

PINE RIDGE HAS GROWN FROM POST TO VILLAGE

In Six Months Has Grown From Hudson Bay Post to a Regular Tent-Ed City.

Writing from Pine Ridge some days ago a correspondent of one of the daily newspapers says:—

"This desolate spot in the stretches of Northwestern Ontario which as recently as six months ago was a community only of a store, a warehouse and three log cabins, has reverted almost over night into an embryonic metropolis.

"In the early part of this year the population of Pine Ridge consisted of a Hudson's Bay Company's factor, his wife and family and one or two Indian families. Its buildings were whitewashed—a typical trading post and at that time its only visitors with rare exceptions, were Indians, who came to trade.

"Even three months ago Pine Ridge was a comparatively unimportant point on the map. Its chief claim to recognition was only in the fact that it had provided shelter and a stopping point for some of the men who had mushed their way in mid-winter into Red Lake in order to be among the first to stake claims there.

"But times have changed. Today around the Hudson's Bay Company's store has sprung up a tented city in mushroom formation. Some retiring behind log and frame buildings. A directory of the business places would include a bank, three stores, three restaurants, one large sleeping tent providing a sort of hotel, a poolroom, barber shop and a surveyor's office. The change was wrought on the strength of Pine Ridge being the common point of contact between two great prospective mining fields—Red Lake and the Woman-Birch-Cat Lake section. The population varies but can be estimated at 100 with another 100 souls being "on the move," either coming or going from one or the other fields."

CAPREOL PAYS TRIBUTE TO FORMER TIMMINS PASTOR.

Rev. J. Maxwell Allen was the first pastor of Timmins Presbyterian church, and was very generally popular here. He left here to enlist for service overseas, and on the conclusion of the war he renewed his studies at Queen's University. Lately he has been stationed at Capreol, and the Capreol correspondent of The Sudbury Star last week had the following to say regarding Rev. Mr. Allen: "Glowing tribute was paid to the work of Rev. J. Maxwell Allen in a farewell gathering in his honour at the Trinity United Church, when he was presented with a well-filled purse from his parishioners. Mr. Allen severed his connections with Capreol over a month ago but had continued holding services in June. He has taken over the duties of director of missionary work among the non-Anglo-Saxons of Sudbury District, making his home in Sudbury.

"Rev. Allen commenced his pastorate in Capreol three years ago, coming directly from college, having graduated from Queen's University, Kingston. He at once won his way into the hearts of the people of Capreol by his active interest in the community work of the town. His activities were never sectarian. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to any worthy cause in the town and did much toward the creation of a community spirit in Capreol. About eighty members of the congregation attended the gathering Thursday night as Mr. Allen bid farewell to his first charge.

"During the evening Mr. George Taylor presented the departing minister with a well filled purse of gold as a tangible mark of the high place which Mr. Allen had won in the hearts of his congregation. Mrs. Allen was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses. The junior choir also presented Mr. Allen with a pencil. Previously Mrs. Allen had been the recipient of a linen shower from the Ladies' Auxiliary of the United Church. She was also presented with a set of dishes.

"A musical programme was rendered by members of the church choir. Those contributing to the evening's enjoyment were Mrs. S. Finlay, Mrs. A. Macatee, Mrs. W. Straehan, Mr. Park and Mr. J. Brawley. Mr. H. Hembrauff spoke of Mr. Allen's community work and Mr. A. Brundage outlined Mr. Allen's pastorate in Capreol."

The next band concert by the Timmins Citizens Band is scheduled for this (Thursday) evening.

BLACK LEATHER BAG WITH BABY CLOTHES, FOUND

A lady picked up a black leather shopping bag on the road between Timmins and South Porcupine last week, the bag containing a quantity of baby's clothing. The owner may secure the return of the bag and articles by calling at The Advance office.

NO MILL LIKELY FOR THE CONIAURUM TILL NEXT YEAR

The Northern Miner in its issue last week says:—

"Coniaurum's shaft on the Newray property is now down 1600 feet and as soon as loading pockets are cut lateral work will be started at the 1500-foot level. This is expected to be about the end of July.

"Approximately the same plan of exploration will be followed out at the 1250 and 1500-foot levels, as on the 750 and 1000-foot levels, that is long drives to the south, north and west where the best bodies have been located so far. It is believed that at 1250 and 1500 feet more favorable geological conditions will be found than at the upper levels.

"While shaft sinking was in progress one drill continued exploration at the 1000-foot level west where a new vein was developed. It is of good grade, but comparatively short. "Reports that a mill is being talked of (to be started in two months, according to one story) for the Coniaurum are a little premature. A company official tells The Miner that no mill will be thought of until there is two or three years' ore ahead. The mistake of building too soon will not be made, he declared.

"Another executive said that a mill would be erected when and if sufficient ore to justify it was developed. Much depended on the 1500-foot level, he thought.

"As it will take the remainder of the year and part of next to develop the 1250 and 1500-foot levels it can be seen that the mill can hardly be seriously considered before 1927."

THREE THOUSAND WOLVES TAKEN IN SEVEN MONTHS

Figures, available at the Department of Game and Fisheries, Parliament Buildings, indicate that 3,000 wolves were taken in the Province of Ontario during the seven months ending May 31. Although the majority of catches were made during the winter period, 253 animals fell victims to trappers in the month of May, and claims for bounties continue to be made.

A special snare, the manufacture and operation of which is explained in circulars available on request at the Parliament Buildings, is said to be responsible for a large percentage of the wolves taken in the seven-month period. Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines and Fisheries, referred to this snare during the recent session of the Legislature, and predicted that the success it had enjoyed up to that time would be increased in future.

This snare originated with Indians in the most northerly sections of Ontario, and has been used extensively by backwoodsmen. It is a much improved contrivance, a number of well-known trappers having given their aid to Government officials in making it as "foolproof" or "wolf-proof" as it is possible to do so. It is possible that the Government will circularize its description throughout the Province.

CONNAUGHT COMMUNITY CLUB DANCE JULY 16th.

Connaught Community Club announces a dance to be held in the public school, Connaught, on Friday evening, July 16th, commencing at 8.45. An up-to-date orchestra will supply the best of music for the occasion. Refreshments will be served. A good time is assured to all.

THINKS PORCUPINE STILL THE BEST OF THEM ALL

Interest in Red Lake continues, and despite an occasional knock at the new camp, there is general confidence that Red Lake will make good all right. In some cases, of course, there is the idea that Red Lake will eclipse the other gold camps of the North, but one prospector at least has an opposite opinion. This is Mr. John Jones who spent considerable time at Red Lake and staked a number of claims there. "Red Lake is all right," he said, "but it never will be the equal of Porcupine. Porcupine at present hasn't really fully started. The old Porcupine will yet make them all sit up and take notice."

ECONOMIC MINERALS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

The Geological Survey has published a revised edition of the Geology and Economic Minerals of Canada by Dr. G. A. Young. Although the author makes for it no more ambitious claim than that it is intended to serve as an introduction to the study of the subject, the reader is amazed and delighted with the great amount of detailed information that has been condensed in readable style into about two hundred and fifty pages of octavo size. It represents an approximate estimate of our knowledge of the geology and mineral possibilities of the country, a survey of the whole field by one who is eminently qualified for the task. It sets forth concisely the present status of the subject and does indeed serve admirably as an introduction to an intensive study of the geology and mineral wealth of Canada. It serves also as a presentation quite adequate to the needs of anyone who is desirous of obtaining a good knowledge of the geology of the whole country but whose interests do not extend to minute details in any particular phase. The report is well illustrated by judiciously selected photographs and is accompanied by two maps. Copies may be had on application to the Director, Geological Survey, Ottawa.

THE HORSES CAME BACK TO THEIR OLD-TIME HOME

Last week the town and Mr. Geo. N. Moore had a little horse trade whereby the town got a new team for town work, while Mr. Moore got \$200 and the old team of greys, "Toby" and his partner. The deal was satisfactory to the town and to Mr. Moore no doubt, but Toby and his partner did not recognize the trade. The new team was duly delivered to town, and on Friday the greys were taken to Mr. Moore's place. But when evening came, there were the two old greys at the town stable pawing for admission and refusing to be turned away. They had made a getaway from their new place. To one of the police force, Toby explained confidentially that, without finding any fault with their new place, the old greys felt that by their faithful service on the fire wagon and for the public works department, they had surely earned something better than summary dismissal. "The new council is hard on us old-timers," Toby told another old friend, "but they will be hunting a long time before they find others that will serve them as earnestly and efficiently." "However," the old horse concluded with a laugh, "they haven't used us old horses as mean as they've treated the old Mayor."

Then the old grey team was led back to their new home at the pasture.

A group of young ladies undertook a tag day at Cobalt recently for the Children's Aid Society, and realized \$252.67 for the good cause.

LAST WEEK A HARD ONE FOR MERCHANTS AND STAFFS

Despite the holiday last week the week itself was a rather hard one on merchants and their staffs. In any event they may be considered as paying rather highly for the Dominion Day holiday. Tuesday being pay night the stores were kept open during the evening. Wednesday being the day before a holiday the stores were open afternoon and evening, despite the usual half holiday on the middle day of the week. And then, of course, the stores were open again Saturday evening, making three open evenings for the week. If this had occurred a couple of weeks ago, it would have been just like Christmas-time,—weather and all. But in view of having winter most of the summer, it may not be so bad to have Christmas part of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Burden, of Toronto, spent the holiday in town the guests of friends here.

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