

Hon. W. Gordon Boosts North in Pictou Speech

Tells Southern Ontario Men of Mining Industry and Prospectors' Work

Honorable W. A. Gordon, K.C., misses no opportunity of spreading the gospel of the mining industry and the importance of the North Country in general, in his visits to various parts of Canada as a minister in the Federal Government. On a recent occasion he visited Pictou as guest speaker at a banquet given by the Warden of Prince Edward County, Mr. Don Brown, and the following is a part of a newspaper report of his address:

"Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Mines, was guest speaker at the Warden's banquet at Pictou, Prince Edward County, when he gave an illuminating address on the mineral resources of the Dominion. With \$887,500,000 - invested in plant, equipment and working capital, paying out \$50,325,327 yearly in dividends and \$113,975,332 yearly in wages, and with 89,200 employees, Canada's mining industry, he asserted, was the brightest spot in the country's industrial picture. During this time of world-wide industrial depression the mining industry of Canada had not found it necessary to cut wages as had been done in other industrial fields. On the other hand, from month to month, more men had been employed and the industry was in a very desirable condition of progress.

In introducing the chief speaker of the evening Mr. Weese spoke of him as the first practical mining man to hold the portfolio of Mines, representing Canada's second largest industry. As the Minister of Immigration and Colonization also, Mr. Gordon did not believe in assisted passages to incoming settlers on the ground that the early pioneers who laid the foundation of Canada's greatness had received no such assistance and had achieved marvellous results on their own initiative.

Mr. Gordon, at the outset of his address, paid tribute to the member for Prince Edward-Lennox and to the early settlers of the district from whom had sprung men and women who were today the backbone of the country. Plunging into the main theme of his address, the Minister urged his listeners to stop talking depression, to stop talking gloom. He doubted if they were in a worse position than had been experienced by many of those present in succeeding periods of prosperity and depression. We had advanced and retreated with the stock market, following it as an index of the business conditions of the country, but this was not a reliable guide. In the past two years the stock market had not depicted the real situation; it had not shown that the mineral industry had increased almost twenty per cent., so that Canada was producing gold alone to the value of one million dollars a week.

Canada's prospectors, Mr. Gordon averred, were the finest in the world. A prospector must be a bushman, a canoe man, a man who must take care of himself when his grub ran out. And prospectors were never out of work. He believed that within the lifetime of the youngest present they would not see any diminution of Canada's mineral output. Such was his faith in the mineral resources of the country.

The Minister quoted figures to show the immense value of our mineral output, dividends paid by gold, silver, nickel and copper mines to the end of 1930, wages, supplies, equipment, freight. In view of such stupendous figures he asked his listeners to consider the great benefits which had accrued to Old Ontario during the past quarter of a century from its mineral industry; and he expressed the earnest hope, which was indeed, something more than a hope, that the people of Old Ontario would reap benefits increasingly large as the years passed. At the same time the older part of the province might reasonably be expected to bear the burden of financing this mineral development in a larger degree than in the past.

As an indication of the magnitude of the development at some of the mining properties of Northern Ontario, Mr. Gordon stated that the Hollinger Mines at Timmins had a huge network of

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By Aline Michaelis

NEW YEAR

New Year, tell me, can it be
You have brought me ecstasy?

For a bit of youth and fire
Can you give me heart desire?

Youth's a fleeting melody;
One green leaf from Time's great tree.

Youth is glamor, rose and song;
New Year, take my youth along.

Only leave me as you go,
Something youth can never know

A BIT OF SPANISH LACE

My grandmother I never knew,
But she has left me these:
Her sapphire necklace, darkly blue;
Her scarf from overseas.

I have no picture of her face.
No child is left to tell;
But from this chain, this yellowed lace,
I know my grandma well.

I see her as a happy bride,
With joyous youth aglow,
And love forever at her side,
In golden long ago.

I see her slender fingers lift
The sapphires from their case;
I sense her gladness at this gift—
The scarf of Spanish lace.

This grandmother I never knew
Still thrills me with her grace,
For she had eyes of sapphire blue
And skin like Spanish lace.

A Prayer

May I not weary at close of day—
This is always my dream—
May I find such beauty in sunset's ray

As I knew in the dawning gleam
My spirit's sword—may it still be keen
To thrust the wrong aside;
May its blade be stainless, still as clean

As in hours of my youth and pride.
May I not yield to a weak regret
This is always my prayer—
Old ships are gallant and old trees gay.

So may I find dusk fair!

LULLABY

Blue eyes, pink lips,
Chubby hands and feet,
Come now; dream ship!
Sail in dream sea's fleet.

Blue eyes, closed now;
Chubby hands, relax;
Droop, head—white brow
Crowned with curls like flax.

Dream ship prancing
Over seas unknown;
Fairies dancing,
Sea-king on a throne.

Blue eyes, pink lips,
Funny hands and feet
Board the dream ships,
Very strange and fleet!

Dream ship sail on
Over dream seas' foam;
Landing in early dawn
At the port of home!

165½ miles of underground workings and others were approaching a similar stage of development. The Red Lake Camp was coming back, one of the mines there producing gold at the lowest cost on the continent. Mr. Gordon spoke in high terms of Northern Ontario as a land which had produced prodigious wealth and promised even greater results in the future, eulogizing the splendid men who had gone in there as prospectors, miners and settlers, men who with the greatest courage had faced the hardships of the bush and by their industry had achieved surprising results from the mines and from the soil. Notwithstanding the low prices of most of their products the mines had set a new record of quantity production in a period of general industrial depression, this increased production being the result of normal development and not in the nature of forced expansion. Despite increased capital invested in expansion, most of the companies had been able to show a reasonable profit and this creditable performance had served as the principal stabilizing influence on the business structure of the whole country. He affirmed that with the outstanding developments that had taken place and with vast areas still to be prospected there need be no doubt as to the future of the Ontario mining industry.

Net Revenue of C. N. Railways Up in November

Gross Considerably Lower But Operating Expenses are Away Down

A decrease in gross revenues of \$1,878,993, decrease in operating expenses of \$1,889,059 and an increase in net revenue of \$10,066 for November 1931 as compared with the same month of 1930 is

shown in the monthly report of earnings issued by the Canadian National Railways.

Gross revenues for the month of November 1931 were \$15,290,993. Operating expenses in November 1931 were \$13,206,511 as against \$15,095,570 in November 1930. Net revenues in November 1931 were \$2,084,481 as against \$2,074,415 for November 1930, an increase of \$10,066.

For the eleven months of 1931, to November 30, gross revenues were \$163,862,574, a decrease of \$43,180,633 as compared with the same period of 1930. Operating expenses for the 1931 period were

\$156,370,574, a decrease of \$23,894,570, leaving net revenues for eleven months of 1931 of \$7,491,999, a decrease of \$18,286,063.

A snake is reported to have been found crawling along a bush road near North Bay last week, evidently having been coaxed out into the open by the mild weather

DISTINGUISHED GUEST ARRIVES



Visiting the United States to confer with notables of the scientific world at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, and at the Mount Wilson Observatory, Professor Albert Einstein, noted German savant of relativity fame, is shown as he came down the gang-plank at Los Angeles on his arrival. Mrs. Einstein accompanied her distinguished husband.

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