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## TO DEVELOP MINERAL RESOURCES OF EMPIRE

Pro. Willet C. Miller Representative for Canada on Commission

Pro. Willet C. Miller who made an enviable reputation for himself by his good work in the North Land for the Ontario Bureau of Mines, has been selected as Canada's representative on the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau. This Bureau was organized for the purpose of collecting information regarding the mineral resources and metal requirements of the British Empire and of advising the various governments and others concerned from time to time what action might appear to be desirable to enable those resources to be developed and made available to meet the requirements of the Empire. The governors of this Bureau were appointed, one by the British Government, one by each of the five self-governing Dominions, one each by the Government of India and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, while six representatives of the mining, mineral and metal industries were appointed by the British Minister of Reconstruction after consultation with the principal institutes and institutions representing these industries. The Bureau is to operate under a royal charter, but pending the granting of this charter, the governors have been at work organizing and outlining their work. Various departments and other bodies interested have been invited to send representatives to discuss with the governors of the Bureau the methods to be adopted to co-ordinate and make available for use within the Empire exhaustive information upon minerals resources in respect of production, treatment, consumption and requirements. In view of the present demand for gold to assure the financial stability of the nations of the world, the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau might well pay special attention to the Porcupine, with a view to seeing what might be done to assist in the development of the mineral resources of this territory. A body like the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau could secure and circulate such information as to the returns obtainable from gold mining in this territory as would assure such interest and attention as would guarantee the early and helpful development of the gold mines of this district.

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AT LAST WEEK'S COURT

Police Magistrate Atkinson was unable to come up from Cobalt last week for the police court here and so the court was held with Justices of the Peace H. E. Montgomery and W. H. Wilson presiding. Several of the cases that had previously come before Magistrate Atkinson were remanded again until this week when he is expected here to hold court.

There were two young men, Alex. Grandbois and Albert Dept, before the court charged with being defaulters under the Military Service Act. It under the Military Service Act. It appears that they changed their residence and when called out under the Act could not be found. Their case will come up on Thursday before Magistrate Atkinson, and in the meantime they are out on \$300.00 bail each.

On the charge of taking a portion of a web of cloth from Mr. Dorway's where he was employed as a tailor Tom Mack was allowed to go on suspended sentence, and the understanding that he make restitution, his previous good character being all in his favor, and Mr. Dorway being willing to re-employ him. The case against O. Hermand, charged with receiving the stolen cloth, was remanded for a week. Solicitor J. E. Cook made a plea for the withdrawal of this case in view of the long residence of the defendant in the Porcupine Camp and the fact that during that time he had enjoyed the respect of all in the district who knew him. Mr. Cook explained that the men had been drinking or they would not have mixed up in such an affair at all. He also said that Mr. Hermand had taken the cloth as part payment of a debt and without knowledge of it being stolen. Chief Wilson said that while he did not wish to see the accused punished he thought it only right to say that he would feel much more inclined to leniency if the accused admitted the fault frankly. The Justices then remanded the case for one week.

The charge of forgery against the young man giving the name of Thompson, but who carried a registration card, letters, etc., suggesting that he was Wilfred Desjardines, was laid over for a week. The young fellow is accused of forging names to cheques and passing them on local merchants.

Among the cases dealt with was an assault case from Schumacher. The blooming row apparently started from

a dispute in a card game,—casino, of course,—and one man was hurt in body and in spirit. The other fellow was fined \$10.00 and costs and the sun is shining again in Schumacher.

## FIVE WOMEN LOST FOR A NIGHT IN THE BUSH

One evening last week five Finlander women who had been out picking berries back of the Hollinger Reserve lost their way and as a result they spent the night wandering in the bush. One of the fire rangers found them about two o'clock in the morning in the middle of a thick spruce swamp. Their clothes were torn by the brush, they were footsore and worried, and by the time they reached town again they were in an exhausted condition. This week, however, they have recovered their usual health and strength and are none the worse for the night lost in the bush. Indeed, some of them are back again picking berries, but a little extra careful as to directions taken and absolutely against the idea of any short-cuts. Short-cuts they think now are the longest ways to travel. The women were picking berries back of the Hollinger Reserve, and had been following in one of the burned patches. They picked out what was considered a short-cut to town and in following this short-cut they lost their way. The result was that soon they were travelling in circles and in the wrong direction. When found they were about two miles from where they had been picking berries, though they thought it about ten miles, and likely they had travelled more than ten miles in their efforts to find their way. Their calls attracted the attention of the Fire Ranger, and following the sounds he was able to rescue the party. In the meantime, however, their families had become alarmed and notified Chief Wilson. Chief Wilson and Officer Collins were organizing a search party of experienced woodmen and were about ready to start out when word was received of the safety of the women.

## TO INVESTIGATE CLAY AND OIL AT JAMES BAY

Dr. Williams and Mr. Joseph Keele of the Dominion Mines Department at Ottawa, left Cochrane last week for James Bay. They are going to the Bay district to examine the clay deposits on the Matagami River and also to investigate the stories that there are oil prospects in the James Bay district.

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