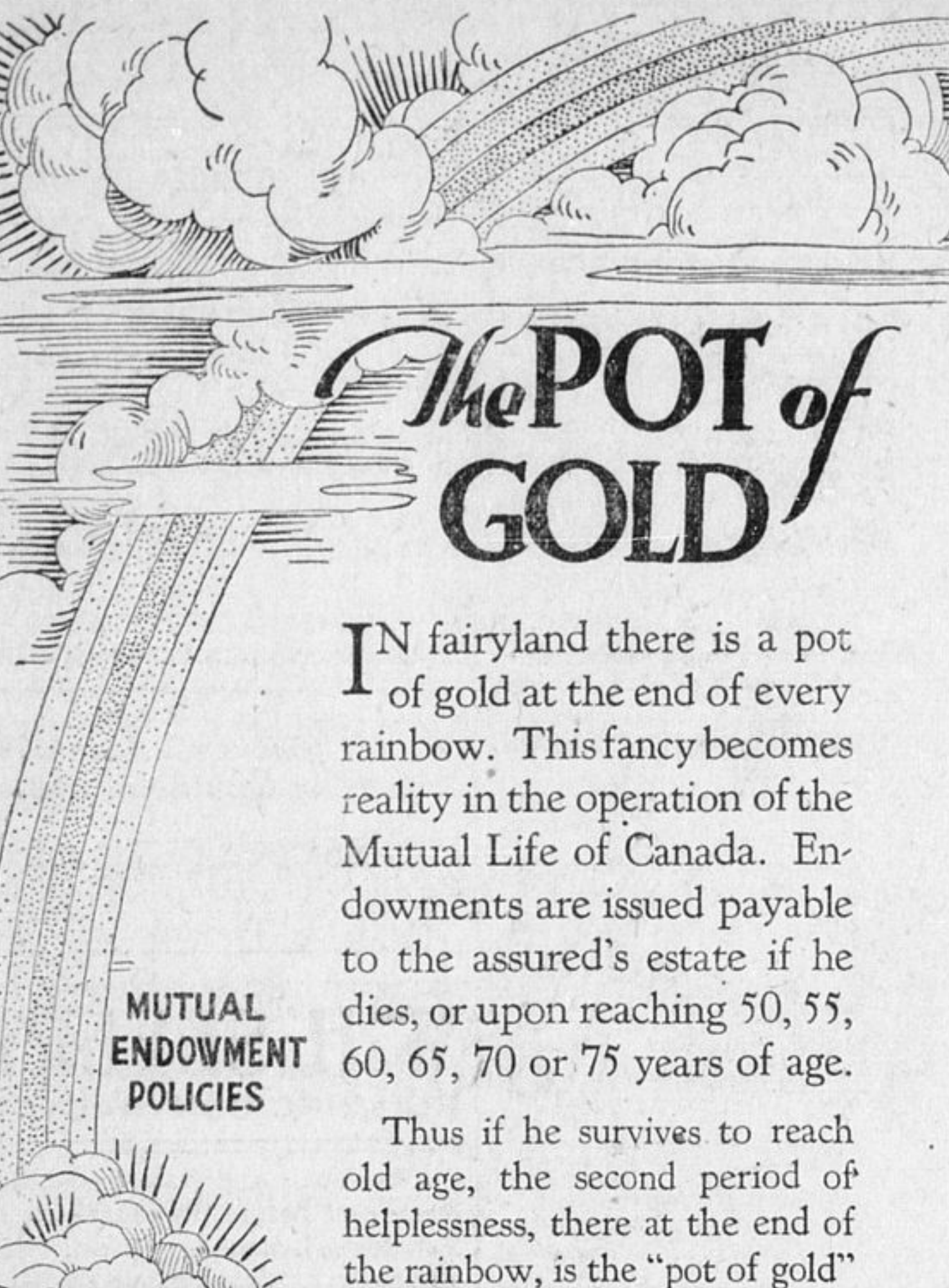


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Suggests Commission to Look After the North Land

Country Not Making the Progress It Should. North Bay Paper Thinks This is Due to Long Distance Administration, and Suggests a Board After the Type of the Railway Commission.

The following editorial article in a recent issue of The North Bay Nugget will bear careful reading and consideration, no matter whether its conclusions are accepted or not. There is no question at all that progress in the development of the North Land is not as rapid as it should be and The Nugget deserves credit for turning attention to possible remedies. The Nugget says:—

"Thoughtful opinion such as one gets from conversations with the heads of industries, mining and professional men, and Government officials, is everywhere pointing to the general conclusion that the time is arriving when a flood of constructive criticism should be unloosed regarding the general administration of Northern Ontario; that unless serious consideration is given certain definite problems connected with the settlement of the North and the colonization of its agricultural areas, so far as the Province of Ontario is concerned much of the best opportunities for development will be wasted and the future wealth of this part of the Province will be lost. These are not alarmist rumors propagated by secessionists or politicians. They are a reflection of cold, hard facts which sooner or later the Government of Ontario must face.

"The Nugget would be the last to cast doubt on the prosperity or progress of Northern Ontario. It is not pleasant to reflect that under any circumstances the North is not destined to a great future. Nevertheless, disagreeable or otherwise, the fact remains that Northern Ontario, despite the sympathy of the present Government at Toronto, is not making the progress it should and due to long-range administration methods is not getting the treatment it deserves. It is doubtful whether so long as the affairs of the North are managed directly from Toronto we will ever get the treatment that we really deserve. It may not be the fault of any particular government or of any particular group of men. When all's said and done, Northern Ontario is a new country that is still in the development stage. Its problems are not the problems of the south any more than the problems of a struggling machine shop are those of a well established industry. Some other method be-

sides that of upbraiding the powers-that-be must be tried.

"Travellers through the North are remarking the development of tourists roads connecting the more important centres of population in comparison to the roads that have been built for the convenience of the settlers. They also note the random with which settlements except those along the Transcontinental Railway occur, settlers evidently having been allowed to stake their fortunes on a piece of land and start work without intelligent supervision of any kind. In this respect the pulpwood companies are the greatest colonizers we have, inasmuch as they provide work for farmers in a period of the year when otherwise the settler would be without means of earning a livelihood.

"Yet despite the aid of pulp industries, the country is not becoming colonized either satisfactorily or permanently. "In the eleven years I have been among them, I have never seen the settlers so destitute as they are this year." The Nugget was told by Archdeacon Woodall, a clergyman of the Anglican church whose territory takes in a large number of the settlers in the Porcupine district. He went on to say that within a radius of a mile from Porcupine Junction, around which are excellent farming opportunities, not more than four families could be actually regarded as making their livelihood off the land. At a recent gathering of farmers at Iroquois Falls the statement was made that the attendance was not so large as last year because many of the farmers had not the wherewithal to pay their train fares.

"With these conditions facing us the question of Northern Ontario's future becomes a serious one. After the precious minerals have been mined from the ground, what then? Are the immense possibilities for the development of agriculture, along with the ready market it finds in the mining town, to be wasted.

"The whole matter of colonization is one which should be undertaken under a definitely outlined policy. The suggestion has been made that, rather than have the North administered directly from Toronto, a Board, somewhat similar to the T. & N.O. Commission, be given this and other problems to solve. We believe the suggestion a good one."

PROGRAMME OF TIMMINS CHAUTAUQUA THIS WEEK

The following is the programme as announced for the various sessions of the Chautauqua at Timmins this week. The Chautauqua is being held at the Timmins Rink, and is under the auspices of the Timmins Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire:—

First Day, Wednesday, Aug. 5th—
Afternoon—Concert Prelude, Chautauqua Entertainers Concert Company. Pietro La Verdi, Impersonator, Crayon Artist, Ventriloquist, Musician.

Night—"The Mollusc," English Comedy Drama, Metropolitan Cast.

Second Day—Thursday—Morning Children's Hour.

Afternoon—Popular Concert, Kiser Sisters. Lecture, "A Spoonful of Sunshine," Hon. Frank Church.

Night—Concert, Kiser Sisters. Lecture, "Canada at the Crossroads," Hon. Frank Church.

Third Day—Friday—Morning—Children's Hour.

Afternoon—Marionette Presentation of "Snow White." Special Children's Programme.

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Afternoon—Concert Prelude, Croatian Tamburica Orchestra. Lecture, "Gold Nuggets," H. Truman Gordon.

Night—Grand Concert, Croatian Tamburica Orchestra.

MONEY TO BRING ANKERITE TO PRODUCTION STAGE

At a meeting of shareholders of the Porcupine Gold Fields Development and Finance Company, held in London, England, the resolutions presented by the directors were ratified. These included a reduction of the capital from £1,000,000 to £699,931, divided into 499,886 shares of £1 each, and 500,114 shares of 8 shillings each. When this reduction has been confirmed by court the 385,948 shares, forming part of the 499,886 shares mentioned above, will be subdivided into 1,929,740 shares of 4 shillings each. A further meeting has been called for August 5th.

As of March 31st last, the company had a cash balance of £35,042, out of total cash received from sales of stock, etc., of £270,839, expenditures having been £235,797. The National Mining Corp. and the New Consolidated Goldfields, Ltd., have agreed to subscribe to the new stock to be issued to an extent that will place £154,517 in the treasury. This money will provide working capital

necessary to bring the Ankerite Mine in Porcupine to the production stage, and develop the Matachewan properties and the Stenwinder Mine in B. C. The company has also taken an option on the Loveman-Keller group of claims in Duparquet Township, P.Q., on which a limited amount of surface work is being done.

A large addition is to be built to the Riordan Company's pulp mill at South Temiskaming. The new plant, it is said, will cost in the neighbourhood of two million dollars.

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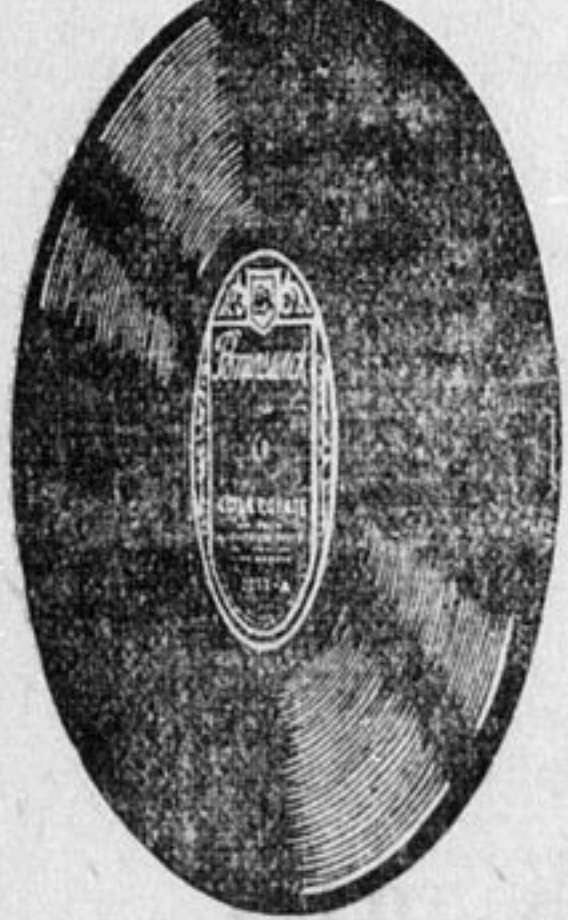
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