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Some days ago Mike Hindenehuk, an Austrian gentleman, secured permission from the Timmins Chief to travel to Cobalt, but Mike thought he might go farther and fare worse. He did. He went to Montreal and secured a juicy line of Christmas entertainment, including highwines and rum, and as he journeyed back to Timmins he felt no doubt that he was a rich, a clever and a lucky guy. As he landed at the station, however, he felt his luck left him when Officer Laporte met him. But otherwise everything moved along swiftly enough to convince Mike that there were other people just as clever as he, only more so. Officer Laporte was unusually helpful; helped Mike to a resting place; looked after his luggage; took an interest in his welfare generally. And Magistrate Atkinson also relieved Mike of \$300, and costs! It all happened so quickly that Mike could hardly realize anything but that his prize cargo was confiscated and he was left high and dry for the holidays. And when people wished him a Merry Christmas he thought it was only the sarcasm of British peoples to the aliens within their gates.

TO PASS AWAY THE TIME JUST USE "RED TAPE."

It is a funny world—this North Land—but there are others, only more so. The Cobalt Board of Trade recently put up a strenuous fight to induce the Government Post Office Department to have the mails to Toronto sent via Sudbury on the days (Wednesdays and Fridays) that the Grand Trunk service to Toronto from North Bay was curtailed on account of the coal shortage. The Post Office Department at first replied to the effect that the C. P. R. line via Sudbury could not be used for mail carrying as it was not authorized as a mail route. The Cobalt Board of Trade made emphatic protest against red tape thus being allowed to interfere with the public service. The Board of Trade indeed went to the extreme of suggesting that the Department simply authorize the C. P. R. route for the time being and go ahead. This looked like a desperate course to take, but recently last week the Cobalt Board of Trade received official notification that the Sudbury route could be used as suggested, as the Government had formally authorized the carrying of

mail on this branch of the C. P. R. P. S.—In the meantime the Grand Trunk Railway last week at Toronto announced that all its trains taken off temporarily on account of the coal shortage would be replaced at once, the old schedule to go into effect this week. So there you are,—a double-header as it were.

RICH ORE AT NELSON CLAIMS IN MATACHEWAN

Reports are made to the effect that there have recently been very important finds on the Nelson claims in Baden Township, Matatchewan district. These claims are some distance away from the Matatchewan Gold Mines property and the discoveries on them would indicate that the rather common opinion that the Gold in the Matatchewan district is confined to the immediate district around the Matatchewan Gold Mines is not upheld by the facts. The gold-bearing district of the Matatchewan area seems indeed to be a wide one and worthy of the fullest exploration. Work has been proceeding for some time on the Nelson claims in Baden Township and indications now are that the main vein on the property is several feet wide with a pay streak of several inches of rather spectacular ore. Samples taken from to pay streak part of the vein show values running into the hundreds of dollars per ton of gold, while the average gold contents of the ore in the vein is of a high-grade order. The recent discoveries at the Nelson bear up the hopeful expectations in regard to this property and also encourage further attention and interest to nearby properties.

About a year ago the Tisdale Township Council passed a resolution calling the attention of the authorities to the amount of blivving going on in regard to express parcels shipped to the North Land from outside points. At the last meeting of the Tisdale Council, Friday, Dec. 19th the matter was again taken up, the resolution being specially directed to the attention of Premier Drury and his Government. After the last protest from the Township Council there was a noticeable improvement in the matter of express parcels reaching here without interference. The improvement, however, was not continued, and it is to be hoped for the public convenience that this second resolution will have a permanent and decided effect.

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