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“Greetings From Canada’s Century-Old Silver Camp”

January 16, 2003 – Our Centennial activities began with a dinner and ceremony at the Royal York Hotel where the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame inducted four of Cobalt’s founders; Fred Larose, James McKinley, Ernest Darragh and Tom Hebert. (See the January 27th edition of ‘The Northern Miner’.)

Centennial Silver Coin

A capacity crowd, including dignitaries from the Royal Canadian Mint, provincial, federal and district politicians and area organizers gathered at the Cobalt Mining Museum on March 10th, 2003 to unveil a commemorative pure silver dollar marking the discovery at Cobalt in 1903. These coins can be obtained from the mint in Ottawa and the Cobalt Mining Museum as well as the Cobalt post office.

The Northeastern Mines and Minerals Symposium

This annual event that rotates between Timmins, Kirkland Lake and Sudbury was held in Haileybury and Cobalt April 15-17, 2003 to help our 100th Anniversary. The 250 registered delegates attended courses, talks and exhibits at the Haileybury School of Mines with socials and “The Ice Breaker Dinner” at the Cobalt Community Center. It was considered a great success!

Cobalt as a “National Historic Site”

The Consulting firm of McLeod Farley and associates has been hired to begin a study leading to a community action plan which will set the course for the development of the Cobalt Mining Camp as a historical attraction. A Historical Site plaque will be unveiled in the Silver Street Park on July 31, 2003.

SMC (Canada) Limited Fundraiser

A unique contest designed by General Manager Dan Cleroux features the exhibit in local centers of a genuine silver bar of 750 fineness. The public are invited to purchase tickets at \$2.00 each and enter their guess at the bars weight in Troy ounces.

(12 oz. Troy = 1 lb.)

The closest guess wins the bar. The proceeds will be equally shared by the Cobalt Mining Museum and the Cobalt Historical Society.

The Heritage Silver Trail, Phase II

The trail will extend to several new sites including the Cleopatra Mine, The University Mine, The Lawson Mine, the Silver Sidewalk and the Crown Reserve. In addition we will begin arrangement of a mine equipment park as a memorial to Jake Koza. Repairs and renovations will also be done at existing sites where required. The total expenditure for projects in 2003 is estimated at \$360,00.00.

New Publications For 2003

"From a London Pub to Mine Finder" The Biography of Harry Miller, By Gladys (Miller) Wilcox;
"Cobalt, In Retrospect and Rhyme" By Dorothy Farmiloe, Muriel Newton-White and Lionel Venne;
"Heritage Silver Trail Guide"; "Cobalt, 2003, Centennial Calendar"; "The Ontario Mining Digest",
May 1907.

All of these are available at the Highway Bookshop, Cobalt, On, P0J 1C0. Several other reprints of historical papers are in process.

New Liskeard Events and Celebrations

New Liskeard Centennial, 2003 -- June 26th – July 6th, 2003

New Liskeard Cubs, 50 Years of Hockey -- June 26th – June 29th

New Liskeard High School Reunion – July 3rd – 6th

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Cobalt Centennial Program, July 31st – August 4th, 2003

July 31 – Heritage Plaque unveiling; Community Hall Reception; Classic Theatre Wine and Cheese.

August 1 – Poetry Contest, Readings at Library; Literacy Council Supper; Firemen's Dance; Memorial Arena Re-dedication.

August 2 – Legion Breakfast; Soap Box Derby; Mosher Walk; Horse Pull; Car Rally; Book Launch; Bed Races; Dances .

August 3 – Brunch, Community Hall; Ecumenical Service; Parade; O.P.P. Mural; Beef BBQ; Teen Karaoke; Fireworks.

August 4 – Community Hall Breakfast; Soap Box Derby; Kids Parade, Costume Contest; Kiddies Day Events.

Everyday activities will occur at the Classic Theatre, Flea Market, Mining Museum, Heritage Trail, Colonial Mine Tours, Mining Demonstrations, Music Art and Displays. For details contact this website www.cobalt2003.ca

From The President

My thanks to the society's executive for their continuing efforts in our busiest year. Because we have such a heavy schedule in the months ahead we are delaying our annual meeting and election of officers until late September.

Among the many activities this summer will be the opening of our office at site #14, in the Pan Silver Shafthouse . This will greatly improve on our communications and information systems.

= I hope to see you all this summer!

Reg Holdsworth
