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**SCHUMACHER RED CROSS
REPORT FOR MONTH**

Resignation of Mrs. Hicks, Secretary,
Received With Great Regret.

The regular business meeting of the Schumacher Red Cross Society was held in the Society's rooms on Thursday, March 7th, with Mrs. W. Richardson presiding. The Treasurer's report showed expenditures for month to be \$409.82; money received from Patriotic Club, \$300.

Owing to the Secretary, Mrs. Hicks, leaving the town, the Society, much to the regret of all the members, was called upon to accept her resignation. Mrs. Hicks has been a faithful and untiring worker and the best of wishes of the Society will follow her to her new home. Mrs. Geo. E. Leggett was elected Secretary.

The report for February showed 8 cases shipped to Toronto Headquarters. These cases contained 350 towels, 58 sheets, 48 suits of pyjamas, and 28 comfort bags. Total value, \$337.86. The following is the work turned in:

Mrs. W. Duncan, 18 pillow slips, 120 handkerchiefs; Mrs. Geo. Bergeron, 41 towels, 32 pillow-slips, 6 washcloths, 1 suit pyjamas; Mrs. I. E. Dunn, 12 pillow slips, 6 sheets; Mrs. Pilon, 20 pillow slips, 6 sheets; Mrs. T. Patterson, 1 pair socks; Mrs. J. Thompson, 1 pair socks; Mrs. H. Miller, 22 pillow slips, 1 suit pyjamas; Mrs. Geo. Henderson, 6 sheets; Mrs. Geo. Elliott, 5 suits pyjamas, 1 pair socks; Mrs. J. Cockburn, 4 suits pyjamas, 6 sheets, 6 pillow slips; Mrs. W. F. Richardson, 10 suits pyjamas, 1 pair pillow slips, 6 personal property bags, 1 pair socks; Mrs. Dorfman, 1 pair socks; Miss F. Mailes, 1 pair of socks; Mrs. J. V. Angrignon, 10 sheets 1 trench cap, 40 housewives; Mrs. James, 2 pair socks; Mrs. S. Smith, 50 washcloths, 28 comfort bags, cut 16 suits of pyjamas; Mrs. J. Tompkins, 5 suits pyjamas, 7 pillow slips, 42 towels; Mrs. MacEarchern, 1 suit pyjamas, 12 pillow slips; Mrs. Geo. Leggett, 1 knitted scarf, 24 towels, 2 suits pyjamas, 3 pairs socks; Mrs. J. Ferguson, 24 towels, 5 suits pyjamas, 5 sheets; Mrs. Pilkington, 4 pairs socks; Mrs. A. L. Joyner, 18 pillow slips, 3 personal property bags, 12 towels; Mrs. Masket, 4 suits pyjamas, 1 pair socks; Mrs. G. Ray Hicks, 9 sheets, 3 pair of socks, 16 towels; Mrs. George Murphy, 1 suit of pyjamas and one pair socks; Mrs. Charles Archambault, 36 towels; Mrs. Johnson, 8 suits pyjamas; Mrs. J. R. Todd, 2 pair socks, 6 personal property bags.
K. Leggett, Secretary.

**GOVERNMENTS SHOULD
PROTECT PROSPECTORS**

A Fair Deal Should be Given Regarding
Prospecting on Pulp Lands.

"All other interests seem to be specially guarded by the Governments, but the prospector apparently is fated only for 'the raw deal' in most cases, though the prospector has done, and is doing, more than all other interests combined for the development and advantage of this country." This was the well-founded complaint made this week by an old-time prospector who has spent the past fifteen years in the North Land and during that time has had many experiences to emphasize the truth of what he stated. The expression of complaint was induced this week by a reading of a newspaper report announcing that the Government had granted 1,156,000 acres near Kapuskasing to the Spruce Falls Pulp & Paper Co. as a pulpwood limit. "That vast amount of land has been handed over to that company," said the old-timer, "yet it will not be marked on the mining office maps as closed for prospectors. On the other hand if prospectors go on the land in good faith, find minerals, stake claims and prepare to develop anything they may find, the Government will accept their applications, take their money, of course, and then after a time they will be notified that they can do no development as the claims are on timber land and they might cause danger to the valuable pulp." Not only will the prospector be held up thus from the development of his claims, but the money he has spent—the two to five hundred dollars for equipment, supplies and assistance,—will be buried for Heaven knows how long before he can hope to get any returns through developing the property. If the Government would mark the pulp limits on the mining map it might help a little, for then prospectors could steer clear of these spots, but as it is there is no way of finding what is or is not reserved timber land. This was shown in uncomfortable fashion lately to the prospectors who tried to develop the Lightning River district. After they had staked their claims, paid their good money, and so on, they found they could do no more until an inspector visited the locality and investigated. If development is now allowed, it will only be a case of luck,—the luck that the land was burned over. There are only two remedies that the prospector can hope for. One is that the Government will mark all timber reserves on the mining maps at the recording office, so that prospectors may fight shy of such districts or at least know what they are going up against. The other remedy is to clear the country of the timber. This will not transpire in the ordinary way in time to help the prospectors out of their difficulties caused by lack of official notice as to what is and what is not reserved timber lands. The extraordinary way to clear off the timber would be to drop a match during the dry season, but that would be a dangerous way, indeed. Yet that is just what the Government is tempting men to do by its present policy of concealment that makes men stake their all and mortgage their future on a promising mineral discovery only to learn that the preference given the pulp concerns ties up the matter indefinitely. The Government should protect the prospecting by making all reserves on the maps and giving a fair chance to the men who have made this country possible as a developed land."

**THE QUESTION IS:—"WHERE
ARE YOUR MILITARY PAPERS?"**

As Harry Lauder might phrase it, the "burr-r-r-ning question of the day is: Where are your Military papers?" And the less papers you have, the greater the burning question. The Dominion police, who for some time have been rounding up men in the North Land, have been doing the work thoroughly, without fear, favor or affection. Mr. J. H. Hough, of the Exemption Board, was one of these recently stopped on the train and made to explain all about himself and why he had no papers. The other member of the Exemption Board for this district, Mr. A. R. Globe, was also captured last Thursday, and had to produce his credentials. Magistrate Atkinson, Inspector Blackwell, Inspector Rowell and others who believed they were so well-known in the North Land that they could travel without question, all had to answer questions and prove their standing before the alert military police would let them proceed. Several men well over fifty who have been stopped on the T. & N. O. were greatly pleased to feel that years did not sit heavily upon them and that they had not that "worried and meek look" that is commonly supposed to stamp all married men so that "the wayfaring man though a fool may not err therein."

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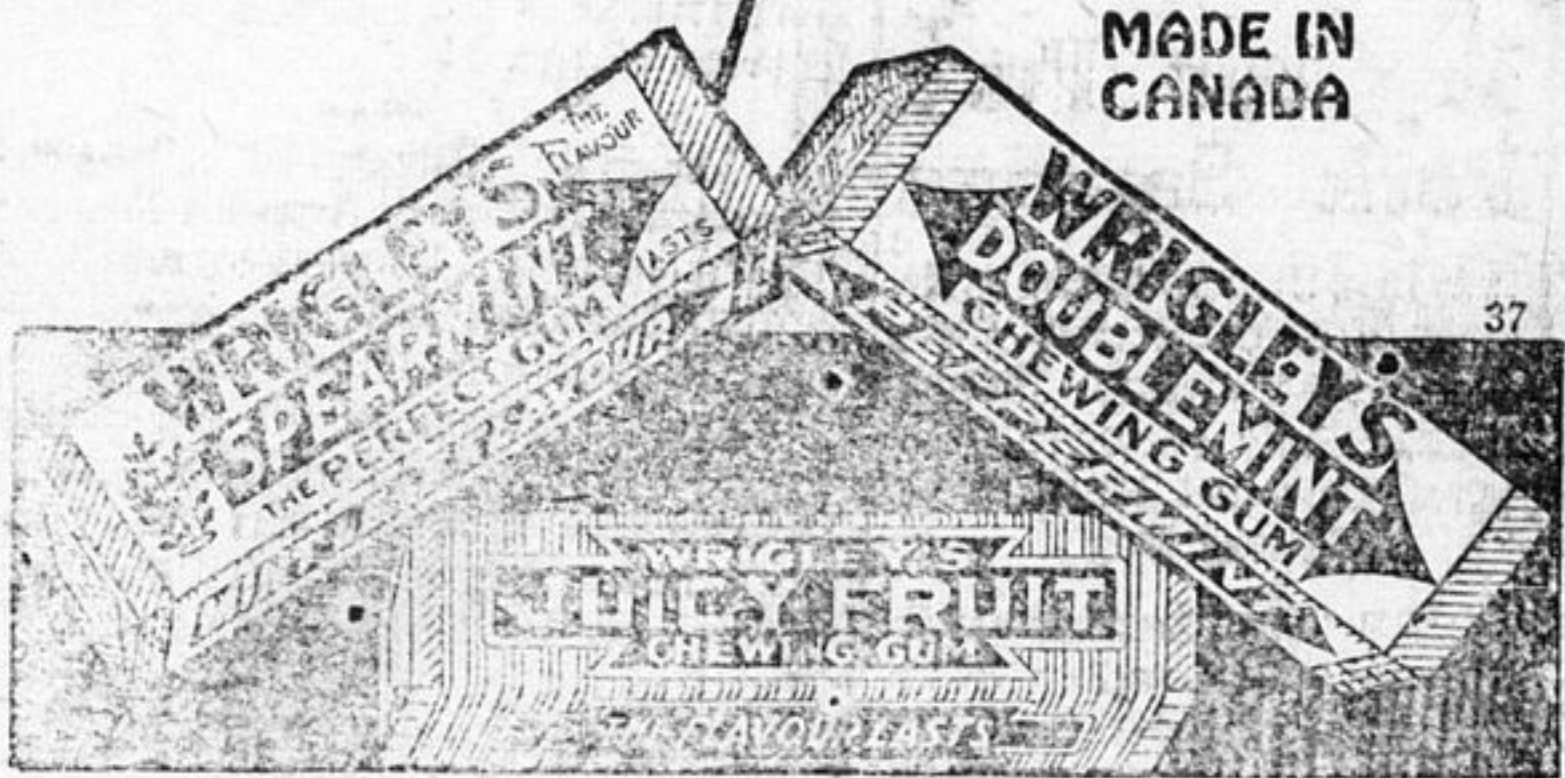
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