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**IS RADIUM TO BE THE NEXT
PRECIOUS MINERAL HERE?**

The Mining Corporation of Cobalt, is making surveys and erecting buildings on a property in Butt Township with the view, it is understood, of carrying on active exploration for radium-bearing pitchblende. There is pitchblende in full evidence on the property and it is said that recent analysis of samples of this pitchblende showed it contained a proportion of 600 milligrams of radium to the ton of pitchblende. If further investigation discloses much pitchblende with the same proportion of radium the property will be an unusually rich one. At the present price of radium a "mine" of the grade of pitchblende indicated above would mean a regular treasure. The fact that the Mining Corporation is actively interested in the matter leads many to feel that there is good grounds for the hope that the North Land is about to add one more to its striking list of precious minerals produced. The existence of radium-bearing pitchblende would about cap the climax in the North Land's mineral record.

**ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF
TRADE TELL NORTH'S NEEDS.**

At the meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade held last week at New Liskeard, Premier E. C. Drury, Hon. H. Mills, Minister of Mines and Hon. Beniah Bowman, Minister of Lands and Forests were once more impressed with the needs of the North Land. The Associated Boards of Trade of Temiskaming is designed to represent the different boards of trade in the North and to provide a working medium for work and co-operation in general matters affecting the district. The Premier and his colleagues were specially invited to the Associated Boards of Trade meeting last week. There were about 100 delegates present, many of the towns along the line being represented. Among the suggestions to the Premier were—that the Government build an extension of the T. & N. O. to Gowganda; that the Nipissing Central be extended to North Temiskaming; that a publicity campaign for the North Land be inaugurated; that a commissioner of Settlement or Colonization be appointed for the North Land; that a Commissioner of Roads and Bridges be appointed for the Riding of Cochrane; that a North Land man be appointed to fill the present vacancy on the T. & N. O. Railway Commission. In replying, Premier Drury went over the usual line of talk about "not making promises," etc. He also took opportunity to say a few good words for the United Farmers of Ontario and particularly the U. F. O. Government. The whole hour of the Premier Drury and his colleagues might be summed up in words quite applicable to this meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade,—the North Land speakers telling the pressing needs of the North Land, and the Premier in his reply saying that he always tried to be short on promises but long on fulfillment and so he would make no promises, though he agreed with some of the points raised but did not altogether agree with others, while he would ask the North to remember that the Treasury was a eisenstein not an artesian well though at the same time the new Government was sincere, honest, efficient and altogether lovely. So there you are! And now, once more, again, still another time, the North Land is asked to be patient and wait, wait, wait a while. The North Land has need of a sweet disposition that would make the patience of Job look like the irritability of a short-grained piker.

**WORK NOW WELL UNDER
WAY AT LAKE SHORE.**

At the time the Kirkland Lake strike was in progress the Lake Shore Mine was allowed to partly fill with water, but on the conclusion of the strike de-watering was carried on energetically. In his last report to the President and directors, Mr. C. Coffey manager of the Lake Shore, says that the mine is free of water to the 300-foot level, and machines are again at work on the 200-foot level. For the month past 570 tons of ore were milled, the total value for same being \$10,246.28, the average grade of ore being thus about \$18.00 to the ton. It is expected that the production for the present month will be back to the high level reached in production at the Lake Shore before the strike there this summer. The strike was a big set-back to Kirkland Lake, but the quality and standing of the Lake Shore is such that this mine will be one of the very first to completely recover from the effects of the incident.

Ratepayers should note the meeting called for this evening in the Council Chamber, Timmins. The Timmins Ratepayers' Association is holding its annual meeting, election of officers, etc., and among the several topics slated for discussion is the question of the Secession of the North Land from the rest of Ontario. It might be well for a goodly gathering of ratepayers of this important centre to place on record their opinions regarding the separation of this part of Ontario from the more conservative districts and the creation of a new North Land Province to look after the interests of this great country.

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