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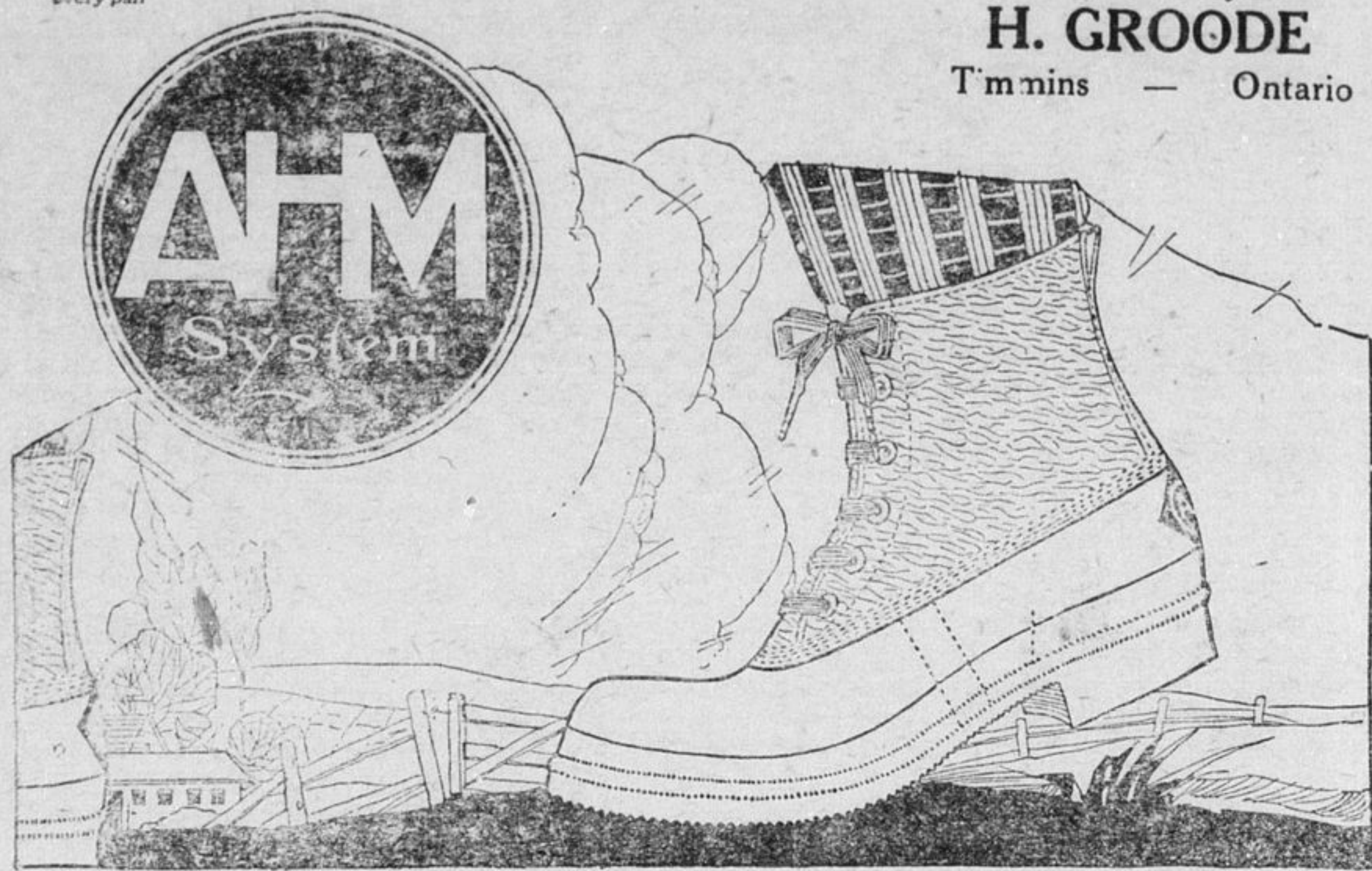
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THE ROMANCE OF MINING IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

Homer L. Gibson Tells the Story of The Discovery of the Hollinger And the Founding of This Camp.

In a recent issue of Homer L. Gibson & Co.'s "Timely Service Bulletin," there is the following interesting and informative story of the Porcupine Camp and its development:

"There is a tinge of adventure and an element of the romantic about mining that has an almost irresistible appeal to red-blooded persons. Stories have been told—some based on fact and others on fiction alone—which range from 'King Solomon's Mines'—that old masterpiece that we all know to be the pure figment of Rider Haggard's vivid imagination—to others that are based on actual truth, but are just about as hard to believe.

"Even Northern Ontario—close as it seems to us—has had its romances. One of these has to do with the original discovery and earlier history of the Hollinger Mine.

"How Benny Hollinger—then a youthful and almost penniless prospector—had his interest aroused early

in the fall of 1909, by rumors which reached Cobalt and Haileybury, of rich new Gold discoveries 'somewhere up North.' Then, there was little more than rumor as a foundation for the belief that Gold really did exist in that almost trackless wilderness.

"But to be a prospector is to be an optimist. Without a firm belief that somewhere, some day, a rich discovery awaits him, no individual ever embarks on and continues such a career of hardship and adventure. Benny Hollinger possessed the optimism in ample degree, but unfortunately he didn't possess the cash to finance the 'hike' that he determined to make in search of a mine of his own. So started a hunt for a 'grub-stake.'

"Enter Jack McMahon, an acquaintance of Benny's who happened to have the 'necessary,' estimated at \$75. Next an understanding by which McMahon undertook to pay the expenses of the trip, in return for a half interest in any properties that might be acquired by location.

"Then the gathering together of the outfit and Benny's speeding away on the 'Muskeg Limited' for the jumping off place. Here we have just a hint of the real effort—for Benny Hollinger was always one to pass lightly over that part of his vocation—but those who have carried a pack know that such a trip does entail real

effort and real sweat of the brow.

"Let's go back now to Haileybury, where Jack McMahon, in the absence of any encouraging news, began to wonder if he hadn't thrown another \$75 to the winds. In any event, and without trying to guess his thoughts during those weeks that Benny was 'in the bush,' a new deal was made between McMahon and his brother-in-law, Jim Labine, by which McMahon gets his money back and Labine half of his interest—a quarter of the whole—for \$75.

"Then Benny's return with news that he had made a real discovery, and with samples to show. These samples, by the way, were the real cause of the 'rush' to Porcupine, when hundreds of other adventurous spirits made the trip over rapidly freezing lakes and rivers, and staked several townships almost solid before Christmas of that same year—1909.

"Next, negotiations with the Timmins-McMartin-Dunlap Syndicate, who had made a splendid success of mining in Cobalt. After examinations by engineers, a deal by which the Syndicate acquired, for a modest payment, an option to buy the property for \$330,000.

"It would take volumes to tell the real story from then on. How bush roads had to be cut for 35 miles from 'the steel'—how machinery and supplies had to be rushed in to enable

a start toward determining something of the real value of the property—how one difficulty after another was encountered and overcome by the expenditure of both cash and energy in stupendous chunks.

"But of the outcome we all know something. How the mine has since produced nearly \$50,000,000 in Gold—how dividends of over \$15,000,000 have been paid to the fortunate shareholders—how it is now turning out the yellow metal at the rate of \$1,000,000 per month—how diamond drilling has proven the existence of rich ore bodies at a vertical depth of nearly half a mile—how, in brief, it has finally reached a stage of first importance among the great Gold mines of the World.

"This little story, based on fact, shows that it isn't necessary to look very far afield for Romance. When \$75 represents the purchase price of first a half, and then a quarter interest in a mine like Hollinger, why go to the South Sea Islands to hunt for buried treasure?

"When Benny Hollinger can realize \$165,000 for one trip—hard though it might have been—Jack McMahon half of that amount for having talked to Benny first—and Jim Labine over \$80,000 for a gamble of \$75—isn't that Romance enough?

"There are other Hollingers and other Domes and other McIntyres in that vast undeveloped and almost unexplored area. And, no doubt, there will be other prospectors, grub-staked by other optimistic individuals, who will make other discoveries, just as important, during your lifetime and mine; other stories then, just as romantic as this.

"What a field for Development and Romance too, and what more desirable than that you and I should participate!"

URGING RE-FORESTATION ON ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

It is an odd and deplorable fact that nothing has been attempted by the Ontario Government in the matter of reforestation of cut-over and burned-over forest lands in this province though the money-value and national advantage of well-defined reforestation policies has been amply proven by other countries, such as Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, France, etc., and by provinces of this Dominion like Nova Scotia and British Columbia, just to mention some cases at random. This question came up last week at the regular meeting of the Haileybury Board of Trade where the question received very thoughtful discussion. Eventually the Haileybury Board of Trade passed the following resolution:

"Whereas there are large areas of cut-over and burned forest lands in Northern Ontario that are useless for agriculture, and whereas so far nothing has been attempted by the Ontario Government in the matter of reforestation, be it resolved that this Board urge the Ontario Government to commence a scheme for reforestation by setting aside a suitable area for this purpose in Northern Ontario."

It was further decided to send copies of this resolution to the Temiskaming Associated Boards of Trade with the request that they take up the matter at their next meeting.

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The National Crisis

"My appeal is to the whole people; to every man and woman who wants to do right by this country; to everyone who breathes the spirit of our fathers who founded this British Dominion."

—ARTHUR MEIGHEN

THE Election to be held December 6th will be the most momentous in Canadian history; for as men and women vote will depend the economic stability, the political stability and, indeed, the national stability of this country.

Today we find group striving against group, class against class, the industrial and financial structure of the country assailed by false and unsound doctrines and theories, while our great neighbour to the south has adopted a trade exclusion policy directed against Canada's vast agricultural interests.

The currencies of nearly every country in the world are depreciated. The Canadian dollar in the United States is subject to a heavy discount causing a loss of over one hundred million dollars in exchange annually.

Europe is overwhelmed with war debts—unemployment is acute—and the restoration to pre-war conditions is slow.

While Canada is in a much more favorable condition than many countries, yet there is evidence of stagnation, instability, unemployment and lack of confidence.

Taxes are heavy because of the country's efforts in the Great War, but have become burdensome on account of the misconceived policies and blunders of Governments that directed Canada's affairs prior to 1911.

These conditions are largely the direct aftermath of the war, but they must be dealt with fearlessly and constructively. This is no time to consider experimental changes, or the theories of visionaries.

This is no time for Crerar and his Free Trade policy. This is no time for King and his wobbling "charted" policies, varying with each provincial boundary.

It is the time to cling to orderly, stable Government in the interest of all the people; to be guided by the experience of the past, proceeding upon lines that have been proven sound.

It is the time to place the destinies of Canada again in the hands of a Government led by a sane, courageous Canadian who has safely brought the country through the trying years of reconstruction, and upon whom we can rely to retain and initiate policies in the interest, not of a group or class but of all the people.

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