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DURHAM CHRONICLE

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor.

Durham, Jan. 25, 1906

PLENTY OF MARL IN WILDER'S LAKE

(Continued from page 1.)

during the year 1905 have made a net profit of \$140,000, and we'll say that he will come to the conclusion that no one but a natural born idiot would ever seriously think of giving up the substance and running after the shadow, that these fellows are chasing down around Niagara.

The annual meeting is fixed for the 7th of February, and should any member of the present board be allowed to give his reasons for thinking of moving we have no doubt he will advocate advantages of rock over marl, saving of fuel, cheap power, saving of freight on coal consumed, use of natural gas, a better market point and so on. All these points are good ones, and would be strong factors in floating stock for a new mill, but to dismantle a going concern, a money making concern, a dividend producing concern, such as we evidently now have here according to the demonstrations of 1905, would be pure folly and we do not think that an honest stockholder can be found who will tolerate the idea for a moment. The mill is now on a paying basis, and with a proper board of directors, and an obedient set of officials it should pay a handsome little dividend every six or twelve months. As it is the officials boss the job and the directors are mere figureheads.

With regard to who runs the business we may again mention the closing down of the mill before Christmas with the result that salaries are going on ever since, and there's no cement being made. History will likely repeat itself next spring and the Company will have to refuse orders early in the season. Four weeks of good cement weather have now been lost. During that time twenty-five or thirty thousand barrels might have been added to the stock and ready for the early market. The salaries of the bosses and the permanent pets would remain unchanged, but the assets of the Company would be materially in-

creased if the directors had only enough backbone in them to boss the business. Not one of the directors to this day can explain why Mr. Farr closed down the mill when all were hoping for another month's run.

Mr. Farr put in his resignation at the last meeting of the Board, but the Board, we understand, refused to accept it, and now the news comes that he has accepted a position at Sandusky. Nobody seems to have known his movements since the mill closed. We were told he was sick in Cleveland, but we refused to believe it, and rather than take any chances of being charged with lying we said nothing about it.

Not a moment should now be lost to get everything in readiness for the annual meeting of the 7th of February. Every stockholder who can do so at all conveniently should be present at that meeting. Those who can not be present should appoint their proxies at once, giving their right of voting to some good honorable man who will do the right thing to the best of his ability. If proxies have already been given to friends of the bosses, they should be withdrawn at once and others properly issued. We know for a fact that some of the old directors are already soliciting votes to get back on the Board next year. We do not wish to name persons to put on the Board, but we feel that Mr. McKechnie who is now the Treasurer of the Company should be re-elected. Mr. McLaren, of Stratford, has not been present at the meeting this year on account of illness and absence from home. Of him we have nothing to say. With regard to Mr. McKay, of Woodstock, Mr. Cline, of Seaford and Mr. Scott, of Listowel, we must say they were a determined opposition whom we should never think of supporting again. Mr. Ratz, of Parkhill, did not act with such violent opposition to the interests of the stockholders as the latter three gentlemen, and when the enquiry and investigation were well under way he gave signs of feeling that there was something wrong, but how he would act if returned to power is something we are unable to predict. Mr. Cobbedick, of Exeter, was in favor of removal at the board meetings all along till the agitation started. When he was with us he talked loudly about keeping the mill where it is as long as material could be found to feed it. Later he was apparently straddle of the fence, and at the present time we do not pretend to locate him beyond saying that he is anxious to get back on the board of directors and is canvassing for votes. To sum up the matter regarding the board, Mr. McKechnie is the only man of the present board who stayed always and consistently by his guns and fought for what every sensible man believes to be for the best interests of the Company.

We believe there are plenty of good honest men amongst the shareholders, and we believe, furthermore, that there should be concerted and centralized action on the part of the stockholders to agree before hand on proper men for the position. We have reached a crisis in the affairs of the Company and whatever ambitions may be entertained by stockholders, regarding a man's eligibility we should all be willing to concede many points of difference and unite in a solid phalanx for the support of a suitable directorate.

The agitation is drawing to a close and the stockholders will soon pronounce their verdict. Those who hold stock must see the benefit when they consider that three months ago it was quoted at from 14 to 16 with daily offers for sale at from 17 to 20c. The newspaper quotations now run up as high as 25 and 27c. with none offered and as a matter of fact to which the writer can furnish proof, stock to-day can not be had for less than 50c. on the dollar. These figures are correct and show a rise of 30c. on the dollar since the agitation began or an increased value in the whole capital stock of \$300,000. This, we feel confident, is the undeniable result of newspaper publicity, for the past three months. Stock should really stand at par now, from the showing made by the mill in 1905, and the satisfactory report of Mr. Wood regarding the quality and quantity of marl in Wilder's Lake.

A few suggestive notes may now be given for the benefit of the stockholders who can draw their own inferences and answer the questions according to their own knowledge and their own judgment.

(1) Was there ever anything said at any annual meeting regarding the moving of the mill? Were stockholders ever asked to express an opinion either publicly or by letter?

(2) Were the present directors justified, in your opinion, to take advanced action without first consulting the stockholders? Were they justified in appropriating \$250 of our money to pay as a deposit on the option secured on property in the Niagara district. Had they any legal or moral right to spend five or six hundred dollars in prospecting the property referred to and paying the charges out of the funds of the National Portland Cement Company?

(3) Are you quite satisfied that the office and laboratory expenses are not an extravagant distribution of our money and altogether out of proportion to the services performed? Are you aware that other companies having a greater number of employees and a larger output of business are doing the work at a much lower cost?

(4) Are you satisfied to pay a superintendent \$2650 a year, a head book-keeper \$1800 a year, a head chemist \$1500, and allow these men to control the board and do as they like without even consulting them in such an important matter as the closing down of the mill and losing thirty thousand barrels of cement by each stoppage?

(5) Is it the business of a book-keeper to look after the books of the Company and see that the financial affairs are properly attended to, or is it his business to canvass for men on the board whom he knows he can control? Would it not be more profitable to have him attend to his proper business, and let the self-seeking aspirants for office work out their own salvation?

(6) Are you satisfied that everything is all right and that the present board and present officials are the best material we can get for the positions? If so return them to power, but our personal opinion is that things have now gone so far that a big change is a thing devoutly to be wished.

The Augean stables were not cleaned out for thirty years though they contained during that time thirty thousand oxen. The job was done in a single day by Hercules who changed the course of the river and caused it to run through the filthy mass. In a similar manner let us as stockholders of the National Portland Cement Company, turn on the river of righteous indignation, and sweep every offender from power; and as we see them struggling down the surging flood, we shall have reason to feel that a new and prosperous era of prosperity began with the Annual Meeting of February the 7th, 1906.

Get your proxies appointed at once, if not supplied with blank forms write to Mr. Gilbert McKechnie or to this office. There's no time to lose.

A LETTER FROM TORONTO.

Toronto, January 16th, 1906
TO THE EDITOR OF DURHAM CHRONICLE:
DEAR SIR:—Through the medium of the press and other channels the shareholders of the National Portland Cement Co. are no doubt all aware that a desperate crisis involving the prosperity and even the future existence of the company is fast approaching. Should the shareholders be caught unawares at the yearly general meeting taking place the 7th of February most serious consequences are sure to follow. Every shareholder should be on his guard prepared to defend and protect his property against the attacks that will be made upon it at that fateful meeting. It is known that mischief is afoot, which if allowed to take its course, will put the crowning climax on all the villainies to which the investors have been forced to submit and undoubtedly mean ruin itself to every stockholder to the extent of his holdings in the company. Everyone is convinced now that, at the beginning, when the stock was floated, and all who paid money for their stock were misled to the extent of fully one-third of the total capital of the com-

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pany. Every paying subscriber of the stock which then glittered bright with golden promises knows now how thoroughly he was gold-bricked, his confidence abused and his pocket ruthlessly rifled by promoter Cowham and his superserviceable minions some of whom seem to be active in the affairs of the company even now. This of itself should be appalling enough for every shareholder to contemplate. But compared with the crisis which now confronts the company, which if not averted will assuredly place the cap sheet upon the crop of iniquity, these performances will look insignificant. It now transpires that active preparations for another attempt, this time albeit by some of the management again is to be made to rumage through the clothes of the stockholders once more and rob them of the other two-thirds which are left of the honest dollars they invested in the company. Nor will this be the worst there is to fear inasmuch, should stockholders allow themselves to be trapped at the next general meeting, they will inevitably be sandbagged for more money from time to time afterwards to meet future assessments regarding which little or nothing as a matter of course will be said at the meeting.

It has come to light that secret dark and midnight instrumentalities have been, and in fact are now, even in the offices of the company, laboring industriously in perfecting plans for the purpose of effecting a thundering spectacular explosion at the general meeting of the company next month. A new Guy Fawkes, as it were, surrounded by an ever ready corps of lieutenants, is even now in the cellar placing powder barrels under the very heart and centre of the "National" corporation enterprise ready to be touched off at the meeting, when it is expected that the great National money making Portland Cement Plant, with the stock and all the host of stockholders together, will be hurled into eternity, and all the treasure of the germs of that great industry "tumble all together even until destruction itself shall sicken." And it is expected that the stockholders will not awake to a sense of their peril until too late and the purposes of the conspirators carried irrevocably at the meeting. But treachery like murder will out and often speak with most miraculous organ. "Mutterings are said to be heard in the air and prophesyings with accents terrible of dire combustion and confused events being hatched for the woeful meeting?" are spreading to the ears of the indignant stockholders, and they are not likely to stand silently by and witness their million dollar investment utterly wrecked by the irresponsible influences that for selfish reasons seek its ruin. A most remarkable "report," which is in course of preparation no doubt, will be read at that extraordinary meeting, and will contain provisions calling for the consent of the shareholders to demolish their splendid cement plant at Durham, and, practically, call for a contribution of a large sum of money from the stockholders towards the construction of a new plant at some point near Port Colborne. If the proceedings are ever allowed to get that far the adoption of the "report" will be called for, and there and then the stockholders will need be on hand to resist the utter demoralization of their property. No one for a moment should listen to the sirens' song sung by the crotchet band ed together to encompass the downfall of his company, which now gives promise of a long and brilliant future. And it will, as briefly as possible, be the endeavor in this letter to satisfy every one concerned in the welfare of the company that regular dividends

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