

EDITORIAL

We Travelled North

Back at the desk again and the week's holiday this year took the editor on a trip as far north as Kirkland Lake. It's some 15 years since we visited the mining town or city of Kirkland Lake which is actually still considered a township with a population shown as 19,000. At that time we recall that mining productivity was calculated in terms of 25 years. We heard no estimates on prospects of this city now but it seems pretty much more settled and modernised in those 15 years which have elapsed, and little evidence of running out.

We travelled by train 15 years ago. Today fine highways make the four hundred mile joint into the north a lovely drive. The development of the north has profited from the experience of the south of the province. Main highways by-pass the large centres and miles have been cut off by straight roads and the tedious trips to go down the main thoroughfares of the large centres such as Barrie, Orillia and North Bay.

Kirkland Lake still has five producing mines within its limits. New methods of mining have kept the properties active. One mine we learned was processing again in its mill refuse which had been discarded in earlier years and getting a profitable recovery from what was considered refuse in earlier days of mining. When home properties are sold in this mining town the mineral rights of the land do not go with the purchase. Much of the city is already mined beneath the residential and business properties.

Mining towns give no inkling of having been planned. The streets seem to have no regular sense of direction and the surfaces follow the direction of the rock outcroppings—or the path of least resistance. Perhaps Cobalt is the outstanding example of a typical mining community.

Ever Changing

We recall that about eight years ago we travelled through Cobalt. Mining at that time in that community was at a low ebb. Since that time silver and cobalt particularly have again been found profitable. The result is that Cobalt is quite an active centre once more and has moved out of the deserted village category. On that same trip we visited a factory in which wooden matches were being produced. It was eight years ago a going concern. Today the plant is boarded up. We suppose lighters and book matches are responsible for this change. Who knows, however, but what it may flourish again if pipe smoking again becomes popular.

Every mining town has its failures as well as its successes and the abandoned shafts mingle with those which have mined for several years and are still profitable. The development of roads is playing a big part in stabilizing the whole mining section.

For instance, Larder Lake which hasn't as many producers as it had a few years ago is only a few miles from Virginiatown where the largest producer in Canada dominates the mining activity. Folks from Larder Lake haven't changed their place of residence but commute the few miles each day to and from work just as we in the southern part commute to industry.

School districts are big and buses travel in many directions to take pupils to school in larger centres. Kirkland Lake high school has an enrolment of over 1100 pupils and a staff of over 40 teachers. School expansion problems are in the far north, too, but consolidations seem to fill the need best where such a wide area must be served and the mining activities follow the land that is most productive.

Vacation and Beauty

Going north we chose the most direct route. Returning we came down through the Haliburton district. Matter of fact there isn't much choice of routes after one goes beyond North Bay. But all of them are a vastness of natural beauty. To make this vacationland attractive to the family man, roadside tables and picnic spots maintained by the Highways Department are plentiful and judging by the use very much appreciated. We've never been by Ireland's lakes and dells

or seen the highlands and lowlands of Scotland of which Scottish people are so proud. We've seen only a small sample of the thousands of lakes and dells which dot Northern Ontario. Some day more poets and song writers will let loose on the inspiration that can be secured in this vast expanse of land where the deer, the bears and beaver and moose roam and if it has the right rhythm and just half tells the word story Canadians will have native songs that will be heard the world round. But Canada is a young country and it takes time for even Canadians to get about it and then there are so few of us. We suppose Killarney's lakes and dells and Scotland's Loch Lomond will hold supremacy for some years in songs.

Morning Inspiration

Going north it was afternoon before we headed into the heart of the north. Coming home we started in the early morning right in the midst of the north. The time of day makes a difference in your ability to appreciate beauty. Mid-afternoon is warm and one is liable to be travel weary.

In the morning travel is light. One can slow up and take in the beauty of acres of white water lilies. The lazy smoke of breakfast fires comes from the camping areas. We'll concede humans aren't quite so attractively attired but the lakes and the woods have a freshness that disappears later in the day.

Even in the light rain in which we travelled down through Haliburton the morning journey is the finest for appreciation. By noon the highways were getting cluttered as streams of cars loaded with families, camping material or boats all seemed pushing each other along into the north. Ontario's shortage of highways is on week-ends and holidays. Perhaps the answer is in mid-week travel when it can be arranged but present hours of work are not leading in that direction.

There are, of course, those early morning hours we spoke of which seem to be fairly open for highway travel and without a doubt are the finest time of day to enjoy nature. It is quite apparent that the season in Canada's north can not be lengthened and summer travel of July and August are bound to be peaks.

Now and Then

Before going on vacation we had several items on our scratch pad for editorial discussion. Looks as if they will have to be held over until next week. Looking back to the 30 years or so since we first went north to fish we just cannot resist a bit of recollecting on the changes which have come about in these few years.

Many of our friends with whom we shared brush beds and mosquito infested cabins now have cottages with every modern convenience. Motor boats have taken the place of the leaky rowboats and canoes from which one emerged with every muscle aching. Our first trip to Sundridge saw the highway only as far as Huntsville and from there on dirt roads around the protruding rocks. They've still left some rocks but they don't protrude as far. Electric power has come to most every resort.

But some things are still in the same wild state as 30 years ago. The mosquitoes are just as plentiful, the black flies take just as healthy a bite as ever and the blueberries grow just as prolific in every burnt over section. We haven't tried the fishing in some years but we are told some nice catches are being made and lakes and streams are stocked regularly.

Other Papers Say:

Teachers' check-off proposals get no sympathy from the Truro Daily News. "We are of the opinion that a union in which the members are not sufficiently interested to keep themselves in good standing is not founded on solid rock. It would seem to us that every teacher, as well as every employee in industry, should be free to join the union and keep themselves in good standing or to stay away from the union altogether. It doesn't seem like genuine freedom that some of the teachers or other employees should be forced into membership possibly against their will and good judgment."

Reading Between The Lines

EVERYTHING FROM LOVE TO TRAGEDY CONTAINED IN TODAY'S "COMICS"

By Hartley Cole

There was a time when the comic strip was considered funny. People read them to get a laugh and escape for a few moments from the serious side of life.

That day has passed! Today's comic strips are a combination of many ingredients: sex, love, adventure, tragedy, and perpetual propaganda. Very few of them are comic and some of them trespass into fields that are no longer wholesome.

Escape from the sordid side of life is impossible. They carry you along with it to situations on the moon, into outer space, lose you in Asia, plague you with criminals of the worst type and cater sometimes to the lower passions.

Radio's soap operas have their equivalent in the newspaper's funnies, often similar tear-jerking plots. And they attract the same wide audience. The daily newspaper can carry its funnies in any position and never have to worry about the readership. People look for them.

Fortunately, the newspapers in this country have a high standard in their funnies. They don't compare with what the children are expected to read on the newsstands. Their "comic" material comes in books of many colors. Some of the contents would raise hair on a billiard ball.

One we happened to pick up recently showed a headless man sitting on the floor, blood oozing out of his neck. On the table in an adjacent room was the head. It was carrying on a conversation with something that was supposed to represent a woman. That was just the cover. Inside were scenes much more tawdry.

The kids read these "comic books" from their lurid covers, through the suggestive advertising until they reach the back cover... and then they reach for another.

An American psychiatrist, well-known for his work among adolescents, has written a book which he calls "Seduction of the Innocent." Concerned with the effect these "comic books" have on children's minds, the title speaks for itself. He wants parents to know what is inside these books and how it can corrupt and sometime cause a child's social sense to go haywire.

Home and school groups throughout the country have been alert to this peril for quite some time but there is little they can do until parents get a better eye on junior reading habits. The problem does not stop there, however. The parents can often make a survey of their own reading and see if they aren't teaching by example.



Modern and Luxurious

In Burlington construction is expected to start next September on "one of the most modern and luxurious apartment buildings in this part of Ontario." A 34-suite building with possibly several penthouses, complete with roof gardens, will be located on the west side of Brant St., the Gazette reports.

Girl Saves Drowning Man

In Georgetown a young schoolgirl was acclaimed for bravery when she rescued a man from drowning. He was found in Stanley Park, Erin, Charles Day swam after a man much heavier than herself when she noticed him in difficulty. Blue in the face and swallowing water, the man, whose name she never learned, was none the worse for his experience after the rescue.

Teetotaler Heads "Wets"

In Bronte a public meeting is to be held, in a school room no less, to add a beer-selling hotel and a brewer's retail store to the village's facilities. Promoters of the petition, headed by a teetotaler, maintain Bronte is losing business to Oakville because of its lack of stronger refreshment outlets.

Cut Wire to Steal Wire

In Burlington late one night, two thieves slipped around to the rear of the power station, snipped through the wire fence with cutters rolled drums of cable up to the opening and out into the back of a waiting truck. A few days later two men were apprehended in the Don Valley... cutting up Burlington's power cable.

What's Your Beef

In Georgetown a one-man "What's Your Beef" show was staged at a recent council meeting when a local real estate agent scored councillors for inaction on public rest rooms, slack enforcement of two hour parking, failure to stop dogs running at large and raids on his vegetable garden answered no police investigation.

Dump in Disgrace

In Oakville residents and firemen are getting a little exasperated with the town's dump which, in addition to the usual teeming rat population and obnoxious aroma, has been breaking out in dangerous fires lately. Not only is the place an eyesore, but one near-by resident complains the rats, scampering over glass and rubbish in the night keep him awake with their noise.

Bronte Water Shortage

In Bronte thought is being given to limiting use of water through the summer months. Shortages in the reservoir, which at one point got so acute the mains had to be shut off for a few hours to build up reserve, have caused worry that adequate supplies may not be available if needed for fire protection.

Dial Phones for Milton

In Milton residents and telephone subscribers were officially told that dial telephone service is scheduled to go into operation in July, 1955. Numbers will be the dial standard, two-letter, five-figure arrangement which will later enable direct dialing of long distance numbers.

Start New Plant

In Oakville construction has started on a new million-dollar auto radiating plant. The plant is scheduled to go into operation around the first of the year and will employ an estimated 160 persons.

To Start Wading Pool

In Milton construction is ready to start on an equipment shed, bathing house and lavatory facilities and a wading pool in a local park. The work is being undertaken by the Rotary Club which has set a goal of \$5,000 to cover the costs of the project.

Summer Meeting Held by W.M.S.

The Senior Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of Knox Church held its summer meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Allan when a large number of members, Home Helpers, and guests assembled to hear Mrs. Bennie with her helpers gave the information on the work of the church as explained at the pre-assembly congress. This was given in sections by Mrs. F. Anderson and Mrs. E. Cole. Short explanatory notes were also read by Mrs. H. Allison, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Crossman, Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. Moran, Miss Moore and Mrs. Hansen.

The devotions were taken by Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Leishman. The hymns for the day were chosen by Miss Gray. The president asked that the members remember the sick and shut-ins and thanked Mrs. Allan for her help and for making all so welcome. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. MacPherson. The committee served lunch and all enjoyed a social half hour.

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7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1934

Taken from issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 2, 1934

Messrs. Robert Turner and George Muselle have been chosen to act on the special Guard of Honor to Viscount General Allenby at the review next Saturday in Toronto in connection with the Veterans' reunion.

The Municipal Officer reported this week to Council that there was no dumping ground available for the depositing of refuse. It seemed absolutely imperative that some system of garbage collection must be inaugurated in the town.

Mrs. Minnie Moore received congratulations the past week from the world famous Edward Johnston on the splendid work she is doing in music in the schools of Acton.

It is said that July was the driest month in the last twenty years, in spite of the fact that Ontario adopted its new beer and wine regulations that month.

The Bannockburn Women's Institute held their regular meeting at the home of Miss Margaret Brown with members of the Dublin Institute as guests. Taking part in the program were Mrs. George Robertson, Annie Black, Mrs. G. Somerville and Mrs. Anderson. Winners of the contests and stump speeches were Mrs. Somerville and Miss Emily Young.

Improvements made by Mr. Hill at Limehouse are near completion. Windows have been put in and hydro installed, which make his the most modern poultry house in this neighbourhood.

Last week the Young People of Rockwood Presbyterian church held a social time with the Young People of Eden Mills Presbyterian church. After devotional exercises led by Miss Elva Peeren games and contests were enjoyed.

"Rural public schools of Halton county have made a remarkable showing in Lower School exams, proving high school work can be done in ungraded schools," Inspector J. M. Denyes says.

BACK IN 1904

Taken from issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 4, 1904

Several Canadians were among the victims of the highwaymen who robbed the passengers of the Illinois Central "Special" near Chicago en route for the St. Louis fair.

The Firemen's tournament at Milton today will attract a large number of citizens of Acton. Cheap excursion rates have been arranged. The quarterly meeting of the Halton Press Association was held in Acton last week. After dinner, the group took a drive through the town and saw the park, Fairy Lake, the Canada Glove Works, the schools, the Power House and the lanneries, and made a pilgrimage to Fairview cemetery to see the monument erected to the late Gunner Moore and Inspector Little.

Many are enjoying the balmy breezes at Muskoka among them Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown and Miss Etta Laird and Rev. J. C. Wilson and family.

Civic Holiday was very quiet in town but a number took the excursion to Collingwood under the sponsorship of the Sons of Scotland. The special train left Acton at 7.30, had a fast run and reached Collingwood shortly before 11.

A considerable number of Toronto people accompanied the baseball team from Clark's Glove Works to Acton on Civic Holiday for a match. Acton won the game 8 to 1. Acton battery, Ryder and Ryder. The Epworth League picnic to Rockwood on Saturday was a most enjoyable event. Thirty-five or forty young people participated.

Complaints are being made again that G.T.R. trains stand over Mill St. crossing for a much longer time than the law allows.

It may be only a trifling cold, but neglect it and it will fasten its fangs in your lungs and you will soon be carried to an untimely grave. In this country we must expect to have coughs and colds. We cannot avoid them but we can effect a cure by using ———'s Anti-Consumption Syrup.

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