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EDITORIAL

Canada's Growing Mining Industry

The mineral production of Canada in 1928 reached a new high record with a total value estimated at \$271,000,000, a gain of nearly 10 per cent. over \$233,000,000 over 1927. Canada's mineral industry is of increasing importance, the primary industries of the country, being surpassed in output value only by the great basic industries of agriculture and forestry, brings to the nation a prestige far beyond the monetary measure of the mineral output. First in nickel, first in asbestos, second in cobalt, third in gold, third in silver, fourth in lead, and sixth in zinc, among the world producers, Canada presently enjoys an enviable position in the mining world. In the light of the progress that has been made, Canada's future in mining seems brighter than ever before.

A Prosperous Year for Canada

In its report of the Annual General Meeting of the Bank of Montreal, a summary of the past year in Canada appears under the heading, "A Prosperous Year for Canada." This report says: "Canada, as a whole, has enjoyed more prosperity than ever before. At the commencement of 1928 a succession of good harvests had already placed the country on a prosperous footing, and the position has been further improved this year by good average yields of the staple crops in all the older Provinces, while the Prairie Provinces have far surpassed their previous records. In industrial activity an extraordinary enlargement has shown itself in construction works, many being of a most impressive character. These include the further exploitation of those great natural assets, water power, minerals, and forests. Also, we have seen a further increase in revenue from the tourist trade, now ranking high among Canada's business activities. These factors have put large sums of money into general circulation; they have increased the demands upon many of our industries, and have created the highest scale of employment since the War. Particularly in the two chief industrial Provinces, Quebec and Ontario, manufacturing has been on an unprecedented scale, despite exceptions in a few lines owing to outside competition."

Less Autocratic Rule

Under the caption of "What is the Matter With Hydro?" the Palmerston Spectator says, editorially: "In Elora, there appears to be a general dissatisfaction with the Hydro and this feeling is split two ways—the local Commission receives some of the criticism but a good bit of it is directed to the Ontario Commission. The Fergus situation has been explained somewhat in another article, but there is also a feeling of resentment in that town of treatment received by the Ontario Commission. Recently in these columns, we voiced our criticism of that very august body and also voiced the opinion that local Hydro affairs should be published in the local paper. It may be co-incidence that in these three places—Palmerston, Fergus and Elora—there is dissatisfaction expressed against the Ontario Hydro Commission and then again it may be that this criticism is entirely justified and we are inclined to believe that the latter is correct. Public opinion is against autocratic rule and the sooner the Ontario Commission recognize this fact the better it will be." In Fergus there has been quite a lot of dissatisfaction because the proceedings of the Commission were not open to the public and published. No municipal body can long hold such an attitude and as a result of the election in that town it is highly probable that the Commission's meetings will be open to the public and press. But even where the local Commission is functioning, with the confidence of its municipality, the domineering and autocratic rule of the Ontario Commission has, at times, become almost unbearable. It is easily realized that the parent body must exercise a firm hand in governing the municipal bodies and advising them; but the Ontario Commission would be well advised to temper their jurisdiction with more reason and a less iron hand, or these ramblings will grow into a storm that will capsize the boat in spite of their seamanship. In the local municipalities, governing the local bodies, are men who study local conditions in relation to the Hydro and their opinions are not to be side-tracked. The Ontario Commission must realize that all the knowledge and wisdom are not bundled up within it and some of the brains of this huge Provincial undertaking are scattered about in the rural municipalities.

Ontario Spent \$78,000,000 on Roads

In the past three years \$78,000,000 had been spent on the maintenance and improvement of roads in the Province of Ontario by the Provincial Government Department of Highways, including contributions from the various municipalities concerned. In 1928 a total of \$30,000,000 was spent, \$26,500,000 in 1927 and \$21,500,000 in 1926. For 1929 an extensive programme of road improvements and extensions is planned for Ontario. Automobile license fees and the tax on gasoline netted a total in 1928 of \$11,500,000 for the Ontario Government.

Immigration to Canada

Immigration to Canada from April 1 to December 1 1928, totalled 138,598, compared with 124,362 for the corresponding period in 1927, an increase of 14.26 or 11 per cent. Of the total of 138,598, British numbered 49,449, United States 23,320, Northeastern Europe, 23,633, and other countries, 42,187. It will be noted with especial interest that in the eight months under review 25,801 Canadians returned to the Dominion from the United States where they went intending to remain permanently, and now intend to remain permanently in Canada.

Sugar Production in Alberta

Over 10,000,000 pounds of sugar have been manufactured during the 1928 season at the plant of the Canadian Sugar Factories Limited at Raymond. It is estimated that the yearly expenditure in this industry averages over \$450,000, the factory employing during its peak of production from 250 to 300 men. Approximately 37,000 tons of beets were harvested in 1928 in Southern Alberta and growers received an initial payment of \$7 per ton, which is expected will be supplemented by further payments during the winter months. A total price of \$8.16 per ton was paid for beets delivered to the factory in 1927. During the past season the average yield of beets was 7½ tons per acre, with an average sugar content of 17.2 per cent.

For the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee

A few years ago, when the frost got deep in the ground in the middle of winter and big wage bills for the digging of graves in Fairview Cemetery were a regular occurrence at the Council table, there was considerable agitation for a mortuary in Fairview Cemetery, in which the remains of those who died in winter would be interred until the frost came out of the ground and burial in the ground is possible. But of late years the project hasn't been mentioned. Perhaps the winters have not been as severe as formerly, and the need for such a mortuary in Fairview has not been forced upon the attention of public and Councilors. But to be in keeping with other communities the day is not far distant when such a building must be erected. The time is not too early to secure data preparatory to the erection of a mortuary in Fairview Cemetery and such building should be so designed that the service at the graveside may be conducted in it in inclement weather. Such a building has been erected in Dundalk Cemetery, and the same year the Cemetery Commission adopted the permanent upkeep system for the cemetery.

Prohibition Effective in the United States

Commissioners Admiral Ballard and James H. Moran, of the United States, who came over to Ottawa last week to confer with our Canadian customs officers relative to the control of rum-running at the Canadian and United States borders, were quite outspoken as to the great value of prohibition in their country. Mr. Moran, who is a high authority, in an interview, declared: "We are steadily gaining ground. The larger cities give us great trouble, but over the whole land we are hitting the liquor traffic from pillar to post. If you listen to smoking car gossip you would think the whole United States was one big blind pig. But the fact is that the drinking indulgences of Americans are steadily on the decline. The result of the Presidential election in November meant that even the fellows who like a drink finally chose between the full dinner pail and the full beer can. The industrial Monday morning in our country is a new creation. Work is steadier. Jobs are longer held. Homes are happier. That is why America is prospering so. We are the greatest mercantile country in the world. Our workers need keenness of eye and deftness of hand, and clear co-ordinating brains. We are getting them now." When asked as to his view of Ontario's change to Government control, Mr. Moran said: "It was a backward step. No nation can drink itself into prosperity."

EDITORIAL NOTES

There can surely be no doubt in the minds of the average individual hereabouts that we will have some real winter weather this year during January, at least.

Those merchants who, year in and year out, maintain "a thunder of silence," are gradually being crowded out, on the basis "if you don't tell—you won't sell."—Collingwood Bulletin.

Cups and medals are given for all kinds of athletic prowess, but why not a prize for the best snow-shoveller, who shows his prowess on the walks surrounding his abode. Snow-shovelling is both useful and good exercise.

The editor of the Palmerston Spectator is not afraid to tell a joke on himself. Somebody proposed his name at the nomination, but there was no second vote, so he feels that he must be one of the most unpopular men in town. Editors usually are, but Mr. Anderson can console himself with the thought that it is probable that he is just better known than many of those who were nominated.—Fergus News-Record.

The following item from the Toronto Star is quite interesting: "The Star has received several notices of births, marriages and deaths during the past two weeks which proved to be fictitious when they were checked back by telephone to the persons supposed to have sent them. Transmission of such messages to a newspaper constitutes a criminal offence, punishable under the criminal code, and the police are endeavoring to find the identity of the persons of person making such communications, so that they may be prosecuted."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR

Golden Text—And thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save us from all unrighteousness.—Matt. 1: 21.

Lesson—Luke 2: 11, 20-32; 15: 21; John 3: 14-17; 10: 9-11, 14-16, 27, 30; Acts 2: 1-18; Rom. 5: 1-11; Phil. 2: 6-11; 2 Tim. 2: 8, 10.

Sunday: Preliminary
Read all eight of the passages which constitute our lesson.
Decide on the central thought of each passage as related to our topic.
Consider why this theme is given us immediately after that of last Sunday.
Pray that the considerations of this most important of all topics may be especially blessed to your soul.

Monday: Luke
Luke 2: 11—"Born to you"—to your especial need, for your especial blessing, your Saviour from sin, your anointed Priest, your Lord and Saviour.
Luke 2: 20-32—Christ is not only for you individually, but he is for all peoples. "Whosoever will" may come to him and find peace and pardon, power and plenty.
Luke 2: 3, 4—Christ does not neglect the lowly and the poor, but he is for the one lost. Indeed, those souls that are not lost are with Christ, earnestly seeking the one who has more than sheep.
Luke 15: 5—Christ is here, are what he is constantly doing, carrying home those who have wandered away and are too weak and sore to find their way home by themselves.
Luke 15: 6—If Christ rejoices so much over one sinner recovered, how much more should all his church rejoice in all successful evangelism!

Tuesday: John
John 3: 14, 16—"The brazen serpent which Moses made to heal the plague of serpents (Num. 21: 9) was a glorious foretype of the sacrifice of Christ upon the cross."
John 3: 16—"This is the central verse of the Bible, the heart of all theology."
John 3: 17—"Christ is coming again to judge the world. Only he can prepare us for his coming."
John 10: 9—"Christ is the Door to all good things and any one may enter."
John 10: 10—"Christ is the Giver of abundance. A man who is sickened by life is not a Christian until he has received the life of Christ."
John 10: 11—"Christ's death means our life."
John 10: 12—"Because Christ loved his people, also, should we love them."
John 10: 27—"Our salvation is a permanent one. When we have once given ourselves into Christ's hands, we are in the keeping of Omnipotence."
Wednesday: Acts 3: 1-18
V. 6—"Not only did Christ save, but he gave his followers power to save, in his name and by his strength."
V. 12—"The glory of Jesus is the glory of the Father."
V. 15—"The resurrection was—and is—Christ's chosen proof of his deity. It is also the only—but the all-sufficient—proof of our immortality."
V. 16—"The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ were all in accordance with prophecy, and no one can understand the Old Testament prophecies of the Saviour without understanding the Old Testament prophecies of the Saviour."
Thursday: Rom. 15: 1-11
V. 1-5—"The sinner is at war with God, and must ever be. The saved and the alone, is at peace with God."
V. 6—"No one can begin to comprehend what Christ did for him until he begins to learn how powerless he is without Christ."
V. 7—"We give no less honor to heretic and sacrificial man because we give supreme honor to the Saviour and unapproachable sacrifice which Christ wrought for men."
V. 8—"How Christ, with his perfect purity, must hate our sins! And how grateful we are that nevertheless he loves us!"
V. 9—"The best we can do each day is no more than our duty for that day, leaving the sin of the past as a vast debt for which we could have no payment unless Christ paid it."
V. 10, 11—"Why do we need reconciliation to a God who is perfect love? Because God has no reconciliation for the sins which are bound to us until Christ removes them."
Friday: Phil. 2: 5-11
V. 5—"What we need above all things is the mind of Christ, for without that mind we can never do the deeds of Christ."
V. 6—"Christ was and is on an equality with God eternally; but he was 'in the flesh he limited, and circumscribed himself."
V. 7—"Christ emptied himself" of God—that is the best account we have of the incarnation.
V. 8—"If we place Christ's name above every other name, we shall begin to understand not only Christ, but every other name as well. Christ is the Inter-pret of all life."
V. 10, 11—"The triumph of Christ is the triumph of God, and the triumph also of all Christ's followers."
Saturday: 2 Tim. 1: 9, 10
V. 9—"God has called us, as truly as he called Peter and John and Paul. Have we heard the call, and heeded it?"
V. 10—"The story of the Saviour goes far back of Bethlehem; he is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world; his grace takes hold of the endless years."
V. 10—"There is only one real death, the death of the soul; and Christ has abolished that for the man of faith."
V. 10—"The resurrection of Jesus Christ has this meaning for you, that it is your resurrection. He brings your immortality to light forever."

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the issue of the Free Press, of Thursday, January 21, 1909

More zero weather Sunday and Monday. Saw logs and wood are coming in from the West. Wheat brought 82c to 84c on the market here yesterday.

Mr. Thompson of Trinity College, Toronto, conducted services in St. Alban's Church last Sunday.

The extensive improvements to W. W. Beaton's residence on Church Street are nearing completion.

Owing to illness of Rev. Mr. Gott, the pulpit at the Baptist Church was occupied last Sunday by Mr. J. P. Garrow.

Service with the hymns will be held in the Methodist Church next Sunday evening. The Sunday School Orchestra will assist the choir.

At a meeting of the men held last Wednesday night it was decided to organize a branch of the Anti-Treating League here. About twenty signatures in the pledge were given at the meeting for many a workman was emphasized. One of the speakers stated that it had cost him from thirty to seventy-five cents for himself, because the treating system expected him to buy drinks for the other fellows in the bar at the time.

Realizing that the treating system is one of the main causes of intemperance, I hereby pledge myself neither to treat nor to be treated by intoxicating liquors in any place where they are sold.

The men who are joining the Anti-Treating League propose to wear buttons showing that they have pledged themselves to no treating.

After the routine of business of the Brotherhood meeting of St. Alban's Church on Tuesday evening a debate took place upon the subject, "Resolved that the church members are not as enthusiastic now as they were formerly."
The affirmative was taken by J. A. Carnahan and H. B. Harwood, and the negative by Walter Wood and Sidney Barnes. The affirmative won by one point. Messrs. Puggley, Nutley and Durston were the judges.

The affirmative of the Methodist Church entertained the choir and their friends at a banquet that was very enjoyable. The affair was given at the school hall. The places of honor were occupied by Mr. William Williams and Mr. Mrs. A. T. Brown.

MARRIED
HOLMES-LITTLE—In Nassagaweya, on January 14, Rev. A. Blair, B. A. Duncan, son of Marshall Holmes, to the daughter of Jas. Little, Esq., Rev. of Nassagaweya.

CRIPPS-PORSYTH—At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, B. C., by Rev. J. D. Gillan, John Lewis Cripps, Lynn Valley, to Roberta Helen, daughter of the late Robert Forsyth, of Kelch, Scotland.

McLAM-GARVIN—At the residence of the bride's mother, Peel Street, Acton, on January 14, Rev. J. C. Williams, B. A., Charles T. McLam, of Johnston, N. Y., and of the late James McLam, to Martha Garvin, Acton.

RIPTON-EDBAGE—At the residence of the bride's mother, Glenora, N. Y., on January 14, by Rev. Charles Lincoln Hall, J. C. Clarence Ripton, of Johnston, N. Y., and Charlotte August Edbage, Acton, Ontario.

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The Bell Telephone Company and the Northern Electric

THE relationship between the Bell Telephone Company and the Northern Electric Company is direct and definite. It consists of—
1. ownership—the telephone company controls the Northern Electric by owning 51 per cent of Northern Electric shares.
2. contract—the telephone company has a contract with the Northern Electric by which the latter sells equipment to the telephone company at favorable prices.
The telephone company thus has direct control of its source of supplies. Without control there would be constant risk of being forced to pay high prices for apparatus or of being unable to secure consistent standard of equipment.
If either of these conditions prevailed the result would be higher rates or poor service for telephone users.
Apart from this protection there are two definite benefits—these are that, dividends, assured.

1. dividends from Northern Electric

THE Northern Electric has developed from a small beginning to an outstanding Canadian success. In 1928 its total business was more than \$26,000,000 which is four times its business in 1914. 48 per cent of this total was with the Bell Telephone Company. 11 per cent was with other telephone companies and 41 per cent was in general electrical business in Canada and abroad.
In all this total of success the Bell Telephone Company participated as majority shareholder. 61 per cent of all dividends paid by the Northern Electric have come back to the telephone company's revenues.
In the fifteen years since the Northern Electric was incorporated the telephone company has received from it in dividends over two-and-a-half million dollars.
These have contributed to operate the system in place of equal sums subscribers would otherwise be called on to pay.
The dividends paid by Northern Electric represent an average annual return of only 5.7 per cent on the capital stock, surplus earnings having been devoted consistently to extend plant and equipment.

2. low prices from Northern Electric

THE contract between these two companies stipulates that the prices which the Bell Telephone Company pay for equipment shall be as low as, or lower than, the lowest prices paid to Northern Electric by its other customers.
The other customers of Northern Electric include every telephone system of importance in Canada and business from them has been secured in open competition with British and American manufacturers.
It is thus the lowest price level of this competitive business which governs the prices paid by the Bell Telephone Company.
The Board of Railway Commissioners in 1926 made a detailed inquiry into these prices and their judgment was that "the agreement and supplementary agreement which govern their relations are distinctly advantageous to the Bell Telephone Company."
Proof of this is seen in comparing costs of building the telephone system and rates paid by subscribers with those of other systems.
The average cost of building other systems in Canada, England, Brazil and the United States has been \$227 per telephone. The cost in Ontario and Quebec has been \$189 per telephone, or 17 per cent less than the average.
And the rates which telephone users pay in Ontario and Quebec are the lowest in the world for comparable service.
A large factor in obtaining these low costs and low rates has been the arrangement and relationship between the Bell Telephone Company and the Northern Electric Company.

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