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A BROAD MIND

The report of last week's meeting of the South Porcupine Board of Trade includes remarks from members which show a spirit of level-headedness and broadmindedness which is worthy of hearty approval.

In regard to the proposed New Ontario day at Toronto they were of opinion that minor details should be lost sight of in the substitution of a greater motive, that of benefitting North Ontario in general.

In view of these opinions, therefore, it is interesting to read an editorial of the Toronto Globe under the caption, "Northern Ontario and the Man."

Says the "Globe":

"Toronto and the people of old Ontario generally would regret deeply any sectional cleavage among the men of New Ontario. There is no desire in this city to boom the Soo at the expense of Cobalt, New Liskeard, or Cochrane, or any other northern community. Representatives of Fort William and Port Arthur will be as welcome to the New Ontario demonstration as those from Algoma or the Temiskaming."

It is the hope of every good citizen of this Province that the communities of the north will grow strong and prosperous not at the expense of their neighbors, but by the filling up of the country with immigrants from Europe and immigrants from the southern portions of the Province. Ontario has mothered the West. Her sons and her daughters have laid there the foundations of commonwealths that will be ere long as powerful and populous as the Provinces of the East. Her duty now is to develop her own resources, to populate her own lands. The problems to be solved will need the united effort and wisdom of North and South. Faction and bad feeling would mean weakness, and possibly the postponement of a vigorous policy of development. For that reason the men in the Temiskaming district who think the Algoma representatives took too much authority upon themselves in the arrangement of the details of the demonstration should remember that the end sought is the important thing. If the demonstration is the success that united effort can make it, Temiskaming and Algoma and Thunder Bay will all get their due share of publicity from it. The motto of the North must be 'All together.'

ONLY RESTING

After an overwhelming effort of any kind by man or beast, be they in the very best of physical condition and with lots of stamina stored away for future exertions, a time of rest and quiet must necessarily be allotted and, after this has expired, the freshness and strength regained result in accomplishments of even far greater credit than perhaps was before seen.

Such, to use a metaphor, might be said of the Porcupine gold district with what it has passed through, is now experiencing, and will assuredly attain in the near future.

Many people outside the camp, who by, have the idea that the camp has have only reports and hearsay to go reached a state of moribundness so far as development work is concerned, but some facts and figures which have been gathered go to prove that the idea is entirely erroneous and the sooner it is dispelled the better for all concerned.

One prominent feature which has been noticed in connection with the work is that much more skilled labor has been employed because the demand for common labor has not been so brisk, a condition of affairs accounted for by the fact that such a large amount of surface and building operations were completed last year.

A matter for speculation among those who have business results depending largely upon the wage list

of the mines is as to why the wage total is less now than last year. It should be pointed out that the wage list in the main is not materially decreased because of lack of work but because with the completion of construction work, which went on for several months, many carpenters and machinists are laid off and underground miners have taken their place to a large extent so far as the pay check goes.

The actual working period has merely taken the place of the boom era temporarily. Production provides the substantial growth and with another year or less of careful weeding out the actual producing belt of the Porcupine belt will be accurately known. Considering the fact that mining had very adverse conditions to contend with until lately it cannot be denied that the progress made is very commendable and such as to put new life into the most pessimistic.

COUNCIL MEETING

The fact that a full report of what the Tisdale Township Council did at their meeting last week being published in "The Advance" was a welcome surprise to many ratepayers and a question which more than once was put to the Advance representative was "How did you success in getting into the meeting?"

From this an outsider would naturally picture in his mind the holding of the council meetings as a kind of secret society gathering with closed doors. It should be explained that when the first request was made for permission to report the meetings a direct refusal was not the answer but, probably fearing some exaggeration (if one member's opinion was any criterion), and also anticipating the publication of some matters under negotiation, it was decided to hand out a report. This however, after being carried into practice twice was not sufficient for the Advance, and another effort to attend the meeting throughout had no opposition whatever, with the result that ratepayers were given practically the same detail of information as if they had been personally present.

The misapprehension seems really to be that the public will be refused admission to hear the council discuss municipal affairs. In regard to this it should be remembered that South Porcupine at present has no Town Hall in which to transact its town business and finances are such at present that a luxury of that description could not be entertained.

The council meetings are, therefore, held in the office of the Reeve, which, while being roomy for ordinary business purposes, could not be utilized for a public gathering. Were the ratepayers to attend in numbers such as is seen among some eastern Ontario towns the premises where the Tisdale Council work would be crowded to excess, and in fact some would be unable to gain admission.

It might be argued that a large place should be secured, but the immediate objection to this would be the unnecessary cost while quarters are available for the business. With improvements such as are absolutely necessary being carried out, to the limit of funds estimates available, all unnecessary expense has to be kept down.

If a ratepayer is so deeply interested in the doings of the council as to desire confirmation of any reported or rumored—for rumors have been rife of late—he will be allowed to examine the minutes, and as these are the official records of the meetings surely more could not be desired.

One thing is certain, there is no reason whatever now for any allegations or misrepresentations as to "closed doors." The meetings are open to the press, and if the public have cause to dispute the accuracy of any reports given by The Advance their remedy is to seek confirmation from the signed minutes of the council. In the future, therefore, at any rate on this point "pray deliver us from knockers."

Whatever may have been the financial results for the benefit of the first circus which visited Porcupine on Monday last it cannot be denied that some loss was sustained by the streets alone. Probably had those who were responsible for the show making South Porcupine a place of call given further consideration to difficulties to be contended with because of condition of thoroughfares not yet completed they would have thought twice before venturing into the centre of the gold camp with

their heavy vehicles. The addition of very inclement weather added considerably to the obstacles and it may be safely asserted that those who had the real work to do departed as "sadder but wiser" men so far as a mining camp in its infancy was concerned.

If it were not a matter of serious finance to the pockets of those involved one or two instances which cropped up at the Revision Court on Tuesday would surely be classed as amusing. When the question of reduction of assessment cropped up the Court, in order to gain information for their guidance, asked what the applicant would sell for, the anxiety to belittle his property was too exuberant for many of those in the audience to take seriously. "I just wish someone would plank down a check for that amount," one man was heard to say during the progress of one application, "and you'd see how quick he would back water. Why, he's one of the few who is taking money just now." Names and places can be omitted, but probably the comment was justifiable, for if there is any one man in town who is daily taking in ready cash from the public it was this particular applicant for a considerable reduction in his assessment.

The South Porcupine Board of Trade decided at their meeting last week to approach Postmaster Carr with a view to having the collection of mails kept open till a later hour in the evening. The argument in favor of this was that a business man receiving mail one evening has no time to reply the same day because of the early closing of the mails. There are in this desire—as in most other requests of similar nature—the usual pros and cons. From the postmaster's point of view, seeing that the other side has been heard, it should be remembered that the very fact of the postoffice closing at 6.30 does not by any means signify that the mailing staff have ceased their duties. The detailed account of what they do can best be acquired from the postmaster himself and he will no doubt willingly extend it. The lady assistants are at their posts from early in the morning till eight o'clock, and after, in the evening, and it should be borne in mind such privileges as early closing evenings are an unknown factor so far as they are concerned. The simplest remedy is perhaps to ask the courtesy of some of the hotels in including any very urgent mail with that which they always take to catch the morning train. In this way one would not spoil a good privilege which exists at present—the securing of box mail on Sundays, which is not compulsory—and at the same time would not add to the already heavy duties which the fair sex execute at present.

GOOD PORCUPINE CLAIMS IN DEMAND

Toronto Mining Circles Confident of Busy Times This Fall--Turnbull Attractive

That the Porcupine gold field is not bereft of buyers with capital ready to operate on a good basis, if good properties can be had, was information passed out in mining quarters in Toronto this week.

Said one prominent operator, and his opinion was shared in by others: "If property within the belt can be had on working options and the showings now are sufficient to warrant expenditure, the capital can be had for the work. It is merely a question of getting a property that is developed to an extent where there is some ground on which to continue work. There was little or no trouble in getting capital in on the Pearl Lake Gold Mines deal because the work performed last year and the past winter left something tangible on which to figure."

The showy lots located along the known ore zone are taken up so that new capital cannot get in, for the present at least, and the fact that working institutions in portions of the good part of the belt are willing to continue is a sign of the healthy physical condition of the camp actions.

The only sections open now to capitalists where showings are fair enough to warrant expenditures are in outlying districts. Turnbull for instance is rapidly attracting the prospective mine owner.

In all there is a strong feeling that this fall will see the gold camp come back, inasmuch as buyers are still looking around.

News was received in a private letter by Bert Bass at the Bank of Commerce yesterday that J. C. Beattie, who was in South Porcupine a short while ago, relieving W. L. Watson in his duties as teller while the latter was on vacation, had died at the General Hospital in Toronto following ptomaine poisoning. The home of Mr. Beattie was Forrest, Ont.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of Bransby Burnand, South Porcupine, Insolvent.

Notice is hereby given that Bransby Burnand, carrying on business at South Porcupine, has made an assignment under R.S.O. 1897, C. 147, of all his estate, credits and effects to P. Blackey, Jr., of South Porcupine, for the general benefit of his creditors. A meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of S. Alfred Jones, in the Town of South Porcupine, on Saturday, the 29th day of June, 1912, at the hour of 10.00 a.m., to receive a statement of the insolvent's affairs, to appoint inspectors and fix their remuneration and for the ordering of the affairs generally. Creditors are requested to file their claims with the assignee with the proofs and particulars thereof required by the said Act, on or before the day of such meeting.

And notice is further given, that after the 20th day of July, 1912, the Assignee will proceed to distribute the assets of the debtor amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall then have been given and that he will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person or persons of whose claim he shall not then have had notice.

Dated at South Porcupine this 20th day of June, A.D. 1912.
P. BLACKEY, JR., Assignee.
S. ALFRED JONES, Solicitor for the Assignee.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE

In the matter of D. Friedman & Co., Insolvents.

Tenders are invited and will be received by the undersigned for the purchase of the stock-in-trade and book debts of this estate, up to and including the 29th day of June, 1912.

The stock-in-trade consists of ready-made clothing, Gent's Furnishings, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Caps and Trunks, and is valued at \$5,000 wholesale price.

The book debts amount to \$1559.87 and cover a period since August 1st, 1911.

The stock-in-trade and book accounts will be sold on bloc at a rate on the dollar, and a separate tender will be required for each.

A list of the stock-in-trade and book debts can be secured upon application to the Assignee, and can be inspected on the premises at South Porcupine.

Dated at South Porcupine, this 15th day of June, A.D. 1912.
A. H. VINEBERG, Assignee.
South Porcupine, Ont.

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THE MAJESTIC.

In order to cope with the large patronage which they are receiving because of the excellence of their show all round the management of the Majestic are making an extra attraction to those visiting the show. The tickets issued are accompanied by a coupon which is numbered. On each Saturday evening a draw will be made and the holder of the lucky number, if he or she be in the theatre at the time, will be entitled to \$5 as a prize. The feature in the pictures this week was "The Cry of the Children," a splendid reproduction of considerable length.

Next week an extra special attraction is to be presented which should prove of undoubted interest to all living in this district, both mining men and residents generally. In 3,500 feet of film "The Great Mining Disaster" is to be shown on Wednesday and Thursday nights and the extraordinary efforts utilized to secure this film are beyond description. As the Majestic is always crowded early attendance is advised to witness the

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The Tisdale Council at their meeting a week ago decided that sanitary inspection be in the hands of the police. The new orders were to come into effect last Monday, the 17th. Since starting out on this branch of his duties Chief Brennan has made considerable progress, especially in the central portions of the town and is still busily engaged notifying those on the borders now to have the necessary work carried out. He informed The Advance that the instructions generally were being carried out very satisfactorily.