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There's a cookhouse in the country that is my heart. Though time and distance keep me and its homeliness apart, I have just to close my eyelids and the memory takes me back. To the peace and quiet belonging to that little country shack. There's a table on the west side wearing old-fashioned flowers bright. With a wooden bench around it. Then the shade-tree wood the lamp light, in their drab simplicity. As the cat surveys the footstool and the stove glowed cheerily. In a corner stood the washstand and the clock ticked over that. While on yonder wall with dignity, hung father's old silver hat. I can see the dear old sofa where I used to lie and drowse. After smiling thus was over and I had sent back the letter. There's a cupboard near the window. I can smell its hidden ware. A big jar of nut-brown cookies and some gingerbread. I swear. There was never any style about this room so dear to me. Yet, tonight I wish I might enjoy its quaint simplicity. —Vivian MacMillan

TESTED RECIPES

Apple Chicken Salad

Take six ripe Canadian-grown apples, core out the centres, pull them with finely-minced cold cooked chicken, and season with minced green peppers and salt. Add enough cream to moisten. Place apples in a steamer and cook until almost tender. Place them on ice and serve with mayonnaise and lettuce.

Mashed Dressing for Salads

1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon oil
1/2 teaspoon flour
1/2 teaspoon butter
1/2 teaspoon mustard
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup boiling water

Mix ingredients thoroughly. Add butter and egg slightly beaten; then gradually add boiling water. Then thoroughly blend and add the vinegar slowly. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly, until the mixture thickens. Strain and cool. If desired, the dressing may be thinned with cream.

Apples and Date Salad

Cut Canadian-grown apples into diced parts. Cut dates into similar pieces, using a quarter as much date as apple. To each pint of water add 3/4 teaspoon olive oil and mix well. Let stand in cool place closely covered for half an hour. Pour into bowl lined with lettuce leaves, add 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice. Serve with bread and butter at luncheon or supper.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MAKES MINING RECORD

No similar sized area in the world has had the rapidity of mining development experienced by Northwestern Ontario, declared V. Galt, Superintendent of Natural Resources for the Canadian National Railways, Wednesday.

In the closing banquet of the Northwestern Associated Chambers of Commerce recently.

Two years ago there were two producing mines in the area—the Honey and the Moss. Today there are 18 producing in distinct mining fields from Long Lac to the Manitoba boundary. They are handling a total of 21,000 tons of ore per day and this year they will produce more than \$6,000,000 in gold, a production double that of last year.

"Any one of these 18 fields is a potential Porcupine or Kirkland Lake. Neither Porcupine nor Kirkland Lake had a better start than any one of them," Mr. Galt said. "We just have made a start in Northwestern Ontario—no one can guess what is ahead of the district," he said.

Expenditures by the mining industry in Northwestern Ontario jumped from \$2,300,000 in 1933 to \$5,000,000 in 1934. During the last nine years expenditures have totalled \$10,112,000. Approximately 40 per cent of this total has been spent in wages and services, 20 per cent on mining and milling machinery and equipment, 13 per cent on food, 10 per cent on explosives and fuel, 10 per cent on miners' stores and hardware, and on per cent on building materials. Mining development was bringing the "last gap" in the Dominion into its own, and welding the Canadian confederation more closely together, he concluded.

ACCIDENTS AND COMPENSATION

During November there were 8,182 accidents reported to The Workmen's Compensation Board, as compared with 8,556 reported October, and 8,840 during November a year ago.

The total cost numbered 31, as against 28 in October, and 30 last November.

The benefits awarded amounted to \$385,435.38, of which \$297,103.46 was for compensation and \$88,331.92 for medical aid. In October \$317,878.81 was awarded in benefits, and \$412,300.50 during last November.

A Worth While Work

The problem of caring for the many unfortunate who suffer from tuberculosis which for some 10 years has been occupying the attention of the National Muskoka Hospital for Consumptive and Tubercular Diseases, is being solved by the "Queen" brand of household soap.

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ALTON COUPLE WED FIFTY YEARS

Citizens paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lemont, of Alton, who celebrated their golden anniversary at their home on December 1st.

Lemont, who on December 7th celebrated his eighty-second birthday, was born on what is now the Fred Hill farm just south of Alton. He spent his entire life in the vicinity, except for five years in Winton and Toronto.

His wife, the former Emma Menzies, is a native of Equating Township. There was a family of one son, who died in infancy, and two daughters, Miss Ida, who died some years ago, and Mrs. George Adams, who has three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. In token of the day, citizens presented the couple with a bouquet of sixty roses and a congratulatory letter.

STRONGEST GLUE MADE FROM FISH

Liquid fish glue is claimed to be the strongest in the world, and stronger than the strongest wood. In some experiments carried on in this country, it was found to be stronger than the Canadian National Railways, maple blocks were joined with glue from the fish of codfish, put in clamps for 48 hours and then put in an hydraulic press which applied a pressure of 10,000 lbs. The glue would give way before the wood if the latter were stronger. In the tests it was never possible to determine the exact strength of the glue because the maple blocks always fractured, leaving the glued joint intact. Although fish glue has been known for 150 years or more, it has not come into much favor, but recent research shows that when properly prepared it has little or no odor and great strength. The advancement of this industry is of great value to Canada, particularly the Maritime Provinces, with their great wealth of deep sea fisheries.

STRICTER REGULATIONS FOR OBTAINING MOTOR LICENSES

Regulations for obtaining 1936 automobile licenses are much stricter than in former years. Before any 1936 plates may be issued the purchaser must have a 1935 operator's license and the number must be included on the application for the plates.

Applications for 1936 plates must be made on the reverse side of the 1935 cards and if those have been mutilated, copies must be obtained from the Department of Highways, Toronto. This applies to cars registered in Ontario in 1935. Permits also must be issued in numerical order unless on special authorization of the Department of Highways and all questions on the application forms must be filled in by the applicant before he will obtain his plates or license.

The yield of potatoes in Canada in 1935 is estimated to show a reduction of 9,300,000 cwt., or 10 per cent, as compared with 1934. This large decline is due mainly to a decrease in the acreage of 62,600, or 11 per cent, and partly to the summer drought which has done much to reduce yields to levels below those for 1934 and the long-time average.

—The worse thing about a ridiculous mistake is usually the ridiculous excuse to which it gives birth.

TEACHING CHILDREN TO GAMBLE

In the last couple of years a wave of rackets has swept over this country, and in town as elsewhere, the youth of the country are indolently taught gambling instincts. Punchboards, punch-cards, slot machines, tickets on various articles, lucky candies, are all breeding in our young people a desire to take chances.

Gambling is one of the worst of all human vices and has wrecked the lives of many otherwise strong-minded men and women. Adults should not encourage gambling devices among children, and the sooner punchboards and "Pick out your girl's name" cards are prohibited among children the better it will be for the morals and morale of our youth.—Palmerton Observer.

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