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Cornish Miner Glad There Is a Town Called Timmins

Contrasts Conditions in This Camp with the Situation in Cornwall. Quotes Poems from Cornish Newspaper in Support of His Attitude in the Matter.

A Cornish miner now resident in Timmins sends The Advance the following letter which speaks for itself. While submitting his name along with the letter as an evidence of good faith, he prefers to be known by a nom de plume—"Cornish Miner." The letter and enclosures are as follows:—
 Timmins, Feb. 9, 1926.
 To the Editor of The Advance.
 Dear Sir:—Enclosed are a few verses taken from a Cornish paper,

and perhaps they will interest some of your Cornish readers here in this camp and when we are sometimes inclined to complain about being driven from home to work in a distant country, if we just consider the conditions of Cornish mines and of Cornish miners and their families at home, we certainly should be very thankful that there is a town called Timmins and a mine called Hollinger, where a great many Cornishmen are employed. Even if we are away from our families we have the satisfaction of knowing that our families are being cared for. It is much better to be away from our families and know that they have every comfort, than it is to be with them at home and feel the pinch of poverty, and to be depending upon charity for a living. In spite of some of the glowing accounts we hear and read concerning the Cornish Tin Mines, you will see by the following cutting that there is a larger number of unemployed this month than there were last month, so where do the big things come in that we read about in our papers?

Yours very truly
 "Cornish Miner."

The clipping referred to by "Cornish Miner" in regard to unemployment is as follows:—

The unemployment register showed that the number of unemployed persons was 3,554, an increase of 626 as compared with the previous month. The principal increase was at Falmouth where the number of men had increased from 468 to 806. At Redruth the figures showed an increase of 70, and at Camborne 39.

Details:—

Redruth	515	12	92	12	631
Camborne	413	7	36	—	456
Falmouth	806	9	29	3	847
Fowey	94	—	2	—	96
Hayle	291	5	22	—	318
Helston	116	—	8	1	125
Newquay	62	1	9	2	74
Penzance	340	5	57	5	407
Perranporth	44	—	2	—	46
St. Austell	237	11	15	3	266
St. Columb	33	—	7	—	40
St. Just	63	—	3	—	71
Truro	149	—	28	—	177
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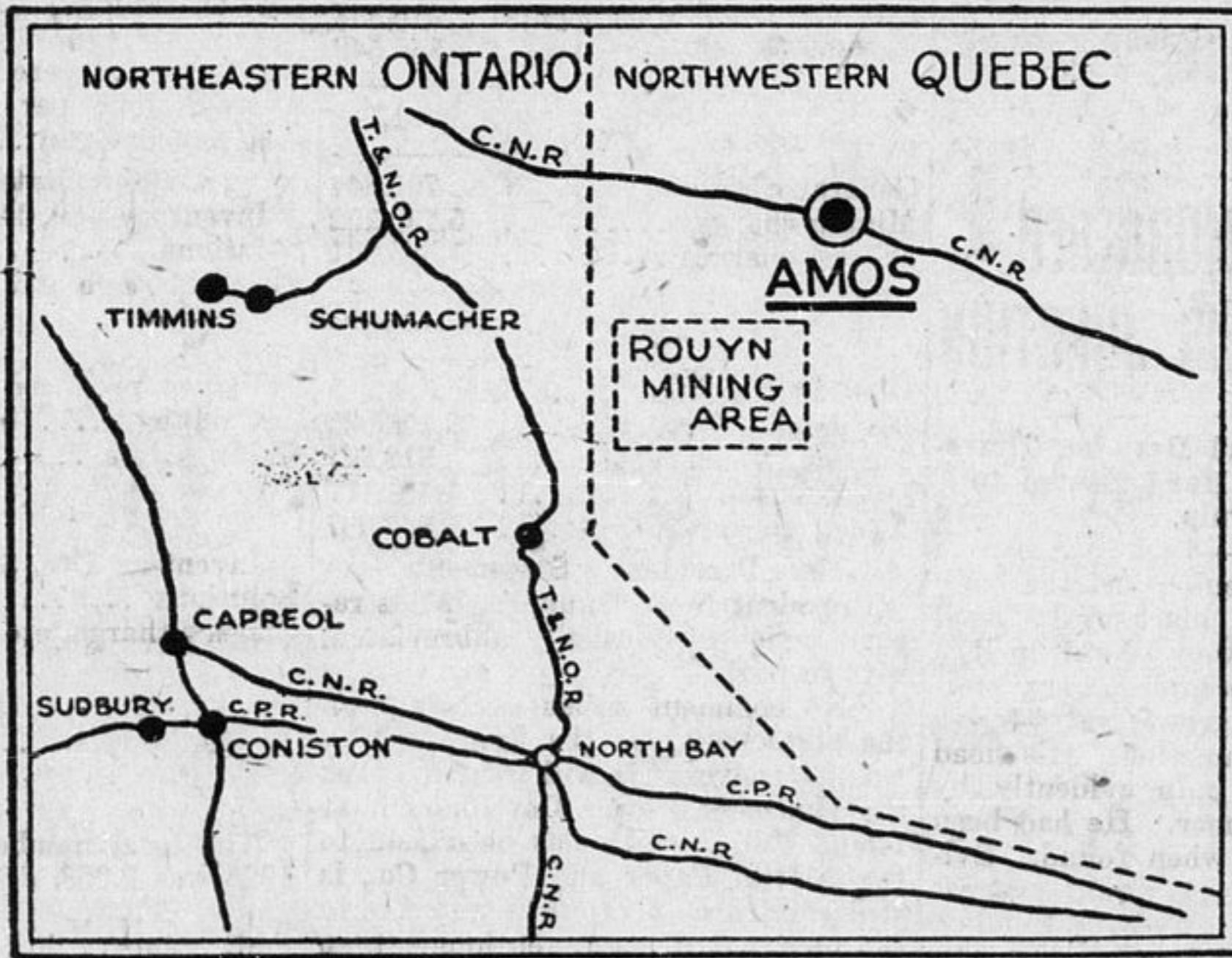
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There were 638 short time-workers. A poem, "Cornwall for the Cornish," is enclosed by "Cornish Miner," with the ironic comment written on it, "And you live on air." "Cornish Miner" also enclosed the following poems:—
A CORNISH MINER'S PLAINT
 Sir,—Having been unemployed now for four years, the following comes to my mind:—
 Without some money here below
 There is but small enjoyment,
 As bitter woe as man may know
 Is seeking for employment.

Oh, wretched state, compelled to crave
 Your fellow man to give,
 A little space this side the grave
 Permission here to live.

Denied the right to earn his bread
 What shall a toiler do?
 No work, no bread; he must be fed,
 Or bit this world adieu.

Some burdened much face brave the road
 Some burdened less despair,
 The proper measure of our load
 Is how we're formed to bear.

It's strange that metal such as tin
 Can make much happiness,
 And it is strange that those who have
 much in
 Are often in distress.

The man whose coffers overflow
 His wealth may be his baffle,
 But the poor who made him rich best know
 How gold can comfort pain.

Through want of cash how many sigh!
 How many lives undone!
 Though peace and rest it may not buy
 God help the wretch with none.

Poor honesty has little chance
 To prosper in these days,
 So rife with fraud few can advance
 Except by crooked ways.

This fleeting life, a ceaseless strife,
 For gold all strive and crave
 The rich through greed
 The poor through need
 Unresting to the grave.

(George Jose, one of the deputation from Tincroft, in 1921.)
THE MINER'S WIFE
 Then again is the wife of the unemployed with perhaps four or six children.

Oh mothers, so weary, discouraged,
 Worn out with the cares of the day
 You often grow sorely impatient
 Complain with the noise and the play
 For the day brings so many vexations
 So many things going amiss
 But mothers, whatever may vex you
 Send your children to bed with a kiss.

Their dear little feet often wander
 Perhaps from the pathway of right
 Their dear little hands find new mischief
 To try you from morn until night,
 But think of the desolate mothers
 Who would give all this world for your bliss
 So as thanks for your infinite blessings
 Send your children to bed with a kiss.

For some days their noise will not vex you
 Their silence will hurt you far more;
 You will long for the sweet childish voices,
 For the sweet childish face at the door;
 And to press the child's face to your bosom
 You would give all the world just for this
 For the comfort 'twill give you in sorrow
 Send your children to bed with a kiss,
 G. JOSE
 Chariot Road, Illogan Highway,
 Jan. 12th, 1926.

P.S.—I may say here that the first time I read your "Cornish Post" was in South Australia. I went to school with the Editor of the "Plain Dealer," and also worked in Moonta Mines, with John Verran, who after years became Prime Minister.
 G. J.

At a recent gathering of dentists at Haileybury it was decided to form a dental society to be known as the South Temiskaming Dentists' Association, to act in conjunction with the Ontario Dental Association. Dr. W. R. Somerville, of Haileybury, is the president, and Dr. W. J. Fuller, of New Liskeard, the secretary-treasurer.

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KIWANEE DANCE PROVES ANOTHER FINE SUCCESS

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The expected good time, promised at the dance given last Friday evening by the KIWANEEES in the Masonic Hall here, was had by all attending this very pleasing event. The event took the form of a Valentine dance, the Masonic Hall being artistically decorated with emblems associated with St. Valentine's Day, cupids, hearts and red streamers predominating. An especially attractive programme was prepared, this being an innovation as far as dances in Timmins are concerned. The dance numbers were on large red hearts and looked very attractive.

Though no special dances were on the programme, the lists of foxtrots and waltzes were much enjoyed, the A. S. D. Club Orchestra providing the best of music for the numbers, and responding to the numerous encores. Refreshments were served during the evening by the KIWANEEES, these being a very enjoyable part of the programme.

Though there was not a large crowd present, this made it better for dancing, and the Valentine dance given last Friday evening can be remembered as perhaps one of the most enjoyable dances held here this winter and speaks well for the attendance and general good time to be enjoyed at future events under these auspices. The dance broke up about half past one, this being the time advertised on the tickets sold for the event.

NEW NAVIGATION COMPANY FOR LAKE TEMISKAMING

The Haileyburian last week says: "A new company, known as the Temiskaming Navigation Company Limited has been formed by local men to operate a freight and passengers service on Lake Temiskaming. We are informed that a fast boat is now being brought in and that the company intend to operate a daily service between New Liskeard, Haileybury, Ville Marie, Silver Centre and other points."

ASK SUBSIDY TO DRILL COAL FIELDS NEAR SUDBURY

It is understood that the company at present prospecting and exploring the Larchwood coal area near Sudbury for a big diamond drilling campaign to properly and thoroughly test out the area as a coal field. Recently a number of small shipments of the coal have been made to Toronto and these are said to have tested out well. The Sudbury Star, however says that while the mining fraternity and Sudburians generally are taking recent developments at the "Larchwood Coal Mine," philosophically and the claims of the company in charge with a due share of reservation there is no denying the fact that there has of recent weeks been a quickened and wide-spread interest in the age-old question as to whether or not there is anthracite coal in Northern Ontario—near Larchwood, in commercial quantities. This has, of course, been accentuated by the present anthracite strike in the Pennsylvania fields and the consequent shortage in Ontario.

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