

Mine Dividends for Month of April Totalled \$5,272,413

Delante Mines One of the New Dividend Payers.

Dividend distributions by twenty-one Canadian mining companies for the month of April totalled \$5,272,413.78, an increase of \$58,795.55 over the same month of 1939, according to figures compiled by The Globe and Mail.

The list for the month includes three initial payments, the newcomers being MacLeod Cocksbutt Gold Mines, Sturgeon River Gold Mines and Delante Mines. This makes five companies which have paid or declared dividends this year to date, the other two being Preston East Dome Mines and Yukon Consolidated Gold.

The list for the month of April follows:

Bralorne	\$ 374,100.00
Buffalo Ankerite	87,709.87
Cariboo Quartz	79,996.54
Delante	88,313.01
Dome	973,334.00
Hollinger	492,000.00
Kootenay Belle	27,008.00
Lamaque	300,000.00
Little Long Lac	183,500.00
MacLeod Cocksbutt	282,149.00
Moneta	76,315.80
Pioneer	175,175.00
Powell	62,500.00
Premier	150,000.00
Preston	150,000.00
San Antonio	234,801.00
Sheep Creek	75,000.00

Italian Press Changed Its Tune on Tuesday, Too

Rome, April 23.—The Italian press today credited the Allies with successes in Norway.

Long analyses of the Scandinavian military operations stressed the failure of German parachute troops to seize and hold Dombaa. Il Telegrafo, organ of Foreign Minister Galeazzo Ciano, emphasized the success of the "audacious" Allied landing at Andalsnes, which, it said, was facilitated by the undeniable Franco-British control of the sea and the favorable attitude of the Norwegians.

"The Norwegians, the Telegrafo said, have been 'galvanized' by Allied support.

"The proud attitude of King Haakon," the Telegrafo said, "must have made the Germans lose all hope in efforts at negotiation.

"Unless the Germans want to see Trondheim surrounded by the Allies and the stain at Romsdals (Andalsnes) spread beyond measure until it threatens German troops established at Alesund and Kristiansund, they must strike home without delay."

Sudbury Star:—Someone has remarked that Hitler is little more than a raucous noise. In other words, he's all sound and fuchrer.

Silbak-Premier 100,000.00
Sturgeon River 54,995.16
Teck-Hughes 480,714.40
Wright-Hargreaves 825,000.00
Total \$5,272,413.78

Total for the first four months of the year now amounts to \$27,008,960.39 compared with \$26,159,727.39 in the comparable period of 1939, an increase of \$849,233 or 3.2 per cent. Fifty-one companies have contributed to this total.

1940		1939	
Jan.	\$ 5,972,146.21	\$ 4,995,321.17	
Feb.	1,374,461.70	1,897,137.85	
March	14,389,938.70	14,053,651.14	
April	5,272,413.78	5,213,617.23	
Total	\$27,008,960.39	\$26,159,727.39	

United Church Men's Forum Holds Final Meeting

Rev. Wm. Mustard Speaks on Position of Church in Present Day Life.

The Men's Forum of the United Church held its final meeting of the season on Monday evening. Speaker was Rev. William Mustard, United Church pastor.

In a stimulating address Mr. Mustard described the position of the church in the scheme of things. He brought out, among other things, that the church in Germany was one of the strongest forces in opposition to the rise of Hitler and his tyrannical ideology.

There were two forces, even within the church, said Mr. Mustard. Those conflicting forces were good and evil, and even within the precincts of the church, they exerted influence. A man might follow the ideals of the church and become more intolerant as the result; on the other hand his viewpoint might be broadened by church attendance.

After Mr. Mustard's address there was lively discussion in which most of the members of the Forum participated.

Sketch of the Allied Army Commander in Norway Operations

Was a "Whirlwind of a Soldier" in 1916.

(By Beverley Owen in Globe and Mail) The people who run things in London's Whitehall often have been accused of putting square pegs in round holes. They have now atoned for any half-dozen past blunders. The spectacular Anglo-Belgian whirlwind of a soldier, Major-General Carton de Wiart, has been picked for a spectacular job, that of driving the Nazis out of Norway into the Skagerrak. At last reports he was doing well. "Considerable success has been achieved," says London, and very probably it is a typical under-statement.

It was my privilege and vivid experience to serve under Adrian Carton de Wiart in the last war, and I know something of his mental attitude as well as his military qualities. He was then about 35 years old, while I was in my early twenties. He hated the Germans. It was a bitter hatred, generated no doubt by the Belgian half of his blood. And he carried this vendetta into action.

He showed it in the cold fury of his conduct at La Boisselle on the Somme and I have no reason to believe that de Wiart is in anyway a changed man today. On the contrary, he has one or two scores to settle, especially the virtual massacre of his men by hidden, periscope-sighted machine guns on the first day of July, 1916. That was the day when Carton de Wiart won the Victoria Cross.

De Wiart, a major in the Fourth Dragoon Guards, took over the command of the unit, the 8th Battalion, of the Gloucestershire Regiment, in May, 1916, a few weeks before the great Somme offensive. He was tall, slim and of sallow complexion, with large, piercing black eyes.

He affected the full, bristling moustache of the cavalry. From his left coat-sleeve protruded a steel hook, which served for the hand he lost in the Ypres Salient. Also he was minus an eye, left somewhere in Somaliland, and the black patch he wore gave him a dour, almost ferocious expression. Recent photographs show he is still wearing it. He is 60 now, apparently grey and fuller-fleshed, but there is no suggestion that his physical vigor or the brooding determination, if not ruthlessness, of his character has in any way mellowed. He seems to have acquired, however, a third row of medals: when he came to us he had two and they included the Distinguished Service Order, with which he was decorated twice. He had yet to gain the supreme reward for valor.

Mixed Personnel The officer personnel of the battalion at that time was perhaps as mixed as any along the Western Front. In addition to myself there was another Canadian, a Rhodes Scholar, an Australian who led the bombers, a Californian who had edged into the army from Cambridge, a young Scottish peer who had seen pre-war service in the Scots Guards, a couple of fellows transferred from the army in India, and a few line-regiment regulars. Among the men, originally drawn from Gloucestershire, there were few now who had ever seen the county town of Cheltenham. The battalion, several times badly mauled, was made up of drafts hailing from perhaps a dozen depots. Nevertheless the unit as it went into action on the First of July, 1916, with battle-scarred Carton de Wiart at its head, had in its keeping the reputation and traditions of a regiment boasting more honours than any other in the British Army.

But, as the artillery barrage that had reached a fury and intensity hitherto unequalled lifted from the German line and our engineers blew a mine that turned most of the main enemy redoubt into a huge crater of greenish slime, the troops went over the top to meet near-disaster.

Half way across the three hundred yards of no-man's land, the whole line faltered and officers and men were tumbling into shell holes, many dead, scores wounded, the rest scrambling for cover. From the depth of thirty-foot, heavily planked dugouts the enemy

No Classes Now



Mute evidence of the destruction wrought by Russian shells and bombs during the Russo-Finnish war is furnished by this picture of the Technical high school at Helsinki, as it stands to-day.

had raised their machine guns on hoists and sighted them through periscopes, the first time such a ruse had ever been adopted in the war to date.

Morale Restored

Though hit twice, with a heroism that perhaps has not its equal in the whole record of the last war, and with sublime indifference to the hell of bullets sweeping across the front, de Wiart staggered through the chaos, waving his steel-hooked arm, bellowing in the din. Rallying a remnant of officers he succeeded in restoring morale to a point where connection was made with the rear. Three signallers gained the Distinguished Conduct Medal for stringing a telephone line, and presently the artillery lowered its sights and the German machine guns, one by one, petered out of action. Within twenty minutes, about 250 men and three officers, all that was left of a strength of about 900 that went over the top, surged into the catacombs of what was once the village of La Boisselle. But the story did not end there. The battalions to the left and right also had been virtually wiped out, losing all their senior officers. Drawing the men that were left under his own command, de Wiart with "dauntless courage and inspiration" as the citation reads, so disposed of his meagre forces that a German counter-attack was turned back and the position held until a fresh brigade pressed through to the relief.

Such is the kind of man who leads the British, French and Canadian forces in Norway today.

Nazi Nickel Supply Said to be Near Exhaustion

Toronto, April 24.—Germany is down to her last supply of nickel, President J. Gordon Hardy, of Falconbridge Nickel Mines Limited, Falconbridge, and Falconbridge Nikkelverk, A.S., of Kristiansand, Norway, said yesterday.

He was the last Canadian to leave Norway before the Scandinavian war started. He sailed for Kristiansand harbor on April 7, past mysterious German tankers that 24 hours later disgorged Nazi troops into the little city. Today he said that the Germans who captured the Kristiansand refinery would not be able to get more than a month's supply of nickel out of the plant—that it was the sole major German source of nickel—and that Germany is literally down to her last nickel except for trifling leakages from Greek sources and minor amounts that might be recovered from other ores.

At 10.05 o'clock this morning he received a cable, from Oslo, that said: "Kristiansand occupied by German troops. Works, staff and workmen unhurt." It was his first news from the plant since he left it early in the month, and he was overjoyed to learn of the safety of the workmen.

Mr. Hardy is delighted by the progress the Allies have made so far in Norway, and believes that six months may see the finish of German troops on Norwegian soil. He is not afraid that the refinery will be damaged by Allied bomb-raids on Kristiansand airport, since the refinery is two miles from the field, and protected by an intervening hill, but he is afraid that defeated Germans may attempt to wreck the plant as they retire in defeat.

U.S. Paper Propounds Two Questions for U.S. People

(Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution)

France and Britain are all that stand, today, between freedom and subjugation under the bloodstained hands of Hitler and of Stalin. Let us not deny the truth. It is needless to turn back the pages of history in search for remote causes of the world tragedy of today. There is no nation in the world, not Britain nor France nor Scandinavia—no, nor the United States—which has not pages in history for which they feel shame.

But none of this matters. It is not of the crises nor the heroisms nor the misdeeds of generations now dead we must think, today. To those who try to argue in specious futility that the outcome of the war in Europe is of no concern to America, let the question be addressed: What of the world, and this country, if Nazi Germany is victorious?

What of America if the British fleet is wiped from the seas and a German navy takes control of the Atlantic?

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Commission Buys Cars, Shoes, Shirts Ties for Police

Discussion Recalls Decision of 1939 Council to Make Police Buy Own Shoes.

The Police Commission went on a buying spree at its regular April meeting, held in the town hall on Tuesday evening. Included in the purchases were two cars, twenty pair of shoes, forty shirts and twenty ties.

Although Commission members did not make reference to last year, the purchase of shoes recalled the discussion which took place among the members of the 1938 Council. At that time the pros and cons of buying shoes for the police were exhaustively discussed. Final decision was to have police buy their own footwear.

Tenders were opened on Tuesday night and samples of shoes, shirts and ties examined. Decision was to buy shirts, ties and shoes from Bucovet-skys.

After some discussion on the merits of the various makes of cars the matter was turned over to the Chief of Police. He expressed a preference for cars from McDowell Motors.

Bendyna Seeking Leave to Appeal Conviction

Peter Bendyna, former Kirkland Lake miner, found guilty last fall at the assizes at Haileybury on a high-grading charge, and at present serving a two-year term in Kingston penitentiary, has made application for the right to appeal the sentence. At the time of his conviction it was understood that an appeal would be made, but no action seemed to be taken then. Now, it is announced at Haileybury that the appeal will be proceeded with if the court gives permission. This permission is necessary in law on account of the delay that has ensued. In this case it is understood the delay was due to the time required to secure copies of the evidence given at the trial.

"Dead Man" on Highway Not as Dead as Thought

Cobalt, April 24.—There was great excitement here, or to be more exact, at Mileage 104, on Saturday night.

A motorist going north saw a man lying on the road and saw him just in time to apply his brakes and stop, with some damage to his tires. The man was lying directly across the road with his head on the centre strip. The telephone was brought into play and Chief W. L. Pidgeon of Cobalt was the first officer on the scene. In the meantime the cars had been piling up on each side of the fatality. "Struck by a hit-and-run driver" was the word that passed around. No one would touch the body pending the arrival of the police. The man might have been badly hurt and in need of a little first aid, but there he lay immovable, there on the centre of the road.

And then along came the Chief, and just a little investigation was enough to convince him that the dead man had not passed away, he had just "passed out." With a little aid he was loaded (good word, that) into the Chief's car and taken to Cobalt, where his sleep still uninterrupted, he remained in the seclusion of the cells until morning, when, as the "accident" occurred in the township, the Provincial police came down and collected him.

Likes Life in Britain More than in Germany

(Peterborough Examiner)

W. L. White, of the foreign correspondents' staff of the New York Post, has shifted recently from Berlin to London, and he likes the change. He admits he must write honestly and as a personal confession he says: "I have come from Germany where I disliked the Nazis, everything they stand for, and everything they plan to do to this world of ours, about as much as you can hate anything. Then I came to England, where by contrast I like the people and what they are fighting for very much indeed."

Highlights of Increases in British War Budget

Below will be found the highlights in Great Britain's biggest budget yet, to meet the growing calls of the war:—

A wholesale sales tax rate, the effective date and revenue to be determined but with a "substantial" yield expected.

A beer tax increase of one penny a pint, effective tomorrow, increased annual yield £18,000,000 (\$80,100,000).

A liquor tax increase of 15 shillings a proof gallon, effective tomorrow, and estimated to yield annually £7,000,000. This increase does not affect exports.

The tobacco tax increased three-pence an ounce, effective tomorrow, to yield £23,000,000 more annually.

The match tax increased a half-penny a box of 50.

The surtax increased by lowering the exemption from £2,000 to £1,500.

Telephone tolls increased generally 15 per cent for long-distance calls within Britain, effective May 1. For private subscribers on a monthly basis the increase was 25 per cent, effective July 1.

Private telegraphic service charges increased 25 per cent.

Telegrams increased by three-pence each.

Postal rates on letters raised from three ha'pences to twopence ha'penny, postcards from a penny to twopence and foreign charges raised by a ha'penny a letter to threepence, effective May 1.

No increase in overseas telephone calls, airmail or postage on letters to soldiers.

Total revenues from all these telephone, telegraph and postal increases expected to yield £14,500,000.

One of Those Expecting to "Take Over" in England

(News of the World, London)

A most level-headed and highly-placed Czech official, who recently escaped from Prague, told of a conversation which he had with a German civil servant in Prague a month ago. Said the Czech: "I expect you will be staying in our capital for some time?" Came the reply: "Unfortunately not. You see, I have to attend the special course at Marburg University, as I am to be one of those to take over in England next summer!"

This is from a man whose sanity can be vouched for. It indicates that the

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