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**MEDALS BEING COINED TO
ASSIST PIONEER PRIEST**

Medals Will Commemorate Historic
Vow.

Old-timers of this district in particular will be interested in the following from The North Bay Nugget. Rev. Fr. Paradis was well known in the Porcupine in the very early days of this district. Much has been written of his life and activities in the Fredericshouse Lake area. In recent years Father Paradis has been living at Temagami Lake. The Nugget says:—

"As a novel means of assisting Father Paradis, the old pioneer missionary who has had headquarters at Temagami Lake for over 45 years, a medal has been designed and coined commemorating an episode in Canadian history which occurred 300 years ago in the time when Champlain was still busy with the founding of Quebec. The medal is coined in aluminum, is 2½ inches in diameter and will be sold to tourists for the purpose of aiding Father Paradis. The old man is now 77 years of age and is without a home, his house, books, paintings and clothes having been destroyed in a fire which visited him at Sandy Inlet last year.

"The fact represented on the medal was evolved from an idea of Father Paradis himself, who being unable for the first time to spend the winter at Temagami Lake, repaired to Quebec and with the co-operation of the painter, Charles Huot of Quebec City, and the sculptor, Alfred La Liberté of Montreal, he created the designs which ornament both sides of the medal.

"The fact represented by the artistic design is the miraculous deliverance of the Colony of Canada through a vow made to Saint Joseph while the Iroquois bands were surrounding the Port ready to massacre the inhabitants. It is said that no sooner had the vow been made than the Iroquois disappeared. The scene of the incident is represented on one face of the medal, bearing the date 1624 and the inscription, "O Saint Joseph, to thee this Canada." There is seen Champlain and his wife, Louis Hebert, the first husbandman of the colony, and his family, and two Indian chiefs attending the ceremony which took place in the little church of "La Basse-Ville" on the very site still occupied by "N. D. des Victoires."

"On the reverse of the medal is shown in beautiful allegory the tricentennial feast of the Canadian nation after 300 years of Saint Joseph's patronage. On the shield is the date, "A.D. 1924." One priest is represented as presenting the flag while a rural family, as the basic foundation of the country, offers flowers and wheat to Heaven in a gesture of gratitude and devotion. A striking feature of the scene also is the figure of Brother Andre known as "The Miracle Man" who is shown pointing out towards the horizon his new St. Joseph's Basilica, emerging from the slopes of Mount Royal. The Latin inscription on this side of the medal reads, "Ter Scfulare Patrocinium Gati Recolentes Fili Voti Tibi Renovant. Remembering with Gratitude Three Centuries of the holy Patronage, we thy Children, come, to renew our Vows."

"A Montreal firm made the medal. A gold one is also being cast which Father Paradis had intended would have been presented by Cardinal Beugin had he lived, to his holiness, the Pope."

**FOUR SCHEDULED DISTRICT
BASEBALL GAMES TO PLAY**

In the District Baseball series (N. O.P.A.) there are the following games to play the last-mentioned team in each case being the home team:—

- Saturday, Aug. 1—Iroquois Falls vs. Timmins.
- Wednesday, Aug. 5—Timmins vs. Iroquois Falls.
- Wednesday, Aug. 12—Iroquois Falls vs. Timmins.
- Saturday, Aug. 15—Timmins vs. Iroquois Falls.

**COMING GAMES IN THE
MINES BASEBALL LEAGUE**

The following are the coming games in the Porcupine Mines Twilight Baseball League Schedule:—

- Monday, Aug. 3—South Porcupine at McIntyre.
- Friday, Aug. 7—McIntyre at Hollinger Recreation Club.
- Monday, Aug. 10—Hollinger Recreation Club at South Porcupine.
- Monday, Aug. 17—South Porcupine at McIntyre.
- Wed., Aug. 19—South Porcupine at Hollinger Recreation Club.
- Monday, Aug. 24—Hollinger Recreation at McIntyre.
- Wed., Aug. 26—McIntyre at So. Porcupine.

The Cochrane Post last week says: "Good progress is being made on the power transmission line of the Abitibi Electrical Development Co. from Hunt to east. The line follows close to the railway right-of-way on the south side. The structural steel for the towers has been placed all along the line between Hunt and Cochrane, and the erection of the towers will soon be pushed to completion."

**CROWN DUES ON TIMBER
AND PULPWOOD RAISED**

Expected That New Scale Will Mean
Annual Increase of at Least
\$500,000.00

The Ontario Government last week approved an order-in-council raising substantially Crown dues on timber and pulpwood. The Order-in-Council succeeded that passed by the Drury Government in 1920 which lapsed on April 30 of this year. By the terms of the schedule now adopted an annual increase of at least \$50,000 in Crown dues is anticipated by the Government.

The new scale brings the dues more in line with those levied in Quebec. In the new dues the Government has equalized the levies upon hardwoods, such as basswood, ash, birch, maple, elm, beech and oak at \$2.50 per thousand board feet. Previously the dues upon some of these woods were only \$1.50 per thousand board feet, while upon others they were \$2.50. A similar equalization was made in the case of all boom timber, upon which \$2.50 per thousand feet is now exacted in place of the former varying rates of \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Dues upon spruce pulp are advanced from 80 cents per cord to \$1.40 per cord and upon balsam pulp from 40 cents per cord to 70 cents per cord. The dues upon other pulpwood remain unchanged at 40 cents.

**GREAT DEPOSIT OF CHINA
CLAY ON THE MATTAGAMI**

That the T. & N.O. extension north of Cochrane should be continued on to the James Bay is still the opinion of the Cochrane Post. The Post has always advocated this, but many further south in this North Land have been undecided as to whether the extension is justified or not. They have not been convinced to date. Others, while not questioning the ultimate value of the extension to James Bay, have been of the opinion that the question is not a pressing one,—that there are other matters of much greater vital importance, in settlers' roads, for example. It is a fact that with settlement extended and prosperous farm sections developed, it would be much easier to interest people in general in the extension of railways. Unless the country, or a part of it, is taken out of settlement, roads for the settlers are absolutely necessary. Roads for settlers must naturally take first place. But that does not mean that other matters may not be duly considered. In any event, The Post is again pressing the "On-to-the-Bay" idea. In a recent issue The Post says:—

"On his return to Toronto from his flight along the Mattagami and Moose Rivers to James Bay, Hon. Jas. Lyons in an interview with the Toronto papers, painted a glowing picture of the future of this vast North Country, laying particular stress on timber, the water-powers and the wonderfully rich clay deposits on the Mattagami, but points out that the biggest difficulty was one of transportation.

"But is not the solving of this difficulty of transportation a very easy matter for the Government to accomplish? All that is necessary is to instruct the T. & N.O. Commission to continue the steel from the present terminus nowhere at Mileage 66 to Smoky Falls and continue north until the road is completed as laid out ages ago. Why construction ever ceased after once the James Bay extension was authorized by the Legislature and 66 miles had been laid, had never been fully explained.

"On the Minister's own contention, there is an almost inexhaustible deposit of china clay on the Mattagami, of which the annual shipment would amount to 400,000 tons. The development of the water-powers just above the clay is expected when the pulp limits, which are now tendered for, are being leased, with the result that a large pulp mill will be established there, for all of which transportation, according to the Minister's expression, was the big problem which might require a branch railway to be built. But why a branch railway when the main line of the T. & N.O. is the logical solution?

"What appears to Hon. Mr. Lyons as a big problem can find its easy solution in materializing our old, old slogan, "On to the Bay."

"Let there be no further procrastination, and let the Government give the word to go ahead with the railway before someone has time to ask that a survey party be sent out to investigate the possibilities of finding riches in our farther North."

There is every reason for believing that if the china clay deposits referred to promise sufficient good business for a railway the Government will carefully consider the further extension of the line north of Cochrane. If the extension is required for a pulp and paper industry at Smoky Falls, the Government may safely be left to decide the matter at an early date. The Ontario Government is very evidently anxious to do all possible to assist in the development of the North Land, and is not likely to turn down any good business proposition. On the other hand the Government no doubt will have to be shown that any extension is good business from the standpoint of the Railway and the Province.

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