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## From Mucker Here to Minister of Mines

Hon. W. J. Asselstine Recalls Old Acquaintances in Porcupine.

One of the most prominent and popular of the guests at the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy at Toronto last week was Hon. W. J. Asselstine, Minister of Mines for British Columbia. Hon. Mr. Asselstine was among the pioneers of Cobalt and Porcupine camps, and with all the "reminiscing" that went on at the Institute gathering, it was only natural that Mr. Asselstine should recall old days and old friends. The Globe and Mail last week had the following reference: **Minister of Mines Got Start As Mucker:** Hon. W. J. Asselstine, Minister of Mines for British Columbia, stood on the mezzanine floor of the Royal York Hotel yesterday, hands in pockets, an easy smile on his face. Around him hub-bubbed mining men from all parts of the Dominion.

"Yes," he said, "I'm enjoying myself. I'm enjoying my first reunion in seventeen years with men I grew up with. Yes, that's right—I was in Cobalt in 1909—and Porcupine. Yes, the fire and the fever epidemic. "What was I? I was a mucker." He

chuckled. "I guess Michael Dwyer of Nova Scotia and I are the only two ministers of mines that grew up in the job." He was a lad of seventeen when he hit out from home with Ed Keeley, from Sydenham, Ont., to make his fortune in the mines. Ed Keeley, now with the Buffalo-Ankerite Mine, was grinning across the room yesterday as his old "pal" chuckled over the story. **Started as Mucker** "We didn't get the job when we first hit Cobalt. We slept the first few nights in a livery stable. Then Ed got a job mucking at the Beaver and I got a job at Cobalt Township." The Minister of Mines for British Columbia waved a hand at some one and chuckled some more. "Sure I know folks here—lots of them," he said, waving some more. "See Harry Darling over there? He used to be my shift boss. He's a consulting engineer or something now. Guess who I met a minute ago—Silm Erickson; I think he's now an assayer. "There's Charlie Kemsley over there, who's with Dome. He was master mechanic when I worked in the Dome mill. I went to the Dome mill, you see, after Cobalt Township. And I know Bill Sixt—he was mill superintendent at Porcupine. Now he's general manager of Kirkland Lake, or at any rate up in the money." **Wouldn't Change It** Shifts in those early days were eleven hours in the daytime, thirteen hours at

night, and pay was \$2.25 a day, whether you worked day or night. In 1921 he went with the American Smelting and Refining Company to British Columbia as a mill superintendent. Then he was elected to the Legislature. "Any close shaves in the mines?" he was asked. He chuckled. "Yes, once," he said. "But not what you might think. It was in the Dome bunkhouse one night. By the way, Nelson Spire, who is president of one of the mining companies here, was cook then. I was in bed, and Charlie Cook was fixing an old pistol. It went off and the bullet went right through my blankets. Ha, ha! Great days, those!"

## Beware the New Racket Originating in Mexico

(From "Grab Samples" in The Northern Miner) Something new in the way of a come-on scheme to interest the public in a mining project has come out of Mexico. It is rather clever in its way, as it appeals to the well known cupidity of man in a somewhat unusual way. Something for nothing is the basis of the scheme, of course. Apparently the Mexican organization has bought an extensive Canadian "sucker list" and has been circulating the names. Canadians who never owned a share of stock in any project outside the country receive word from Mexico that they have already paid in a certain sum of an interest in the Chiapas Mining Co. They are told that by the payment of a modest balance they will receive their stock. In order to facilitate matters the circular has attached to it a "Lost Certificate Affidavit" which the alleged owner of the stock is asked to sign and return. Anyone following out this suggestion would, of course, be committing a felony. The literature sent to the intended victim includes a descriptive circular, giving pictorial and other details of the mine which is said to have produced \$55,000,000 in nine years under British management. A photograph of the layout of the old plant is reproduced and also a picture of a modern small gold mill which is to replace the old equipment. The statement is made that 800,000 tons of \$20 ore is already blocked out. One cannot easily conceive of a British mining firm going away and leaving \$15,000,000 worth of gold ore behind. Apart from all that it should not be necessary for Canadians to be warned that the plan is simply designed to get them to send in a remittance on the pretext that they have already partly paid for shares in a Mexican gold mine of which they had never before heard. Detroit Free Press.—At 73, Sir Wilfred Grenfell can look back upon a life nobly spent in aiding the natives of Labrador. A chilly job, but the world's appreciation of it has been warm and generous.

## To-day's Stocks

Listed	
Afton	2
Ashley	6
Base Metals	37
Big Missouri	39
Beattie	1.25
Bidgood	37
Bobjo	8
Bralorne	8.50
Buffalo Ankerite	14.00
Canadian Malartic	92
Castle Tretheway	54
Central Porcupine	11
Central Patricia	2.59
Coniagas	1.95
Coniarium	1.20
Con. Chibougamau	24
Darkwater	15
Dome	53.50
Eldorado	2.47
Falconbridge	5.50
Glenora	4
Goldale	17
Granada	5.14
Gunnar	81
Hardrock	1.81
Hollinger	12.85
Howey	25
Hudson Bay	25.14
International Nickel	44.25
Jackson Manion	6
Kerr Addison	1.74
Kirkland Lake	1.10
Label Oro	8.14
Leitch	82
Lake Shore	50.00
Lee Gold	2.14
Little Long Lac	4.70
Macassa	4.15
McLeod Cookshutt	3.30
Manitoba and East	2
McIntyre	38.35
McKenzie Red Lake	84
McVittie Graham	20
McWatters	70
Mining Corporation	1.85
Moneta	2.00
Naybob	20
Nipissing	1.80
Noranda	57.00
O'Brien	3.45
Omega	37
Pamour	3.30
Paymaster	47
Pickle Crow	4.35
Pioneer	3.00
Preston East Dome	93
Premier	2.05
Read Authier	3.05
Reno	52
San Antonio	1.30
Red Lake Goldshore	23
Sherritt Gordon	1.28
St. Anthony	13
Sullivan Con.	1.03
Sudbury Basin	2.60
Siadacota	23.14
Sylvanite	3.05
Siscoe	2.49
Tack Hughes	4.90
Toburn	2.20
Ventures	5.25
Wright Hargreaves	7.35

line, Minister of Mines for British Columbia; Hon. Michael Dwyer, Minister of Mines for Nova Scotia, and Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, former Prime Minister of Ontario and High Commissioner in London for Canada. It is too bad we cannot preserve in print some of the wit and badinage that passed between the speakers, but enough to say here that those privileged to be present will long remember the occasion as an outstanding feast of reason and flow of soul, punctuated by kindly wit and friendly "roasts."

## Blaming Officials for Failure of Plan

Interesting Address at C. I. M. M. Meeting.

Centralization of authority, multiplication of officials and lack of responsibility on the part of those supposed to be in charge of operations appear largely responsible for Russia's failure to meet objectives of her five-year plan," Dr. E. L. Bruce, Queen's University, last week told the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy in a presentation of his observations during a recent visit to Russia. "It is likely that this failure explains some of the constant accusations of sabotage that appear in news from Russia during recent months," he said. "Where there is failure to fulfill the plan some reason must be found that will not reflect on the wisdom of the government and the party. Russia had departed far afield from the original Communist plans of Lenin he said. Classlessness no longer existed. The government had become a bureaucratic dictatorship operating State capitalism. But, he pointed out, the ideal claimed for the Russian experiment that the human factor was of chief importance, held a challenge to democratic countries. "Democratic countries must meet this challenge by making their living and working conditions better than those that exist under other systems," he said. "That they can do so is amply shown by the prosperity of Finland," he said. Finland, though much poorer in natural resources, had much superior living conditions for all her people than had Russia. Finland, like Russia, but more successfully, had recognized that the nation's resources and industries must be utilized for the welfare of all its citizens, he said. He predicted for Russia either that the present dictatorship will be modified to a more democratic system, or that some such system will be established by another revolution affecting the whole of Russia, or that there will be a gradual disintegration of the union "involving, perhaps, absorption of some of its units by other nations."

## Along Canada's Mining Highway

The Golden Gate mine, originally known as the Lucky Cross property, located at Swastika, a few miles to the west of the Kirkland Lake camp, is reported to be developing important ore in high-grade and low-grade veins in underground work. Mill construction is well advanced.

Barber Larder shaft is down over one hundred feet. Next month should bring reports on first underground ore developments. Kerr Addison mill construction is rapidly nearing completion.

## Young Davidson Mine Not Milling the Highest Grade

While Young Davidson Mines treated higher daily tonnage during the month of February, production was below that of the previous month due to treatment of a lower grade of ore.

O'Brien Mines in Cadillac Township, Quebec, reports excellent depth results. Lacoma Gold Mines in Tavernier Township continues to obtain favourable results in its extension drilling. A mining plant capable of deepening the shaft from the present 250 foot level to depth and to allow for aggressive underground development will be installed shortly.

## Goldale Net Profits in Six Months' Term, \$11,423

Goldale Mines, in report for the six-month period ended Dec. 31, 1937, reports net profit for the period at \$11,423. Previous report issued covering the 18 months ended June 30, 1937, for which net profit was \$17,656. Revenue amounted to \$17,032 from

dividends and interest, while expenses amounted to \$5609. Deficit account as at July 1, 1937, amounted to \$1,133,758, to which was added \$480 City of Toronto taxes, making total of \$1,134,238. From this was deducted profit on sale of securities of \$10,393 and profit of \$11,423 for the period, while reduced the account as at Dec. 31, 1937, to \$1,112,421. Current assets were \$29,207, of which \$28,887 was cash. Current liabilities were accounts payable of \$1754, leaving working capital of \$27,453, compared with \$26,947 on July 1, 1937. In addition, the approximate market value of shares held by the company was \$599,561, not including 59,484 shares of Coniarium at cost of 40 cents per share, or total of \$23,793.60 for which market value was \$92,200. Mortgage receivable and accrued interest is shown at \$1010. Of the 3,000,000 shares authorized, 2,840,311 shares are outstanding. James Y. Murdoch, president, in his remarks says that in September the company, in conjunction with Inspiration Mining and Development Company, obtained a working option on twelve claims in Black Township, Kirkland Lake area. After an expenditure of \$1262 by the company on exploration and development, it was decided to discontinue work, and the option was allowed to lapse. Reports on 49 other properties were made by George A. Morrison, who was in charge of the company field work during the period. Annual meeting has been called for March 30 at 12 noon in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto. Try The Advance Want Advertisements

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## Reviews Results at Central Porcupine

Consulting Engineer Thinks Chances Good for Finding Commercial Ore.

While the 35,053 feet of diamond drilling and extensive development work carried out last year on property of Central Porcupine Mines, Porcupine district, disclosed some excellent structure and scattered values, no commercial orebody was disclosed, says D. G. H. Wright, Consulting Engineer, in company's annual report, which summarizes work from May, 1936, to the end of 1937. The lease which the company had on the Goldale shaft for period of three years expired and work therefrom was discontinued, due to negative results. Mr. Wright says he still believes chances of finding commercial ore at depth on western part of property are excellent and points out that drilling he recommended on adjoining workings on the 3,000-foot level has yet to be done. Contiguous claim to the south was purchased and drilling showed good vein structure with further underground drilling recommended. Development and exploration expenditures amounted to \$120,718 from May 1, 1936, to Dec. 31, 1937, to which is added \$7,450 for loss on sale of fixed assets. Miscellaneous income totalled \$6,198, mainly from dividends and interest. Balance sheet shows cash at \$35,529, accounts receivable \$667, and Provincial bonds and shares in other companies at cost of \$108,820, and market value of \$114,275. Accounts payable total only \$14.

## Luncheon Happy Event at Mining Convention

Speaking last week of the annual convention of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, held in the Royal York hotel on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, The Globe and Mail says:—"One of the happiest events of the entire meeting was the luncheon tendered to the visiting Ministers of Mines by Hon. W. A. Gordon, P.C., K.C., former Dominion Minister of Mines, and Hon. Chas. McCrear, K.C., former Minister of Mines for Ontario. Over 100 men prominent in the mining and business world were present in the Tudor room, with the following seated at the head table: The hosts, Hon. Chas. Stewart, former Premier of Alberta and Chairman of the International Joint Commission for Canada; Hon. T. A. Crerar, Dominion Minister of Mines; Hon. O. Gagnon, Minister of Mines for Quebec; Hon. Paul Leduc, Minister of Mines for Ontario; Hon. W. J. Assel-

## Interesting Display at Convention Last Week

(Globe and Mail) No comment upon the big convention would be complete without mention of the exceptionally interesting and well-presented exhibition of machinery, chemicals, instruments and other products of affiliated industries which has been a part, and a very important one, of the biggest gathering in mining's history in Canada. By far the largest collection of mining needs ever assembled on this side of the international line, it also provided the 14,000 people who had seen it up to last night with a graphic picture of the modern methods and equipment attendant upon Canada's important industry and of the part science plays in the advancement of that industry. From tiny cameras, which modern engineers use to bring back visual evidence of their developments, to giant crushers with two-ton castings, the exhibition was a panorama of the tremendous strides made in recent years. In our opinion it was one of the best and most informative innovations yet introduced under the auspices of the Institute and should be repeated in other meetings of the kind.

## R. A. McInnis Sees Great Future for Forest Experts

R. A. McInnis, formerly manager of the Abitibi Power and Paper Co. at Iroquois Falls, and for years president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, and more recently general manager of the Anglo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Co. Ltd., of Quebec, and president of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, in a recent interview, said: "As the industry has grown to huge proportions it has become more stabilized and the attention of executives has been directed in great degree toward perfection of production and development of new processes. "Such matters as forestry and conservation have been greatly developed and in all the various ramifications of the industry there is a call for young men who are willing to enter it as a profession—I lay emphasis upon that word. I mean a profession in the same sense as it is understood by those who enter mining. Technical training is essential, but naturally the progress of those who come in to the industry depends to a considerable degree upon other essential qualifications—tolerance, broad-mindedness and vision. "As a proof of the statement that the industry offers a future to young Canadians I might point out that 20 years ago the pulp and paper companies in this country were manned almost entirely by non-Canadians. Today they are managed and operated largely by Canadians. Not only that but Canadians trained in our own industry have found many opportunities in other countries. "The demand for the type of man I have characterized, particularly in forestry, will be greater and greater."

## DISTRICT OF COCHRANE SHERIFF'S SALE OF LANDS

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Fi Fa issued out of the Supreme Court of Ontario and to me directed against the Lands and Tenements of Two-in-One Gold Mines Limited, wherein Andrews, Andrews and McBride are the Plaintiffs and Two-in-One Gold Mines Limited are the Defendants, I have seized and taken in Execution and will sell by public auction to the highest bidder at my office in the Court House at the Town of Cochrane in the District of Cochrane on Tuesday the 12th day of April, 1938, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon all the right, title, interest and equity of redemption of the above named Defendants, the Two-in-One Gold Mines Ltd. in, to and out of the following described lands and tenements, namely:

- (1) Parcel 1846 Whitney and Tisdale. Being the North half of Lot No. 7 in the 1st Concession of the Township of Whitney.
- (2) Parcel 961 Whitney and Tisdale. Being the North half of Lot No. 8 in the 1st Concession of the Township of Whitney.
- (3) Parcel 779 Whitney and Tisdale. Being the South half of Lot No. 9, in the 2nd Concession of the Township of Whitney.
- (4) Parcel 2965 Whitney and Tisdale. Being the Northwest quarter of the North half of Lot No. 6, in the 1st Concession of the Township of Whitney.
- (5) Parcel 2966 Whitney and Tisdale. Being the North-east quarter of the North half of Lot No. 6, in the 1st Concession of the Township of Whitney.
- (6) Parcel 3098 Whitney and Tisdale. Being the South-east quarter of the North half of Lot No. 6 in the 1st Concession of the Township of Whitney.
- (7) Parcel 3009 Whitney and Tisdale. Being the South-west quarter of the North half of Lot No. 6 in the 1st Concession of the Township of Whitney.
- (8) Parcel 3014 Whitney and Tisdale. Being the South-east quarter of the South half of Lot No. 6 of the 2nd Concession of the Township of Whitney.
- (9) Parcel 3015 Whitney and Tisdale. Being the North-east quarter of the South half of Lot No. 6 in the 2nd Concession of the Township of Whitney.
- (10) Parcel 2718 Whitney and Tisdale. Being the North-west quarter of the South half of Lot No. 8 in the 2nd Concession of the Township of Whitney.
- (11) Parcel 2719 Whitney and Tisdale. Being the South-west quarter of the South half of Lot No. 8 in the 2nd Concession of the Township of Whitney.
- (12) Parcel 2720 Whitney and Tisdale. Being the North-east quarter of the South half of Lot No. 8 in the 2nd Concession of the Township of Whitney.
- (13) Parcel 2721 Whitney and Tisdale. Being the South-east quarter of the South half of Lot No. 8 in the 2nd Concession of the Township of Whitney.
- (14) Parcel 4011 Whitney and Tisdale.

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SHERIFF, District of Cochrane.