

The Porcupine Nugget

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PORCUPINE GOLDFIELDS

My last letter
was also
written from S Porcupine
but I forgot to scratch
out "Cobalt".

S. Porcupine
Cobalt, Ont., June 9th 1911

My dearest Girl

I said yesterday I would write you about my Porcupine trip. The mails are so very uncertain that I am afraid this may never reach you, But here's hoping for the best!

The very large part of Ontario lying north of the C.P.R. line from Ottawa to Sudbury and the Sault, is practically unknown to the majority of Canadians and the Ontario people themselves do not often stop to consider that this is the same province as contains Toronto, London, Belleville, Stratford etc.

Sudbury is on the main line of the C.P.R. and is the junction point for the main line west and the Soo line. It is 35 miles north of the middle of the North Shore of Georgian Bay. It is also a point on the C.N.R. line from Toronto to Gorgona Jet.

If you go up this line from Sudbury about 30 miles you come to the Moose Mountain mine, where I started a big 2000' Compressor about 3 weeks ago.

North of Sudbury about 138 miles and west about 10 miles would bring you very near this house. But to get here is a different matter. We leave Sudbury before tea, have tea on the train, get to North Bay, - 80 miles along the line towards Montreal at 8.30 and sleep there. Then you start early on the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario

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 Railway and stop off at Cobalt to go to the office from 10.30 to 2.34. Then you continue on the T+N O on this line (which makes connection with the National Transcontinental at Cochrane) when you would have got to a point 180 miles due North of Sudbury.

Instead of going as far as this however, we get beef-steak slung at us at 4.30 at Englehart and then go on to Mathewson and Kels, where we get off and take the new ^{Porcupine} branch line train which however could just carry us as far as Frederickhouse Landing south of Frederickhouse Lake.

We take a chance and sleep in Frederickhouse Landing in a tent but not without some misgivings as to the previous occupants of the bed. There are about 15 beds and they charge \$1.50 apiece. In the morning they wake you up at some ungodly hour and we have more beef steak for breakfast. We are impatient and get started at about 7 o'clock in gasoline launches which bring us down the Frederickhouse River, around the end of Night Hawk Lake and up the Porcupine River - a total distance of I suppose 15 miles - to a place called Hills Landing where we arrive at about 10. On the way we saw a Porcupine and got stuck later on a rock.

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