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Minister of Lands and Forests.

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35-5-8 Toronto, January 21st, 1927.

MUTUAL LIFE HAS BEST YEAR IN ITS HISTORY

Largest Volume of Business Written, and Largest Net Earnings Included in Proud Record

The largest net earnings in its history is the proud record of the Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada for 1926, as shown by its Fifty-seventh Annual Statement, published to-day.

The year was also rendered distinctive by the writing of the largest volume of new business in the Company's history, totalling slightly over fifty million dollars, and by the reduction in the ratio of expense to income to the lowest point in the Company's history, namely, 15.11%.

The net earnings of the Company in 1926 amounted to \$4,141,375.70, an increase over the preceding year of \$244,393.29. This amount is the most important item in the entire statement, inasmuch as in it all the transactions of the year are involved. The surplus or net earnings constitute the final result of the year's business and the Policyholders who constitute the Company will benefit exclusively.

Although The Mutual Life of Canada has long had a reputation as an economically-managed Company, the management succeeded in bettering all previous records in this respect in 1926, when the ratio of expense to income decreased from 15.23% to 15.11%. This showing is all the more remarkable when it is considered in conjunction with the fact that no less than \$60,039,348 of new assurances was issued during 1926, an increase of \$4,465,771 over the preceding year and constituting the largest volume of new business written in the Company's history.

The writing of such a volume of new business necessary meant a large outlay and the reduction of the expense ratio, in the light of this showing, is all the more gratifying.

The net increase in business in force was \$31,540,437, leaving the total of policies in force at \$354,069,722, after allowing for terminations amounting to \$24,334,256.

Altogether the Policyholders of The Mutual Life of Canada have reason to look back upon 1926 as a crowning year and may reasonably look forward to 1927 as likely to equal if not surpass, its predecessor, as all signs point to marked prosperity during the year of Canada's Diamond Jubilee, in which the Company completes its fifty-seventh year.

The Northern News last week says: "Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell of Powassan are visiting at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell, Coniagas property. They also visited in Timmins and Kirkland Lake. They were accompanied here by their daughter, Mrs. O. Chenier, of Timmins."

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BEARS AND GROUNDHOGS AS WEATHER PROPHETS

Scientists Scorn the Theory About Hibernating Animals Seeing Their Shadows on Candlemas Day

In countries like the North Land where meteorological appliances are not readily available there is naturally a tendency to decide upon the probability of future weather by watching what may be termed more natural signs. For instance, Mr. Mac Lang, M.P. for Temiskaming, once when he was member for Cochrane riding in the Ontario legislature, made the busy beavers famous by quoting them publicly as weather prophets. He foretold a hard winter or an easy winter (he will have forgotten which, by now) because the beaver had a big supply of food laid up, or vice versa, (it is immaterial which). The odd part of such prognostication is that few people indeed ever remember the exact terms of the prophecy, or whether in the end it is supported by the facts as they develop.

Among the beliefs commonly held by many who travel the trails or live close to nature is the idea that on Candlemas Day, Feb. 2nd, the duration of the winter is definitely settled. One story has it that the groundhog comes out of his dug-out and if he sees his shadow he turns back for another long sleep, but if no shadow is visible he gets ready for an early spring, and so should all the world. Other weather prognosticators rely upon the bear. Still others set their faith in the badger. The scientific gentlemen, however, say that neither bear, badger or groundhog have a thing to do with it. That it is all bull! More polite scientific gents class the popular method of forecasting the weather as unadulterated bunk. However, a great many people will continue to pin their trust in the natural signs as they see them, and all the talk of the scientific gentlemen will not weaken their beliefs. As the beliefs, whether right or wrong, have no influence on the weather, there does not seem to be any reason why the scientists and the "naturalists" alike should not hold their different views, and all be contented. The question is of more than passing interest, and so many will find entertainment in reading the editorial published last week in The Mail & Empire on the question. The editorial is as follows:—

"There is a widespread belief, that apparently neither science nor experience can destroy, which connects Candlemas Day with the subsequent weather. The belief is that if February 2 is cloudy the weather for the rest of the month and for March will be mild, and that there will be an early Spring. If, on the contrary, the weather is clear, 'we'll have two Winters in the year,' as the doggerel says. It is supposed that about this time of the year various hibernating animals wake and emerge from their holes or dens to take a look around. If they see their shadows they immediately retire and go to sleep once more; if not, they come into the open, knowing that Spring is not far off. It is in vain that meteorologists say there is not a grain of truth in this superstition, that it has not any more respectable basis than the superstition that horsehairs put in a tub of water will turn into snakes, or that the handling of toads is the cause of warts. The superstition took its rise in England when many other superstitions long since exploded were currently believed. But in England the animal that was looked to as a weather prophet was the badger. In Canada and the United States the groundhog was accepted as the forecaster. In some places it is the bear that is supposed to establish the weather for the ensuing two or three months.

"It is probable that in England, where Spring comes much earlier than

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in Canada, there may be discernible about the first week in February some slight indication that Winter's grip is relaxing, and that for many generations those who know the signs would be looking for them. But it is much harder to believe that for any considerable sequence of years, long for a superstition to become established, there would be cloudy or bright days followed invariably by an early or a late Spring. We would suppose it to be a rare February day indeed when the sun would shine in every part of England. Equally phenomenal would be the day which would be either bright or cloudy in all parts of Canada. Yet the badger or groundhog is supposed to give the key for the weather, from one part of the country to the other, and here its sway is over a whole continent. If groundhogs and bears roused from their Winter sleep February 2nd, they would be extremely likely to starve to death before the first Spring grasses and berries came along, no matter whether the day was clear or overcast. But common sense, common experience and the statistics of science seem to be unavailing against the imperishable old wives' tale. Those reading their daily newspapers fifty or a hundred years from now will be gravely perusing the weather prospects as presaged by the behavior of bears, badgers and groundhogs on February 2nd."

BALANCE OF MATCHES IN THE MINES LEAGUE HOCKEY

The following are the matches on the Mines League schedule still to be played:—

Thursday, Feb. 10—McIntyre at Hollinger.

Monday, Feb. 14—South Porcupine at McIntyre.

Thursday, Feb. 17—South Porcupine at Hollinger.

Monday, Feb. 21—McIntyre at South Porcupine.

Thursday, Feb. 24—Hollinger at McIntyre.

Monday, Feb. 28—South Porcupine at Hollinger.

"NEW ERA IN CANADIAN MINING NOW AT HAND."

In his address at the annual meeting of the Dominion Bank recently, the President, Mr. A. W. Austin said:—

"Our mining industry is attracting more and more the attention of the investor, and development in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba is going forward on a scale far exceeding any similar movement in the past. New discoveries are constantly being made and as yet the surface of this vast wealth has scarcely been touched. There is every reason for saying that a new era in Canadian mining is at hand, the extent of which we cannot begin to foretell."

LOCAL SYNDICATE SELLS RED LAKE AREA CLAIMS

The Price for an Eighty-five per cent. Interest is Understood to Run Into Six Figures

Mr. P. A. Macanlay, of Timmins, and associates last week completed the deal whereby they sold 85 per cent. of their interest in the claims known as the Vienott-McLean claims. These claims are at East Clearwater Lake in the Woman Lake section of the Red Lake Area. The claims have been considered by those in a position to know as among the most promising in the area. The returns from the work done on them has been most encouraging and it is not surprising that mining and financial interest of importance became interested in the property. After investigation and consideration the deal was duly completed, and it is understood that work will be taken up at once on the claims and the property fully tested out. The price paid for the claims has not been made public but it is understood to run into six figures, so it may properly be classed as a favourable one. That the syndicate has confidence and faith in the property is proven by the fact that a fifteen per cent. interest in the property has been retained.

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AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE AMBULANCE BRIGADE

Meetings of Timmins Division Held Every Evening from 6.15 to 7.30 p.m. in the Skating Rink

Meetings of the Timmins Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade are held every evening from 6.15 to 7.30 p.m., in the nice warm room at the Skating Rink, and every Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. The room at the rink has generously been placed at the disposal of the Brigade by the Hollinger Mine officials. A hearty invitation is given to all who are interested in the work.

The objects of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, as outlined by one of the local members here, are:—

1. To afford holders of the first aid certificates from the St. John Ambulance Association opportunities for meeting together for ambulance practice, with the object of combining individual effort for the public advantage.
2. To render first aid to the sick and injured on public occasions, with the sanction of the police and other authorities, and to maintain in readiness for such duty a body of trained men so qualified to act.
3. To enrol a body of civilians, qualified in first aid, and trained in ambulance drill or nursing duties, willing to be placed at the disposal of the military and other authorities as a supplement to the public services, in case of necessity, either at home or abroad.
4. To train men in ambulance transport duties.
5. To develop and promote every means of rendering aid to the injured.

ANOTHER PLANE ADDED TO RED LAKE SERVICE.

Another plane has been added to the Red Lake route, so instead of Red Lake gold camp being a back number or a dead one, it is certainly promising fair to be a lively one again. There is much activity at the present time in the Red Lake field. Despatches last week from Hudson pointed out that some idea of the increasing volume of passengers and express which is arriving daily in Hudson for the northern gold fields may be gathered from the fact that although a giant monoplane is making two trips north daily it, has been found necessary to place another plane of the same type in the service. In the past few days many prominent mining men have flown in from Hudson, among them being Mr. W. Ringsleben, geologist for the Hollinger Consolidated accompanied by a party of men who will go over the Hill claims located on Clear Water Lake, and also the Henry claims on Woman Lake, on which claims they hold options, as well as the well-known Jackson-Manion claims on Woman Lake, where a camp will be established and preparations made for the arrival of the diamond drills. J. A. Lindsay, representing an Ottawa syndicate, also took in a party by plane to start operations on their claims on Narrow Lake.

Dr. Cameron is the president of the branch of the Canadian Legion organized recently at Kirkland Lake. Mr. L. J. Irvine is the secretary.

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