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CANADA A CHILLY NAME.**

"Our Lady of the Snows," was the poet Kipling's name for Canada. He will soon need to sit as a court of revision on his own work. Second crops of strawberries and garden produce being gathered in the North Land of Ontario in October suggest a climate not in keeping with "Our Lady of the Snows." And on top of what the Poreupine has shown this year, listen to this sentence from The Pas (Manitoba) Herald:—"Wild flowers were seen in full bloom 90 miles from Hudson Bay on October 4th. And just to show that it is still the far North, the Pas Herald in the same column has this item:—"A trapper states that he saw 40 polar bears while passing out from Fort Churchill in September."

**MR. CLIFFORD SMITH ON
ASSOCIATED GOLDFIELDS.**

There has been much interest and discussion regarding the prospects of the Associated Goldfields properties in the Matatchewan district. It has been pointed out that if this property eventually fails after all the big promises made regarding it, the result will be a black eye for the whole gold mining business. As a consequence of this attitude there has been a disposition to frown upon all good words in regard to the Associated Goldfields. Some newspapers, indeed, have persistently knocked the property, sometimes without real reason. Newspapers of the North Land with no interests to serve but the truth and the benefit of the North Land have found it difficult to know the attitude that is best to assume regarding the Associated Goldfields. There is much difference of opinion among mining men and prospectors regarding the property. "It may be the greatest gold mine in the North Land," said one reliable and thoughtful old-timer on one occasion. "I do not like the methods used to 'boost' the property," said another equally careful old-timer. The Government has on at least one occasion expressed doubts or question as to whether the property was as great a proposition as was claimed. For instance, when there was a request for a railway in to the property the Government first of all required that an independent inspection of the property be made on behalf of the Government to see whether there were prospects sufficient to warrant the building of the railroad. The Associated Goldfields replied that this inspection would mean too much delay and so they planned building the railway themselves. The sizing up of the Associated Goldfields is thus largely a matter of opinion or disposition. It is a good mark for the natural-born knocker, and the optimist finds it a great inducement to enthusiasm. So, there you are. Many in the Poreupine who know Mr. Clifford E. C. Smith, M. E., will be interested particularly in the report he made on the Associated Goldfields after an independent examination. Some newspapers recently attempted to create the impression that Mr. Smith's report was an adverse one, but the fact is that his opinion might be summed up in the following paragraph from his report: "According to assay results from cores as reported by Mr. Moore and Dr. Cooke very promising value were found in most of the holes drilled. If it can be shown that such values are persistent between the several holes in which they are said to have been found and across the width recorded, you would be assured of making a very large and profitable gold mine." Mr. Smith speaks of the thirty or more drill holes, some 500 or 700 feet deep; they are 75 feet apart. As to what may lie between them there is this fact:—the new shaft is being sunk between two drill holes and from it is being secured ore well sprinkled with free gold and rich in gold.

The Toronto Globe made some reference to what that newspaper termed "Mr. Smith's adverse report." Mr. Smith writes to The Globe, calling attention to the fact. Among other things Mr. Smith tells the Toronto newspaper that the conclusions and advice of his report were unknown to The Globe's Northern correspondent and so "the guess which he has sent you for publication is entirely misleading." Continuing Mr. Smith says:—"Highly promising gold values have been located at many points, is the proof of commercial continuity, the problem still ahead of the work. It will require considerable exploratory work to determine such prospects. Meanwhile, adverse criticism cannot add any information of value. A plan of exploration has been determined and until such demonstration has been completed conclusions by even your Northern correspondent cannot offer any assurance."

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**NO OIL AT PARADIS BAY
SAYS DEPT. OF MINES.**

According to the Department of Mines there is not much chance of there being any oil at Paradis Bay near Haileybury. Representatives of the Department admit however, that there may be useful gases available in the district. It will be remembered that some weeks ago there was considerable excitement in and around Haileybury on the report that indications of oil had been found in the Paradis Bay district. Mr. W. C. Knight, one of the geologists of the Bureau of Mines, has made a report on the district. He says there is no oil and suggests that the gas found may be marsh gas, formed by bits of wood and weeds driven into the bay by north winds and accumulated there to be covered by sand from the shore. Part of Mr. Knight's report is as follows:—

"The occurrence is on Lot 11, Concession 7, Lorrain Township, the property of A. M. Bailey. Gas was found to bubble up intermittently through the shallow water along the sandy beach. Mr. Bailey states that the sand is shallow, not more than 15 feet in depth and that 100 yards to the south clay is found. Mr. Bailey filled a quart jar with water where the bubbles were appearing. By this method he was able to trap about 2½ inches of gas in the glass jar in five or ten minutes. This gas was first noticed by Mr. Bailey when he bought the property seven years ago and he has noticed the gas bubbling up through the water yearly since that time. At higher stages of the water bubbles are said to emerge from the sand through the water higher up on the shore line. The gas burns in a dark room with a blue flame. The sample collected by A. J. Prosser, Haileybury, was forwarded to the Department of Mines, Ottawa, for analysis. It is quite probable that some air was mixed with the gas (methane) which accounts for the high percentage of nitrogen and oxygen as noted in the following analysis:—

Carbon dioxide - - - - - 2.36
Methane - - - - - 7.95
Oxygen - - - - - 17.49
Nitrogen (by difference) - - 72.20

The interest and excitement in regard to the possible find of oil at Paradis Bay were based largely on "hopes" or "wishes," rather than on any settled information or belief held by the public. It would be an excellent thing for the North Land if oil should actually be found up in this country, and so naturally most people were ready to encourage any efforts to prove this wish to be true. Many, however, from their geological knowledge of the country around Haileybury were not enthusiastic in their hopes, and so the report by Mr. Knight is not an overwhelming disappointment. In other words the attitude is, "If there is oil or gas, it will be fine; but, if not, the country still has heaps to look after in the gold, silver and other mineral resources." A few, however, will persist in their belief in the oil theory, despite all the reports that may ever be made by any government specialists of scientists.



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