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**ACTIVE WORK THIS WEEK
ON PLACER GOLD CLAIMS**

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Much interest has been created by the reports of placer claims in the Matheson district, but though a large number of these placer claims have been staked and recorded, there has been practically no work that would rightly test out the properties. The heavy overburden of sand and muck has been the great drawback. Then, again, under the overburden of sand there is a layer of gravel. The gravel carries values, but it is at bedrock that real placer mining would be profitable. The work, however, in the Matheson district has not yet got down to bedrock. It is hoped now to change this situation. For some months past Mr. Neh Faulkenham has been sluicing off the sand and muck on his placer claims in McCool Township. He has got down to the stratum of gravel and promises look good now. The gravel runs from 50c. to \$1.00 per yard in gold. The gold, of course, is fine, but by the use of sluice boxes it will be possible to recover the gold as a paying venture. Sluice boxes were taken in last week and everything made ready for work to start this week. Mr. Faulkenham does not know how far it may be to bedrock, but if the gravel continues to pan out around \$1.00 a yard in gold, and if the gravel is not unusually deep, the venture will be a good one. In any case it will pay for the work as it goes along and if bedrock is struck at a reasonable depth with the sediment of gold that may be reasonably expected there, the proposition will prove a rich one. In any event the present work on these placer claims will be of unusual value in proving up the placer mining possibilities of the Matheson area. If Mr. Faulkenham strikes it rich there will no doubt be a rush to get the other placer claims of the district going whenever possible.

U.F.O. PRESENTS CHIEF BORLAND WITH ONE DOLLAR

When Fire Chief Borland was down south last week on his vacation the U.F.O. formally presented him with a one dollar bill. He hasn't that dollar yet, but he did have it for a few minutes all right. And this is the story. Chief Borland attended the big U. F.O. picnic at Grand Bend in the London district. There were over 14,000 people present, with close to one thousand automobiles in evidence. Of the autos, about 980 were Fords. "I never saw so many Fords at one time anywhere before," says the Fire Chief. After the Chief had lived through the address by Premier Drury, a man with another megaphone stepped forward to announce that a prize of \$1.00 was to be given to the man who had travelled the longest distance to the picnic. This created a great stampede.

One old farmer pushed his way forward to claim the prize. "I came twenty miles to this picnic, thanks be to Henry," he said.

"Lizzie brought me twenty-eight miles to this picnic," said another farmer, stroking the luxuriant alfalfa on his chin.

"The little old Ford rambled right along with me for thirty-one miles to-day to get me to this picnic," proudly boasted a third.

A dapper young fellow, with an air of assurance and importance (Could he possibly be a commercial traveller?), stepped forward and announced:—"The prize is mine. I have just come through from Tranta, one hundred and sixty miles. Hand over the dollar!"

Now the Fire Chief is too good a sport to stand by and see the poor old farmers robbed of glory and a dollar bill by any city guy, so Chief Borland steps up himself and talks for a minute or two to the judges. Soon the man with the megaphone was busy again. "Can you beat this?" he roared. "Here's a gentleman from Timmins, the greatest gold camp in the world, coming over 600 miles to this picnic of the United Farmers of Ontario? Can anybody beat this?"

Nobody could beat it, so eventually the dollar was formally presented to the Fire Chief of Timmins as the unquestionable holder of the long distance record for that picnic.

It was a blistering hot day and that dollar melted away at a nearby refreshment booth, to the open-mouthed astonishment of one good farmer who had walked twenty-three miles to the picnic and had been building on that dollar to buy one of the second-hand Fords recently advertised by Messrs. Lowe and Adams. "Still I'm glad that man from Timmins won," said the old man, "because I must say that this is the best, and first, cigar I have smoked since the last election."

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for next Monday, Aug. 28th., at 4 p.m.

STANDING OF BASEBALL TEAMS IN FIRST HALF

There is some doubt as to the exact standing of the teams in the first half of the district baseball series. To make the matter clear the standing of the three teams for the first half is given below:—

Timmins—Won 3, lost 2, and tied 1.
Cochrane—Won 4, lost 1 and tied 1.
Iroquois Falls—Won 1, lost 5.

There is the tie between Timmins and Cochrane to be played off. If Cochrane wins this play-off Cochrane then wins the first series. On the other hand if Timmins wins, the first half will be a tie between Cochrane and Timmins and accordingly will have to be played off.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Stover of Iroquois Falls and Mrs. Hamilton, of Goodwood, Ont., were guests of Mrs. G. A. Macdonald last week.

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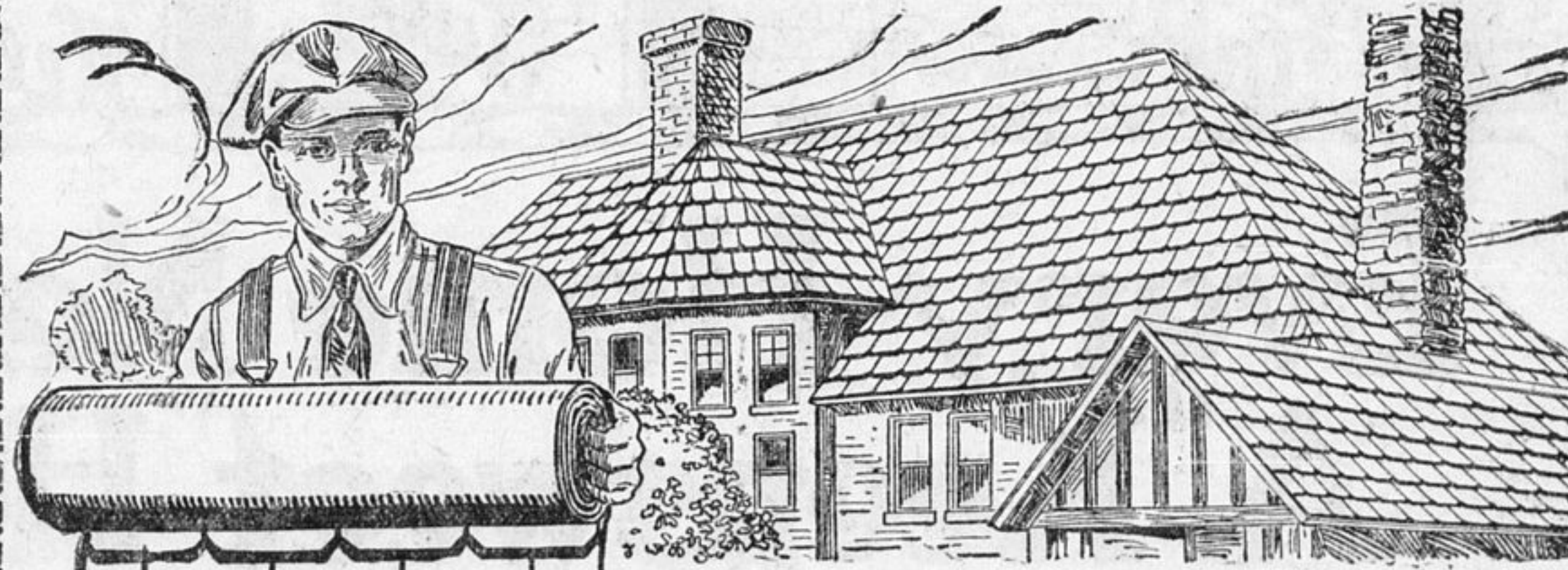
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