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STAKING STAMPEDE NOW IN THE LAKE SAVANT AREA

Many Noted Prospectors Are in the Field, and Big Things are Confidently Expected

There is a regular stampede now on into the Lake Savant area, according to accounts coming in from the North. The taking over by Noranda of the McRea-Simmons Syndicate claims is largely responsible for the present rush. Dealing with the rush the Sioux Lookout Miner in its last issue says:—

"In years gone by, geologists as well as prospectors left the Savant Lake area convinced that gold would be found there some day. That day has arrived. By the entrance of the Noranda interests, who have optioned the McRea-Simmons, and certain Baltimore capital, who have determined to diamond drill the "Crawford" at an early date, there is every likelihood that even before the approach of spring, creditable results will have been achieved. What this will mean to Sioux Lookout may be left to Sioux Outlookers to imagine.

"Another impressive factor inclining to a belief that Savant is not all smoke without fire, is shown in the number of well known prospectors who have staked and are still staking in the area. Men of the breed of Bert Glover, Bert Terrill, Jack Arthur, George Potter (George is a Yukoner of the Sourdough class) Bill Ferguson, Marty Wright—to mention a few—are not easily enthused by the sight of a little gold, but, in this case, they have become excited, and of them, it may be said that they, in great part, incarnate the prospecting intelligence of the north. In other words, they are "live wires," and where they lead, other willingly follow, sure of the blazed trail ahead. In this connection, take Tom Currie and his partner, Barnum, both of whom are field representatives of the Consolidated Smelters. Last summer and fall they travelled over much of the territory enclosed within the Red Lake Mining Division without staking a single claim. They scouted over Woman Lake, Narrow Lake, Clearwater, Birch and other lakes—all good prospecting country with a future some distance off, they conjectured—but it wasn't until they landed in Lake Savant, late in the fall, that they felt confident. Those magnificent shear zones in the widespread Keewatin complex which form the eastern shore lines of Savant, particularly fascinated them, so much so, indeed that at the present time they are already far advanced in the initial stages—camp buildings, teaming in supplies, etc., of a winter's intensive examination of the considerable acreage they filed on. They staked a short distance north-east of the McRea-Simmons—within a couple of miles.

"To men who have spent days on the trail of Red Lake and other sectors north of Gold Mines, the most impressive feature about the Lake Savant area is its nearness to a railroad. It is little more than the distance men used to hike between Swastika, on the T. & N.O. track and Gull Lake, which lies about a mile east of Kirkland Lake—a forenoon's hike and nothing more. Therein lies a big drawing card for Savant—for nearness of transportation is of the very nature of high-grade ore to a gold property just beginning to operate."

HUMANE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY THIS WEEK

Tomorrow (Friday) evening the annual meeting of the District of Cochrane Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (usually known as the Humane Society) will be held in the town hall, Fourth avenue, opposite The Advance office. A review of the work of the year will be given together with reports by the officers, etc. There will also be the annual election of officers for the ensuing term. A specially large and representative attendance is desired. All members who have subscription books are asked to be sure to turn them in before this meeting.

MOTION NOT ALLOWED IN DISPUTE OVER CHILD

Toronto, Ont. Jan. 4—The motion of John McColeman, of North Bay, to have his wife Eva McColeman, committed to jail for alleged disobedience of a court order regarding the custody of their infant son, is not allowed by a judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Kelly, at Osgoode Hall today. The alleged disobedience was to an order of Mr. Justice Mowat, who, in June last, after he had heard the evidence of the couple's marital troubles, gave their child into the custody of the mother, on condition that the father could have him for not more than one day in every two weeks by giving the mother proper notice. The mother was also to keep her husband informed as to any change of the child's whereabouts. The father recently wrote to his wife that he was coming to visit the son, but when he arrived the child was in Windsor. He claimed that he had not been notified of the move, and based his action on this fact.

A new gaol is to be built in North Bay by the Provincial Government. The present gaol has been inadequate and out-of-date for considerable time.



O'Farrell

NEW LEADER OF CARDS
 Latest picture of Bob O'Farrell, who was appointed manager of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals in succession to Roger Hornsby. Three seasons ago O'Farrell was a second string catcher, moping most of the summer on the Chicago bench. A few weeks ago he was voted the most valuable player in the National League.

REPORT OF S.S. 1 DELORO FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

Sr. III—Finley McEwen, 75. Hunter McKenzie 66.
 Jr. III—Helen Rickard 56.
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 Sr. Primer—Nora St. Denis, Billy Hudson.
 Jr. Primer—Shirleigh Doelle, Henri St. Denis.
 Best in arithmetic—Hervi St. Denis.
 Perfect attendance for the term—Dorothy Doelle, Shirleigh Doelle, Jean I Ferguson.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. MATTHEW'S SENIOR W.A.

The Senior Women's Auxiliary of St. Matthew's Church held their annual meeting in the basement of the church on Thursday afternoon Jan. 6th. The following officers were elected for the coming year:—
 President—Mrs. T. E. Pritchard.
 Vice-President—Mrs. H. L. Traver.
 Secretary—Mrs. P. C. Young.
 Treasurer—Mrs. F. C. H. Simms.
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 Baby Branch Secretary—Mrs. N. Leaman.
 Assistant—Mrs. Morgan.
 Deacons Secretary—Mrs. J. C. Dumbrille.
 Delegate Fund Secretary—Mrs. G. S. Lowe.
 The past year's work has been very gratifying, and a good year's work is looked forward to for 1927.

CITY OF ST. THOMAS, ONT. LEARNS ABOUT WHISKERINO

The famous Charley Grill, formerly of Timmins, sends The Advance a copy of The St. Thomas Times-Journal to show that the people of that railroad city are duly informed of the doings of the world. The Times-Journal has a reference to the most important event in Canada in the month of December—the Whiskerino Contest. The Times-Journal publishes a picture of the first six prize winners in this contest, under the heading: "In the days when Whiskers are a Novelty." Under the picture of the six noblemen is published the following paragraph:—"The photographs above are not those of a galaxy of European diplomats, but of the prize winners in the historic hirsutal marathon which closed at Timmins, Ontario, recently. In the upper row the winning contestants are shown as they faced the judges in all the full glory of their facial foliage. In the lower row they are shown, in the same order, after they had been partially shaved and left with a dapper Vandyke tuft each. From left to right, the six men are:—Pat O'Gorman, first; Wm. Cossington, second; David Maxwell, third; W. D. McIntyre, fourth; D. Lavigne, fifth; and J. M. Belanger, sixth."

DOG TRAVELLED THIRTY MILES TO GET BACK TO HIS HOME

The following interesting incident is recorded last week by The New Liskeard Speaker:—
 "We have frequently mentioned cases of domestic animals having been shipped or taken away to be given homes in new places, finding their way back to their homes. We did not mention the case of Mr. John McFarlane's dog. It was sent from the farm near New Liskeard to Mr. McFarlane's son's, several miles beyond Charlton, about 30 miles away. It was taken on the train, but came back to its old home alone."

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NO DOUBT HE SAYS THAT BIGGER ONE DID GET AWAY

Everybody in this part of the country who has talked to anyone who has been in the Red Lake district has heard about the monster fish that may be seen and caught in that area. In reply to this suggestion, no doubt, those who have been to Red Lake will say that all who visit the district see big fish every time they look in a creek, river or lake, and every time a meal of fish is eaten, the fish is sure to be a whopper. Apparently when a man in the Red Lake area catches a small fish or even an ordinary-size one he throws it back in the water with the injunction, "Get back there, sonnie, and grow up and I'll get you a few years from now!" With all the talk about the big fish in the Red Lake district it is only natural that some people should come to believe that there are no small fish up there, and others look at it all differently and hope that the men who go to Red Lake will not exaggerate the size of their gold finds as much as they appear to exaggerate the size of the Red Lake fish. The late Neh Faulkenham was one of the first to tell about the big fish up there. Neh was clever enough always to find something good to say about a country without stretching the truth. Neh maintained that the fish in the Red Lake country streams and lakes were real whoppers. To anyone who looked at all doubtful he would say:—"Well, just to show you, I'll bring you down a big fish some time. Then you'll know what a Red Lake district fish really looks like." Neh passed away before he had an opportunity to make good his promise. It seems that another prospector, Bert Terrill, found similar doubters about the fish stories, and he has proven his point by submitting a sample. The Haileyburian last week told the story in the following paragraph:—

"Apparently taking to heart some of the jibes that were levelled at his tales of big fish to be caught in Lake Savant, Bert Terrill arrived in town this week from a recent trip to that section, bringing with him one of the monsters in the flesh. It is a thirty-pound lake trout, caught through the ice of the lake in the neighborhood of the recent gold discoveries in that district. Those who scoffed at the stories of the big fish are now being convinced their laughter was ill-timed, for Bert has the proof. This is contrary to the general run of fish stories, as it is usually the big ones that get away."

MOONBEAM ELECTS ITS REEVE BY BIG MAJORITY

At the recent municipal election at Moonbeam, west of Cochrane on the C.N.R., the Reeve and Councillors were elected with comparatively large majorities. Mr. C. Desgrossiers was elected Reeve by a particularly large majority, receiving 77 votes against 15 for his opponent, W. Caron. The councillors elected were:—J. Girouard, 75 votes; Ed. Larouche, 70 votes; J. A. Turcotte, 63 votes; A. Leonard, 32 votes.

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