

# PORCUPINE CAMP

## ONLY IN INFANCY

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"The mines of Porcupine have been making great progress during the past year," said a mining man to The Star to-day. "For the time being this is more noticeable in the results of development than in increased production. Deep mining is proving highly satisfactory. I have heard of one ore shoot 80 feet wide and of several others over 60 feet, and there is no doubt that very large tonnages of excellent ore are now available in the Pearl Lake section of the camp. The exceptionally large bodies of ore at the Dome on the east have been duplicated in the west with ore of much higher grade. The option on the Jupiter has been extended for three months, on condition that the shaft be continued to a depth of 600 feet. The many veins on the Hollinger are increasing in value and in volume as depth is made, and by the end of the year the mine will be developed to a depth of 800 feet.

"In view of these very favorable developments it is plain that the facilities for reducing the ore will soon be very largely increased. Many more stamps will be added in order to handle the great ore bodies. The Canadian Mining and Finance Co., who control the Hollinger and own the Millerton, Acme, and 180 acres further east, will no doubt be the first to respond to this demand. It is very probable that in a few years they will have 1,000 stamps in commission on their various properties, and this will be an inspiring example to other capitalists.

"The section of Porcupine between the properties of the Canadian Mining and Finance Co. and the Big Dome is the very heart and centre of the best gold-bearing ground. Here there are great belts or bands of shearing and fracture, with many veins and vein systems therein, and below the zone of surface disturbance the veins of each system concentrate into large trunks, giving ore bodies much larger and more consistent than at or near the surface.

"But Porcupine as yet is only in its infancy. It wants more capital, more development, more producing mines, and vastly more crushing capacity on those already producing. Ten thousand stamps are dropping on the ores of the Rand, but the maximum production per stamp is only \$17,000 per year, as against \$61,000 by the Hollinger. With largely increased tonnages milled, the output per stamp at Porcupine will necessarily be somewhat lower, but it should be possible to make 5,000 stamps turn out \$150,000,000 per year.

"It is certain that by the end of the war, if not before, there will be a strong movement of English and American capital to Porcupine. Even the beginning of the great conflict disclosed the very special value of gold, and the longer the war lasts the more indispensable will the precious metal become.

"The outlook for the north country is indeed very bright, more particularly as most of the older gold regions of the world have seen their best days."