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### MAY CUT OFF NATIONAL SLEEPER AT HEARST.

It was the intention of the Canadian National Railways recently to cut off the through sleeping coaches on the trains from Toronto to Coburne and Winnipeg. Premier Ferguson, however, took the matter up with the railway authorities, pointing out the inconvenience that would be caused by following the proposed plan of having passengers from Toronto change cars in the early morning at North Bay. It is also understood that the Premier indicated that a distinct advantage would be given Montreal in the proposed change, the eastern metropolis retaining its present through sleeping accommodation. After consideration of the matter after hearing the Premier's argument in the case, the Canadian National Railways agreed to leave the sleeping coaches on, but with the proviso that if the accommodation is not needed farther west than Hearst, they will drop the coach there and bring it back to Toronto.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS PORCUPINE LODGE, A.F. & A.M.

The installation of the officers for 1924 of Porcupine Lodge, No. 506, A.F. & A.M., took place last Thursday evening at the lodge rooms, South Porcupine, R. Wor. Bro. R. LeHeup, P.D.D.G.M., of Haileybury, being the Installing Officer, assisted by P.M.'s W. M. Widdifield, J. Mason and Geo. Lake.

The following were the officers installed:—

- W. M.—Allan D. Pearce.
- I.P.M.—M. G. Clark.
- S.W.—Jas. E. Boyle.
- J.W.—Herbert Blood.
- Chap.—R. S. McWilliams.
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- S.D.—A. H. Yeomans.
- J.D.—Geo. Starling.
- S.S.—John Costain.
- J.S.—Allan J. Pearce.
- D. of C.—Jas. Brown.
- Organist—W. E. Horner.
- I.G.—Thos. Fell.
- Tyler—J. Spitz.

After the work of the lodge, a banquet was enjoyed as is the custom on St. John's Night. The ladies of members of the lodge were present as well as visiting brethren and all spent a very pleasant social evening. Solos by Mr. Geo. Horner were much appreciated. The sing-song was another feature of the evening, the chorus singing was much enjoyed and entered into with zest by all. There was inspiration and interest also in the addresses given during the evening and altogether the event was successful and pleasing.

The dividends paid by the gold mines of the North Land this year will be \$6,689,544.00. Last year the dividends totalled \$5,583,210.00. The year before (1921) they were \$4,221,709.00. Thus, it will be seen, the dividends are steadily rising from year to year, and this is the more pleasing in view of the fact that the treasury surpluses are also being very materially increased.

The Town of Cobalt, the Township of Teck and the Township of Dack are three municipalities in the North Land that omitted to add the names of women to the voters' list. Cobalt and Teck discovered the omission and took the necessary steps to remedy it. In Dack Township the omission of the names of women entitled to vote was not understood even after the lists were issued, and as a consequence a lot of women in that township will not be able to vote at the coming election.

### Try it Once, Try it Again

Here's to the chap  
With the smile on his map;  
Though Fortune has dealt him a  
thunderous rap  
And knocked him clean down on the  
rear of his lap,  
Whose only remark is, "Gee whiz,  
what a slap!  
I'll try it again!"

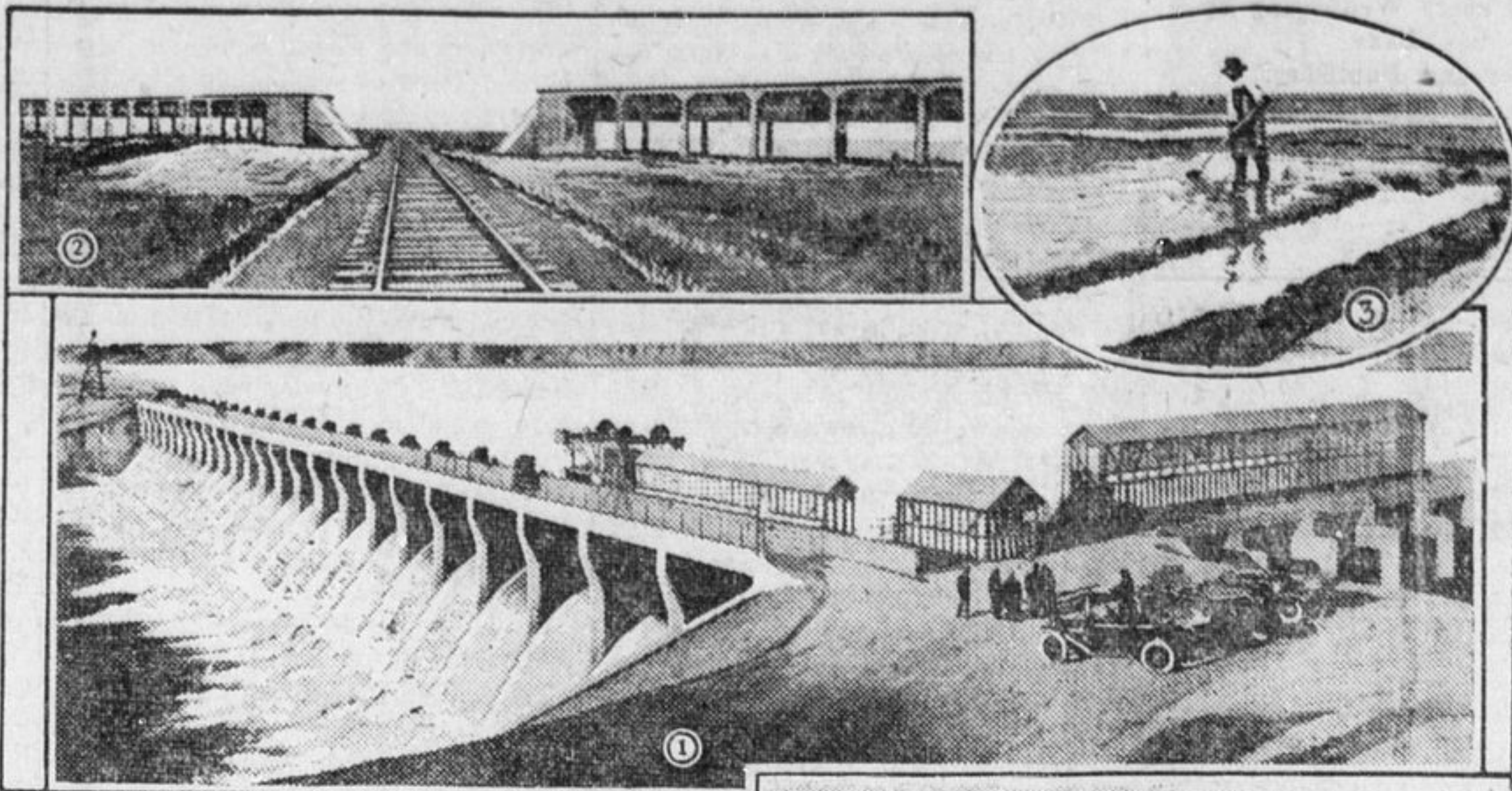
When things seem twisted and out of  
joint,  
Don't get discouraged and quit the  
game.  
The corkscrew never goes straight to  
the point,  
But it gets there just the same.

Mother: "What did mother's little  
baby learn at school today?"  
Son: "I learned two kids not to  
call me mamma's baby."

Mother (to caller): "What do you  
think of my daughter?"  
Gentleman Caller: "I am sorry,  
but I am no judge of paintings."

Rough going, ardent and sincere  
earnestness—there is no substitute for  
them.—Charles Dickens.

## Irrigation in Southern Alberta



(1) Bassano Dam, built in the earlier days by the Canadian Pacific Railway for irrigation purposes. (2) An irrigation flume. (3) This farmer does not depend on rains for his moisture. (4) Public Gardens, Lethbridge, Alta.

I HAD been told to expect a transformation; that a new order of things was being born in Southern Alberta; that a new system of farming was taking the place of the old. I was told that the days of "scratching in" and of "soil mining" were gone days. Nevertheless, I was not prepared for what I saw.

Fifteen years before, I had travelled through this country and had seen only a few scattered farmsteads set out on the "bald-headed" prairie, four square to all the winds that blew. There were no trees, only a stretching expanse of prairie that merged into white-topped mountains on the west and meeting the sky on the east in an unbroken horizon. A few homesteaders were straggling in. Old cattlemen, trying to save their great range, were spreading stories that farming could never be a success in Southern Alberta.

But the homesteaders came. Then later the big farmers arrived with their tractors and ushered in the era of the thousand acre wheat ranch. A series of "wet years" made Southern Alberta famous. Nowhere had such crops ever previously been heard of. The Noble Foundation, one of the largest farming corporations in the world, brought in a crop of wheat from one thousand acres that threshed 54,000 bushels! The country was thick with elevators. In 1915 and 1916, Southern Alberta reached the peak of prosperity. A series of unproductive years followed when rainfall was scant. Some farms were abandoned, but, mostly, men held on, buoyed up by the wonder harvests of other years.

The problem was purely one of moisture, and the Governments of the Dominion and the Province set about to study it. The soil was of the greatest fertility, the climate was right. Something to supplement natural rainfall was wanted. The Canadian Pacific

Railway and other corporations had already developed tracts of land by irrigation. It was no experiment, and so a constructive policy of irrigation was commenced, backed by both Governments.

It is in the train of irrigation that the new order of things is coming in Southern Alberta. Today as you drive over the prairie, through the irrigated tracts of Strathmore and Brooks, south through the Bow River Project and on into Taber and Lethbridge, the flatness is broken on all sides by farmsteads that nestle among trees—young trees growing taller and taller every year. Hedges are growing where once was barbed wire. Shrubbery is luxuriant. In the background are fields of Alfalfa, Indian Corn and Wheat. Dairy cows are seen on green pastures. The farms are small, but they are real farms, and the homes are smiling homes of contented people. There is no "scratching in" or "soil mining." These are permanent homes on the threshold of a future bright with promise.

In the City of Lethbridge, around which most of the new irrigation development is proceeding, are found tree-lined streets, beautiful homes set in hedge enclosed lawns, and one of the finest little parks that Canada can boast. The city has been thoughtfully planned and symbolizes in its setting the spirit of a people pledged to permanency.

For those who knew Southern Alberta in its infancy, there is a pleasant surprise waiting. Wherever irrigation has touched, it is truly a country transformed.

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