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ROMANCES OF COBALT.

Hammer Thrown at Fox Uncovered Rich Deposit—Other Tales.

Twenty years ago no one supposed that immense wealth lay hidden beneath the ground in the Cobalt district and not until the Temiskaming and Northern Railroad began construction in those parts, had any one the slightest idea that the heavily timbered country around Lake Atitibi would prove to be the richest silver mine in the world. The discoverer of this huge silver deposit was John La Rose, a blacksmith employed on the Temiskaming & Northern Railroad. One Sunday he was standing in front of his shanty when a red fox ran by. La Rose had no weapon handy, so he threw a hammer at the fox, which, missing the animal, struck a rock and chipped off the moss covered portion, exposing to view some queer substance unknown to La Rose. He kept a sample in his pocket for some days, and chancing to show it to a companion, was told that it was cobalt bloom of high grade.

La Rose staked the claim on which he had made the discovery, and sold a half interest to the Timmins syndicate for \$5,000, and subsequently sold the other half for \$37,000. This netted \$32,000 to the discoverer—not a big sum considering the fortunes which have since been made there. La Rose married a French Canadian girl, and is now living quietly in a little village near Quebec, oblivious of the excitement in the Cobalt country.

A story is being told that the Indians had known of the existence of these silver deposits for centuries, but being fearful of the white man's inroads into their country, kept the matter a secret. It became a tradition among the Indians that the one who disclosed the whereabouts of the silver would die before the next full moon. Twenty-seven years ago, it is said, white men knew in a general way of the deposits, but no bribe could induce the Indians to disclose the exact locality. An Indian maiden became the wife of a halfbreed near Fort Temiskaming, imparted the knowledge to him and, curiously enough, she died within a week, thus strengthening the superstition of the Indians. The halfbreed, crazed with grief, went to a settlement near Spanish River and there promised a dealer in liquor to direct him to the deposit if he would supply him with intoxicants until he wanted no more. The agreement was that the trip was to be begun early the next morning. That night the halfbreed was overthrown from his canoe while under the influence of liquor, and drowned—another fulfillment of the tradition. In 1873 lumbermen heard of the deposits, and at great expense, sent out prospectors to look over the district, but they brought back such discouraging reports that no prospecting was attempted.

Already several novelists are writing stories on the romances of Cobalt, and Dr. W. H. Drummond, the author of "The Habitant," has built a cottage on the end of the Drummond mines' property, about four miles east of the town. Silver is not the only mineral which has been found there, for rich gold discoveries have been made not many miles from the town, and it is expected many other valuable finds will be made when the country is developed properly.

TRAVELERSTON

Mr. Jim Russell has rented his farm to his brother, Will, and purposes having a sale on the 29th.

This morning (Monday) the robins and blackbirds put in their appearance and towards evening the snow birds held a demonstration.

Some time ago Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Anderson returned to their home in Montana, after spending the winter at the old Anderson home. Sandy coaxed his parents to go back with him to spend the summer there.

Mr. James Hall's sale on Tuesday of last week was a splendid success, the proceeds amounting to upwards of \$1200, of which over a third was cash. Mr. Mike Kenny received many warm congratulations over his first yielding of the hamster.

Mr. Tom Jack celebrated his birthday on Monday of last week, having about a dozen of fellows about his own age and their partners spend a happy evening together, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Joe. Boyle, of Glasco; Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Rutherford and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, of Edge Hill. Though Tom is up in the forties he'd pass for a chap of 25.

Mr. George Tucker sold his fine team on Saturday for the handsome sum of \$975.

After spending a couple of years as smithy with the Canadian Northern Construction camp near Spadby, Mr. Dick Davis is home on a much welcomed visit.

Mr. D. Sweeney brought home a fine brood mare from Mrs. Endler's sale on Wednesday of last week.

The sympathy of the neighborhood goes out to Mr. Ambrose Haley on the loss of his young wife, who was laid to rest in St. John's cemetery on Monday morning.

Photos.

Try Markdale for photos. If you do you may always have a smile. Easter is coming, so don't disappoint your friends, but send them your photo. It is not wise for you to put off having your family group taken. Now is a good time, before the busy springtime comes. Copying, enlarging in crayon and water colors with frames complete, photos for lockets and buttons to order, three post cards, amateur finishing, flash, high pictures, auto door work, photographing stock, buildings, etc. All work will have our prompt attention. Visitors welcome.

J. O. KENTNER, Photo Artist.

PRICEVILLE

The Woman's Institute met at the home of the President, Miss A. James, on the 7th inst., and a very profitable time was spent in discussing the various uses of "Apples." The next meeting takes place first Thursday in April at that day is "Housecleaning."

Our township assessors have been at work valuing the farms and other property in this vicinity. C. W. Bellamy on the Artemesia side and John A. McDonald on the Glenelg side of the townline.

Mrs. Colin McLean, of the suburbs, went to Toronto on the 12th and underwent an operation in the hospital. We understand she is doing well and will likely be home soon again.

Death has removed another pioneer from our midst. Mr. Alexander McLean, south line, passed away suddenly about noon on the 12th. Heart failure seemed to be the cause. Deceased was about 78 years of age and has lived on lots 4 and 5, 2nd south, Artemesia, since the early fifties. Mr. McLean was much esteemed as a neighbor and friend and all who knew him acknowledge that he lived a christian life. He was known to frequently sacrifice his own interests in order to live in peace and quietness with neighbors and friends. A number of years ago Mr. McLean was elected an elder in the Presbyterian church here, which office he faithfully filled until he received the summons last week to "come in higher." A very large number of people escorted the remains to the church on Saturday afternoon, where the pastor, Rev. J. A. Matheson, held appropriate services. The remains were then placed in the basement, awaiting the arrival of one son from the far West on the night train. Interment took place at the close of the sacramental services on Sunday afternoon in the village cemetery, where one son was laid about 17 years ago. The pallbearers were four brothers-in-law, John, Malcolm, Alex. and Donald McMillan, John McLean and John Burnett, neighbors, all of the south line. Deceased's family consists of wife, five sons, Neil, Allan, Hector, who have been for some time out West; Colin, a farmer on the Gravel Road, west of the village, and Donald, at home; also five daughters, Mrs. McLaughlin, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Mrs. D. McDonald, village; Mrs. McMillan, Manitoba; Mrs. Barnard, Owen Sound; and Miss Emma, at home.

John C. Molunis, of Cheboygan, Mich., formerly of Bunnessan, died of pneumonia on the 22nd February. His brother Dan, of Bunnessan, attended the funeral in Cheboygan.

Mr. D. McCormack, village, has been seriously ill for about a week. We understand he is improving but still very weak.

Herb Watson and Geo. Arrowsmith are busy repairing the steam shovel and other outfit. We hear that about 100 horses have been bought and will be distributed along this section of railroad for construction work in the spring.

A number of people who have read with interest the "Mothers' Letters" in late issues of the Advance and many who have frequently traded from \$15 to \$40 each time they went to Markdale say that they have now turned their back on that whiskey centre and will in the future trade elsewhere.

A number of the ratepayers also seem interested in R. R. Fawcett's letter in the last issue of the Advance and say "them's my sentiments too."

Macdonald McInnis, Gravel Road, Glenelg, had a successful auction sale on the 15th. He has rented his farm and moved to the village this week.

VICTORIA CORNERS

Spring will soon be here as the crows have once more made their appearance. Miss Ivy Woodlan spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Sadie Quinn, of Bethel.

Mrs. Johnston left for Toronto last week to visit with friends.

Mr. Charles Moore has arrived home from London Military School. We are pleased to have Charlie with us again.

Mr. Frank Reimke attended the Grand Orange Lodge held in Orangeville last Wednesday and Thursday.

A number of young folks gathered at the home of Mr. George Moore last Tuesday evening and report a very pleasant evening.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Ed. Patton's little daughter, Bernice, who has been ill most of the winter, is getting around again and improving every day.

NO APPETITE

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Every day comes the good news of wonderful cures with Ferrozone. In Peterboro it worked marvels for Louis Meahan—put him right on his feet—made him entirely well.

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Our Great Crockery Sale Drawing to a Close

Remarkable values and a final clean up in all lines of Crockery and Glassware which means big value to you if we have what you require in the balance of our stock left from our Great Crockery Sale. The next few days will see the end of it. Better buy this week while the assortments are still good and the prices are sure to please.

Hanging Lamps.

12 only Fancy Hanging Lamps in gunmetal trimmings, chain rollers, round glass shade in colors of opal, ruby and blue. Regular \$3.25 \$1.48 value. Sale price.....

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Tea Sets.

2 sets only English Delph Tea Sets, 40 pieces, in brown and blue colors, two sets only \$1.48 and while they are here per set.....

Cream Pitchers.

36 only Cream Pitchers in English delph in decorations of gold, blue, brown and green. Easily worth a half more. Your choice for 8c.

Big Reductions in Remnants of Floor Oil Cloths and Linoleums.

We have some 15 remnants of Floor Oil Cloths and English Linoleums in lengths of 2 to 4 yards; some in the yard wide widths, some 2 yards wide, and some 4 yards wide. In order to clear out quickly we offer 25 per cent off the regular selling value.

The Men's New Hats are Here.

Our collection of new Hats for men is the best you ever saw. Every correct style and the different qualities are represented.

Men's Derbys and Fedoras for \$1.50. Fine English Fur Felts for \$2.00. All the extra fine qualities for 2.50 & 3.00

Milk or Water Jugs.

48 only fancy decorated Milk or Water Jugs in nice colorings and fancy floral decorations outlined with gold. Every jug is good value at the regular market price of 20c., 25c and 30c., so why should we have them long at the price your choice for 17c.

Tea Sets.

8 only Fancy Glass Tea Sets, consisting of butter dish, cream pitcher, sugar bowl and spoon holder, heavy gold trimmed, best American glass. Special sale price per set..... 1.25

Dinner Sets.

3 only semi-Porcelain China Dinner Sets in all a complete and full set, nice pattern, latest shape in colors of pink, full \$7 price. Special sale \$7.45

This week we have opened up the Following New Spring Lines:

New Dress Goods, New Carpets and Curtains, new Shoes and Rubbers. Latest styles in Ladies' Fancy Collars, and the latest in Hats and Clothing for Men and Boys.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

ANY seven numbered Section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, excepting 8 and 20, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 100 acres, more or less.

Entry must be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land is situated.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:—

- (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.
- (2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.
- (3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of the land entered for, as to residence he may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Six months' notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of intention to apply for patent.

W. W. CORY, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior. N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

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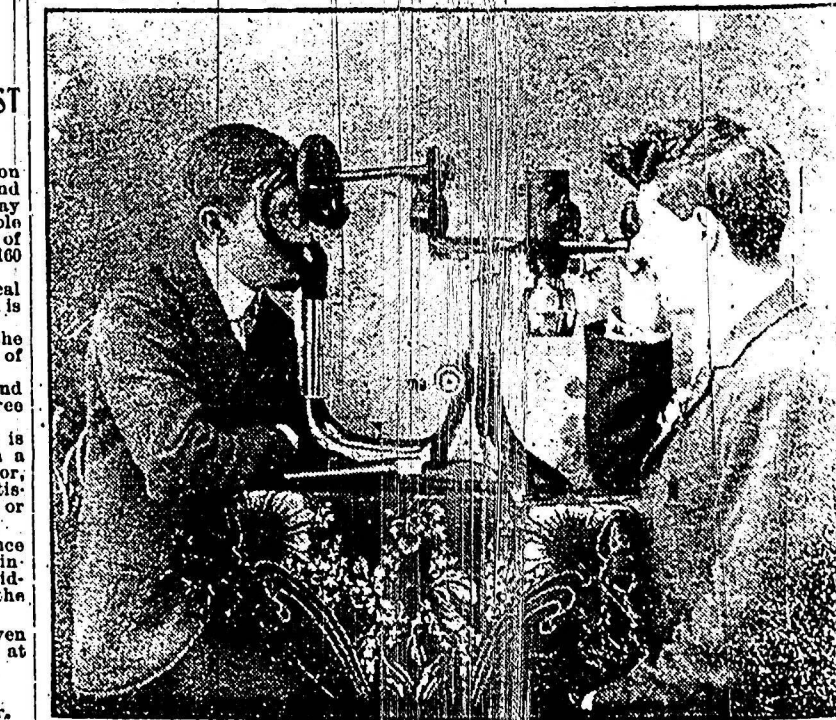
Mr. Edward Arrowsmith, of Brantford, died last Wednesday and was buried on Friday. Messrs. Geo. and Wm. Arrowsmith had been down to see him the previous week and had just returned, not thinking the end was so near. He is survived by a wife and two children, and also four brothers and two sisters.

Mr. W. G. Tucker intends holding a sale next Monday. We understand he purposes moving to Niagara and the end just returned, not thinking the end was so near. He is survived by a wife and two children, and also four brothers and two sisters.

We are glad to say that Mrs. George Arrowsmith is fast gaining strength after her recent operation in Toronto. She is now able to go out for a drive.

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