

### CANADA TO LEAD WORLD IN PRODUCTION OF GOLD

But it will not be for Ten or Twelve years. Estimates Made as to World Production

To those who have seen Canada grow from an insignificant producer of gold to the place of third among the gold-producing countries of the world, estimates and prophecies of what the years will hold are always of deep interest. The matter is dealt with in interesting manner in the last issue of The Northern Miner, as follows:—

"Canada's gold mining production should in 1927 exceed that of the United States. This year, so half-year figures indicate, we will have an output of 40 millions, against their 47 or 48 millions. So next year Canada should step into second place, leaving only the Rand to overcome. And what of the Rand?"

"Judging from what Rand experts say, South African gold production is going to fall off, starting with 1928. It is rather difficult to credit these lugubrious statements, for recent months have broken all Rand production records, and it has been amply demonstrated that a flourishing mining industry has great capacity for prolonging its years through cost reductions and the treatment of low grade ores. Mine life is unsafe ground for the prophets.

"Granting that the experts are practically right, it would appear that the combination of Canadian gold mining growth, if our conservative expectations are fulfilled, and Rand decline, will result in Canada capturing the world series gold pennant about twelve or thirteen years hence. Our output then should be 110 or 120 millions of gold annually. It may be higher. Existing Ontario gold mines will be producing half that amount; we have great faith in the new fields of Patricia, Manitoba and Quebec. We can picture a mine like Noranda producing five or ten millions of gold annually as a side-line to copper and zinc. We would regard it as amazing if no new fields were discovered in North Central Canada and dozens of producers were not brought in. Other provinces such as Nova Scotia should contribute a much enlarged output. There can be little doubt as to the expanding future of Canadian gold mining.

"One dislikes to talk about the misfortunes of another country's gold mining industry, especially so when their decline assist our promotion, but as Englishmen and South Africans are freely venting their views, we may be pardoned for referring to them briefly.

"Sir Robert Kotze recently prepared a special memoir on the life of the mines in the Rand, and gave the following figures as to declining tonnage:

Existing crushing capacity 28,592,000 tons per annum.

After 5 years 21,972,000 tons per annum, 23% reduction.

After 10 years 14,894,000 tons per annum 48% reduction.

After 15 years 5,122,000 tons per annum, 82% reduction.

"Before a meeting of the Chemical, Metallurgical and Mining Society at Johannesburg, H. O. K. Webber, a well-known engineer, said that the zenith of production would be reached under present conditions in 1927, that in 1942 the annual tonnage mined would have fallen by half, and that it would rapidly decline to 4,000,000 tons per annum in 1950. These calculations, he said, were based on present working costs.

"There is some discrepancy between the two estimates. The first brings output, which is now 200 millions annually, down to 40 millions, and the other to 100 millions, fifteen years hence. We would prefer the more hopeful one, not solely because we are optimistic by nature, but because we do not know how much propaganda for lower taxation and other relieving legislation is contained in the statements. As leading English mining journals give prominence to the sombre prophecies, we must conclude that they do contain considerable truth, and that therefore we may confidently look for Canada's becoming the world's leading gold-producing country before we are twelve or thirteen years older."

### POWER, PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRIES AT START

Just in Their Infancy, Says Sir Herbert Holt, President of the Bank of Commerce

Discussing power development in Canada and the pulp and paper industry in London during his recent visit, Sir Herbert Holt declared that both of these industries are in their infancy. Continuing he said:

"The United States is becoming more and more dependent upon the supply of newsprint from the Dominion, and, with the prohibition of the export of power from Quebec and Ontario, American capital and American enterprise are naturally being attracted to the field of Canadian water-power development. It is the old story of Mahomet and the Mountain. United States industrialists cannot secure a supply of power from Canada by transmission, and they are compelled, if they wish to avail themselves of the new and comparatively unexploited resources across the border, to establish plants in the Dominion. Take, for example, the Aluminum Company of America's great project on the Saguenay River, in the Province of Quebec. This company is making an initial investment of \$100,000,000 in the establishment of a plant at a place where water-power is available. The intention is to ship manufactured products to all parts of the world from this branch plant, more particularly the United States, where the rapidly expanding motor-car manufacturing business is calling with an ever increasing demand for aluminum. Had there been no embargo on the transmission of power from Quebec to the United States, in all probability this American corporation, which, by the way, secures its raw material from British Guiana, would not have erected a Canadian plant, with its capacity of 800,000 horse power, and Canada would have been the loser thereby. This applies equally to other American-Canadian developments of this nature.

"With this water-power development proceeding apace, it naturally follows that we have to look further afield for water-power resources. Only recently I made the statement to Mr. Taschereau, the Premier of Quebec, that within 25 years all the water-power within what may be described as the Montreal area, would be under actual development, and that it would then behoove Canadian industries dependent upon water-power to look in other directions within the Dominion for their supply of power. Fortunately, however, there is still a comparatively unlimited supply available, and for many years to come Canadian and American capital will be actively engaged in developing these as yet untapped resources."

Sudbury High School Board in special session confirmed the engagement of L. E. R. Stephens, of Campbellford, Ont., as successor to Mr. R. D. Hutchison, formerly head of the mining class of the Sudbury High and Technical School. Mr. Stephens has accepted the position at an initial salary of \$2,500. His duties commence September 1.

### ANOTHER MUSICIANS' BALL TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 6

Event for the Benefit of the Hockey Club Will be One of the Big Features of the Year.

It will be a long time before the Musicians' Ball, held on June 23rd, for the benefit of the Victorian Order of Nurses, will be forgotten. It was an outstanding event in every way and reflected the very highest credit on the musicians of the camp who were responsible for its success. Accordingly, there will be general interest in the second Musicians' Ball, now announced to be held in the McIntyre Hall, Schumacher, on the evening of Labour Day, Sept. 6th. This event is for the benefit of the Hockey Club, so the cause is a worthy one. As the ball will be looked after by the musicians of the camp it may be taken as a foregone conclusion that it will be a very pleasing event, and all who attend will be delighted with the evening, just as they were in the case of the Musicians' Ball in June. The McIntyre Hall is being used for the event as the largest and best place in the camp available for such events. It is hoped to have a crowd equal to, or larger than, that present at the Musicians' Ball in June. The June event was the largest attended event of its kind ever held in this part of the North, and the event on the evening of Labour Day should equal the record. Details as to the Labour Day dance will be available in the next few weeks.

From a church notice in a western paper: "At the end of the service to-night, the choir will sing a special anthem composed by the organist, after which the church will be closed for a month for necessary repairs."

### WOULD LIKE THE ADVANCE IN ANY KIND OF DRESS

Every honest public-spirited newspaper has a lot of abuse to put up with, while kind words are not nearly so numerous. The reason, of course for this is that those who are friendly disposed naturally wait for some proper occasion before they voice their appreciation, while the ultra-critical and the ill-disposed always find occasion to find fault because their wrong deeds and ill intentions are always being interfered with. The newspaper becomes hardened to the growls of the self-seekers. Indeed, they are looked upon as complimentary on the few occasions when attention is paid to them at all.

The good word, however, is always prized. For this reason The Advance takes particular pleasure in the following kind paragraph from The New Liskeard Speaker:—"The Porcupine Advance banished the plain Roman letter heading and substituted an artistic letter of modern design. We like the new style of letter, but then, we would like The Advance in any kind of dress, old or new."

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"The annual blueberry harvest is now well started and shipments are being made daily by the express companies. The first shipments this year were made on July 23rd, one week later than the first last year. While it is difficult to estimate the amount of the crop at this time, appearances go to show that it will probably be slightly lighter than last year. The berries are not quite ripe yet, those received so far having a proportion of green ones, but they are of good quality. Shipments will continue throughout the present month and well into September and thousands of baskets are yearly sent to various points in Southern Ontario. Both Dominion and Canadian National Express company agents handle the berries and dozens of men, women and children do the picking. The crop shipped so far this year has been gathered chiefly in the neighbourhood of Martineau Bay, the berries ripening in that section ahead of some of the others. Later the west road and other places to the north will contribute their share of the crop."

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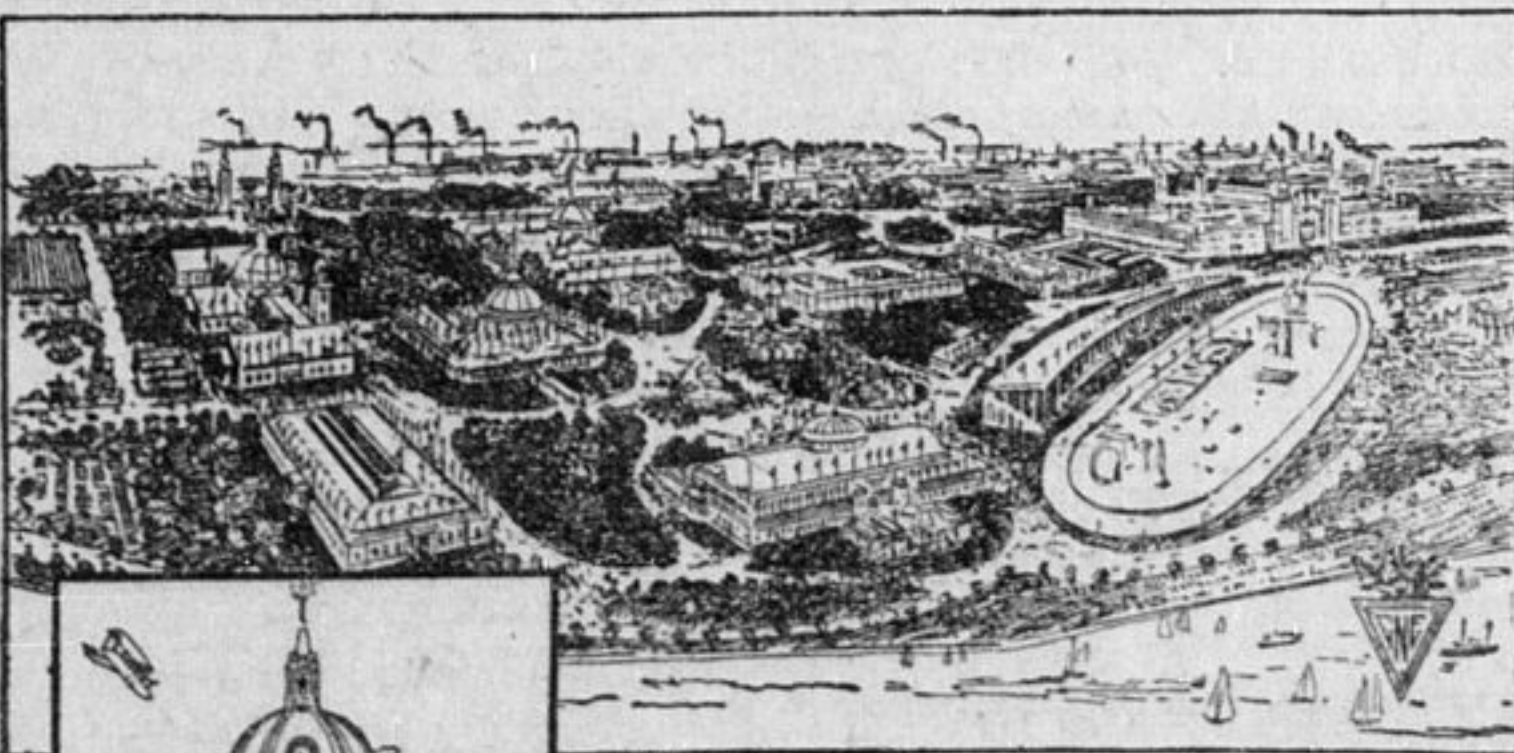
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