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**WORK BEING CONTINUED  
AT KAPUSKASING AS BEFORE**

**Report That 1000 Men Discharged  
And Left the Place Considerably  
Twisted.**

Reports appearing in southern newspapers regarding Kapuskasing seem to be in keeping with most of the southern references to the North Land. Of the North Land it was that the parodying poet sung:—  
None know thee and thus so they  
But name thee just to lie.  
The Southern stories are to the effect that the contractors at Kapuskasing suddenly decided to quit work and immediately discharged a thousand men, all of whom just as immediately left Kapuskasing. Apparently they didn't wait for the next train, and the news of the exodus must have reached the south by wireless. Isn't it wonderful, Mabel. One newspaper confessed to getting the story from one workman who quit at Kapuskasing. This leaves material surely for 999 other daily newspaper yarns.

The Advance, from advices received from Kapuskasing, admits the foundation for these strange rumors and confesses that no one, except an expert, can tell from the foundation what an air castle may look like when the daily newspapers get through with it. The firm of contractors working on the dam at Kapuskasing "got through" so far as the Government was concerned, or the Government "got through" so far as the contracting firm was concerned, or something similar or different. In any event Messrs. Morrow & Beatty have gone to Kapuskasing to take up the contract work. To those who know the works undertaken in this North Land by Morrow & Beatty "quitting work" is about the last idea to be connected with this contracting firm. When they get on the job the work usually starts and goes through, and so it is at Kapuskasing. A few men were temporarily out of work, but few indeed left the place. Work is in progress not far from usual at the time of writing and instead of being a deserted village, with 1000 men fleeing its borders in as many seconds, it is a thriving town with work going ahead on the double quick. It may be a stretch of figures be true that 1000 men were discharged at Kapuskasing in the last few weeks, but only to be re-engaged for work to be pushed ahead. Also, it may be true that a number of men were "let out" only to be taken on again at slightly reduced rates of pay, but that is a procedure that is so common in the south these days as to pass without comment. Nothing about the North Land, however, that sounds disagreeable is allowed to pass without notice by these dyspeptic southern journalists. However, Kapuskasing is still on the map, work is still in progress there and no one will look upon the items in the southern papers with more surprise than the people of Kapuskasing who will surely say, "Well, ain't this news, now!" Of course, they may also say some other words too!

**MINING INDUSTRY GAVE  
T. & N. O. 44 P.C. REVENUE**  
Mr. A. A. Cole, of the T. & N. O. Railway, gave some striking facts at a banquet given by the editors of Hon. T. A. Creer's new farmers' paper recently. Mr. Cole said that undoubtedly the two basic industries were mining and agriculture and then he went on to prove that in several ways (for instance in the matter of the development of a country and the prosperity of its transportation services) mining was much the more immediately important.  
"You will doubtless agree with me," said Mr. Cole, "that one of the greatest of our national problems is how to meet and overcome a large annual deficit from the operation of the Canadian National Railways. If we can only increase our freight receipts sufficiently we can wipe out the deficit. Now let us see what industries supply our present freight." Mr. Cole then proceeded to show that over a period of seven years before the war 35 per cent. of the tonnage carried by Canadian Railways was products of the mines, while products of agriculture, only made 20 per cent. of the whole. In the U.S.A., he said, he products of agriculture were only 13 per cent., and the products of the mines 52 per cent. of the whole freight tonnage. Continuing Mr. Cole said:—"The T. & N. O. Railway (the Ontario Government Railway) was projected as a colonization road to open up for agriculture the great clay belt in Ontario north of Lake Temiskaming. In this case where does the freight revenue come from? For five years before the war agriculture supplied 11 per cent. of the revenue, while the mining industry gave 44 per cent. or four times as much. Bearing in mind these quotations, you will agree with me that from the railway standpoint the mining industry is worthy of very careful consideration. A mining community forms the very best market that a farmer can have. The miner consumes large quantities of farm produce. He wants the best and he pays cash. Now let us get back to the wiping out of that railway deficit. My suggestion and contention is that one of the best ways is to encourage the Mining Industry, for there is nothing that will attract a population quicker than the discovery of a new and promising mining area. Then, with suitable agricultural lands in the vicinity, the farming population follows naturally. I have an unwavering faith also that such discoveries will be made and that in that great pre-Cambrian area of Northern Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and the Northwest to the Arctic, other Cobalts, other Porcupines and other Sudburies only to await the prospector to uncover them. To those of you who are already in parliament, and those who hope some day to be, and also to those who control from one vote up, I say:—Be open and generous in your dealings with the Mining industry. Give every encouragement to the prospector, and indirectly you will give a great incentive to land settlement and at the same time be assisting in the solution of one of our great national problems."

**"WHAT HAPPENED TO ROSA"  
ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

On the slides at the show and on the billboards there is the question, "What Happened to Rosa?"—at the New Empire Theatre, Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2. Pete himself says he doesn't know what happened to Rosa, but that everybody may know if they go to the show Friday and Saturday of this week. Rosa is the popular Mabel Normand, and the plot of the play is from the story by Pearl Lenore Curran. The author conceived the idea of a lonely shop girl who longing for excitement and romance, passed herself off as a dashing beauty from Spain. The story abounds with surprises and is blessed with a particularly fine love theme. Miss Normand plays two parts in the play. She is Mayme Ladd, an insignificant shop girl in the hosiery department of a large store. She is also Rosa Alvaro, a dashing, beautiful Spanish maiden, fiery, coquettish, with cherry lips and inviting eyes. The interesting part of the affair is that Rosa and Mayme are the one and the same girl. There is no dual personality hocus-poecus about this picture. The transformation of the lonely shop-girl into the fascinating Spanish belle is pure comedy, and no other star in the world of motion pictures could do it quite like Mabel Normand. It is a play that will keep the audience in a constant turmoil of laughter.

Division Court will be held here on Thursday of this week (to-morrow) March 31st. There are a large number of cases on the docket as usual, most of them originating in Timmins and immediate district (also, as usual).

**RED BANDANA SIGNAL  
PREVENTS AN ACCIDENT**

Last week The New Liskeard Speaker told of how a red pocket handkerchief was used to save "The National" from disaster. The Speaker says: "What might have been a fatal catastrophe was averted Sunday morning just north of Huntsville when a man with a red bandana handkerchief tied to a stick, held up the 'National.' The train was running late and Mr. Chaffey noticed a bad washout in the track. His prompt action prevented a very serious accident."

**THE PREMIER PAYMASTER  
IS BEING RE-OPENED**

The Premier Paymaster Mine is now under way to get opened up again on an extended scale. This property is southwest of the Dome. It is understood that the company's finances have been arranged and everything is now about ready for the planned re-opening. Wood for the boilers is being gotten out of the bush and a goodly sized force of men is at work on this and other preliminary effort. The plant will be run by steam, and operations are expected to be on a comparatively large scale. Diamond drilling is to be carried on upon a comparatively extended scale, contracts to this end having already been awarded and the work now being in progress in this line. The diamond drilling is being done east of the No. 1 shaft and it is hoped by the drilling to prove that the large body of high-grade ore uncovered in the underground workings from the shaft extends across the property. Many in the Camp have great faith and confidence in the Premier Paymaster and will look forward to the extended work promised as likely to prove the existence of one more very valuable mine in this great gold area.

**IROQUOIS FALLS COMMENT  
ON HOCKEY SITUATION.**

The following article from the last issue of The Broke Hustler, Iroquois Falls' own newspaper, will be of general interest to readers in the Porcupine. The idea of the Iroquois Falls newspaper in the matter is perhaps summed up in the headings over the article which is given the most important place on the front-page of the last issue. "N. O. H. A. Expelling Players Should Have a Good Effect on Hockey," says the heading, and the sub-heading is:—"Attitude of the clubs and citizens' committees makes the outlook for good clean sport brighter than it has been." The following is the article from The Broke Hustler:—  
The pronouncement of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association expelling two Iroquois Falls and two Timmins men from amateur hockey, will come as no surprise after the rumors that have been going on for some time.

The information in regard to the throwing of the game of February 21st, was put in the hands of the N. O.H.A. the afternoon of the final game between Timmins and the Soo. The committee felt that they could not act that day, but the seriousness of the charges made a thorough investigation absolutely necessary. For that reason Worters and McGrath appeared in their usual role at the Soo game that evening.

A committee of Timmins men, Messrs. Brigham, Ennis and Williams investigated the situation at the Timmins end, and corroborated the statements and affidavits which had been put before the N.O.H.A. Executive by Iroquois Falls citizens. The League, after receiving their report, summoned a full meeting last Saturday to pass judgment, which appears in another column.

There is no question that the N.O. H.A. Executive and Angus Campbell, its president, certainly did the right thing in making these suspensions, and every member of the executive deserves credit for what they have done in the interests of clean hockey. The Toronto Star makes the remark, "Anyway Angus Campbell's Northern Hockey League executive has knees that do not wobble. When they discovered crookedness they stiffened up and handed the crooks a jolt that will be long remembered."

But there is a silver lining even to this black cloud. When the information was laid before the executive of the N.O.H.A. it was pointed out by the Iroquois Falls Citizens' Committee that no charge was laid against the executive of the Timmins Club, nor against the people of Timmins—merely that a certain few who lived in Timmins had put over a nasty job. When the Timmins committee was appointed they investigated fully the charges that had been made and in their report to the league, while they regretted to admit it, their inquiry showed that the charges were corroborated in every particular, except the minor one as to what individual started the negotiations to throw the game.

The fact that committees from the two towns could investigate separately, each throwing a certain amount of the blame on the other town, and meet jointly in perfect amity, is one of the most hopeful signs of hockey in the North Country. It practically amounted to this,—that Iroquois Falls men cleaned up the dirt in that town, and Timmins men did the same in Timmins. There was never a question on the part of Timmins officials, once the information had been given, of attempting any defence, and all through, the officials and the citizens' committee acted in the most sportsmanlike manner. If the same spirit of fairness is kept up during the coming baseball season and in hockey next winter, it will do a great deal towards bringing the very necessary united action of the North in commercial and provincial matters, as well as in sporting circles.

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