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THE SAD DISASTER AT NETTIE L. MINE

How Miners Met Death by Asphyxiation in Winze B on Saturday Night Last

Heroic Attempt of Miners to Rescue Comrades in Peril of Lives. Story of Accident told at Inquest.

A shocking disaster occurred at the Nettie L. mine a few minutes past 7 o'clock Saturday night just as the night shift were going on duty, causing the immediate death of four men from asphyxiation and 20 others were overcome but have all recovered except one. This man, Otto Blohm still lies in a precarious condition at the Miners' Union hospital.

The names of the dead are: Pat Crilly, foreman, age 24, single; Robert Savage, miner, age 38. Ed. Gagnon, miner, age 40, has wife and family living 18 miles from Quebec City; Allan Calder, age 18, single.

News of the sad fatality reached Ferguson over the telephone only a few minutes past seven, for the mine is close to town, and Dr. Newcombe was not long in reaching the level of the mine where the men lay as they were taken from the shaft. The doctor assisted by assistant manager Hadow, Supt Crilly and others worked on the bodies until early morning trying to resuscitate them. The wounded were taken to the hospital soon as a conveyance arrived and early Sunday morning the dead bodies were brought to Ferguson. The 50 employees of the mine following the sleigh on foot.

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One might have attached hose and turned on air with safety. I consider it an oversight on the part of Savage to have gone below without attaching hose and turning on air.

John McLeod, sworn and testified as follows: I am employed at Nettie L. mine. I worked day shift on a small machine in winze B. About 4 o'clock on March 7th I loaded and fired 10 holes and my opposite partner, R. Bates fired 12 shots. We unconnected hose and took it above before firing and also turned off valves to prevent candles being blown out. It is customary to turn air off on leaving shaft. I took both Savage and Groshans about our having fired 22 holes and having heard 21 distinct reports, not that I thought there was any danger but I felt proud of the result of our work. It was certainly the duty of the first man going to work to connect hose and turn on air and I consider it carelessness of Savage to not have done so. The powder used was good and same as was in use all along. I did not expect bad air, but with the number of holes fired the smoke would certainly be thick. There was no danger in connecting hose and turning on air. One did not need to go below valves to connect hose. I think it would have done no good to turn on air without attaching hose; it would have a tendency to keep gas below. It is customary to turn off air in quitting shaft in other parts of mine and also in other mines where I have worked. When I got to winze after accident I met Supt. Crilly coming out of winze. He said to Sweeney and others: "Any of you who have not been below, go down and try to save those men." He, the Supt. then attempted to descend again but I was already about overcome so I held him back. I went down with several others and found rope not long enough on windlass. Another rope was tied to it and I tied rope to four bodies one at a time while the men above hauled them to top. I went up ladder with each man to prevent injury to bodies on account of incline in the shaft. I tried to help the rope on the fifth body but was too much overcome.

The bodies were taken in charge by the Miners' Union and three of them were laid out in Miners' Union hall, while P. Crilly was taken to his rooms at Mrs. O'Connor's.

Coroner's Inquest.

The coroner, Dr. W. E. Newcombe, summoned a jury to meet in Miners' Union hall at 10 a.m. Monday when an inquest would be held.

On meeting, the coroner read a telegram from Fred Fraser, gold commissioner, to have the inquest postponed till 4 p. m. when he hoped to be present. From 4 p. m. the inquest was further postponed till 7:30 to be held in the sitting room at the Windsor hotel.

Promptly at 7:30 the coroner announced that court was open and read names of jurors who answered as follows: A. J. Gordon, foreman; A. C. Cummins, H. M. Carter, D. Burgess, J. Dwyer and R. Laughton. The coroner then instructed the jury that their duty was to inquire into the cause of death of the four victims of accident at the Nettie L. Mine on the evening of March 7th.

Robt. Hodge, solicitor, representing The Great Western Mines, and the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Ltd., asked if the cases were to be taken up separately. The coroner replied that they would be taken collectively.

The court was asked by Mr. Hodge if the jury had been sworn in, and when, also, had the bodies been inspected by the jury. The reply was that the jury were sworn in Sunday evening and they had formally viewed the bodies the same night.

James Snell, provincial constable, conducted the examination of witnesses for the crown.

The first witness called was Donald G. Forbes who swore he was general manager of the Nettie L. and Silver Cup mines: Was not at mine when accident occurred. As far as he knew Savage was a good machine miner but he had gone down shaft without turning on air from the two valves that were about 15 feet from top of winze. He did not attend to working details of mine, Mr. B. Crilly did that. Turning

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Eugh Forsyth, on being sworn testified that he was an engineer employed on Nettie L. compressor working night shift. On March 7th he relieved day engineer as usual at 6:30 p.m. and found everything satisfactory. He started the compressor sharp at 6:30 with a full head of 90 lbs. pressure, the usual quantity carried when all machines are running. I always have full head of air on at 6:30. Have been employed in present position since Dec. 6th last and have had many years experience running engine for compressor in other mines and have found it to be the usual practice to close compressor between shifts unless there was pumping to be done. Can detect when air is being used in mine by a gauge that indicates the amount being used but the gauge does not indicate the location in mine where air is turned on. I start compressor at 6:30 p.m., run till 11, close down for half an hour for lunch, start again at 1:30 and run till 4:30 a.m. Same routine is followed by both shifts and the compressor is run the extra half hour in case air is required to blow out smoke or foul gases.

W. C. Reid, sworn. He testified as follows: I was employed at Nettie L. mine compressor as day engineer on March 6th. I shut off compressor at 4:35 Nettie L. time but remained on duty till 6 o'clock, then went to supper. I returned to compressor at 6:30 when I was relieved by night engineer and I went off duty. I heard Mr. Forsyth's evidence which I fully corroborate. At 3:30 p.m. the pressure stood at 85 lbs and at 4:30 it stood at 100 lbs., the highest pressure we are permitted to carry. I have had 10 years experience at this work and found it usual to close compressor between shifts, especially in mines the size of Nettie L. I got my instructions from Mr. Balfour, who installed the compressor regarding duty. I believe there was no difference

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The air worked all right when it was turned on. It is the duty of the first man who arrives at work to turn on air; everything was handy. I had my first experience on comp pressor in this mine. I am a pipe fitter by trade and put in all the pipes in connection with the Nettie L. compressor. I had been running a machine on Ajax until Friday, this my second shift in B winze. I had never been told there was bad air in this place. Never noticed bad air before. I believe that Savage should not have gone down in that gas and that he was at fault in not turning on air.

Court adjourned till Tuesday at 10 a. m.

Tuesday Morning.

The investigation was resumed Tuesday at 10 a.m. Robert Bates was sworn and gave evidence as follows: I am a miner employed at Nettie L. On March 7th I worked as usual on small machine in B. winze and the air was good. I fired my round of holes and quit work at 4:15. I think if the air was turned on without the aid of hose attached it would not have much effect in driving out gas. Had hose been left connected it would have been ruined on account of McLeod's round of holes being so close. We thought of removing the pipe connections but did not. Have worked in this winze since it was started and never thought it a dangerous place to work. The valves were left closed on account of the holes fired in drift, started at bottom of winze the day previous. I told Savage we had fired 22 holes and heard 21 distinct reports. He was therefore warned of a possible missed hole. An average of 3 sticks per hole and 4 for lifters was used or about 70 sticks in all. It was I who connected hose and turned on the air after accident occurred and had just time to get to top of



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same level as B winze I met night foreman Pat Crilly and Allan Calder. I explained that Savage was knocked out at bottom of winze and they rushed past me toward the winze. I went to stopes above and below and summoned help feeling nearly overcome several times. Savage was in the habit of setting up his machine without turning air into the shaft. He did not leave air turned on as a rule after shooting.

Tuesday 3 p. m.

Inquest resumed. A number of other witnesses were called all of whom were in the winze helping to get the bodies out and to save those who were overcome. These witnesses had also been overcome as well as others who had not been called to testify, and several of them had to be helped out themselves. On account of space getting short and that the evidence given from this stage on was for the most part a corroboration of the foregoing further evidence will be omitted. However, the following employees gave evidence confirming that reported above:

Jack Chism, Blacksmith; J. Sweeney, machine miner; Chas. Hamilton, miner; D. Barcelow, mucker; J. Hendricks, miner; McPhail, miner; Miles Custer, miner.

Court adjourned till 7 p. m.

After Supper.

At 7 o'clock the inquest was resumed. J. Sweeney a competent machine hand working in another part of mine was recalled and swore that the valves were properly placed.

General manager Donald G. Forbes was recalled and testified that the valves were properly placed and that valves were similarly placed on all the other branch pipes in the mine. The powder used was the ordinary 60 p.c. nitro glycerine. This powder in its combustion would produce nitrous acid gas, which is a deadly poison.

The coroner remarked that Mr. Blohm who was taken from the winze and is now lying in hospital, was plainly suffering from poison.

Mr. Forbes said this was due no doubt from the sufferer having inhaled nitrous acid gas.

In reply to jurymen Cummins as to whether he thought his shift boss a competent man the witness said he believed him to have been a thoroughly competent man. He found him in that position when he came and he saw no reason whatever to remove him.

This concluded the hearing of evidence and the coroner rose and delivered his charge to the jury, touching on each man's evidence and carefully summing up.

The Verdict.

The jury retired at 9:15 p. m. and returned at 10:15 with the following findings:

1. Mr. Savage came to his death by accidental asphyxiation while in discharge of his duties as a miner in B winze of the Nettie L. mine.

2. That Mr. P. Crilly came to his death by accidental asphyxiation while discharging his duty in descend-

ing B. winze to investigate the Mishap to Mr. Savage.

3. That Mr. Calder came to his death by accidental asphyxiation in B winze while assisting in the attempt to rescue Mr. Savage.

4. That Mr. Gagnon's death is due to accidental asphyxiation while trying to recover his fellow workman in B. winze.

The jury exonerates Mr. Savage, the Great Western Mines, Ltd., and its employees from actual blame in the matter and find that it was due to an unexpected, extra amount of gases in B winze due to the day shift loading and discharging a double round of poles. (The foreman explained that the jury were unanimous in finding death accidental and that no living person was to blame and his fellow jurymen assented.)

The jury would recommend that on all occasions where conditions are such that there is the least probability of danger to the life or health of the men, full responsibility should not be left to the men but that a fully competent foreman or shift boss should be on the ground to see that all is safe for the men.

The jury wishes to express its admiration of the noble manner in which the miners of the Nettie L. rushed to the assistance of their fellow workmen and attempted, at the risk and even at the loss of their own lives, to recover their fellows from their untimely death.

Service and Burial.

Never before in Ferguson's history have the residents assembled on so sad an occasion as that of Wednesday when Rev. S. J. Green conducted the memorial service of the deceased men who met such a tragic death in the Nettie L. mine on Saturday night. Nearly the whole adult population showed their sympathy by their presence in Miners' Union hall.

The service was opened by prayer, then the beautiful hymn, "A Few More Years Shall Roll," was sung. Rev. Mr. Green then read the 90th psalm and after singing "Lead Kindly Light" a short but appropriate discourse was delivered, then a hymn was sung followed by the doxology and the service concluded.

The coffins were arranged near the pulpit and on each were wreaths of flowers.

A large procession formed and drove to the cemetery between Ferguson and Trout Lake. The bodies of P. Crilly and R. Savage were interred here. J. Baldwin read the Roman Catholic burial service at the grave of P. Crilly, and Rev H. A. Solly read the Episcopal service over R. Savage's grave, after which the Miner's Union took charge of the burial in each case.

The other two bodies were taken through to Beaton by a volunteer committee of 25 union men. From Beaton the bodies were hauled across the lake 12 miles on sleds, the ice being too stout for the boat and too thin for safe walking but the brave union men from Ferguson waived the danger in order to deliver the remains to the brothers of the deceased who were waiting at Arrowhead but were advised to not risk a crossing.

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Nettle I. Fraction, No. 1 Fraction and Copper Lead mineral claims, situate in the Trout Lake mining division of West Kootenay District. Where located:—On Nettle I. mountain. TAKE NOTICE that I, George S. McCarter, acting as agent for the Great Western Mines, Limited Liability, Free Miner's Certificate No. 45174, intend 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims. AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that action under Section 37 must be commenced before the expiration of this certificate of improvements. Dated this 23rd day of January A.D., 1903. GEO. S. MCCARTER.

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Great Western Mines, Limited and Double Eagle M. & D. Co., Ltd. Notice is hereby given that any written transfers of stock in either of these companies that have not yet been sent in to the office for registration and the issue of proper certificates for them, must be sent in by the last day of February, 1903, as they will not be recognized after that date. FERGUSON, B. C. Jan. 26, 1903. A. H. HOLDICH, Sec'y.

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE.

"Culbert," "Handy," "Handy No. 2," "Lynch," "Low," "Low Fraction," "Lynch," "Low," "Low Fraction," "Lynch," "Low," "Low Fraction," "Lynch," "Low," "Low Fraction," "Lynch," "Low," "Low Fraction." TAKE NOTICE that I, A. B. Heyland, agent for W. S. Brayton, Free Miner's Certificate No. 45201, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims. AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that action under section 37 must be commenced before the expiration of this certificate of improvements. Dated this 11th day of January, A.D., 1903. A. B. HEYLAND.

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE.

Two and a Half mineral claim situate in Trout Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located:—On Lade mountain near the Badollet mine. TAKE NOTICE that I, O. B. N. Wilkie, acting as agent for the Ophir-Lade Mining Syndicate, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. 45174, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim. AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that action, under section 37 must be commenced before the expiration of this certificate of improvements. Dated this 11th day of December, A.D., 1902. O. B. N. WILKIE.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will not be responsible for any account except on production of a written order signed by the manager, Superintendent or Secretary. THE OPHIR-LADE MINING SYNDICATE, LIMITED.

Notice to Delinquent Co-Owner.

To William Howard or whomever he may have transferred his interest in the "Clyde" and "Clyde No. 2" mineral claims, situated on Silver Cup Mountain adjoining the Lela mineral claims, six miles from Ferguson, in the Trout Lake Mining Division, West Kootenay District, B. C. You are hereby notified that I have expended \$20 in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned claims since Oct. 7th, 1902, under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within 60 days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above mentioned sum which is now due, together with all cost of advertising, your interest in the said claims will become the property of the undersigned under section 4 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900. Dated at Ferguson, B. C. this 12th day of December, 1902. NAPOLEON EMO.

Notice to Delinquent Co-Owner.

To G. J. Smith and F. W. Hinesdale or to any person or persons to whom they may have transferred their interests in the following mineral claims, the "Mollie" and "Copper Key" located at Short Creek and "Copper Creek" in the Trout Lake mining division of West Kootenay District, B. C. Take notice that we the undersigned have performed the work and recorded the assessment on the above named properties for the year 1902, and in order to hold your interest in said claims under section 4 of the Mineral Act, and if within 90 days of the first publication hereof you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of such expenditure as above mentioned, your interest in the property of the undersigned under section 4 of the Mineral Act of 1900. Dated at Ferguson, B. C. this 19th day of Dec. 1902. Signed: HENRY SANN, JOE MORETT.

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These three claims are located on the western slope of Goat Mountain, the lines being north-westerly and south-easterly, and form one complete portion of mineral land of about 150 acres. They lie east less than four miles up from Fish river.

The group lies in the "Sitting Bull" and "Wild West" belts, two of the strongest and best known leads in that district, and work already done on adjacent extensions has given most satisfactory results as to extent of ore bodies and increased value with depth.

The formation is slate and schist, lying in an immense line dyke, and the croppings of the leads are generally topped with heavy iron capping and quartz, which gives assays from \$8 up on the surface.

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The property has an excellent surface showing. The average assays are most encouraging, considering the great width and continuity of the leads across the country with such great width and prominence of the surface judging from other properties in the near vicinity, some of which are on the same lead and have developed very rich ore bodies.

In conclusion I would say that the Lardeau Mines are as good as any, if not the best, in the vicinity, and I verily believe with a nominal expenditure, they should be made dividend paying in a short time, and I would strongly recommend extensive development toward that end.

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Local and General.

Messrs. W. Macdonald and W. B. Pool left for Revelstoke Friday evening last.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Ward were visitors to Trout Lake on Friday last.

Owing to the sad accident at the Nettie L. the school concert has been postponed.

Jas. Lawrence, hardware merchant of Nelson, is in town this week and registered at the Windsor.

Frank Holten returned from attending the Miners convention at Victoria Monday night.

A large number from Ferguson attended the dance at Trout Lake Friday night last.

A social was held at the Lake Saturday in aid of the building fund of the Methodist church.

A special meeting of the Miners' Union was held in Miners' Union hall on Monday at 2 o'clock.

The school children were given a holiday Wednesday afternoon in order to attend the funeral of the deceased miners.

S. Daney broke the trail to Nettie L. with his snow plow Thursday morning, "after our recent heavy snow storm," with a four horse team.

Mrs. Gunterman, formerly cook at the Nettie L. came over the almost impassable roads from Arrowhead Tuesday to be present at the funeral Wednesday.

The smoking concert and entertainment, announced last week, to be held at Eagle hall on St. Patrick's Day has been postponed on account of the sad accident of Saturday last.

From Saturday night until Wednesday morning snow fell heavily and continuously. Consequently another three feet of snow has been added to the already unstinted supply in Ferguson.

The Victoria Colonist of March 1st contains a photograph of members of the B. C. Mining Convention taken in a group also the delegates at Foul Bay in carriages enjoying an outing.

W. McDougall representing the Scranton Schools, was in town for a few days this week. He paid a visit to some of the mines, a goodly number of the miners being Scranton School students and several new students were enrolled during Mr. McDougall's visit.

The following registered at the Ferguson house this week: John McSweeney, Lee Chism, N. Morrison, A. Erickson, D. A. Williams, Dollard Barslau Duke Champagne, Miles Custar, Arthur Hendrickson, Ralph Nordenson, Nettie L.; W. H. McDougall, Nelson; Gillis, Currie, Hillman, Trout Lake.

Mrs. Esteb who has been spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. E. Carter of this place, left for her home in Walla Walla, Washington, Saturday last via Seattle. During Mrs. Esteb's sojourn in Ferguson she made many friends who regret her departure from our town. Later—Mrs. Esteb had to return to town owing to the lake being impassable.

Arrangements are being made for the members of the House of Lords and Commons to visit Canada at the end of August. It is probable that two special steamers will be chartered. The plan is to arrive in Quebec and visit various centres to the Pacific coast, and back to Halifax. The project is endorsed and supported by Lords Aberdeen and Strathcona, who are arranging for members of both houses to join the party.

A college for farmers is to be started at Regina, N. W. T. The staff will comprise professors of agriculture, chemistry, veterinary science, dairying, horticulture and natural history and anatomy; a lecturer on domestic science and cookery, and a burser and librarian. Dr. Coard will hold the professorship of agriculture and the lectureship on entomology. The names of the other professors and lecturers have not yet been announced. The college is being established under substantial patronage.

J. Howard of the Silver Cup mine spent Thursday night in town.

Dr. Newcombe left today for Thomson's Landing to visit some scarlet fever patients.

Several men were down from the Silver Cup Wednesday to attend the funeral from Miners' Union hall.

A concert and basket social to end with a social hop will be given in the hall on Friday night, 17th inst. The proceeds will be used to pay outstanding accounts in connection with the school building.

Since March 1st Batho & Co. have shipped from their big store, to the Nettie L. and Silver Cup mines, goods as follows: Groceries and vegetables 27,100 lbs.; dynamite, 5,700 lbs.; beef, 6,000, a total of 19 tons. Not a bad beginning for spring.

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