

## Quiet but Strong Rush to Secure Ground Along the Main Gold Belts

Miles of Ground Said to be Acquired East of Porcupine and Into Quebec. Strong Groups Interested. Claims in South Belt East and West of Kirkland Lake also Reported in Demand.

For some time past there have been reports to the effect that large blocks of ground have been taken up by important groups, either by purchase or staking, in the area east of Porcupine and through into Quebec. The same sort of reports are also given about ground looked upon as extensions of the Kirkland Lake belt. The work has been carried on very quietly, but is understood to be just as extensive and important as the loudest sort of a rush. It appears to be very complete answer to those people who question the part to be played by gold in the post-war days. The people who ought to know seem to be in no doubt as to the fact that gold will be a vital factor in the progress and prosperity of Canada after the war, just as it has been in the days that are past. The Northern Miner in a recent issue gave a very effective summary of the staking and buying that has been going on recently along the two main gold belts. The article in The Miner is as follows:—

"Never before in Canadian history have dealings in mining claims been on the scale of the last six months. Quietly, but very quickly, strong mining groups have acquired great areas, either by purchase or staking, along the two main gold belts of Ontario and Quebec. "East of Porcupine ground has been taken up for miles along a belt that extends past the T. & N. O. Railway, east through the Lightning River district into Quebec where there is a junction with the south belt near the Beattie mine. Mineral rights have been bought on farms, too, and this is particularly true around Matheson and Ramore. All the old gold finds in Munro, Beattie, Lightning River and other places in this extensive area have been re-examined. Even the sand plains east of Munro have been acquired, though obviously rock can be reached only at great cost. The same thing applies to muskeg and water covered tracts suspected to cover the strip of favor-

able structure. "Everything has been on a hush-hush basis, and while scouts for mining interests admit little or nothing. It is known that one group alone has taken up ground that extends almost unbrokenly across two townships east of Matheson.

"What has happened east of Porcupine is being repeated on the south belt but on nothing like the same scale. The south belt is generally considered to include Matachewan, Kirkland Lake and Larder Lake fields of Ontario and with the exception of Beattie, all the gold mines of Northwestern Quebec. Geologists talk of the Marlartic-Larder fault as the line of demarcation. This break was last year traced by Ontario provincial geologists to the west of Larder Lake and it was found to be some distance south of the Kirkland Lake producers, thereby opening up new possibilities. This has caused a local boom which has enlivened a number of old companies and interested mining groups into taking up blocks of ground from Anoki west to south of the Kirkland Lake main ore zone. Interest in the extension westward has caught the fancy of some mining people and staking and claim buying has spread past Swastika toward Matachewan 20 miles or more away.

"The possibility of wide ore zones rather than one narrow break is now confined to Kirkland Lake and Larder but has spread into Quebec. There has been a great reshuffling of groups re-organization of dormant companies and financing of exploration on a scale that had been absent for a number of years. Labor scarcity will permit little more than diamond drilling, but every advantage is taken of it. Donald and Chaska had much to do with enlivening the whole field and the bringing in of new mining people, but many new operations now going are keeping alive the interest of those who supply the mine.

"The big holdings on the north belt—that is east of Porcupine where it has been possible to acquire big areas—will likely be approached in a different way. Scientific prospecting, including geophysics in its various branches, rather than probing by diamond drilling, will be used, except in some places like around the Montclair property at Monteith, or the Ross Mine, near Ramore, or some other spots where geological information is available and intensive exploration is possible. For the most part the country east through Lightning is heavily overburdened with sand or clay and its investigation will have to first have intensive geologizing and geophysical surveys to try to determine the most likely place to probe by diamond drilling. The acquisition of big blocks indicates that approach.

"The great sale of claims has been most welcome to many northern prospectors who found a market for holdings which could hardly have sold at any price a couple of years ago. The Northern Miner has met many northerners who have profited by deals in the past few weeks. For the most part they can only guess with whom they have dealt, but well known mining companies' names are frequently

## SEWING IN FULL SWING



Brides, grandmothers and working girls are members of Re-make Centre sewing classes, operated by the Consumer Branch, Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Under the supervision of expert instructors, Canadian women from coast to coast are fashioning discarded clothes into garments wearable and smart for themselves or the children. The women pictured have found that cutting and basting are the real secrets in making clothes over successfully.

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heard in connection with transactions. "One large mining company admitted to The Northern Miner that it was a party to a number of deals involving hundreds of acres. An official said they planned to search for the easterly extension of the Porcupine field first by geophysical survey. The whole operation, though, was predicted on the federal government carrying out the recommendation of the province of Ontario that the present high tax on mines be reduced in the national interest. It was hoped that, before anything that required great expenditures was found, favorable action on taxes would be taken.

"There seems to be a wide difference of opinion among mining people as to the probable location of the easterly extension of Kirkland Lake, as indicated by property accumulations along three belts, at Monteith, Matheson and Ramore. Whether this has anything beyond local significance remains to be determined. Generally speaking, though, the main movement has been gradually spreading east, south of Abitibi Lake, through Lightning River and should soon reach into Quebec.

"At the present time it would be hopeless to try to even guess at the blocks of ground that the various mining interests have acquired. It can be expected that when they feel free to disclose their position most of the Ontario groups active in mining exploration will be found as interested directly or indirectly in a large way."

## Kirkland Lake Misrepresented by Toronto Newspaper

Reeve Ann Shipley Makes Sharp Reply to Wild Story That Kirkland Lake is "Utopia for the Homeless"

It is a peculiar fact that the sensational articles of some newspapers always seem to do inconvenience and harm and never manage to do any good for anyone. It might be imagined that once in a while one of these sensational screeds would accidentally help someone, but who knows of any such case? On various occasions The To-

ronto Globe and Mail, The Telegram, The Ottawa Journal and other outside newspapers have lined up behind local newspapers of the North to have some advantage given to the North or to fight for some need. The sensational press, however, has never been on deck in such cases. But let some untoward occasion arise, then watch their smoke. This is a prelude to reference to the publication in a Toronto newspaper of an article picturing Kirkland Lake as the "Utopia for the homeless." The suggestion is that in Kirkland Lake was the answer for the people who might be evicted from their homes on May 1st. The appeal appears to be especially to the families of soldiers. Emphasis is given to the number of houses vacant in Kirkland Lake. Rents are pictured as being from \$15.00 a month for furnished apartments to \$18. a month for beautiful bungalows. Signs are quoted as saying, "Pay what you want for a 5-roomed house." The whole idea of the careless and poorly founded article is leave the impression that evicted families in Toronto may find accommodation at ridiculously low rents in Kirkland Lake.

Had the article been allowed to go without forceful contradiction, the result might have been a serious hardship to both soldiers' families and to Kirkland Lake. It is always doubtful, however, whether the most complete contradiction of falsehood ever catches up entirely on the original lie. There will be at least a few people who may think that Kirkland Lake has withheld help from families that might have been accommodated.

Reeve Ann Shipley of Kirkland Lake took up the matter very promptly and very earnestly with the Toronto newspaper and a satisfactory explanation was inserted in the Toronto newspaper in regard to the housing situation in Kirkland Lake.

Reeve Ann Shipley pointed out that while there were some vacant houses in Kirkland Lake, and some vacant apartments, the conditions were by no means as pictured, and rents were far different to those quoted. In addition, many of the houses would be needed for Kirkland Lake's own soldiers and their families on their return from the war and war work. The chief difficulty, however, was that even had there been any particular surplus of houses in Kirkland Lake, it would be impossible for Kirkland Lake to give any number of new families proper accommodation at this time. Although Kirkland's population has gone down since the war, the school population has gone up, with the result that instead of being able to provide school accommodation for new families the community's school facilities are taxed to the limit to look after their present population.

There was a time some years ago when some people in both Kirkland Lake and Timmins suggested the use of vacant houses in Northern centres for the accommodation of soldiers' families from the more crowded centres. It was recognized then that anything along that line must be under the most careful and thoughtful supervision of the Government, or there would be trouble and hardship for all concerned. Arrangements might have been made then for the temporary housing of such families in the North. Even at that time there were many difficulties apparent. Without the earnest co-operation of the governments the plan was impracticable. The governments, gave no such co-operation. Indeed, they did not even show any interest. It may be that the sensational article in the Toronto newspaper was to becloud that fact and the later fact that the Ottawa Government took the attitude that it was no concern of it though every soldier's family in the Dominion were thrown out on the street.

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## Public Bodies Will Have Opportunity to Discuss Lignite

Committee from Legislature to Visit North in June.

As noted in The Advance some weeks ago a committee of the Ontario Legislature was named to consider the lignite question and report. This committee is to visit the North next month and some particulars as to this visit were given in The Halleyburian last week as follows:—

"Public bodies, together with service clubs and other organizations who may wish to make representations to an official group appointed by the Ontario Legislature to enquire into the possibilities of the Onakawana lignite deposits, will have an opportunity of putting forward their case in the course of the next few weeks. The Halleyburian was told in Cobalt on Monday by Mayor C. H. Taylor, M. P. P., who is a member of the legislative body.

"While the dates and places of any meetings have not been set as yet, the committee will be in the North Country some time in June, Mayor Taylor said, its official title is a Select Committee of the Legislature, and it consists of fifteen members, with A. K. Roberts, M. P. P. for one of the Toronto ridings, as chairman. Mr. Roberts is a former citizen of Cobalt, where at one time he practiced law and acted for a period as town solicitor to the municipality. He is one of the seven Conservatives on the committee.

"Other members include five C.C.F. members, two Liberals and one Labour progressive. The first named include the members for the three ridings of Temiskaming and North and South Cochrane, and the two colleagues of Mayor Taylor in this respect are John J. Kehoe of Kapuskasing and W. J. Grummett, Ansonville lawyer, respectively. Mayor Taylor said that any requests for meeting the committee should be addressed to Mr. Roberts in Toronto and as early as possible in order that suitable arrangements may be made.

"The committee met twice during the recent session of the Ontario Legislature and subsequently recommended to the provincial House that plans be made for visiting the deposits and also for holding any meetings in the district as may be regarded as necessary. These latter will depend on the requests made for a chance to discuss the question with the committee members. It was intimated, and the dates for these sittings and for the visit to the deposits will be contingent, to some extent on the weather which prevails during the spring.

"Mayor Taylor explained that the object of the committee's activities is to determine the future course to be pursued with regard to the Onakawana field, where the Ontario government has been carrying on experiments for some years. The Legislature agreed that a sum of \$215,000 should be voted to continue operations at the deposits until further recommendations can be made. Indiscussing the matter Mayor Taylor said this week that Boards of Trade, service clubs, municipal council and any others interested will be heard if their members should decide to make representations on the subject."

## Victory Loan Parade One of the Largest Held in District

Stirring Address at McIntyre Arena by Capt. Norman Rawson.

The Victory Loan Rally at the McIntyre Arena Monday night was outstanding in every way. And so was the parade from Timmins to the Arena. In this parade, one of the largest ever seen in this district, there was good representation of various patriotic and other bodies. It was estimated that there were over 2,000 in the line of march, while the spectators and followers were probably double that amount. The Timmins Citizens' Band led the parade and were followed by D. Co. Algonquin Regt., the Timmins Lions Club Sea Cadets, the Timmins Kiwanis Squadron of Air Cadets, the High School Army Cadets, The Veterans of Canada Pipe Band from Monteith, members of Timmins Branch 88 Canadian Legion, Local 241 Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, General Workers' Union of the Timmins, St. John Ambulance Brigade, The Boy Scouts, the Wolf Cubs. There was a particular large representation from Local Union 241.

The spectators found special delight in the three bands in the parade, the music by each of these being specially appreciated. The Boys' Bugle Band, as usual, made a special hit, while there was special appreciation for the Pipe Band from Monteith. The parade was augmented by further groups from Schumacher before the Arena was reached. It is estimated that fully 4,000 people were at the Arena to hear the inspiring addresses.

At the Arena W. Roberts was chairman for the rally. The speakers included Mayor Brunette, Reeve V. H. Evans, S. Saxton, R. J. Ennis and the guest speaker for the occasion, Capt. Norman Rawson. Capt. Rawson delivered an inspiring and powerful address, referring to the imminence of invasion by the United Nations, and stressing the point that all on the home front must support the Victory Loan to assure victory.

There was a programme of much interest and merit in addition to the

## Col. Scobell Production Supervisor in Toronto

Friends in Timmins and South Porcupine and district will be interested to know that Col. S. B. Scobell is in an important position in war work in Toronto. Col. Scobell, who conducted a drug store in Timmins for some years, and who later had been at South Porcupine, is a veteran of the last war, and since the opening of the present war has been anxious to take any part he could in the war effort, after the manner of all last war veterans. For the past year he has been an inspector of shells in the government arsenal, and recently he has been promoted to production supervisor, with headquarters at Toronto. His new position is a very important one and one for which his knowledge and experience fully qualify him.

Writing recently to Timmins Col. Scobell commented on the fact that in Toronto everyone seemed to be talking about Timmins and the North, and he ventured the opinion that after the war there will be a regular crowd migrating to Timmins.

## Members of Red Shield Pack Two More Overseas Boxes

Meeting Held on Monday Evening in Army Hall.

The members of the Red Shield met in the Salvation Army Hall on Monday evening for their regular meeting, with Mrs. J. McChesney in the chair.

The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" after which Captain Church offered a prayer. After the reading of the minutes, Mrs. W. Paterson presented the treasurer's report. A letter received from Mrs. Devine was read, and it requested the members to attend the War Loan Meeting Wednesday night. Another letter read was that from Mrs. Col. Peacock, thanking them for work received. Mrs. Paterson suggested buying material to make personal bags for the Bomb Victims.

Sympathy was extended to Mrs. Dunbar, Golden City representative of the Red Shield, in her recent bereavement. The meeting was closed with repeating of the Lord's Prayer.

Two boxes were packed, one with knitted comforts for the service men and other containing quilts, baby layettes and clothing for the children overseas.

## Gasoline Used on Fire Causes Death of Child

From Kapuskasing comes the story of a tragedy at a settlement west of that town.

Little Theresa Kirouac, four and a half years old, is dead as a result of burns received when a twelve-year-old brother attempted to quicken the fire by the use of what he thought was coal oil, but which was gasoline. There was an explosion as soon as the gasoline hit the fire. The boy did everything he could to help Theresa whose dress caught fire, but she was so badly burned that she died a few hours later in the Kapuskasing hospital. The house and contents were destroyed by the fire. The mother was out to a neighbouring store at the time. Evidence at the inquest suggested that clerk in the store had sold the gasoline in mistake for kerosene.

Globe and Mail: At any rate, a little snow at intervals is a reminder of how beautiful it can make the Canadian landscape.

addresses. Selections by the McIntyre Concert Band, the Timmins Male choir, Wilson Thompson in monologues, a miners' quartette and a Victory Loan sketch, added to the pleasure of the evening.

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J. M. Douglas, Phone 667W.

## Four Births Registered in Timmins This Week

Born—On April 21, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. P. St. Aubin, Hollinger Ave.—a daughter (Paulette).

Born—On April 24, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Burke, Main Ave., at St. Mary's hospital—a son (Ambrose Edward Lawrence).

Born—On April 17, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Kelly, Mountjoy St., at St. Mary's hospital—a daughter (Sharen Anne).

Born—On April 2, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lehtinen, Hemlock street at St. Mary's hospital—a son (Raymond August).

J. B. Hughes: If Moses had been a committee, the Israelites would still be in Egypt.

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