

COPPER CLIFF NICKEL MINE TO REOPEN

Result is that the Blast Furnaces Will Run at Full Capacity.

Copper Cliff, Ont., Feb. 16.—It has just been announced that the Canadian Copper Co., the largest producer of nickel in this district, will immediately reopen its No. 2 mine in this city, and the Crean Hall mine.

This resumption of operations will go far toward relieving the local labor situation as it will provide underground work for a considerable number of foreigners who have been left dependent on the community or who have been barely making a living working on half time at the smelter.

Last Aug. the Canadian Copper Co. cut its production to the lowest possible point compatible with retaining its organization. All of the mines with the exception of the mammoth deposit at Creighton were closed down. Since then the demand for nickel has been gradually regaining its former proportions as business conditions have improved until now the company feels justified in reopening two of its other mines to supplement Creighton.

The Frood or No. 3 mine, at which so much work has been done during the past two years, will remain closed for the present since the ore body in that mine is of considerably lower grade than that found in the other properties.

The resumption of mining operations will result in the Copper Cliff blast furnaces running at full capacity but the reverberatory department will remain closed for the present. Therefore there will not be any material change in the labor requirements at the smelter.

The Mond Nickel Co., which has its smelter at Coniston, although a relatively small producer, has been but little affected by the war. Its product is almost entirely taken by Great Britain, and the plant has been running to capacity without interruption.