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Development of Canada's Great Mineral Resources

Value of Production from Canada's Mines Last Year was \$224,846,237.00. Canada To-day Offers the Largest Field in the World for the Prospector. Some Facts and Figures About Canada's Mineral Industry.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association has prepared a series of articles on "Canada's Opportunities." The article relating to the development of Canada's mineral resources will be of special interest to readers of The Advance. It is given herewith:

Mining as an industry is so old that its origin is lost in the mists of antiquity. From prehistoric times men have struggled to wrest wealth from beneath the ground and their efforts, even then, were the result of the motives that to-day send men below the earth in search of treasure.

When civilization was in its infancy the man who could utilize flints, copper, gold or silver was able to have the best weapons, the most useful implements or the finest ornaments.

Today, when our civilization has advanced to a very high state the same conditions obtain and the country that is rich in mineral resources occupies an outstanding place in the world.

Accident, which was responsible for the discovery of gold in California in 1848, was probably responsible for the first mining. We can only guess, of course, but it seems reasonable to think that one day long ago a skinned, clay-be-daubed hunter stalking his quarry on a rocky hillside saw the gleam of colour in the ground. Attracted by this new thing, he dropped his weapons and pried the bright metal loose. Then, when he got back to his cave it is quite likely that he discovered that by hammering metal with a piece of stone he could make it take different shapes—and the metal spear-head industry was born. Or, perhaps his wife, exclaiming delightedly at the new toy, insisted upon having it as a decoration—and the jewelry industry was founded.

Today the discovery of metals, precious or useful is not the result of accident. They may be found by prospectors whose long years of experience enable them to recognize the evidence of the presence of minerals or by geologists, whose knowledge of the earth's formation lead them to the hiding places in which Nature placed treasures for hardy men to find.

We have all been thrilled by stories of the recent gold rush to Red Lake with its tale of endurance and hardship on the trail. The cry of "mush" has resounded through the north woods of Ontario, and teams of panting husky dogs have raced for days towards a golden goal and stories of the "Trail of '98" have been written anew in a new setting.

One feature of the Red Lake gold rush symbolizes the advance we have made since Klondike days—the use of aeroplanes to transport men and supplies into the gold camps. These aeroplanes make in an hour and twenty minutes a trip that required six weary days on the trail by dog team.

Canada's interest in the mines lies not only in the amount of wealth, known and unknown, she possesses, but also in the fact that the mines give employment to Canadians in many secondary industries. These industries, without which the natural resources of a country possess only a comparatively low value, by giving additional employment add to the nation a wealth, and by adding value through manufacturing processes in-

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NORTH BAY BOARD OF TRADE HAS 246 MEMBERS

Largest Membership it has had in its History of Thirty-four Years.

North Bay had a big campaign for membership for its Board of Trade, and now that the fight is over it is found that the total membership is 246—the largest in the history of North Bay Board of Trade, and the N.B.B.O.T. has been in existence for 34 years. The Lions Club, Rotary and other organizations assisted in the campaign for membership, and there was a handsome cup donated by Mr. T. J. Patton, President of the Board of Trade. This cup was won by the Lions Club which secured 130 members. The Rotary Club brought in 108 members.

North Bay Board of Trade is now away to a good start for the year and a successful season is confidently expected. It is expected this year that many tourists will visit North Bay this summer, and the Board of Trade is working on plans to make the most and the best of the tourists trade. When the North Land highway is completed North Bay expects to be still more than at present "the Gateway to the North."

eral development and production, 45,000 of them in Ontario, Nova Scotia and British Columbia. In salaries and wages they earn approximately \$83,000,000.

\$623,444,000 are invested in Canadian mines. Of this sum, \$281,000,000 represents investment in metal mining and metallurgical works handling Canadian ores; \$259,000,000 are for non metal mines and \$91,255,000 in quarries and plants producing building materials and clay products.

Coal accounts for 23 per cent. of the investment; gold 13 per cent., natural gas 8 per cent., nickel and copper 7 per cent., silver and cobalt 7 per cent., cement 5 per cent., clay products 5 per cent. and stone 2 per cent. The remaining 19 per cent. is invested in other mining and secondary industries.

Mining, it will be seen, is a very important industry to Canada and one which makes very important contributions to our national wealth. It creates a lot of business for the railways and is the foundation upon which many manufacturing industries are built.

In this industry much capital from other parts of the world is invested and steady growth and stability have won for it the confidence of those with money to invest.

With confidence in one investment field thoroughly established, there is little wonder that in other lines of endeavour Canada is looked upon as a worthy field for investment. Thus in an unseen way the industry is a valuable asset.

Great though mining development is to-day, we look forward to rapid advances to which some of you will no doubt contribute.

Mining, though it may seem remote from city life, is the basis of many commonplace things and it, like the other industries we have discussed, affects every one of us. Without the work of some miner deep below ground where would be the penpoint with which you write—and without your purchase of the Canadian pen where would be the miners' job.

MR. P. DOUGALL TELLS KIWANIS ABOUT ABERDEEN

Interesting and Amusing Talk on Scottish City and Its People. Other Interesting Matters at Kiwanis Luncheon Monday

The special speaker at the Timmins Kiwanis Club luncheon in the Empire Hotel grill room on Monday of this week was Mr. P. Dougall, who gave a racy and entertaining talk on his native city, Mr. Dougall being frae Aberdeen. Mr. Dougall's description of Aberdeen, its beauties (natural and human), and its people and history, was most interesting and informative, and was so lightened with humour as to completely disprove the common slander of the Scot's lack of humour. According to Mr. Dougall's picture, the hardest thing about Aberdeen is its granite. Aberdonian hearts are soft, if their heads are hard. The only reason tag days are discouraged in Aberdeen is because the people are so generous that the tag sellers are liable to be hurt in the rush to buy tags.

Mr. Geo. Lake reported on the question of assisting local sports. He pointed out that it would not be practical for the Club as a body to take on any supervision or conduct of sports, but the Club could give assistance and encouragement to the various sports in town. He suggested that three sets of medals be given by the Kiwanis for the encouragement of sports—Two of these for summer sports and one for winter sports. In each case the sport must be conducted by a properly organized body and must operate under a regular league and schedule during the season.

In the big attendance contest between the Reds and the Blues, the Red team lost and will treat the Kiwanis, the Kiwanees and the other lady friends of the Club, with a picnic to be held at Dalton's Park on Wednesday of next week, May 26th. The Blues are giving the Reds another chance to get even, accepting the challenge to a series of three games of softball, the losers to put up a dinner. The first game in this series will be at the picnic on Wednesday.

At next Monday's luncheon the speaker for the day will be Chief of Police E. Pascoe, who will give a talk on Boys' Work.

Haileybury's new choral society gave a very successful and pleasing concert in its home town last week, and will repeat the programme at Cobalt on May 27th. The programme comprised selections from "Faust," and the "Messiah," and was very cleverly given.

S.A. TAG DAY ON SATURDAY OF THIS WEEK, MAY 22

"Help Life's Wounded" by Buying a Tag on Saturday of This Week.

Saturday of this week, May 22nd, will be the S.A. Tag Day in Timmins. Tags will be sold by a number of ladies, and the proceeds will go to the funds for the good work of the Salvation Army. No less than 55 institutions receive support from this fund, and to buy a tag on Saturday is certainly to contribute to worthy causes. "Help Life's Wounded" by buying a tag on Saturday. No one should refuse. The social and uplift work of the Army is conducted along the most approved lines, and the funds administered with the most perfect economy, honesty and foresight. Contributing to these S.A. funds is not only helping on humane work the benefit of the needy and the desolate and the unfortunates among life's men, women and children, but it is also assisting a form of truly patriotic endeavour—the betterment of humanity and the assistance of those in trouble and in need.

Buy a tag, or a dozen tags on Saturday.

A "special agent" in a B.O.T.A. case at Haileybury last week objected to being called a "bird" by the counsel for the defence, Mr. W. A. Gordon. The magistrate upheld the special officer and Mr. Gordon changed the word "bird" to "gentleman." Arise and sing!

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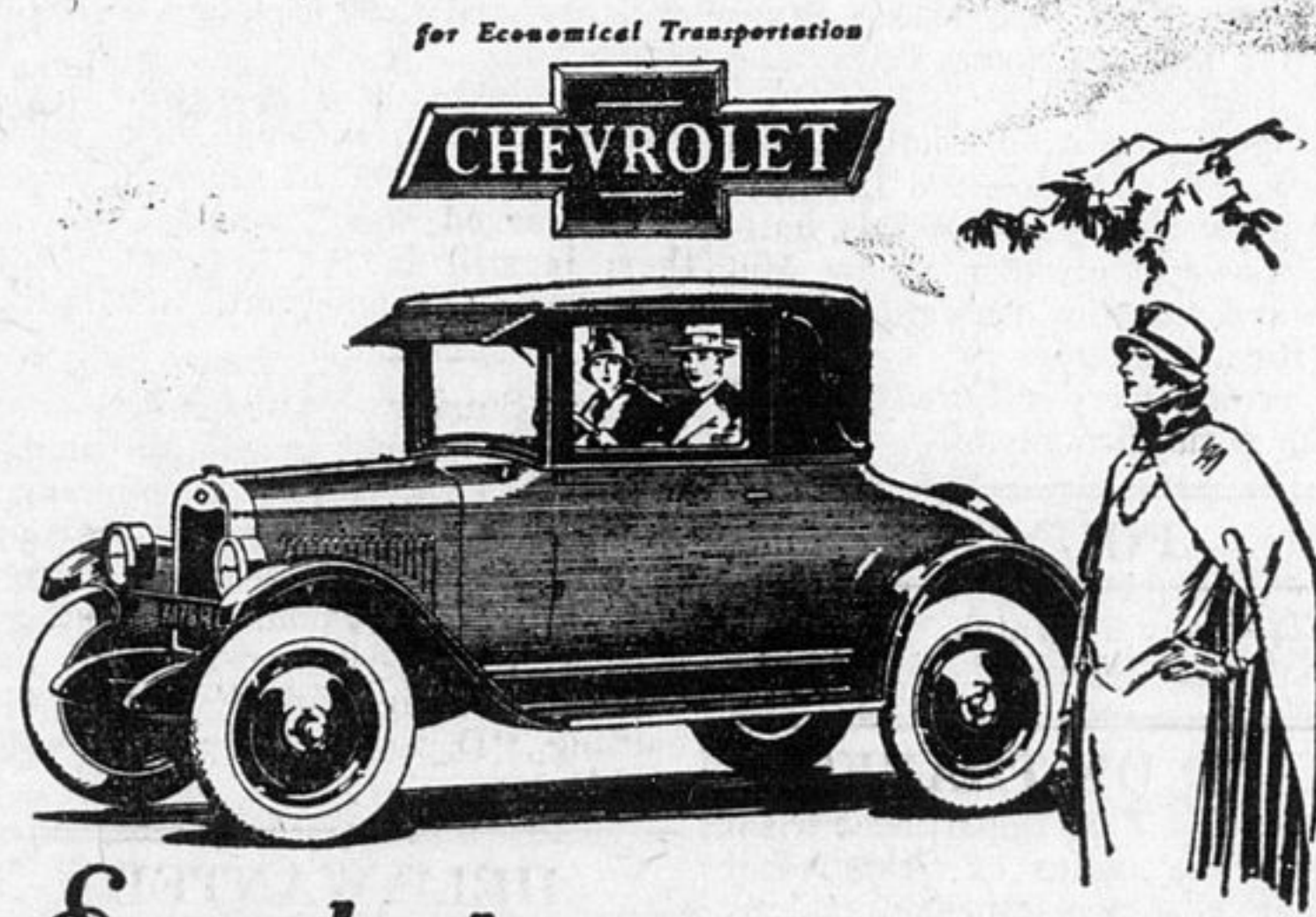
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