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**DESPITE HON. MR. RANEY,
APRIL A VERY "WET" MONTH**

The official report from the Govern-
ment Observatory at Haileybury for the
month of April says:—

With only one example, the past
month was the wettest April in twenty-
nine years. A rather heavy fall of
snow on the 1st. was followed by two
days of fine weather, which was suc-
ceeded by a week of dull, rainy and
boggy weather with a low barometer
and very little wind. Good Friday
and Easter were fine, but the next
four days were wet and stormy, cul-
minating in a blizzard on the 20th,
which brought over eight inches of
snow. On the 21st. an anti-cyclone
spread over the northern part of the
continent and persisted until the end
of the month bringing fine weather
and cold nights.

The average temperature worked
out at 37.3 degrees, 0.3 degrees above
the normal; the highest temperature
was 61.5 on the 24th, and the lowest
12.8 on the 20th. In previous years
the records were: 86.9 in 1921, and 6.7
below in 1919. The highest monthly
average for April was in 1915, with
45.1, and the lowest, 28.7 in 1904. As
a rule the earlier part of April is colder
than the last part of the month, but
the mean temperature for the three-
ten-day periods this year were: 1st. to
10th 37.8; 11th, to 20th, 36.7; and 21st
to 30th 37.3.

There were 2.73 inches of rain and
1.54 inches of snow a total precipitation
of 4.27 inches, 2.52 inches above
the average. The only April with more
than this was 1904 when 4.38 inches
fell. The driest April on record was
1918, when only 0.52 inches fell.

The month was very cloudy, there
being 141 hours only of bright sun-
shine, 46 hours less than the average.
In only one previous April, 1920, has
there been less, when the recorded
sunshine was but 126 hours.

The extreme wet and lack of sun-
shine resulted in a very backward
spring there being very little growth
at the end of the month. The migra-
tory birds seemed later than usual in
appearing and seeding was consider-
ably delayed.

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When a man comes into the world
everyone wants to kiss him. Before
he goes out they all want to kick him.
If he dies young, there was a grand
future before him. If he lives to a ripe
old age, he is only in the way, and liv-
ing to save funeral expenses.

**ONE-WAY RATE FOR AUTOS
SHIPPED TO NORTH BAY**

Recently the Temiskaming Motor
League took up the matter of the
charges on autos shipped from Hai-
leybury, Cobalt and Liskeard, etc.,
for trips in the south, and last week
received a reply from Mr. Geo. W.
Lee, Chairman of the T. & N. O., to
the effect that a "one-way" charge
would be made for shipping cars to
North Bay with no charge for bring-
ing them back.

The T. & N. O. Freight Department
here has received notice that the "one-
way" charge will also hold for cars
shipped from Timmins, with the re-
turn trip for the same car free. This
simplifies the matter for auto owners
wishing to take their cars to North
Bay for auto trips in the south. Pre-
viously, refunds could be secured in
such cases for the return trip, but
this year this will not be necessary.
The car will be shipped to North Bay
at the one-way rate and the return
trip for the same car will be without
charge. The one-way rate for a car
from Timmins to North Bay is \$48.50.

**IMPORTANCE OF THE MINING
INDUSTRY TO CANADA**

In the last Monthly Commercial
Letter issued by the Canadian Bank
of Commerce there appears the fol-
lowing paragraphs which will bear
very careful consideration by all in-
terested in the advance of Canada:—

"Attention has been drawn to the
importance of the mining industry of
Canada by the publication of the lat-
est returns showing the value of the
minerals produced, and by the annual
gathering of the members of the Can-
adian Institute of Mining and Metal-
lurgy. At this meeting it was pointed
out that standard reference books laid
emphasis on the statement that "Can-
ada is pre-eminently an agricultural
country." Although Canada has a
strip of territory as wide as France,
and stretching 3,500 miles across a
continent suitable for agricultural
purposes, this represents only 15 per-
cent. of her total area, the balance
abounding in minerals. The official
returns referred to show that in 1921
the value of the output of minerals
was \$172,327,580. This total is less by
\$55,532,085 than the value of the out-
put of 1920, but the decrease was due
to the extraordinary fall in the price
of all metals and to the general busi-
ness depression. If however, the value
of the 1921 output is compared with
the figures for the past ten
years, it will be noted that a substan-
tial and permanent advance has been
made in the development of the miner-
al resources of this country."

Among the figures of total mineral
production given in the Letter are
the following:—1913—\$145,634,812;
1916—\$177,201,534; 1919—\$176,686,
390; 1921—\$172,327,580. The figures
for gold production are as follows:—
1913—\$15,983, 007; 1914—18,977,901;
1915—\$19,234,976; 1916—\$15,272,992;
1917—\$14,463,689; 1918—\$15,850,423;
1919—\$15,850,423; 1920—\$17,754,487;
1921—\$21,327,000.

"Conditions are now more favour-
able for gold mining which is expand-
ing rapidly," says the Monthly Let-
ter.

The Band Concert planned by the
Timmins Citizens' Band to be given
on Monday evening of this week at
South Porcupine, had to be postponed
on account of the Majestic Theatre be-
ing used that evening for a special
picture. The Band Concert will be
given tomorrow (Thursday) evening
at the Majestic Theatre, South Por-
cupine.

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