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MANAGER'S FAVOURABLE REPORT

By THE MINING EDITOR.

In a report to the members of the P.O.D.S. Consolidated Development Syndicate, the mine manager, Mr. A. McDonald, who for the last five months has prospected and developed the property known as the P.O.D.S. Consolidated Development Syndicate, in the Barberton district, says that from the prospecting and development of the mine, the property has opened up very promisingly and satisfactorily. Should it continue to open up like this, he is sure it will equal the neighbouring mine known as the New Consort Mine.

There are two propositions on this property—namely, gold and asbestos—and on both these propositions he has prospected and developed.

After giving details of the gold and asbestos propositions, the mine manager says the gold proposition is now developed to a producing stage and that the gold-bearing ore developed, which is in sight, has given the proposition a life of many years. He has started to open a No. 7 level, which will be 700ft. below No. 1 cutting. Here he has cut the reef, and 2dwt. has been obtained in the pan; it is still on surface work.

There are three heavy quartzite bars running from one end of the property to the other—a length of about three miles. Experience in this district has proved that in this series where this property lies the gold is usually found near the quartzite bars. "With this enormous stretch of ground of your syndicate in this gold-bearing formation," continues Mr. McDonald, "I have no hesitation in saying if you prospect your whole property other good finds will be made on different places on the property. I am also confident that the lower levels of this mine will open satisfactorily."

The asbestos proposition has been exposed with prospect cutting and development on various places on the property along the serpentine bar. This bar runs from one end of the property to the other. Asbestos has been traced all along for a distance of about 2,000 yards, running with the formation of the serpentine bar.

On an attached sketch plan are shown the different places where the manager has exposed the asbestos.

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THE CADET CAMP.

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child can go more than once. The benefit derived from one short trip is so very obvious that one is justified in hoping that in the near future an annual trip will become an accomplished fact.

The extensions I have outlined above might be criticised as the optimistic visions of an enthusiast. My reply is that vision and enthusiasm are a sine qua non for the success of any scheme or organisation.

One thing only is necessary to bring these things within the realm of accomplished facts and that is the realisation and recognition by the wealthy municipalities of the Reef of the value, both physically and mentally, of these trips to the children of our schools and hence to the coming generation of citizens.

On behalf, therefore, of the less fortunate section of our school youth, I appeal to the city fathers of the Reef municipalities for official support of The Star Seaside trips in the form of a tiny corner in their annual budgets. I can conceive of no scheme of practical philanthropy more deserving of public and official support than these trips.

In conclusion, I tender The Star my cordial wishes for a most successful "drive" in connection with the £12,000 required for the reconstruction and extension of the Star Hotel.

