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**PROSPECTORS FAILED TO RAISE BABY MOOSE.**

How a motherless baby moose was kept alive by a mixture of condensed milk and water, fed out of a teapot tied about its neck with a woodsman's shirt, is told by a party of prospectors returning from the Woman Lake District. The baby moose was discovered beside the dead body of the mother, which had been shot. The baby, only a few days old and unable to care for itself, was taken in charge by the prospectors. The foster parents ran out of condensed milk after two weeks and a gruel of flour and water was resorted to. The delicate stomach of the baby was unable to get away with this sour dough diet and after a few days hunger strike it was found dead one morning by the party near their camp.

Snowball, gone to call on one of his friends at the hospital: I came to see how mah fren', Jim Brown was gittin' along.  
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**Mineral Possibilities of the James Bay District**

Mining Engineer of the T. & N. O. Railway Says That Alberta Coal Formation Laps Over into Country South of James Bay, Iron Ore, Fireclay, Gypsum, Oil and Other Mineral Wealth in James Bay Area.

In an interesting article published last week in The Northern Miner, Mr. A. A. Cole, T. & N. O. Railway mining engineer deals with the James Bay country from the standpoint of mineral possibilities. He says:—

A glance at a geological map of Canada at once shows that most of the Hudson Bay Watershed is composed of Precambrian formations. The exception is a strip underlain by Palaeozoic rocks along the south west shore. Scattered throughout the Precambrian are areas of Keewatin formation with which are frequently associated rocks of Cobalt and Timiskaming ages. These are the areas that hold within themselves the possibilities of future Sudburies, Cobalts, Porcupines, Kirkland Lakes, and Rouyns, so that it is doubtful if there is another area of similar size in the world that offers greater opportunities to prospectors. The recent discoveries of gold at Red Lake and to the northeast in Ontario as well as in Manitoba are a foretaste of what we may expect as the country becomes better known and are bound to create wide-spread interest.

**Iron Ore**

Iron has been known to occur in great quantity in the iron formation of the Belcher Islands. The grade is such according to reports, that beneficiation will be required before it can be profitably shipped. Judging by the gradual lowering of the iron content of the ore, going into the iron and steel trade, it should not be more than 10-15 years at the outside before these ores should be capable of commercial handling. This, of course, takes for granted railway transportation south from the south end of James Bay.

**Lignite and Coal**

Deposits of lignite have been known in the river banks of the Abitibi, Mattagami and Missinaibi for many years, but interest has been awakened by a bore-hole that was put down last fall near the Mattagami in Kipling township. Beds of lignite were passed through but a bed of sub-bituminous coal was reported to have been encountered at a little over 100 feet in depth. Colour is given to the report from the fact that lower Cretaceous material, which is the formation containing the coal measures of Alberta and Saskatchewan, has been identified in the same locality. In the north-west the Cretaceous formation is very thick so it is quite possible that some of it may have extended over into Ontario. A large area has been staked this spring and as several large and financially strong companies are interested, it is probable that prospecting bore-holes or shafts will be put down this summer to obtain more definite information as to the value of the discovery.

**Fireclay and Glass Sand**

Deposits of the most refractory fire clay yet found in Canada occur on the Mattagami river 55 miles north of Kapuskasing, the nearest point on the Canadian National Railway. The extent of these clay beds is not yet determined but it is known to be large.

Associated with and usually underlying the fire clay is a deposit of glass sand of exceptional purity. In course of time both of these deposits should prove valuable.

**Gypsum**

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**SUGGESTS AN ADVISORY COLONIZATION BOARD**

Problem of Population is by Far the Greatest That Faces Canada Today.

During the past month or two The Advance has published several letters from Mr. Chas. W. Peterson, publisher of The Farm and Ranch Review, Calgary, Alberta. Mr. Peterson has made it clear that all Canada's problem really resolve themselves into a call for increased population of the right kind. In other words, colonization of the right kind would cure practically all of Canada's ills. In the following letter to The Advance Mr. Peterson further deals with the big issue that he is attempting to bring forcefully before the Canadian public. Mr. Peterson says:—

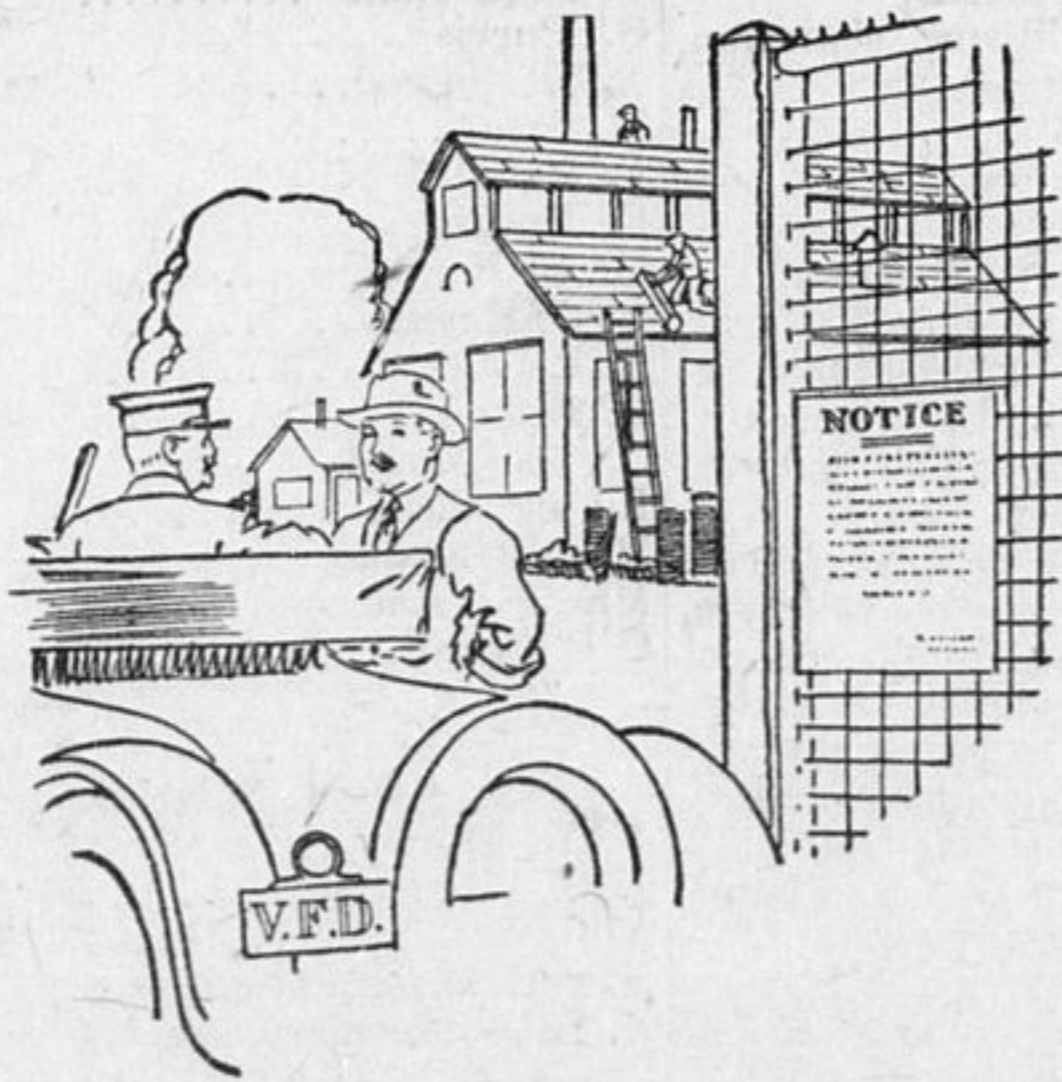
"At the last Dominion Boards of Trade Convention in Winnipeg, a resolution was unanimously passed urging a vigorous immigration policy as a means of solving Canada's industrial, transportation and taxation problems. This resolution recommended the immediate creation of a small non-political advisory board or commission on colonization and agricultural development, composed of Canada's leading experts on the subject and skilled executives, such persons to be invited to contribute their time as a matter of public service and without compensation other than expense allowances.

"When this request was presented to the Federal Government, the Prime Minister is said to have expressed some doubt as to whether the right type of men would be willing to render national services on the basis suggested. The functions of such a body would not be administrative, but purely advisory, and it can scarcely be doubted that Canada's most outstanding men would cheerfully accept this responsibility without compensation. In fact, the services of such men could never be obtained by the Government on any salary basis within the customary limits of governments.

"The average Canadian voter, while tacitly agreeing that energetic immigration effort is highly desirable, is very far from an adequate realization of the vital importance of ending the present 'waiting on Providence.' The problem of population is by far the greatest that faces Canada, and an advisory board, bringing fresh minds to bear on the subject, could render services of incalculable value to the state. Government 'commissions' have never been popular in Canada. But one finds it difficult to understand what objections could be raised to 'commandeering' our best brains and experience to focus its efforts on our most vital national problem. Australia has recently followed this sensible and efficient course."

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