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**MORE ATTENTION NEEDED
TO SUMMER PLOUGHING**

Assistant at Kapuskasing Farm
Writes on Test in the North.

The following letter from Mr. L. H. Hanlan, Assistant at the Dominion Experimental Farm at Kapuskasing, will be of general interest to all concerned in agriculture:—

The value of summer ploughing varies considerably with locality, climatic conditions, and other circumstances. It is a practice which has not received sufficient attention throughout Northern Ontario.

At the Dominion Experimental Station, Kapuskasing Ontario, this system has been used to good advantage. In the four-year rotation of sunflowers, oats and two years of hay, the timothy sod is ploughed immediately after the hay crop is removed, in preparation for sunflowers the following year. The soil is then disked occasionally until fall in order to keep down weeds, conserve moisture and assist in the decomposition of the old sod. It has been found that land treated in this manner is more easily kept clean and also produces a more easily worked and better seed-bed the following spring.

The greatest advantage from summer ploughing is possibly obtained in connection with new land. By ploughing new land early in the season, and thus exposing the virgin soil to the action of such weathering agents as sunshine, rain and winter freezing, the soil attains an ideal condition for the crop the next year.

At Kapuskasing summer ploughing has been found to have several advantages, some of which are as follows: (1) generally enables the land to be ploughed under good conditions, (2) permits a certain amount of autumn cultivation and thereby largely substitutes the summer fallow in cleaning the land, conserving moisture, producing good tilth and in making plant food available, (3) makes possible the completion of the fall work at an early date, and (4) ensures that no ploughing need be left over until the next spring.

It would appear that the farmers of Northern Ontario would be well advised to practice summer ploughing whenever time and other conditions permit.

**COMING GAMES IN THE
MINES BASEBALL LEAGUE**

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

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.

**HAILEYBURY NOW HAS TO
PLAY-OFF WITH TIMMINS**

Haileybury has won the championship in the Southern Temiskaming group of the Northern Ontario Baseball Association. Now it is up to Haileybury and Timmins to play off, Timmins being the winner of the Northern group honours this season. Although the schedule here is not yet played out, there is no possibility of Timmins now losing out, as there are not enough games left to make any difference. Even at that, Timmins could win all the remaining games, if necessary, Iroquois Falls team being below par this season. In reference to the contest for the Southern group, the New Liskeard Speaker last week said:—

"Congratulations are due the Haileybury ball team in that they landed the baseball championship for the year 1925, in the South Temiskaming group, which series includes Cobalt, Haileybury, New Liskeard and Kirkland Lake. The Country Towners put the championship on ice when they defeated the Cobalters on Wednesday afternoon, by a score of 7-6 in a game which was replete with thrills of all kinds. A real ball fan tells us that both hot and cold waves travelled up and down his spine on many occasions. Especially was this so as the 'ice man' visited him during Haileybury's disastrous first innings, when the pride of Haileybury, 'Coonie' Woods was tickled for three runs.

"The Cobalters lead in the race for the greater part of the game only to lose out in the final spasm by one run. It certainly was a hard game to lose, and a great victory to win. 'Coonie' Woods and 'Robbie' Roberts, the Haileybury battery, both of whom were with Liskeard a few years ago, are deserving of the credit for the win for their team. Both seasoned players, they took hold of pretty nearly a 'kid' outfit and turned it into a winner. Without their heady work the winners would quite easily have been occupying the 'cellar' position.

"In this particular game Woods had to be relieved in the late stages of the game, but this is not to his discredit. He had won two strenuous games against Kirkland Lake over the week-end. In addition he is a 'worker,' and earns a living by the sweat of his brow, and while thus occupied he had the misfortune to hurt his arm and was not at his best in the final encounter."

**ONLY TWO MORE GAMES IN
THE DISTRICT SOFTBALL**

There are only two more games in the Porcupine Softball League schedule. These two scheduled games are as follows:—

Aug. 14th—So. Porcupine at A.S. D. Club.
Aug. 17th—Dome Tripods at So. Porcupine.

**SCHEDULED MATCHES IN
P.D.F.L. FOOTBALL SERIES**

The following are the coming matches in the Porcupine District Football League series:—

Thurs., Aug. 13—Holly Recreation vs. Dome.
Sat., Aug. 15—Town B. vs. Hollinger.
Tues. Aug. 18—Lanes. vs. Town A.
Thurs., Aug. 20—Town B. vs. Lanes.

**SHOOTING, BOOZE, WILD
WOMEN, AN' EVERYTHING**

An unrehearsed and unexpected feature of Old Home Week at North Bay resulted in charges being laid against Bortolo Gonscini, said to be from Sudbury, the charges including keeping a disorderly house, selling liquor, and shooting with intent to kill. Gonscini, it appears, had a cottage down the lake, and in the cottage were some ladies, some booze and some visitors. According to the story gathered by the police, a dispute arose and Gonscini drew a gun. Several shots were fired, but the others got the gun away, and Gonscini was properly beaten up. The police were sent for and found what they think is high-power beer on the premises, as well as women's apparel and equipment but the birds had flown. Gonscini was arrested on the charges suggested, being remanded until after Old Home Week for trial.

**OFFICER HELD BLAMELESS
IN DROWNING ACCIDENT**

In this district, where Provincial Officer Jos. Kenny served for several years and was well known there has been more than passing interest in the drowning accident at Cornwall in which he had an indirect part. A recent issue of The North Bay Nugget summarizes the result of the coroner's inquest as follows:—

"Briefly the story told at the inquest held on July 16th, into the death of Ben Steacy, who was drowned while evading arrest by swimming across the canal at the old locks near the cotton mill at Cornwall, was to the effect that the constable saw Steacy in a boat with some bottles of liquor in his arms and went to arrest him. When Kenny put his hand on Steacy the latter struggled to get away and while the officer was trying to get the handcuffs on both men fell across the boat. Steacy succeeded in getting free and dived into the canal and swam away. When within about twenty feet of the opposite side he sank, his lifeless body being recovered about five minutes later, all efforts at resuscitation being fruitless. The officer admitted having shouted to Steacy that if he did not come back he would shoot, and also that he forbade anyone to interfere. Steacy was still swimming when witness, who removed the beer from the boat to his car, last saw him. He might have struck him on the wrist with the handcuffs, but nowhere else. The coroner's jury at the inquest absolved Constable Kenny and placed no blame on anyone."

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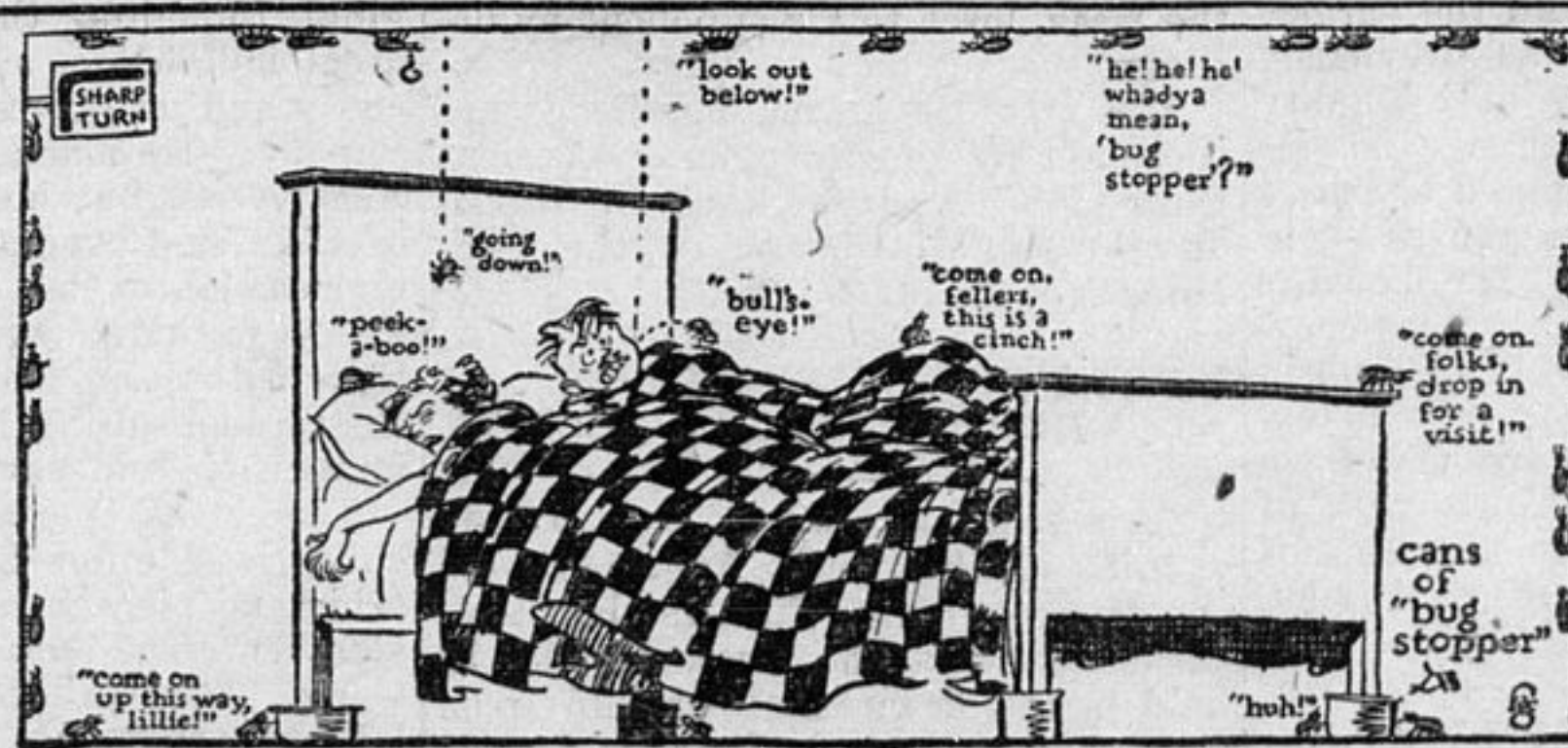
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