

HISTORY OF GOLD GOES BACK TO EARLY TIMES

Mentioned in Genesis. Greeks Figured on Value of Gold. Early Discoveries Recorded.

In the excellent special Investors' Edition of The Northern Miner there is an interesting article on the story of gold. The Miner says:—

"Gold is first mentioned in the Bible in Genesis II-11. The rivers flowing out of Eden are enumerated and one is said to flow through a land where there is gold.

"The value of gold compared with silver is said to have been estimated in the time of the Greek historian Herodotus, 450 B.C., at about ten to one. At the time of the Greek philosopher Plato, 380 B.C., it was twelve to one; to-day it is about forty to one.

"The Spaniards discovered gold in South America in 1493, from which until 1731 they carried from South America 6,000 millions of 'pieces of eight' in registered gold and silver, exclusive of what was unregistered. One piece of gold weighing 60 pounds troy was found near La Paz, town in Peru, in 1730.

"Gold was discovered in Malacca in 1732; in New Andalusia in 1785; in Ceylon in 1800. Gold was discovered in California in September, 1847; and in Australia in 1851. It is estimated that between 1851 and 1859 gold to value of \$450,000,000 was exported from Victoria, Australia, alone.

"In April 1858, gold was discovered in British Columbia, and a rush of miners to the goldfields followed. In New Zealand gold was discovered in 1861, and in the Transvaal, in South Africa. The Witwatersrand, South Africa, was declared a public goldfield in September, 1886. In South Australia gold discoveries were made in October of that year. In West Australia discoveries were made in July, 1891.

"In the Klondike district of the Yukon Territory, gold was discovered in 1896. The new goldfield proved to be one of the richest in the world, and fortunes were obtained from placer mining.

"While gold mines have been worked in Ontario for a half century the first really large operations commenced with the discovery of Porcupine in 1909 and in Kirkland Lake four years later. Ronyn was officially discovered in 1922 and Red Lake in 1925, although finds had been made in both camps many years previously. Gold prospecting and some development work has been under way in Manitoba for ten years or more but 1925 may be said to have started the developments of that province's fields on a large scale.

"Canada is the one country in the world showing a large increase in gold mining and prospecting."

THE BOYS WERE SORRY FOR THE DOGS IN THE WAGON

All the inventions of this marvelous century have had little effect after all upon human nature. Boys still are boys.

Friday a wagon stopped on Fourth avenue, and soon there was a crowd of lads around it. In the wagon were half a dozen stray dogs on their way to the pound. Nearly all of the dogs were mongrels, and some of them were miserable-looking specimens. But to the boys they were all fine dogs.

"What are you doing with the dogs, mister?" one of the boys asked. "Are you selling them?"

"Taking them to the pound" was the reply.

"What for?" asked another lad.

"Well," said the man in charge of the wagon, "if somebody does not call for them and pay their licenses they will be killed."

"Aw, gee!" said one of the boys, "ain't it a shame!"

The other lads agreed that it was.

"Say, can I have one of them?" one lad asked, with proper boyish keenness failing to see why it wouldn't be better for a dog to get a master rather than be destroyed.

Nearly all of the other lads were ready to take a dog each off the poundkeeper's hands. One little lad thought he could take two. The driver of the wagon could have disposed of his whole load right there and then.

But duty has to be done. And it is a hard world, sometimes, for dogs and boys! But it will be a harder world when boys no longer love a dog and dogs no longer are attracted by boys.

It is a very easy matter to accept the line of least resistance—and drift.

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Correspondence Courses Proving Very Successful

Ontario Department of Education Well Pleased with Interest Shown by Pupils and Parents, While Parents are Loud in Praise of the Good Work of the Courses. An Interesting Letter Sent Last Week to Pupils of the Correspondence Courses.

For some time past The Advance has been hearing good words relative to the correspondence courses prepared by the Ontario Department of Education to provide opportunity for education to those children who, for one reason or another, are unable to attend school in the ordinary way. In this North Land, where the settlement is sparse, and where schools are consequently not always available, the correspondence courses have come as a decided blessing. They have provided opportunity to a large number of children to enjoy the benefits of education who otherwise would be unable to secure any such advantage. Thanks to the interest of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario, and the Department of Education, there is not a child now in this Province of Ontario who need forego the advantage of education no matter where that child may be situated.

From the opinions expressed by parents, and by the children themselves, the correspondence courses have proved remarkably successful. From the letter published below it would appear that the Department of Education is equally pleased with the success attained. The Advance believes that a noteworthy measure of this success is due to the sincere sympathy and clever co-operation shown by Dr. N. McDougall, General Inspector, who is in charge of the courses. Dr. N. McDougall, in conjunction with Inspector Marlin of Cochrane, made a survey of the situation in regard to settlers' children for Premier Ferguson when the courses were under consideration, and at that time and ever since he has appeared to be actuated by the strongest but most kindly determination to do everything in his power to see that every child in Ontario has the best chance for an education. Backed up by the keen and sincere interest of the Premier, the correspondence courses have proved a success.

The following is a copy of a letter sent out to pupils of the correspondence courses:—
Department of Education, Toronto, June 16th, 1926.
Dear Pupil:—As we have already sent out Twenty-four lessons in con-

nection with the Correspondence Course, and as these lessons will keep all the pupils busy until the end of June, and some of them even longer, it is our intention not to send out any more lessons until the end of August. We hope, that before that time, the answer sheets for all the lessons will be returned.

When all the answer sheets have been returned, each pupil will be sent a statement regarding his term's work and those, who are ready for promotion, will be promoted.

We have been very much pleased with the neat and careful work done by the pupils as well as with the promptness shown in the return of the lessons. We also feel very grateful to the parents and guardians for the interest they have taken in the work. This is the first time the Department of Education has attempted Correspondence Courses and we believe the experiment has been most successful. Many letters have been received from parents, guardians and pupils, telling how much they are pleased with the lessons and with the progress being made.

At the end of August we will begin to send out the lessons again and these will then continue to go out regularly, as they have during the past four months. We hope, that all those, who have been taking these lessons, and who are unable to attend any school will continue after the summer holiday and, that those who cannot attend school in the winter will also

NEW TRICK PLAYED ON RED LAKE POSTMASTER

The publicity which Red Lake has been getting has aroused the imagination of a new species of fortune seekers, the philatelist, who appears to be making this point the object of his special attentions. Postmaster Billy Brown reports that he has received hundreds of dead letters from philatelists addressed to phoney names, but with the names and addresses of the senders unmistakably printed in the corner. The purpose is obviously to secure specimens of the Red Lake postmark and air mail stamps. The postmaster sent out 138 of these dead letters in one day.

Many of the stamp collectors or philatelists who are communicating with Red Lake live in England. An instance of the tasks to which they set the postmaster is contained in a letter from a Liverpool collector who had sent some letters previously but had since heard there was another issue of mail stamps and wished to obtain some. He consequently sent "herewith" (in four registered letters) 100 envelopes and \$37. The money was to buy stamps which he wished affixed according to instructions. He enclosed an extra \$1 "in case the postmaster could not find time to stamp the letters, with which to pay for getting it done." Owing to the fact that postage to Red Lake is four instead of three cents, as the collector has figured, Mr. Brown was called on to lick and stamp 100 envelopes and got absolutely nothing out of the job.

There was a sharp frost at Englehart on Wednesday evening last, and ice formed on the waters in the ditches. The boys were actually in hopes of having skating on June 11th, but the hope turned out but a frost.

make use of the Correspondence lessons.

Yours truly,
N. McDougall,
General Inspector.

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FOR NEARLY EVERYTHING THERE IS COMPENSATION

"Yes, the weather has been cold and clammy! Yes, there's been rain and snow unseasonable! Yes, it looks like a summerless summer! But there are no black flies in the bush this year!" said a prospector in town for the week-end.

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