

## Gold Mining Important to Present and Future of Dominion of Canada

### Crackpot Ideas of Ottawa Newspaper Given Complete Reply by The Northern Miner. Gold Mining Short of Staffs Largely Through Enlistments. To-day's Gold Not "Buried", But Doing Vital Work.

There are people—even in gold mining camps—who have crackpot ideas about gold and gold mining. It is necessary every once in a while to dispense these thoughtless theories or they gain improper standing and might eventually pass for the truth. It is true that theories are valueless when faced with facts that disprove them. There are people, however, who may be impressed by the theories, because the facts are not also thrust upon their notice. Accordingly it is necessary to keep the facts to the front.

In a recent issue The Ottawa Citizen, which has been all its days a newspaper of theories (including single tax), there was an editorial article that pretended to deal with gold and gold mining. This article was as follows:

**The Citizen Article**  
"The Dominion Director of national selective service, Arthur MacNamara, is reported to have announced that labor is to be drafted to some Canadian gold mines soon. No large scale movement of workers is anticipated, but where gold-mining interests can persuade the government that they need the additional labor, it is to be allotted to them."

"Nothing is contributed to the war effort by gold-mining. It is officially classed as non-essential in the United States. But the government in Canada is more attached to the gold mining business. Nothing has been done by selective service to divert labor from mining gold to the more essential industries where productive labor is needed."

"This negative position of the government at Ottawa has been far from inspiring, but it would surely be the limit of adherence to the gold fetish to draft Canadian workers into gold mining. They would be employed in digging a superfluity of ore out of deep holes in the ground only to bury the metal again—after much labor has been expended upon it—in the cemeteries of the gold standard, where the gold in caskets is as dead as before it came out of the ground originally."

"The excuse is, of course, that employment is provided by gold-mining. It is an uncertain form of employment, however, never permanent. When the mines are exhausted, the countryside is left with dead towns, as the last evidence of the dead hand of Midas whose touch turned everything to gold . . . and starvation threatened."

"The government would be fastening a new responsibility on the people of this country by drafting workers to the gold mines. When it is no longer profitable to work the mines, the miners will become unemployed. They could properly look to the government to provide other work."

"Gold mines are short of labor because far-seeing workers have availed themselves of recent opportunities to move into more essential occupations. Surely this government should show as much foresight in the public interest before ordering that workers shall be drafted back to the gold mines."

**The Northern Miner Reply**  
To the above The Northern Miner makes the following reply:

"The above editorial is from The Ottawa Citizen. That paper has shown itself to be no friend of gold. That fact is of no particular consequence because it is not to be expected that every writer will follow orthodox and long-proven monetary principles. People and papers are entitled to air their pet theories of money. When the attacks upon gold-currency principles spread to malicious and destructive assaults upon the Canadian industry of gold mining, that is another matter, and a very grave one. The industry is the direct support of thousands of Canadian citizens, and the indirect and partial support of hundreds of thousands more, and such wanton editorials as the above display disloyalty to the Dominion at large and a large block of its citizens in particular."

"Virtually every sentence is wrong, but let us give the real truth: Gold mining is chiefly short of labor because large numbers of gold mine employees—up to forty percent in many mines—have joined the armed forces. Further large numbers, with the warm co-operation of the mining companies, voluntarily left the gold mines and entered base metal mining. Many more left the gold mines to engage in war industry."

"National Selective Service is not now drafting men to work in the gold mines. The men are volunteering to work in the gold mines and it is decreasing the amount of employment in war industry which leads them to so act. Surely The Ottawa Citizen knows that war work is fast diminishing. Perhaps it is too much to expect that its hatred of gold will lead it to believe that it is better for a man to find profitable employment in the North than to walk the streets workless. Fortunately, the man out of a war job will look at the matter differently."

"There would be dead gold mining towns and cities in the Canadian North if the Citizen could have its way. But the miners who have had steady jobs for thirty years in Porcupine, for a quarter century in Kirkland Lake, and

the others who expect to have equally long jobs in Quebec and elsewhere know the falsity of the Ottawa paper's words. "The acute remarks about the cemeteries and caskets in which gold has been supposedly buried are only cute. The Citizen is obviously ignorant of the extremely valuable uses to which Canada's gold has been put during the war and of the steady shrinkage which America's "buried" gold has lately displayed in its employment in the war life of the United States. It remains supremely indifferent to the fact that the vast majority of this world's population recognizes gold as the true money metal, and that many of the nations have gladly enlarged their holdings of gold these past war years. Yet what The Ottawa Citizen says about gold as a money-metal is of no account or influence. What it says in malicious harm of the gold mining industry is of the greatest importance to the hundreds of thousands who reside in Porcupine, Kirkland Lake, North-Western Quebec, Little Long Lac, and all the other gold mining areas for, being at the seat of government, its word might conceivably have effect upon legislators unacquainted with the truth. The Citizen therefore does a great disservice to its country."

Toronto Telegram:— Another reason people like a square-shooter is that one of them seldom runs out of ammunition.

## [C.P.R. Express Finds and Ships Reindeer for Hollywood.



George McMurray, traffic solicitor for the Canadian Pacific Express Company at Edmonton, Alta., was the "Santa Claus" who provided four reindeer for Paramount Pictures in Hollywood when that company had to have them for scenes in "Road to Utopia", forthcoming film on the Alaska gold rush, starring Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour. He had a recollection of "a fellow somewhere in Saskatchewan driving a reindeer" when the word went out that the film capital had to have atmosphere for the picture. He checked with the publicity office of the Saskatchewan Government in Regina and found J. J. Dalke of Porcupine Plain, between Hudson Junction and Tisdale, was the "fellow". He had nine reindeer, all trained.

Having found his man, Mr. McMurray made arrangements to ship immediately and in the top picture the Canadian Pacific Express man had his picture taken with Mr. Dalke (left) and the unusual cargo. Also provided



ed for "Road to Utopia", but naturally segregated from the reindeer for shipping, were 27 sleigh dogs, with the lower picture showing some of the huskies being trained at Ryan's Farm at St. Albert near Edmonton. Mr. McMurray's claim always has been "the Canadian Pacific Express can ship anything" and the reindeer and the huskies he lined up on this assignment makes it no idle boast. The reindeer—five-year-old Cupid, a lady; and Dunder, Prancer and Dancer, males aged six, two and three—

required a specially heated car and their diet of turnips, carrots, potatoes, cabbages and grain also called for special care. The reindeer were available because Mr. Dalke, their owner, refused to believe those who said it was impossible to train and harness the creatures. He has dehorned the four who fill the Hollywood bill, an omission which the property department likely will remedy. The reindeer must be back from the United States in 29 days, according to the first permit issued on them.

## Porcupine Festival of Music to be Held Here on May 8th to May 12th

### General Revival in Interest in Festivals of Music Throughout Canada. Committee Asks the Fullest Co-operation of All in the Success of This Year's Musical Festival.

Last year there was no Festival of Music held here, though the event had proved so valuable and popular in previous years. The reason for dropping the event was the possibility that it might interfere with Canada's war effort or take thought or effect away from other patriotic endeavours. It is now believed that this fear was groundless, and that the Festival of Music is well worth while for its value to morale and the effect it has in building for the future. Accordingly, the Porcupine Festival of Music will be held in 1944 at Timmins, the dates for the event being May 8th to 12th inclusive.

The revival of Festivals of Music throughout the Dominion in 1944 shows that even in the bustle of war—music still lives. Evidence of the great interest being taken can be gleaned from recent despatches from Toronto and Montreal. In Toronto what appears to be the largest event of this kind is being sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of that city. To give some idea of its size, it is stated that over 700 talented young pianists will compete for the honours of their groups and the scholarships offered. 600 young vocalists are also entered, and about 60 choirs. Bands and individual instrumentalists are numbered very high also. Three halls have been engaged for the adjudications, and the success of the event is already assured.

Montreal has included drama and oratory in its Festival and in this instance the entries are very large.

The Festival of Music of the Porcupine also promises to take on new interest. The syllabus in course of printing will be issued at the end of the month. There are 82 Classes including, as formerly, Junior Vocal, Senior Vocal, Elementary and Secondary School numbers, Piano and Violin Classes, Miscellaneous Instrumental classes, Sunday School Choirs are also among the list of classes to be judged.

The committee has secured the services of Mr. George Coutts, of Toronto, as adjudicator for the Festival. Mr. Coutts is on the regular examining staff of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and at present is choirmaster and organist of the Walmer Road Baptist Church, Toronto.

The Porcupine Festival of Music will be held during the week of May 8th to 12th with adjudications being held in the First United Church, Fourth ave., Timmins. It is the intention this year to have the winners of each class appear in the special evening program during which Senior adjudications will be held. This, it is hoped, will increase interest generally. Another feature which it is hoped will be generously responded to is the appeal for Scholarships. At the Festival of Music held in 1942, the Service Clubs of the Porcupine donated Scholarships of \$10.00 each. This added much enthusiasm to the event. The committee look forward to citizens in general assisting in this matter and are hoping that those interested will help gener-

## Mosquitoes Appear Near New Liskeard in January

Last week's New Liskeard Speaker had the following item of special interest in connection with the wonderful weather this winter in the North:—"The down country individual who reported to his local newspaper, and so on to Andy Clarke's Sunday broadcast, that he had killed a mosquito in winter has no monopoly of this curiosity of the season, so far as its weather conditions are concerned. George W. Tucker, clerk of Harris township, told The Speaker that, on a recent January evening, he performed a similar feat. This particular "skitter" came buzzing about his ears as the clerk was engaged on some business in his house at Sutton Bay, and he promptly despatched it."

## Porcupine Squadron of the R.C.A.F. Makes Its Debut in Operations

### New Squadron Named in Honour of Porcupine and Sponsored by Timmins, Tisdale and Whitney Takes Part in Big Raid on Germany Last Week. Many Other Squadrons in Big Raid

The new group—the Porcupine Squadron of the R. C. A. F.—took part in a big air raid on Germany last week. The Porcupine Squadron is named after Canada's greatest gold camp and is sponsored by the Town of Timmins, the Township of Tisdale and the Township of Whitney, the three big municipalities in the camp. Last week was the first time the Porcupine Squadron had taken part in operational work since the naming of the unit. Canadian Press despatches make the following reference to the raid:

"London, Jan. 21—Nine squadrons from the R.C.A.F. bomber group joined with the R.A.F. in a heavy smash at Berlin last night and dropped the heaviest bomb total since the group was formed a year ago."

"R.C.A.F. airmen said the ground defences were generally weak, although there were plenty of fighters and flares."

"The Canadian force was made up of Lancaster and Halifax four-engined bombers and the raid served as the operational debut for the group's newest squadron—the Porcupine—which has been adopted by the township of Tisdale and Timmins, Ont. It was led by an English wing commander, C. B. Sifton, D.F.C., who enlisted in the R.C.A.F. at Vancouver."

"Other squads in the raid included the Thunderbird, Leaside, Iroquois, Blue-nose, Lion, Goose, Bison and Ghost. "A veteran of the Berlin run, Flt. Sgt. W. Bewtewart, of New Richmond, Que., who went to the capital for the sixth time, said there were plenty of fighters. One Focke-Wulf 190 attacked his plane, but Stewart a mid upper gunner with the Goose squadron, scored hits and the enemy broke off."

"Flt. Sgt. J. G. Herron, of Barry's Bay, Ont., who made his 30th flight against the enemy, came back from Berlin to term it his easiest. "I saw plenty of fighters and flares, but searchlights were ineffective," he said. **Veteran of Campaign**  
"Sqdn. Ldr. H. T. Patterson, of Fred-

## Alvin W. Leach Appointed Express Agent at Cobalt

Toronto, January 26.—Appointment of A. W. Leach as Agent, Cobalt, Ontario, is announced today by S. O. Martin, General Superintendent, Canadian National Express, and approved by G. E. Bellerose, General Manager. Alvin Walter Leach was born at Sturgeon Falls, Ont., and has served his entire railway career of almost 22 years in Northern Ontario. He became identified with the National Express in August, 1922, as a clerk at Timmins, Ont., subsequently filling various posts at that point until his present appointment. Since 1926, Mr. Leach has also acted as Relief Express Agent at many stations on the line between North Bay and Cochrane. Mr. Leach succeeds R. A. J. Powell, recently transferred to Sarnia, Ont., as Night Foreman.

## Timmins Red Cross Asks 500 Blood Donors to List Their Names at Once

### Though the Blood Donor Clinics Here Have Been Successful, it is Hoped to Have 200 Donations a Month as for This 500 More Names Should be Listed as Soon as Possible

Timmins Red Cross has issued an appeal for 500 more names to be listed for the regular blood donor clinics being held here. All the clinics held here have been successful, but as the appeal explains a large list of donors is essential so that those on the list will not be called on with proper intervals between donations. The Canadian quota for blood donations to meet the needs is 25,000 per week. On this basis there should be 200 donations per month from Timmins. If this mark is to be reached the Timmins Red Cross feels that 500 more names should be added to the list at once. Several logical reasons are advanced for this. First of all, there is the necessity that people shall not be called upon too frequently for blood donations. Then there is the necessity for a large list on account of shift work making it inconvenient or impossible for some to donate when the clinic is here. It is essential that there should be a large "waiting list" if the full quota is to be made each month. The appeal in full as made by the Timmins Red Cross Society is given herewith. All are asked to read it carefully and then do what they can. Timmins has never yet failed in any particular of the war effort—enlistments, work, contributions to funds, war savings stamps, war loans, etc. Timmins will not fail now. Those needed 500 names should and will be secured. Here is the Red Cross appeal:—

## Dr. McBain Chairman of Kirkland School Board

Dr. R. W. McBain, well known in Timmins where he is a regular visitor in his professional capacity, was recently elected chairman of the Kirkland Lake Public School Board. Mr. R. S. Skelly, formerly of Timmins, was chairman for 1942 and 1943, but did not seek reelection to the public school board this year, but instead was a candidate for a seat on the township council board. Dr. McBain has been a valued member of the public school board at Kirkland Lake for several years.

## G. A. Goddard, New Pres. of Kirkland Lake Kiwanis

Last week the new officers for 1944 were formally installed at Kirkland Lake Kiwanis Club. The president is G. A. Goddard; the vice-presidents, Gordon Browne and C. Tuck; treasurer, C. S. Blenkinship; secretary, W. Spencer. Past Lieut.-Governor G. D. O'Meara was the installing officer.

## Meeting Here Next Week of Prospectors' Association of Vital Interest to All

### Prospecting the Corner Stone of Canada's Progress. Meetings Should be Largely Attended. Sessions in Empire Hotel on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 1st and 2nd.

The appropriate and truthful slogan of the Prospectors' and Developers' Association is:—"The Prospector is the Cornerstone of the Mining Industry." It is equally apparent that the mining industry is the cornerstone of the progress and prosperity of the North, and the second most important line of industry in Canada. In view of these facts the meetings being held across Canada by the Prospectors' and Developers' Association hold very special interest to all. In truth they are of special concern to the prospectors, but have a vital interest to all in this North.

As noted before in The Advance the Prospectors' and Developers' Association is sponsoring a series of meetings at important centres across Canada. These meetings started at Toronto on Jan. 11 and 12th, the sessions being very successful and well attended. There was equally good attendance at the meetings at Montreal, Bourlamaque and Noranda. To-morrow and Saturday these meetings are at Kirkland Lake, and on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, Feb. 1st and 2nd, these sponsored meetings will be at Timmins.

**Meetings at Timmins**  
The following are the particulars about the meetings to be held at the Empire Hotel, Timmins, on Tuesday, Feb. 1st, and Wednesday, Feb. 2nd.

**Tuesday, February 1st**  
10:00 a.m.—Branch Organization Meeting.  
2:00 p.m.—"Some Features of Structural Geology of Interest to the Prospector"—W. C. Martin.  
Subject to be announced—Roy Dunbar.

**Wednesday, February 2nd**  
10:00 a.m.—"Minerals and their Recognition"—(Classroom Talk)—J. W. Ambrose.  
"Rocks and Ores of the Porcupine District"—M. E. Hurst.  
"Between Porcupine and Malartic"—J. W. Ambrose.

2:00 p.m.—"The Kirkland Lake Louvicourt Fault Zone in the Noranda District"—M. E. Wilson.  
"Possible Extensions of the Porcupine Belt"—M. E. Hurst.  
7:00 p.m.—Dinner  
Welcome by his Worship, The Mayor. "Early Mining Days in Porcupine"—Richard Ennis.

**Forum**  
Introduced by Stanley Saxton.  
Subject—Canada's Mining Industry. Past, Present and Future.  
Chairman—Mrs. V. R. MacMillan.  
Other Speakers—C. D. Stevenson, Bill Murdoch, Ralph Dipaolo, Walter Cliff, Dean Kester.  
9:00 p.m.—Prospectors' Party.  
Local Committee: Bill Murdoch, Ralph Dipaolo, Walter Cliff, Jack Brady, Mike O'Rourke.  
Other meetings in the series are as follows:—

February 4—Halleybury Hotel, Halleybury.  
February 8—Windsor Hotel, Sault Ste. Marie.  
February 11-12—Ukrainian Hall, Geraldton.  
February 14-15—Prince Arthur Hotel, Port Arthur.  
February 19-19—Marlborough Hotel, Winnipeg.  
February 23—Community Hall, Flin-Flon.  
February 28-29—Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton.  
March 6-7—Vancouver.

**Prospectors Take Lead**  
It is worthy of special note that local prospectors took the lead in presenting a brief to the local committee appointed to prepare a brief to the Ontario Mining Commission—the government's commission to secure details and data to assist the development and advance of the North Land. It is recognized—or should be recognized—that the advance of the North depends upon mining development and that mining development needs the prospector. There is no disputing the fact that there has been a serious decline in prospecting activity with the accompanying threat to the future of the mining industry. The suggestion of the local prospectors as presented to the local committee preparing the brief for the Ontario Mining Commission is that the chief cause for the decline of mining is the series of restrictions imposed by the Ontario Securities Act, and that the greatest assistance that could be given the prospector and prosperity would be the removal of these undesirable restrictions. It is to be hoped that opportunity will be given the local prospectors to place these views before the meetings her next week. Last year at similar meetings here there did not appear to be time for this to be done. It would appear to be in the best interests of the prospectors and the general cause for time to be made this year so that these ideas may be given full expression and publicity at these meetings.

## Over Ten Million Invested Here in War Loans and Stamps

### Over \$7,000,000, for the Five Victory Loans.

Figures recently compiled by the Cochrane District Committee of the National War Finance Committee show that the Porcupine Camp—Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine and district—has invested well over ten million dollars in war bonds and war savings stamps. Compared to other areas of the Dominion this is a very creditable amount. There are no figures available for the first two war loans, as these were not handled by the War Finance Committee, the first two war bonds being simply sold by local salesmen and the returns being made to headquarters in Toronto and Ottawa. Without those two loans the total is \$9,401,251, and so, while it is known that the first two war loans did not sell to the extent that was the case in the Victory Loan war bonds, it is certain that the two war loans will send the grand total well over ten million dollars.

The following are the figures in detail:—

War Savings Certificates	\$2,197,551
1st and 2nd war loans not listed	
First Victory Loan	1,223,450
Second Victory Loan	1,348,700
Third Victory Loan	1,189,250
Fourth Victory Loan	1,755,150
Fifth Victory Loan	1,787,160
Grand Total	\$9,401,251

## Appreciates Co-operation of The Porcupine Advance

January 17th, 1944

The Editor, Porcupine Advance, Timmins, Ontario.  
Dear Sir:— At the Annual meeting of the Schumacher Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, I was instructed to express to you and your staff their gratitude for your kind assistance during the past year.

Your publication of messages and news items has been of great help to this branch. The members sincerely appreciate your co-operation and wish to thank you for furthering the work in Schumacher.

Yours very truly,  
(Mrs.) Catherine Urquhart,  
Secretary

Globe and Mail:—The younger Nazi soldiers are well trained in arrogance and impudence. According to stories coming out, despite the humiliation of defeat that would be heartbreaking for more sensitive men, these swaggers maintain an attitude of insolence and disdain.