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An Unreasonable Handicap to Prospectors of the North

Action of C.N.R. in Regard to shipment of Dogs Proving Serious to Many Prospectors. Likely to Have Injurious Effect on Whole North Land and Development. T. & N. O. Showing Better Thoughtfulness.

Elsewhere in this issue reference is made to complaints by prospectors as to the unfair and injurious attitude of the Canadian National Railways in regard to the transportation of dog teams. From Timmins to Hudson, (the C.N.R. station from which the trail is taken to Red Lake), the charge for transporting dog teams is \$9.70 per dog, which is practically prohibitive. The rate from Hudson to Timmins is even worse being over \$11.00. This means that prospectors can not afford to take their dogs from this part of the North, or having taken them they can not afford to bring them back. The abandonment of a large number of dogs at Hudson in the spring is surely not to be thought of. Yet, if the present rules are followed, what else may be expected?

The C.N.R. is responsible for this outrageous ruling. The T. & N. O. still accepts dogs on its line for shipment as baggage, so that the prospector may be inconvenienced and the animals receive proper care and attention on the journey. The C.N.R. used to be equally thoughtful, but since the Red Lake rush assumed large proportions, the National Lines have taken the opportunity apparently for a little squeezing of the prospector and his dogs. Now the C.N.R. insists that all dogs be shipped by express. Dogs not crated are charged for as noted above. If the dogs are crated they are taken at the rate of \$4.85 per 100 lbs. Crated dogs, however, can not have proper care or attention or food on the journey. It means hardship for some 32 hours for the animals.

Most prospectors would about as soon stay home as ship their valued dogs in this fashion.

The excuse put up by the C.N.R. is that too many dogs were being shipped to be handled in the baggage cars or coaches. Why, in the name of Hon. Mackenzie King, or the Customs Dept. scandal, could not some of the extra cars and coaches lying around Cochrane and other points be utilized for the accommodation of the rush to Red Lake. The C.N.R. should get certain facts into its official consciousness. First, the interests of the prospector in this country should be given a leading place. He is the gentleman who has made, and is making this country. Patriotic folk will do all they can to assist him in his work. Secondly, the prospectors are naturally gathered at certain points distant from the new Red Lake area. They have to travel to reach the new field. It is up to the railways, in their own interests, and in the interests of the country to give the prospectors a fair chance. Dogs are an absolute necessity to the prospectors going into Red Lake, and the railways would be not far out if they transported prospectors and their dogs free, instead of holding out for extortionate rate. The prospector will make real business for the railways, if they give him a chance. The Canadian National Railways should keep the interests of this country in first place, and arrange for special cars or other means to give the prospector proper accommodation at fair rates.

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PROSPECTORS' CLASSES HERE AGAIN NEXT WEEK

Will be Conducted in the High School for Eight Days, Commencing March 8. Evening Lectures at Central School

For several years past the Classes for Prospectors, held under the authority of the Ontario Department of Mines, and conducted so capably by Dr. W. L. Goodwin, have been a much appreciated feature. These classes, on merit, have grown in popularity and each year have attracted an increasing number of prospectors and others interested. They have proved of the greatest benefit, and this year no doubt will be as popular as previously. This year's classes commence on March 8th. The day classes will be held from 3 to 4 p.m., and from 4 to 5 p.m. The evening lectures start at 8 p.m. Classes and lectures are open free of charge to all interested.

The following is an outline of the classes and lectures as scheduled:—

Practical study in Minerals, beginning on Monday, March 8th, at 3 p.m. Practice in Spotting Minerals and Rocks, beginning on the same day at 4 p.m.

Illustrated lectures on Geology and Mineral Deposits, at 8 p.m., at the Central School, as follows:—

Tuesday, March 9th—Erosion and Wednesday, March 10th—Igneous Rocks.
 Sedimentary Rocks.
 Thursday, March 11th—Mountain Building, Metamorphic Rocks.
 Friday, March 12th—Mineral Deposits.
 Monday, March 15th—Geology and Mineral Deposits of the local district.

STORES MIGHT CLOSE FOR IMPORTANT EVENT ON 23RD

Tuesday evening, March 23rd, the date of the recital to be given by the Hart House String Quartet at the Goldfields Theatre, Timmins, happens to be a Hollinger pay night and in the ordinary course of events the stores would remain open that evening. Hollinger pay nights are frequent and regular through the year, but events by artists like the Hart House String Quartet are comparatively rare. Accordingly, it might be good business, as well as a mark of appreciation for the visit here of such noted talent, if the stores would close for this particular pay night. It is not often that Timmins people have opportunity to hear such outstanding and far-famed artists as these. The most of the merchants and their staffs will not wish to miss this event. The general public will feel much the same about the matter. It would look like a good idea for the stores, for once, to close on this pay night. In any event the idea is worthy of consideration.

"I want a dress to put on around the house," said the lady in the department store.
 "How large is your house, madam?" inquired the new clerk.
 —Hollywood High School News.
 Nothing is more pitiful than to see a bashful child run and try to hide behind his mother's knickers.
 —Kansas City Star.

RECORD MADE IN PASSING BILLS ABOUT RED LAKE

Legislature Deals With New Gold Camp with Unusual Speed. Hon. Chas. McCrea Refers to Developments at Red Lake

A correspondent in the Legislature at Toronto writes The Advance last week as follows:—

"Probably unprecedented speed in completing an item of legislation was shown in connection with the Red Lake Mining District Bill. It was given second reading, committee stage and third reading all in one day, by consent of the House, and on Thursday the Lieutenant-Governor paid a special visit to the Legislature to give the royal assent. The bill confirms an Order-in-council creating a record office at Red Lake, and allows the recorder power to legalize delays in the filing time of claims. Hon. Chas. McCrea said the bill was an immediate necessity if prospectors were to be given opportunity to carry on without great inconvenience. He was cautious in his statement as to the development of the field, saying in reply to Sam Clarke (Northumberland) that Dr. Bruce, geologist, reported last year that the formation indicated the presence of valuable minerals. Prospectors had found these in sufficient quantity to start what might be termed a rush into the section. The government could not pronounce as to the ultimate value of the field, but large interests were already spending considerable money there."

THERE IS APT REPLY FOR NEARLY EVERY SAYING.

A week or two ago, The Advance announced the birth of a daughter to a prominent young man of the town and his wife. The following day two or three ladies met the proud father and after congratulating him wished him, "many happy returns of the day." After two or three had used this particular joke the young father thought it looked like a plot, so he hunted up an old-experienced father to whom he told the story and asked, "Now can you think of a fitting reply to that saying?"

"Why, sure!" "The next lady that congratulates you on that birth and adds, "Many happy returns of the day," you simply reply seriously, "the same to you and many of them!"

Burglar: "If you so much as move I'll squeeze the life out of you."
 Spinster: "Now, don't forget—that's a promise."

Two schoolgirls were occupied with their lessons when the younger asked: "What does avoidrupois mean?"
 "Well, I couldn't say just what it means in English," answered her friend, doubtfully, "but in French it means, "Have some peas?"

A maiden fair in a dairy cloak
 Went out to milk the family goat,
 She patted, cooed, and said "Nanny be still."
 The animal said, "I ain't Nanny, I'm Will."

This world is God's worship for men—Henry Ward Beecher