

LABOR SHORTAGE

Affects Output of Porcupine Gold Camp

Owing to the shortage of labor and the fact that much that is available is not efficient, production in the Porcupine camp is not showing the increase that had been anticipated for the first quarter of 1917, say F. C. Sutherland and Company in their weekly market letter.

The Hollinger mill, which has a capacity of 1,800 tons of ore a day, treated an average of only 1,718 tons during the first 28 days of January, against a high record of 1,796 tons during the period ending December 1st last. The Dome mill during January handled an average of 1,377 tons per day, and the last month brought this up to 1,395 tons, which is nearly equal to the high record of 1,396 tons achieved last October. The McIntyre, on the other hand, has materially increased its mill tonnage and is now handling around 500 tons daily, which compares with an average of 462 tons during January and of 428 tons during the last quarter of 1916. The Schumacher is maintaining an average of around 140 tons, the Vipond 135, the Porcupine Crown 120, and the Dome Lake 60. The seven producing mines are thus averaging 402 tons per day, which is about 300 tons less than it was anticipated they would have reached by this time.