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Injured All Safe

Cage Tender Relates Experience In Cage Crash Wednesday

"I heard a roar, and I saw the timbers rushing past me, faster than I had ever seen them before There was a sinking feeling. Men were screaming. They knew we were loose. The cage jerked and went on again. Then we hit the bottom. It was an awful jolt. I scrambled onto the level. I tried to shout, but I couldn't. I saw young Johnson and Gustafson lying outside the cage. I ran a few feet but I could not run any more. I dropped to the ground on my stomach. The wind was out of me. Men waiting to go up were on hand immediately."

Thus Thomas Griffiths, described the disastrous crash of the man cage in No. 1 shaft of Copper Mtn. mine. The veteran cage tender has made many thousand trips since starting with the Granby Company at Anyox in 1927, and for twenty years before that in the Welsh coal shafts; but this was the most thrilling one of his life.

Resting easily in a cot in Princeton hospital, Griffiths, a cool, solid type with a broad Welsh accent, took a philosophical view of the agair—though he admitted it was "an awful mess."

Will he go back? Certainly, and on the same job. He smiled broadly when the writer popped the question in an exclusive interview this morning. "I guess my ticket wasn't numbered—why not?"

In nearly forty years of mining the level-headed veteran has learned to respect the hazards of his occupation—and not worry about

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Casualty List

(Supplied by Dr. R. J. Wride; Complete to end of Clinic examination; does not include x-ray examination

CIESLIKOWSKI, Peter C. Feared most seriously injured. Fracture left leg possible head injuries. Condition improved. Married.

CVETKOVICH, Mike. broken back, fractures both feet. Condition serious but improved. Married, Princeton.

VOGRID, Valentine—Fracture lumbar vertebrae.

HART, Harold— Back sprain. X-ray reduced seriousness. Married formerly of Anyox.

McLEAN, Archie, Compound fracture left leg, possible fracture right foot. Married, formerly of Anyox.

SOLKA, John—Fracture right leg. possible fracture right foot. Married.

MOSTI, E.—Compound fracture left ankle. fracture right ankle. Single

MANDYBAR, William—Compound fracture right leg. Fracture left leg.

JOHNSON, William—Fracture of both legs below the knees. Father of Ray Johnson. Married.

GUSTAFSON, Helmer — Fracture right knee and ankle. Fracture left leg. Single.

JOHNSON, Arthur—Sprain, both feet. Single.

BIGELOW, Russell G.— Fracture right leg.

POPOVICH, John—Sprains, both feet. Married, Princeton.

GRIFFITHS, Thomas — Sprain, both feet. Married, formerly of Anyox.

PERSIN, John — Fractured ribs; single, formerly of Anyox. This man was injured in the same mine 18th June in a muck slide, which killed his partner. Single, formerly of Aynox.

CARLSON, ALFRED C. Contusion and sprain, both feet. Married.

JOHNSON, Roy Ray—possible left hip injury. Married.

Mines Inspector Says Accident Unique In 45 Years Experience

NOTHING like it in my 45 years' experience. said Mr. J. G. Biggs when he returned from Copper Mtn. after investigating the cage disaster Wednesday. Mr. Biggs drew a graphic picture of the incident.

The shaft is known as a double compartment vertical shaft. It is in two partitions. In one of these the cage rides; in the other a counter balance weighing about two tons, to cushion the action. Power is supplied from a large double drum hoist, the cage cable winding on one drum. the counter balance on the other. The hoist is motivated by compressed air.

The shaft is sunk from the top of the hill to the sixth level, a vertical distance of 800 feet. The ore is mined from workings off the various levels and taken out through the No. 6 level to the crusher and the railway. The main shaft is

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SEVENTEEN men lie in the Princeton hospital, but all of them apparently out of danger, result of a major accident at Copper Mtn. Wednesday afternoon, when a break in the hoisting apparatus allowed the mancage to plow 400 feet to the bottom of No. 1 shaft.

A crystallized bolt in the clutch apparatus is held responsible for the accident, which came very nearly being one of the most serious in local history. Even now it ranks third to the Blakeburn colliery explosion and the Copper Mtn. halocaust of 1928.

A crowd of nearly 400 citizens waited in avid suspense for the arrival of the mercy train. After an arduous journey in an improvised ambulance box-car the unfortunate miners, still dazed, were whisked to the Princeton hospital where the difficult job of diagnosis and treatment was pushed with all celerity. Initial effects of shock past, Dr. R. J. Wride, practitioner in charge, reported all resting easily and believed to be out of danger at noon to-day.

Most seriously injured are Mike Cvetkovich and Peter Cieslkowski, both massive men. The former suffered a broken back and minor injuries, while Cieslikowski is being observed closely for possible head injuries. His condition was

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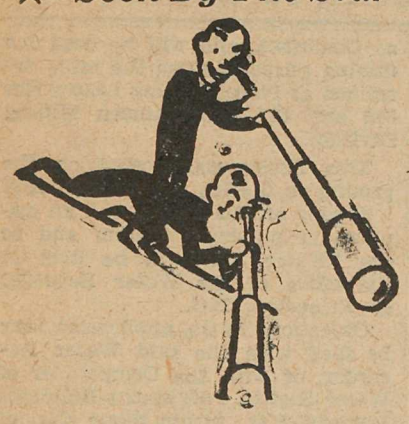
☆ Seen By The Star ☆



THE WEATHER

July	Max.	Min.
17	91	49
18	85	57
19	77	49
20	82	44
21	77	45
22	82	44
23	87	45
24	94	47
25	90	63
26	86	49
27	91	45
28	77	55
29	75	51
30	66	50
31	70	34
August	**Max.**	**Min.**
1	57	51
2	76	47
3	84	42
4	83	44

HOUSEBREAKER DRAWS YEAR

Found guilty of house-breaking, John Kulesky was sentenced to one year's imprisonment by His Honor Judge Kelly in County Court to-day

CHEQUE ARTIST HELD

Wanted here for issuing bogus cheques, George Harp is held in Nanaimo and will be returned by local police.

Irving-Hewitt

At St. Paul's church last night Rev. J. C. Goodfellow united Hazel, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hewitt of Princeton and Mr. Joseph Irving of Trail

Chief Inspector Of Mines Coming Here

IT was learned late this afternoon that Chief Inspector of Mines James Dickson has left Bridge River and is hastening towards Princeton to look into the Copper Mountain shaft accident. Mr. Dickson was on an inspection visit to the Bridge River district when word reached him of the local accident. He is expected here Friday or Saturday and will probably decide whether or not to recommend an enquiry.

Granby Operations Curtailed By Crash

GRANBY operations are seriously curtailed though not altogether suspended following Wednesday's accident. Mr. Baillie, general manager and Mr. Lindsay, engineer, said that while part of the mine working, that part tributary to the main shaft is idle. The cage remains where it came to rest at the bottom of the slope and will not be disturbed till government officials have completed their investigations.

No part of the plant is running at capacity for the present. A shift was laid off at the colliery last week and the entire mine is idle for a few days.

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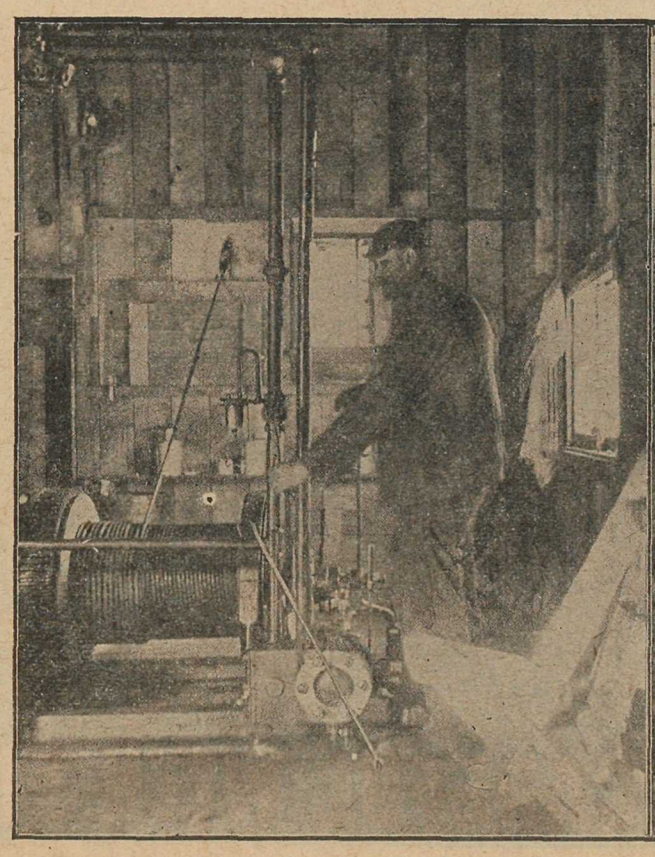
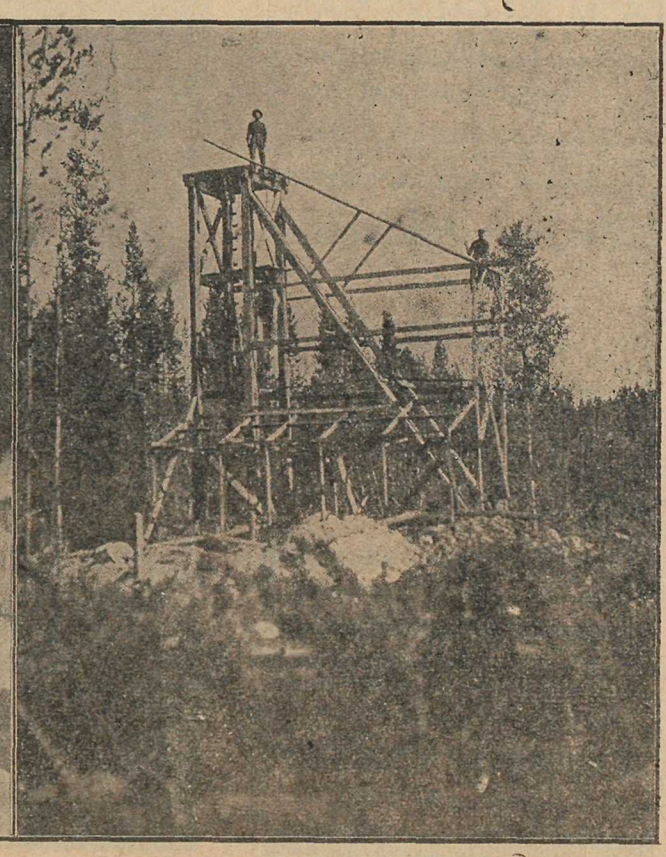
Where Wednesday's Near Tragedy Occurred





An early view of the shaft and hoist at Copper Mtn. taken some years ago.

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★ **Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hunter have** as their guests their daughter, Mrs. McGowan and children.

★ **Mrs. J. A. Macfie and Bill are** enjoying a vacation at the Coast.

★ **Rev. J. C. Goodfellow returned** Wednesday morning from a brief visit to Vancouver. Mrs. Goodfellow and family will remain for a few days.

★ **After a few days confinement** with an eye injury, Mr. Eric Lind was able to leave hospital Thursday morning.

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This Notice was posted on the ground on the 7th day of June, 1937

A copy of this Notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act" will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Princeton, B.C.

Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder, or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings Victoria, B.C., within thirty days of the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper.

International Placers, Ltd.,
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The date of the first publication of this notice is 8th July, 1937. 31-4

★ **Dr. Butler will be away from** Princeton during the second half of August on a visit to Victoria where Mrs. Butler with Graham and Chris is spending the month.

★ **Mr. and Mrs. Gould and Milner** are enjoying a few days' camping out the Hope road.

★ **Mrs. F. DeMuth has returned** to Vancouver after spending six months in Southern California.

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Round the Corner

● Our good friend Dr. McDonald has been lamenting, before the erudite and ambitious — or at least ambitious—Canadian Authors' Association, the lack of a national spirit in Canadian literature. Canadians write profusely and sometimes well, he thinks, but they do not write anything that is distinctively Canadian. And that is a pity. And Dr. McDonald is anxious therefore, to put his finger on the pulse of that illusive, intangible life-stream that beats somewhere in the heart of Canadian idealism.

If we were a writer, far less an author, we would lay the cheek of that concrete fancy against Dr. Donald's eager hand; but we will tell him about it, nevertheless. The crimson twllight, and the soft afterglow, that bathes the rugged splendor of the enchanted peaks, high up above the world of man; the silken dawn and the velvet dusk and the tumbling music of a rock-fettered mountain rill, as it scolds and sputters at the frowning rocks; the slender moon, with a wisp of cloud for a sail, from which the fisher of the night dips for the stars among the emerald shoals of mountain peaks; the dark and sullen waters of a northern fjord, lit with phosphorescent flakes of splashing dog-fish; the dusty thud of the trail; and a wisp of smoke curling up among the pines from a campfire down the valley.

And we could go on and on. Who could not write 'n Canada, and be distinctively Canadian, had need give up the hope of writing at all.

● The Indian had a very pretty, and for all most of us know about if not profound, concept of religion, our religion — because we haven't stopped to think—it may as well be pretty as puzzling. He imagined every tree and bird and brook embodied a spirit, by which he must abide, and it kept him out of mischief, part time any way, it did.

But the big mistake that the redskin made was that he imagined that every object clothed a spirit except himself. And the probable truth is that he was working in entirely the wrong direction.

Greek mythology pictured a race of quasi-humans, children of the Earth and Heaven, who because (being ornery like most of us), they warred with the gods, and were cast into the gulf of Tartarus, where they lie prostrate; but occasionally, becoming restive, shake their bonds and cause the earth to tremble.

A contemporary thinker has made an interesting application of the fancy to human conduct. In each of us, he says, there lives a Titan—the aboriginal essence of man, as we might put it—which, subdued and submerged by centuries of conventional civilization, lies in the pit of our being, exerting a vital though unvisualized influence on our lives and our actions—in short, our unconscious self.

We think we must have incorporated the essence of Icarus.

● A Victoria woman is dead in Los Angeles. She had not eaten for forty days, and you can try it too if you are not convinced. But the distressing part of it is that by some wierd hallucination (we hope we are not being sacriligious, but the chances are small); she imagines that God has called her, via her abnegation.

Well, it is a deep and inscrutable business, this dying, and we might as well be prepared to face the music anytime. But personally, we'd rather face our Maker on a full stomach. It would give courage.

Cage Man Tells Own Story of Accident

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them. In all that time he has experienced, up to now, only one minor injury—a leg hurt in 1921.

But though he did not let it get him down, Mr. Griffiths does not think lightly of his narrow escape.

Mr. Griffiths explained that his duties as cage tender require him to make about forty trips a day. For the most part, it is haulage of material. About eighty pieces of steel (2400 opunds) make a fair average load, he said. His duties are to give the signals and to open the gates for the man-trips. He was making his first trip out with the afternoon shift. It is customary to start taking the men out, commencing at the bottom level, about fifteen minutes before the change of shift. The day shift goes off at 3 p.m. There were about thirty men to go up from No. 6 level. The upper levels would be cleared later.

Mr. Griffiths said that the men believe the break occurred between the fifth and fourth levels, though he did not notice passing the fifth level himself. The cage hesitated, then plunged downwards. Though it crashed at considerable speed, it was plain, he said, that the descent was checked by the safety apparatus, though the distance was insufficient to allow it to function adequately. A normal trip up the 800 foot shaft would take about a minute and a quarter, he said.

It was his custom to ride against the one opening of the wooden cage.

"Some of the boys say I shouted "Everything will be all right" when the brakes checked the mad rush of the cage, but I don't recall it." he said. The men realized what was happening, and were plenty frightened, he added.

Griffiths has feet injuries, the extent of which is not known pending an x-ray. But they will not be serious. He has been at Copper Mtn since April and before that was at Anyox since coming from Wales in 1924. He is a native of Methyrtydvie in the "Distressed area" of Wales. He has a wife and a 19-year old son in Vancouver. "She's a good sort and won't worry, but I expect her up tomorrow,' he said with a twinkle in his eye.

Fine Co-Operation In Medical Service

AN excellent example of co-operation lightened the suffering of the seventeen miners injured in Wednesday's cage disaster at Copper Mtn.

Dr. R. J. Wride, who holds the medical contract with the company, directed operations, proceeding at once to the scene of the accident. Mine Safety engineer T. M. Waterland directed rescue operations, with K. Bamford, first aid man assisting Dr. Wride in emergency treatments. The relief train, forced to travel slowly over the mountain railroad, in deference to the injuries, reached Princeton at 6:30 p.m. and was met by a bevy of trucks and ambulances.

Mine superintendent Geo. Murray of Blakeburn put all facilities at the disposal of the sufferers. Dr. Alexander, Blakeburn company doctor, awaited the arrival of the train, along with Dr. Phillips, Dr. Wride's assistant, and his brother, Dr. G. E. Wride of Hedley. A crack Blakeburn first aid team led by Alan McDonald and including W. Cartwright and J. Whitelaw asisted, and the Blakeburn ambulance and all available bone-setting equipment was also sent.

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The Copper Mt. Dance 6th, has been postponed advertised for Friday, until further notice. . .

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Two Men Beat Jinx Second Time In Row

TWO of the seventeen miners injured at Copper Mountain Wednesday have twice been snatched from the jaws of death in recent months.

They were John Popovich and John Persin, least seriously injured of the seventeen.

Persin, an angular, tousle-haired Slav, who formerly worked for the Granby Company at Anyox, was extricated from a slide of muck in 82 chute on June 18, his partner, Nick Priza being suffocated. John escaped with a broken leg and superficial bruises after being buried up to the neck. An excitable type, he speaks English incoherently. Still bearing marks of his awful experience, he had been back at work only a few days. He is a chuteman's helper.

Popovich, a resident of the district for many years, has a wide experience in local mines

While at Blakeburn he was driving to Princeton to visit a friend who had been injured when the car went over the bank and rolled 200 feet. Two of the party were killed but he escaped with painful injuries.

A miner, he is married and has a family in Princeton.

There was only one case in which more than one member of a family was involved—William and Ray Johnson, father and son.

Mines Inspector Gives Technical Data

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used only to transport men and materials.

Government Mine Inspector Jno. G. Biggs who visited the scene of the accident immediately, said the cage and hoist are of the latest approved type, used everywhere in major operations.

The hoist is equipped with an intricate automatic braking system known as the Lily control, which automatically checks any undue increase in speed. There are also compressed air hand-brakes.

The cables are 1 1-4 inch finest plow steel, new two months ago.

The shaft-head is equipped with Emorial detaching hooks which prevent the cage advancing too far.

The cage is equipped with safety dogs, spring motivated, which engage with dogs on the side of the shaft in case the cable breaks. They act only in this case, however.

A large bolt, 1 3-4 inches in diameter, in the driving clutch snapped, apparently crystallized when the cage with 17 men on the first trip at the change of shifts at 2:45 was half way up the shaft. The operator, John Coggins, who had many years experience on a similar oist with the same Company at Anyox, states he immediately applied the hand brake. The brakes showed unmistakable signs of heating and sudden application as did the Lily control Men trapped in the cage say they felt the brakes being applied.

Mr. Biggs explains that a dead weight would drop 32 feet the first second, 64 the second, at an increasing velocity, and the distance was probably insufficient to allow the cage to be brought to a complete stop.

Examination of the cage at the bottom of the shaft showed it to be undamaged except for a broken wood cross bar at the top. He states that equipment was completely overhauled and in first class order apparently. He inspected it as re-recently as three weeks ago. " In my forty-five years' mining experience I have never seen an accident like this," he said.

Mr. Biggs added, however that he was surprised that 17 men were riding in the cage. He considers twelve to fourteen a proper number. He said, however that the safety factor was reckoned at ten to one and the seventeen men would not constitute a hazard. He considers it likely an enquiry will be held.

Canadian Press queried this afternoon a report made over a Vancouver radio broadcast that one of the injured men had died. There is absolutely no truth to scores of rumors now current.

Seventeen Men Injured In Copper Mt. Cage Accident Expected To Make Recovery

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much improved after an early bad spell.

The hospital reported all passed the night as easily as could be expected, and were much more at ease today. X-ray diagnosis is continuing.

"Strangest thing in my 45 years' mining experience' said government mines inspector on return from the scene of the accident. "Just one of those unexplained things that crop up in any hazardous occupation," commented Mr. A. S. Baillie, Granby president and general manager. "If an electric eye could spot a crystallized bolt such things would not occur; only then."

While popular sentiment was concerned with the safety of the injured and the strained for the sensational, official circles were quietly awaiting the response of the Department of Mines. It was thought the Minister or Mr. James Dickson, chief inspector might require an inquiry. Meanwhile, most of the operation is idle.

The accident occurred at the change of shifts at 2:45 Wednesday. Aboard the runaway trip were the first of the men to leave the mine by that route. When the cage was about half-way up the 800 foot vertical shaft the snapping of a bolt threw it out of control and while the safety devices retarded its drop somewhat, they failed to arrest it entirely.

Rescue work was undertaken immediately under mine safety engineer T. M. Waterland, with Dr. R. J. Wride supervising emergency treatment, assisted by first aid man Bamford. District points, notably Blakeburn, lent apparatus and skilled help. The relief train reached Princeton at 6:30 p.m.

First claims were located on Copper Mtn. in 1896 and earliest operations date to the beginning of the century. In 1916 the B.C. Copper Co. installed an experimental mill. In 1924 the property was purchased by the Granby Consolidated Mining Smelting and Power Co. who operated till 1930. It was re-opened this year, the mine going into production early in June. The operation provides work for some 700 men. The mine is located on Copper Mtn. at an altitude of 5500 feet, and served by a branch rail line which runs twelve miles south from the town of Princeton.

3rd Serious Accident In Last Decade Here

MINING is perilous occupation and this important center, with coal, copper and gold mines all about it, has learned to take its troubles bravely.

Three major disasters have marred the last decade.

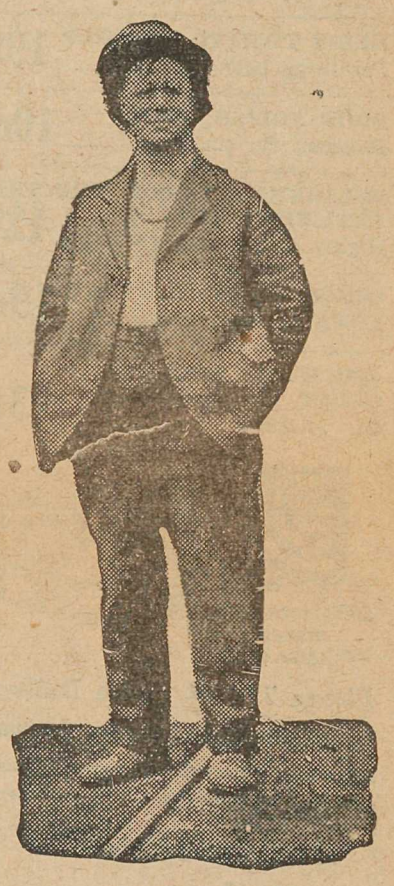
17th March, 1928, a score of miners were trapped by flames in the new mine bunkhouse, Copper Mountain. Nine perished and several more were injured.

13th August, 1930, forty-five miners lost their lives in a gas explosion in No. 4 tunnel, Blakeburn mine.

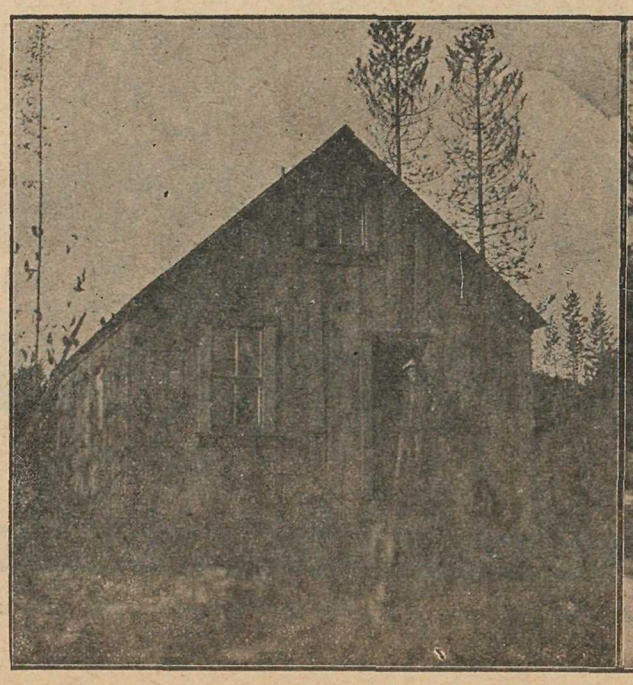
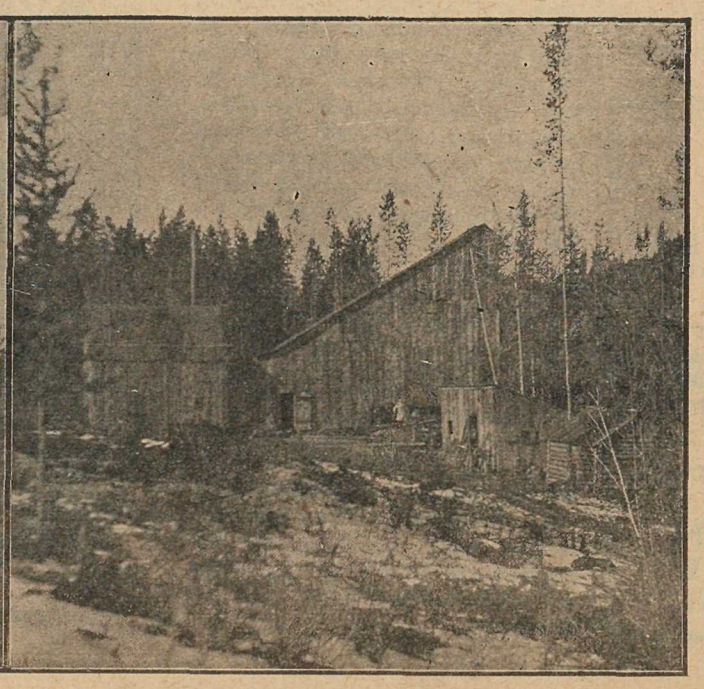
In both instances province-wide relief funds were handsomely subscribed.

Group insurance was not carried at Copper Mountain, but the seventeen men injured on Wednesday are covered by the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Mines Inspector



JOHN G. BIGGS

Veteran mines inspector for this district was at Bromley Vale when notified of the Copper Mtn. disaster. He immediately proceeded to Copper Mtn. Mr. Biggs is shown here as he posed at the Blakeburn disaster of 1930 where he played a heroic role.

Two Buildings Used In Early Copper Mtn. Construction