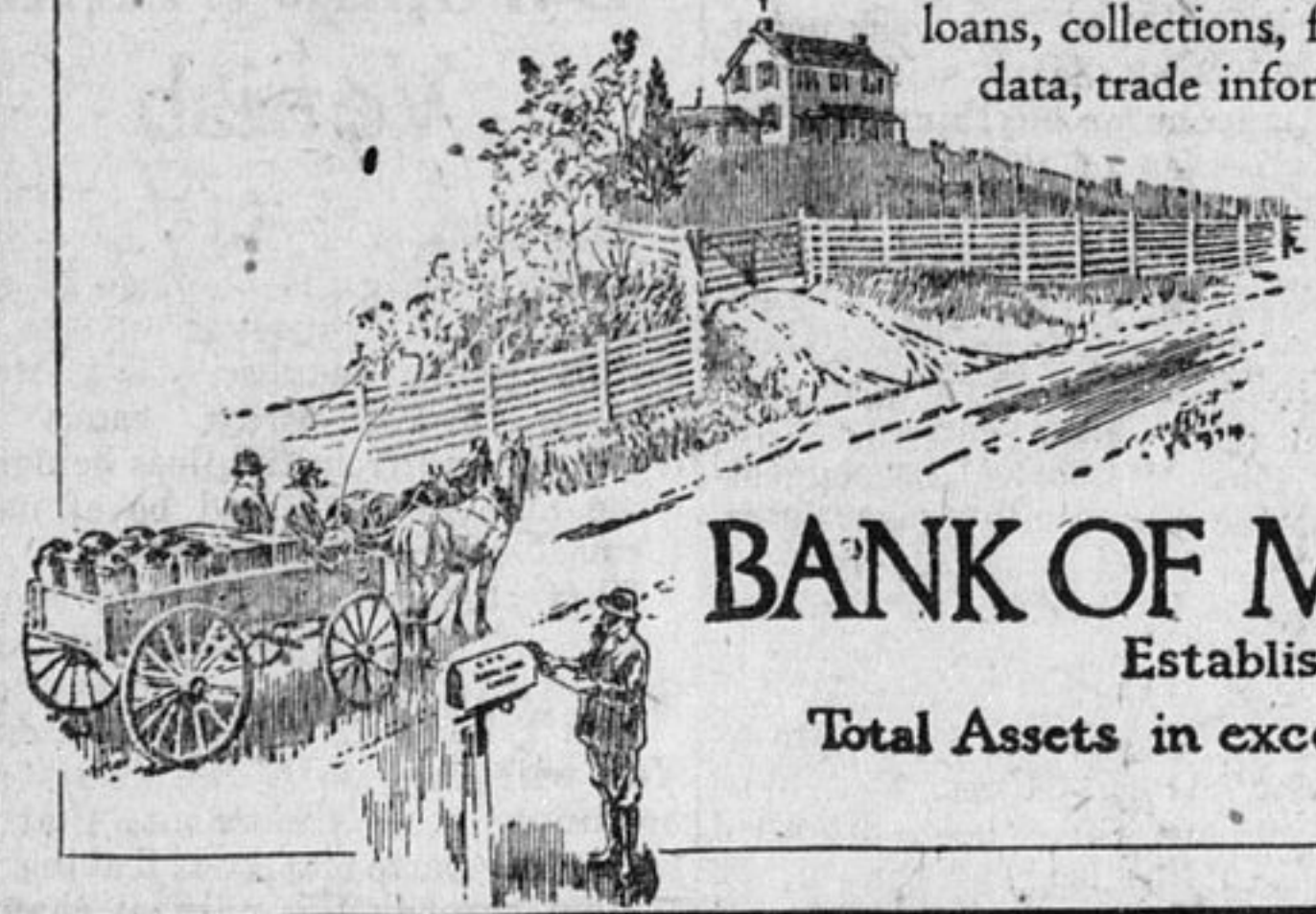


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Wolves in Algonquin Park Never Chase Human Beings

Chief Ranger Mark Robinson, After Nineteen Years in Algonquin Park, Says that Starry Stories of Feroocious Wolves are all Blooming Bunkum, or Words to That Effect.

A wise man might well say that an argument can never be ended. People take sides upon a question, and facts make little impress on them afterwards. There is always a possibility that you may tire the other fellow out, however. In the case of wolves and their characteristics, a lot of "tiring out" seems to be necessary. Some imaginative people, supported by some sensational newspapers, started the story that wolves chase and devour human beings. On the other side, there is The Sault Ste. Marie Star and some other journals and people who would not believe the "wolf stories" even if they were personally chased and devoured by the wolves themselves. While there are always two sides to an argument, there is usually a third element that may actually be evinced. This third element is openminded and ready to hear and heed the opinion of those in a position to know. A man like Mark Robinson, who has spent nineteen years in Algonquin Park ought to know something about wolves. Here is part of what he has to say in a recent letter in The Ottawa Journal:—

"I am not a wolf killer by any quick touch methods and have never been chased by wolves or forced to climb a tree to escape from them. It is nearly 19 years since I became a member of the park staff, and I cannot recall a single instance in which a wolf or wolves really attacked a human being in that time. We have heard scores of fine and thrilling stories about wolves chasing people, but not a single one of these wolf yarns would stand investigation. "The wolf is always branded as a coward. I know them to be very cunning, in fact possessed of the lowest sneaking kind of cunning and very cautious. They are seldom caught at a disadvantage, and they will not take a sporting chance like the fox. Even when in packs, wolves observe the same sneaking caution. They rush to attack a deer, or other prey when everything is favorable, otherwise they will wait until it is."

"This morning, March 20, 1926, there are two packs on the opposite sides of Trout Lake howling at each other until the woods re-echo the blood curdling refrain after a carnival of slaughter among the deer." Mr. Robinson then gives instances coming to his attention of wolves killing deer, and he continues:—

"Going back over my daily journals, kept since coming on the park staff, I could give many instances where we have found two or three deer killed at one time and place, and in a few instances as many as four and five deer killed within a few feet of each other and scarcely any of the flesh eaten—the work of wolves. "I have never in all the years of my service seen or heard as much evidence of wolves as during the past autumn months in the park. The northern end and central parts of the park were overrun with wolves and the slaughter of the deer great. Fortunately the Ontario Government acted wisely in restoring the payment of the bounty (\$15) to the rangers on the park staff for killing the wolves within the park, and the results are satisfactory."

"There are perhaps more romances and stories told of heroic battles and escapes from wolves than from any other source. Is it the insane desire of some individuals to gain publicity, or just pure cussedness or fear in many instances that results in many of the wolf stories being told. "A young man who now sleeps in France told me the following experience:

"My chum and I were very keen to spend a few months in a lumber camp. Our parents objected and we, boy-like, ran away from home and bought our tickets to Rock Lake Station, where we arrived about noon and found we had a walk of 17 miles to the J. O. Shire Lumber Company camps, through a wolf infested forest. We had heard many thrilling yarns told by the lumberjacks of hair-breadth escapes, etc., and we believed them to be true. As evening fell we were slogging along feeling the effects of the long walk, when from the hills ahead of us there came the howl of a single wolf. Suddenly it was answered by several wolves that appeared to be all around us. A couple of yellow birch trees, with branches growing well down the trunks, appealed to us, and up we went until the top branches would scarcely bear our weight.

"We looked down into the forest and in the pale moonlight every stump and end of log became a living wolf. We were so scared we could hear our hearts beating. The night was very cold, below zero. We beat our hands against the branches and stamped our feet to keep warm. At last I was forced to tell my friend I was growing numb with cold and would go down and try to start a fire. Close by was a large yellow birch with long strings of bark hanging loose. A few feet farther away was a huge hollow hemlock rampike that proved to be very dry. With matches ready, I dropped out of the tree and a moment later a bright streak of fire ran up the birch tree, and in a few more minutes fire was roaring out the top of the old rampike, lighting up the forest. We gathered in as close to the fire as possible and prepared a few brands to hurl at the wolves if they attacked us. My chum was slightly frozen.

"The wolves did not attack but kept up their howling at intervals. As daylight approached we heard the tinkle of sleighbells, and in a few minutes a team came along the bush road. The man in charge was an old friend. We told our story, and he advised us to say nothing but go into camp a mile distant, get something to eat, and, after a rest, look around and find out how close the wolves were to us. We did, and there hadn't been a wolf within a half mile of where we spent the worst night of our lives—the result of foolish and untruthful stories told about wolves. Yes, we learned a few things that night. The experience was profitable," he said with a smile, "in many ways, but we learned to discount all wolf stories, when they applied to attacking human beings, and we were properly frightened."

"I think perhaps the experience of these two boys is representative of most of the experiences where men have been treed by wolves, and there is no doubt in my mind but Editor Curran, of the Soo, is correct in his estimate of the wolf stories and perfectly safe in offering the reward he does."

"Now, in conclusion, let me urge all the sportsmen, hunters and trappers to get together and do their utmost to reduce the numbers of the wolves in and around our big game preserves. Let us sink all differences. If we are to fight the wolves successfully we must have the very best cooperation of the various game departments and hunting clubs. There need be no fear of the extermination of the wolf or the quality of our deer deteriorating, there will always be enough of the grey devils escape to keep their place in Nature.

"As I finish writing this article I can hear the wolves howling at Lac

Traverse. There appears to be only two of them. Possibly their mates have fallen victims of baits. Let's hope so."

DIED FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN EXPLOSION

Brief reference was made last week to the death of Mr. Richard Cowan, formerly of this camp. A despatch received from Belleville, under date of March 24th, says:—

"Richard Cowan, 38, son of W. J. Cowan, manager of the Fluorspar mine, near Madoc, died early today as the result of the accident late yesterday. While engaged in work as prospector in the mine, a charge of dynamite had been laid, but owing to the failure to detonate, Cowan and another worker, A. Cassibean, descended into the workings. Cowan struck the charge with a pick axe and an explosion followed. Both legs were broken at the hips as he was blown against the side wall. Cowan was started for Peterboro to a hospital, but expired as the train reached Havelock. Cassibean escaped with minor injuries. Cowan leaves a widow and one child, aged 10. He was an electrical engineer."

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL KIWANIS CLUBS CONVENTION

The greatest convention of history of Kiwanis International is in prospect for June 7th-10th in Montreal, Que. The International Convention Office, was opened in January with Merton S. Heiss, International Convention Manager, in charge and already it is apparent that there will be a record attendance of delegates and visitors from every section of U.S. and Canada.

Invitation was extended by the Montreal Club at the International Convention in St. Paul last June, and the eagerness with which the invitation was accepted seemed to indicate a great desire by the people of the States to attend a convention in Canada and an unusual programme of entertainment and business has been arranged by the various committees in charge, and interest in the Convention will be increased by the campaigns which will be put on by Memphis, Tennessee, and Indianapolis, Indiana, for the honour of being hosts at the 1927 Convention.

Every Kiwanis Club in the Ontario-Quebec Kiwanis District is arranging for a large attendance. There is a plan to have a special Ontario-Quebec headquarters in Montreal.

The broad general rule is that a man is about as big as the things that make him mad.—Detroit News.

PORCUPINE MINES SHOW INCREASE FOR FEBRUARY

Figures Reported by the Ontario Dept. of Mines for the Porcupine and Kirkland Lake Camps.

Returns received by the Ontario Department of Mines from the gold mines of Ontario for the month of February show that for the two camps, Porcupine and Kirkland Lake, there was a slight decrease of \$34,033 below the output for the previous month, due to the short month of 28 days in February. The mines of the Porcupine area reported an increase, while those of Kirkland Lake were slightly below the record for January. The tabulation below, in addition to the monthly figures for January and February, shows the finally revised figures for 1925. Slight fluctuations in monthly output are due in part to the changes and rearrangements both in mining and milling by several of the companies in expanding their operations, and also to the nature of the monthly returns, some of which are in the form of estimates.

Output of Ontario gold mines, 1925 and 1926:	Source and period.	†Ttl. value crude bull'n
Calendar year 1925	24,887,507	
Average per month	2,073,959	
January, 1926	1,946,503	
February, 1926	1,980,919	
Kirkland Lake		
Calendar year 1925	5,404,652	
Average per month	450,388	
January, 1926	575,128	
February, 1926	506,739	
Miscellaneous		
Calendar year 1925	5,398	
Ttl. for calendar year 1925	30,297,557	
Average per month	2,524,796	
Total for January 1926	2,521,691	
Total for February, 1926	2,487,658	

†This total includes the silver contained in the crude gold bullion marketed. For 1925 the value of silver was \$172,430, or an average of \$14,369 per month.

During February producing mines in order of output were as follows:—
Porcupine (6)—Hollinger, Dome, McIntyre, Vipond, Night Hawk Peninsular and West Dome Lake.
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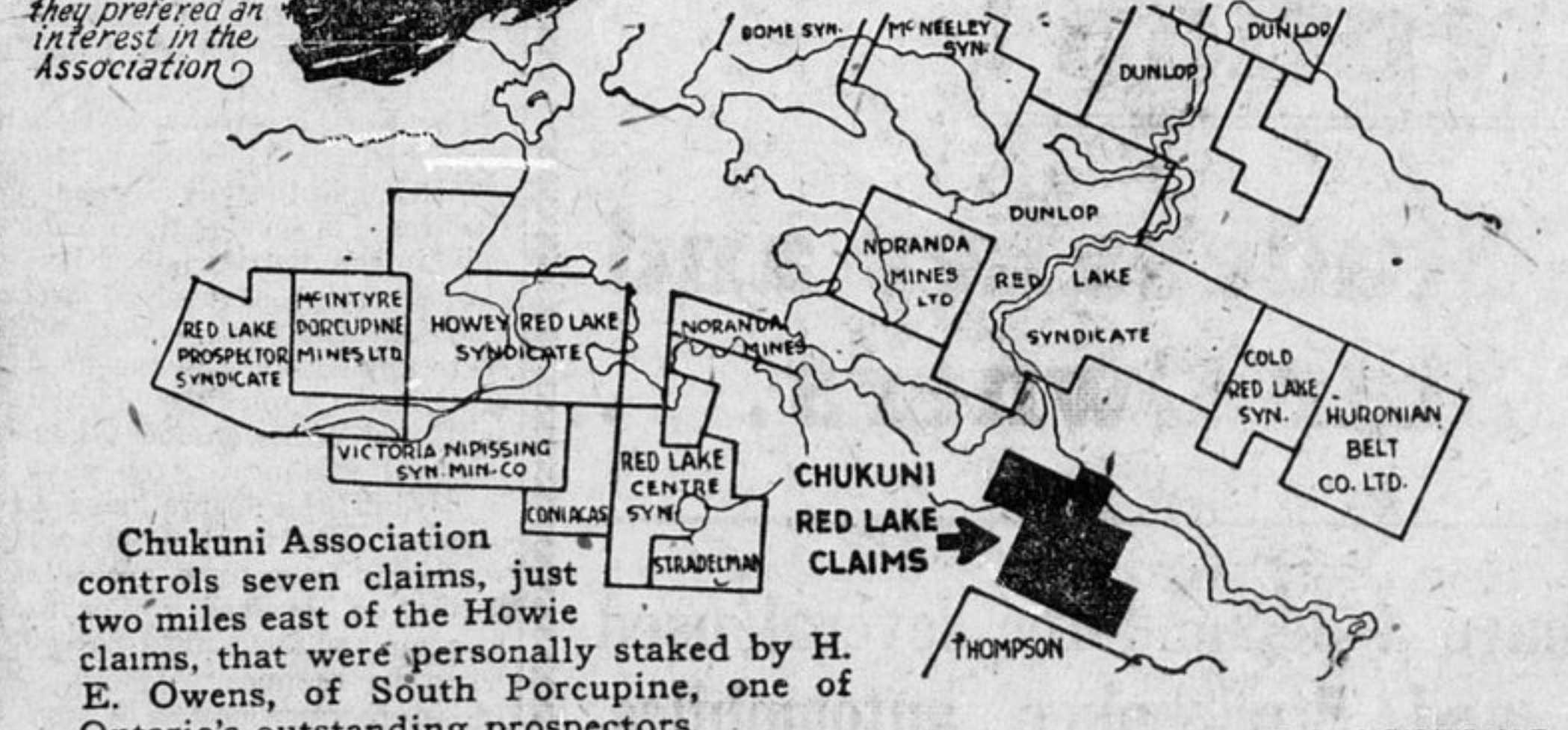
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