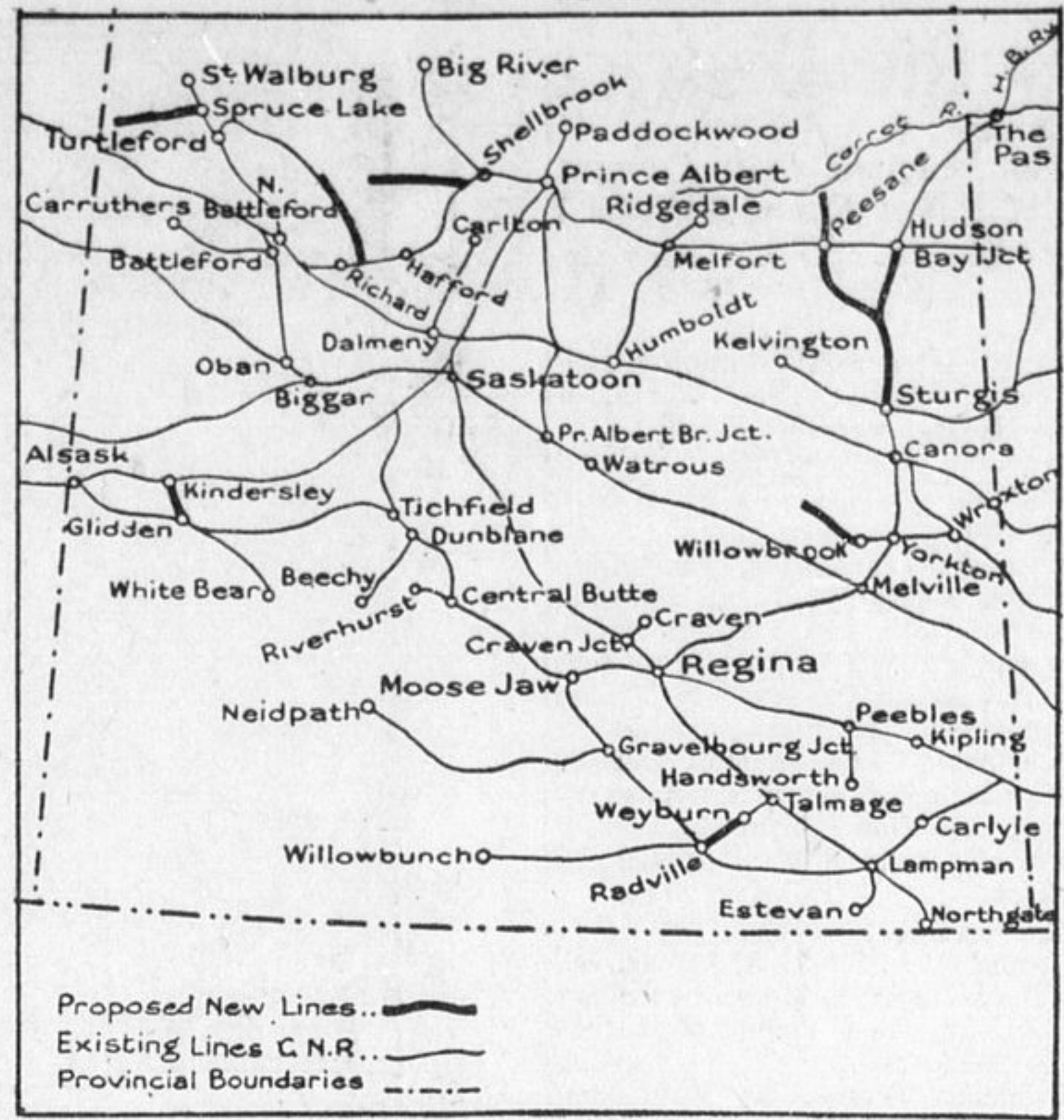


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**MR. CYRIL T. YOUNG, C.N.R., IS GIVEN HIGH HONOUR**  
Mr. Cyril T. Young, Superintendent of Development of the C.N.R., and well-known in this North Land, has just been made a "Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society." The honour has been conferred upon him as a consequence of his work in connection with the preparation of a C.N.R. booklet—"Mineral Resources."  
This Geographical Society is a very old one and has a total membership of 5,000 Fellows, only forty of whom are resident in Canada. It recognizes men who have been explorers, particularly those who have broadcast valuable information as a result of their exploration and field knowledge. Among its Toronto members are Dr. MacIntosh Bell and H. K. Wickstead formerly Chief Engineer of the Canadian Northern.  
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stamped envelopes for the return of the answers. The answers are carefully examined, the necessary corrections and explanations made, and they are returned to the pupils. The courses are free, and all books and supplies are provided by the department, yet the cost per enrolled pupil is small compared with the cost per enrolled pupil in the elementary schools of the province. It should be clearly understood, however, that these courses are not intended to interfere in any way with existing school arrangements; nor are they intended to take the place of schools where such are needed and where conditions make it possible and advisable to establish them.

children who cannot attend school. They are more and better than we expected."

**SACRED CONCERT AT S.A. HALL, MONDAY, APRIL 4th**

Schumacher United Church choir is to give a benefit concert in the Salvation Army Hall, Timmins, on Monday evening, April 4th, commencing at 8 p.m. Rev. Mr. Kennedy will occupy the chair, and the programme will be a very attractive one. The Schumacher United Church choir is a very capable musical organization and the programme they will present will be sure to please all attending. In giving this concert the Schumacher United Church choir is showing a very commendable spirit of friendliness and helpfulness, and this no doubt will be appreciated by the public in general. In any event their good music will prove a delight to all who attend the concert on April 4th.

**BIG CROWD ATTENDS THE LANCASHIRE CLUB DANCE**

One of the biggest crowds of the season was on hand at the Lancashire Club's semi-monthly dance on Saturday last, the event being a Hard Times dance, open to the public. The proceeds of the evening were given to the Lancashire Football team, and the latter netted a neat little sum as a result.

The dance being held on a special shopping day, there were not many present in costume, but those who did come specially attired were very good. The judges had a difficult task, but finally gave the prizes to Mrs. J. Gordon and Mr. Richards, these being very popular decisions with the crowd. The A.S.D. orchestra gave a very generous supply of the best of dance music, and the evening was voted the best held so far this season.

During the evening President H. Unsworth announced that the vice-president had resigned and that nominations were open to be voted for at the general meeting on April 2nd. There would be very important business before the members and he requested a full attendance. There will be the usual dance following the business part of the programme. The meeting is called for 8 p.m. sharp. Visitors will be admitted strictly by invitation only.

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"To a considerable extent the success of the correspondence system depends on the co-operation of the parents. But while it is essential that the parents or some one in the home should be able to speak or read English well enough to help the children to understand their lessons, particularly those in the primer and first book, it is not necessary that they be well educated to do so. Even where the parents have very little education but have a keen desire to assist in every way they possibly can, splendid results are being achieved.

"While the correspondence system of education may have some disadvantages as compared with the ordinary school system it also has some advantages. Studying alone, as they do, the pupils learn to use books, also how to concentrate and how to figure out things for themselves. Because of this they will grow more alert and more mentally self-reliant than the average child. As the answers to the lesson assignments are all written those who examine and correct the answer papers endeavour to have the pupils put down their work neatly and accurately. This is also a valuable training. The absence of the personal touch afforded by the schoolroom is at least partly overcome by the numerous letters that pass between the homes of the pupils and those in charge of the courses in the department of education.

"These courses undoubtedly provide an opportunity to a large number of children to enjoy the benefits of education who otherwise would be unable to secure any such advantage. They will also help to bring these isolated homes into touch with a world beyond their own limited horizon and to inspire those who occupy them with new hopes and ambitions.

"The results so far have been very gratifying. The pupils have been prompt in the return of their answers and show constant improvement in their work, while the parents have shown a splendid spirit of co-operation. It would appear that the average child will complete the public school course as quickly by the correspondence lessons as he would in a well-conducted school. Many letters of appreciation have been received and it is believed that the correspondence courses are destined to prove a great educational blessing to isolated families. Particularly will they be of benefit to pioneer settlers in sparsely-settled districts in the northern parts of the province until such time as conditions make it possible to provide schools.

The following are quotations from some of the letters received from parents whose children are taking the correspondence courses:

"I think these correspondence courses are just splendid and such a boon to folks who have not a school close enough to send their children to."

"I thank you for your assistance and kindness in sending the lessons this winter. They helped my son and daughter very much."

"I am very pleased with the children's lessons. They seem to be taking a deep interest in them and are getting along nicely."

"I thank you very much for the lessons. I think my son learns just as well, if not better, than if he attended school."

"The correspondence courses are just what is needed. You do not know what great good these courses are to

**Correspondence Courses Now Assisting over 300 Children**

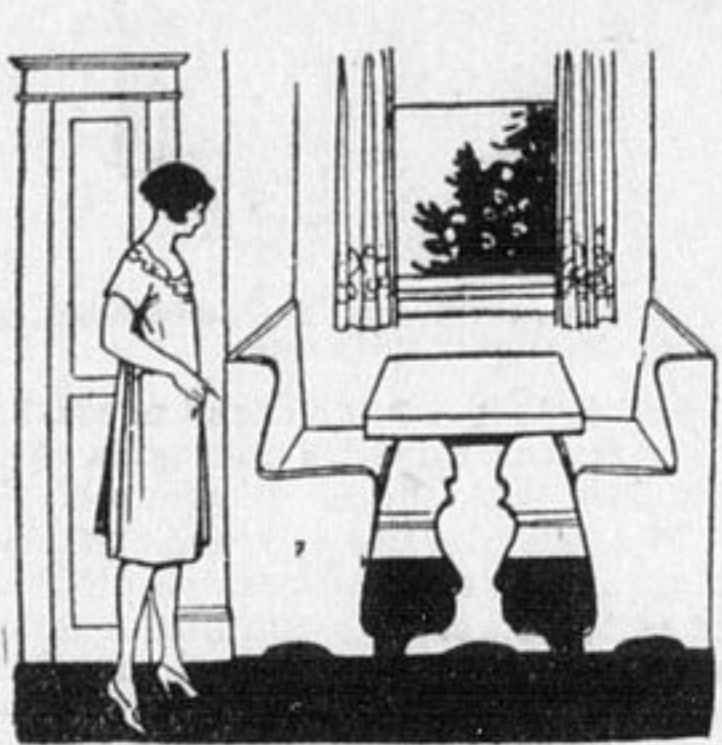
Striking Success Being Achieved by Experiment Introduced by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson. A Genuine Blessing for Youngsters in Isolated Districts. Those in Charge of Courses Helping to Noteworthy Success of Plan.

Because the Correspondence Courses for the education of children in the sparsely-settled districts of Ontario may be termed one of the children of The Advance, this newspaper first advocating the plan, and then securing the co-operation of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and then the attention of the Premier, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Education, The Advance has more than once suggested that the Government has not received the publicity and commendation deserved for the successful innovation of this beneficial plan. Accordingly there is very decided pleasure in seeing The Toronto Star devote nearly two columns to a reference to the Correspondence Courses. The Star's article deals so fully and so sympathetically with the plan and its success that The Ad-

vance herewith reproduces it in full: "In the great province of Ontario, with its vast northern districts being opened up for settlement and development, it is not surprising to find many families living in remote places out of reach of any school and where conditions make it impossible for the present to establish schools. In 1925 the district school inspectors, after a special survey of their inspectorates, reported that there were many children of school age living in isolated parts of the province without educational opportunities of any kind. "In view of this fact the minister of education decided to inaugurate a system of correspondence courses for the benefit of isolated families who are situated so far from any school that the children are unable to attend for the whole or the greater part of the year. Under the existing circumstances this was considered to be the best means of bringing to them the educational opportunities to which they are entitled. The courses were begun early in 1926, and already over 300 pupils have been enrolled, comprising pupils from 6 to 18 years of age—a few being older. These are in the various grades from primer to fourth book. New applications are coming in every day.

"Through the school inspectors and from other sources the department of education received information concerning families who are out of reach of a school. Upon receipt of such information application forms are sent to them. These are filled out in detail telling what previous instruction, if any, each child concerned may have in each branch of public school work. The child is then started in the grade which the data warrant and lessons are sent accordingly.

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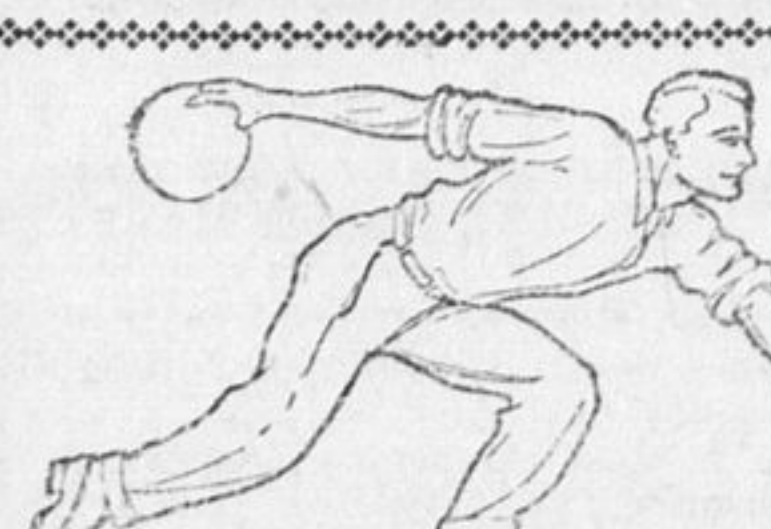
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