet east of the principal showing.

A crew of men is now on the property and it is proposed to cut rock trenches at intervals of about 100 feet south of the stripped area. Sampling will then be carried out and will give a clearer picture of the discovery's importance. Principals are pleased with results obtained to date but are naturally anxious to get more work done.

Sudbury Star.—A fossil crab, 50 million years old, has been dug up in a London subway and directed to the complaint department.

## Reviews the Record of Life Insurance

Value to Economic Life and to Individuals in Canada.

London, Ont., January 15.—In reviewing the record of life insurance in Canada during the past year, Mr. G. Wilson Geddes, President of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association and General Manager and Actuary of the Northern Life Assurance Company, pointed out that no single subject was of such material interest to so many people as that of life insurance, in which more than one-third of the men and women of the country had their savings so safely invested.

These 3,500,000 policyholders, at the end of 1937, were protected against the two great hazards of life—premature death and penniless old age—by approximately \$6,900,000 of life insurance then in force in the greatest co-operative and democratic business in Canada. Behind this protection stands, as at December 31, 1937, over \$2,000,000,000 of assets, owned by the policyholders and invested for them in Dominion, Provincial and Municipal securities, in first mortgages on carefully selected city, town and farm properties, in public utility bonds, in school debentures, etc. In this way the savings of more than 3,500,000 thrifty citizens have served the nation's best interests by financing many a worthy public and private enterprise, and by thus stimulating employment in the years of economic depression.

"Every working day throughout 1937" said Mr. Geddes, "half-a-million dollars was disbursed in cash by the life insurance companies of Canada to their policyholders, most of them men and women of modest means who had thus thrifly provided for the proverbial rainy day. In fact, this daily circulation last year of the accumulated savings of our citizens in life insurance far exceeded the direct relief payments of all agencies throughout the Dominion."

"Despite the recession in other lines of business," continued Mr. Geddes, "more life insurance was sold in Canada in 1937 than in 1936. The increase was about 7%, bringing the total new insurance for the year close to the \$675,000,000 mark. Even more important than the increase in new business was the decrease in terminations, which was probably at the lowest level since 1929. This is an indication that conditions are improving and that the average policyholder is realizing more and more that his life insurance is his greatest asset."

"In their trustee relationship to policyholders and beneficiaries, the greatest problem confronting life insurance executives," declared Mr. Geddes, "is the handling of investment matters." "On the whole, conditions improved throughout the country during the past year and a number of municipalities and industrial corporations have been taken out of default, and less is being heard of threatened repudiations. The decided recession in business which developed in the United States last summer, fortunately has had little effect on Canadian business, so far. The newspaper industry seems to be the only one to feel the effect directly, and, of course, the security market has reacted in line with the New York market. The recession in newspaper and security values presents another problem for life insurance companies, but, of course, a comparatively minor one."

"Life insurance companies have come through the last great depression so well, and it has been so generally known that no policyholder has ever suffered a loss through a failure of a Canadian life insurance company, that there is danger that the public may conceive the idea that life insurance companies are impregnable against financial difficulties of any kind. I think probably it is time to say that while the life

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## Gillies Lake Mine to Do Pilot Drilling

Meeting Thursday at Toronto Endorses President's Plan.

Toronto, Jan. 15th.—A meeting of the directorate of Gillies Lake-Porcupine Gold Mines was held Thursday to act upon the report of President F. O. Tidy, following his recent visit to the mine, and to consider the recommendations of Hamlin B. Hatch, geologist, in respect to a plan for future development. The plan calls for a series of holes to be drilled from the south to the north, starting near the McIntyre boundary. This pilot-drilling will be for the purpose of determining the exact position of three known surface structures, which strike northeast into the Gillies Lake property, and the holes are to be put down as close as possible to the McIntyre boundary. On the determination of the location of these structures underground it is planned to extend the north crosscut from the 500-foot level into this area.

A further recommendation is to the effect that underground drilling should begin at once from the 300-foot level, for the purpose of picking up the extension of the No. 24 vein. At 40 feet above the level, this vein showed \$15.40 across 2 feet and \$1.40 across 2 feet. In accordance with these recommendations, the directors have ordered two steam drills on the ground immediately and work is to proceed at once while the third drill will continue.

Balance of option comprising 5 blocks of 100,000 shares each at 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 cents respectively has been terminated by default. Toronto Stock Exchange has been advised by Gillies Lake-Porcupine Gold Mines. Under the new agreement dated Jan. 6, underwriting has been made covering 25,000 shares at 12 1/2 cents and 25,000 shares at 15 cents, upon which \$2500 has been paid and balance of \$4375 payable upon approval of the Ontario Securities Commission. In addition, an option has been given on 450,000 shares divided into 5 blocks of 90,000 shares each at 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 cents respectively, exercisable to the extent of at least \$10,000 monthly, commencing February 6.

## Population of Kirkland Lake Given Now as 19,924

Archie Tipper, assessor of Teck township, gives the population of Kirkland Lake at present as 19,924, or more than 2,000 more than shown by the 1937 assessment roll. Kirkland Lake people suggest that the actual population is probably 2,000 more than given by the assessment roll, as the town is growing every day. This would give Kirkland a population of 22,000. That is close to the figures for Timmins, the assessment roll here giving the population of Timmins as 24,500. Possibly a couple of thousands should be added here also.

## Value of Mining Greater than the Mere Production

"As in former years, mining has been the vanguard of Canada's economic advance," stated A. E. Arscott, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at the annual meeting of shareholders on Tuesday. "The powerful influence of the expansion in mining upon Canadian business in general is not fully reflected by the new record in 1937 of \$450,000,000 in production value. That figure represents merely the net result. Many branches of industry benefited from mining operations because these operations involved heavy demands for equipment and material. Moreover, mining has to its credit a more stable record of employment in the depression years than other leading industries and has been largely instrumental in providing new employment during the revival period. Canada has assumed an enviable place in world mining and every encouragement should be given to the further expansion of this vitally important industry."

Blairmore Enterprise.—As a matter of fact, few prominent citizens are actually misquoted in print. All the newspapers do is to correct the grammar.

## Along Canada's Mining Highway

From coast to coast the aggressive expansion goes on—bringing results that indicate another new record of production for 1938.

The Province of Quebec is the scene of great activity. East Malartic Gold Mines, now developing underground, shows definitely a "big mine" outlook. Adjoining on the east, the Rand Malartic property reports good diamond drilling results. On the Lacoma property in Tavernier township exceptional results are reported from first new work underground. The East Lacoma people are planning diamond drilling. In the west section of the Province, Powell and Beattie show healthy development.

In the Larder Lake district of Ontario great activity is apparent. At the Barber Larder property mining plant is being installed preparatory to under-

ground development of the extensive orebodies indicated by diamond drilling. Feonland is preparing for shaft sinking. Kerr Addison continues development on a large scale. Martin-Bird is shaping up well, with important new ore developments in the west section.

Kirkland Lake Gold, Pamour and Buffalo Ankerite receive much favourable comment in the older mining districts. Albany River and Uchi are looming up importantly in the Patricia district.

Alberta reports much good news, indicating this Province as a potential big source of oil supply for the British Empire. On the west coast of Vancouver Island a new camp is causing some excitement. Bralorne and Ymir Yankee Girl report favourable developments.

## McGILL'S PRINCIPAL READY FOR WORK



McGill University has welcomed its new principal Dr. Lewis Williams Douglas, who is shown in the above photo, specially posed, at his desk in the University offices.

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