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POWER FROM GOWGANDA FROM SHININGTREE MINES

Steam Plant Used Up to the Present, But Now Prospects are Good for Big Development.

There is further argument for Mr. H. A. Preston's proposal for the Northern Belt line of roads in the despatch given below. The development of the Shiningtree area will mean much for the North, and this development will be encouraged and hastened by proper transportation facilities. With power and the necessary road service, Shiningtree should make great strides. The whole North would be benefitted by this. As Mr. Preston has pointed out, only three short strips of road need be built to make the belt line of roads for this North Land. With this belt line of road Shiningtree would have good road connection with Sudbury and also with Timmins. While Sudbury would get the business from Shiningtree, there would be advantage to the whole North in indirect way through the impetus given to development. The despatch in question was sent out last week from Sudbury and read as follows:—

"With the renewed interest in the copper deposits of Connaught Township and the Shiningtree district, due to the activities of the Timmins' interests, mining companies are again focussing their attention on the mineral which first led to the opening up of the Shiningtree district. Several gold mines are being put in readiness for the expected coming of power from Gowganda. In the opinion of old-timers, the future of Shiningtree looks brighter than in the past eight years. Work on the pole line has been re-started, and with a crew of fifty men on the job, it is

expected to have the line finished to Gowganda by June 1st. Plans are under way to rush to completion the erection of poles and transmission lines and have all in readiness for operations. This will entail the construction of some twenty miles of line.

"Lack of power has for years hindered the development of the Shiningtree properties. Many of the owners express confidence in their gold holdings, but so far have had only steam power, and the little development work done soon exhausted the supplies of wood fuel. Operators have anxiously awaited the building of the line from West Shiningtree to Gowganda, and with this practically an assured fact are commencing to renovate buildings and in at least one instance drill the property. The power line to Gowganda was commenced last year by William McVittie, of Sudbury, and about eight miles of road was cleared. The crews will be increased this year and the work speeded up.

"Of all the gold prospects in the Shiningtree district, only one, the White Rock, has a stamp mill capable of producing. The others are still very much in the development stage. Some have shafts sunk and hoisting machinery on the properties, but have been held up for power facilities. The Buckingham Mine is showing signs of activity, and at present a gang of men are on the place putting the buildings in shape and apparently preparing for further work. Men have also been working at the Atlas and Kingston mines. The Gibson Gold Mines, Ltd., owned by Buffalo interests are intending to drill the property it is understood, and, if the power scheme goes through to thoroughly prove the mineralized zone. The Churchill Mining and Milling Company already have men on the job and are planning to continue the work started last Fall, in an effort to prove up the values of the ore bodies. Altogether, the camp is taking on signs of life, and other operations will be under way again soon, it is expected."

HALF MILLION SHIPPED BY KIRKLAND LAKE MINES.

One day last week the mines of Kirkland Lake sent out not far under half a million dollars in gold bullion. Wright-Hargreaves, Lake Shore and Teek-Hughes all made shipments on the same day. It was noted that the little stack of yellow bricks was accompanied over the five-mile road to Swastika by men who were armed.

"EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS" PICTURES AT NEW EMPIRE

The management of the New Empire Theatre, take pleasure in announcing the showing this week-end, Good Friday and Saturday, of the official motion pictures of the International "Eucharistic Congress," bringing a dramatic episode of history to the screen for the first time, being officially presented by His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein, and prepared by Fox Films.

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Travel Permits Favoured by Forestry Convention

Gathering of District Foresters, Chief Rangers and Others Connected with the Forestry Service, at Sudbury, Last Week. Many Questions of Interest and Importance Discussed.

The Ontario Forestry Convention, held at Sudbury last week, went on record as strongly favouring direct supervision of tourist travelers in the woods of Northern Ontario by means of travel permits. This was probably the outstanding item in regard to the convention, at least for the first day's sessions.

Mr. E. J. Zavitz, Deputy Minister of Forestry for Ontario, was present at the convention and expressed himself as personally in favour of the permit plan though he could not say what legislative action might be taken. Travel permits and the regulation and supervision of tourist traffic in the bush has been under discussion by the Government for some years. The question received considerable attention at the convention last week when F. A. McDougall, District Forester at Sault Ste. Marie, presented a paper on travel permits and outlined the benefits derived through their use in the Sault area last year. Mr. MacDougall pointed out that the travel permit system gave the forest rangers a direct hold upon the tourists, so that if a fire broke out in the region they were known to be in, responsibility could be traced. He added that travel permits were also a great aid to the tourists in case of accidents. The permits used by Mr. MacDougall were simple but concise, recording the name of the tourist, his home address and destination. In this manner certain statistics were compiled showing that about 75 per cent of the tourists in the Soo district came from the United States. With this before them, Mr. MacDougall said, it was possible to centralize the forest fire prevention publicity. It was the general feeling of the meeting that tourists and settlers were responsible for many of the fires in the bush and that by means of travel permits the fire hazard from tourists could be materially decreased.

C. A. Stewart, District Forester for Sudbury, advised the foresters that they should prepare to close the forests against tourists during any particularly hazardous period. Mr. Stewart and other speakers thought that this step should be made possible by special legislation in order to remove tourists on short notice. It was also felt that the travel permit plan could be popularized if fire rangers were provided with maps and other information for the benefit of tourists. The general opinion of the experienced foresters present was that a permit system was really a necessity.

Reports were made upon the work of the foresters during the past winter and time was also given to the examination of different style pumps for fire-fighting purposes.

One of the features of the convention was the address by Mr. Zavitz. He gave a brief resume of the improvement achieved in forest fire prevention methods in the past 15 years. He emphasized the fact that forest fire prevention was an all-year-round undertaking and not a thing to be dealt with for only a few months in the year as was formerly believed. Mr. Zavitz pointed out how the lumberman had objected to Government control of forest fire prevention in the early days of 1917 but that the lumbermen were now in accord with the plan and were yearly offering constructive criticism. It was suggested that lumbermen be invited to attend future meetings.

"C. R. Mills, assistant to Mr. Zavitz, gave a detailed outline of plans for the coming season. He stated that the Department had considerable money to spend this year and would

embark upon an extensive building programme. Nine new steel towers, 350 miles of telephone line and other improvements were on tap. Mr. Mills also spoke of the good work done by Mr. Zavitz. He also mentioned that the yellow and black fire prevention signs as used in Ontario had won first prize in a continent-wide contest for the best fire posters.

That securing co-operation in fire prevention from the lumbermen was a matter of personal relationship, was emphasized by W. R. Haddow, District Forester at Oba. Mr. Haddow pointed out that complete co-operation with the lumbermen and pulp operators was of prime importance if the Forestry Department's efforts were to be crowned with success. He illustrated his point by reference to the cordial feeling which existed between lumbermen and fire rangers in Algonquin Park. "That spirit of mutual interest and aid makes the whole fire protection machinery run smoothly. The lumbermen are anxious with us to prevent the occurrence of fires. We are only valuable where we preserve a permanent forest production," said Mr. Haddow.

The possibilities in detail of forest fire protection through the use of airship service were referred to very effectively by Major C. J. Clayton, of Sault Ste. Marie, and Mr. R. N. Johnson, of Toronto. Major Clayton discussed the inadequacy of the Curtiss H.S. 2L planes for patrol work. They had, Major Clayton said, many defects and were fast becoming obsolete. Mr. Zavitz reported that four new "Moth" planes had been purchased from England and would be used this year for experimental purposes. The references to the airship service in forest patrol were received with special interest.

W. D. Cram, Fire Inspector at Sioux Lookout, Ont., spoke of the hardships of forest fire prevention work in the Red Lake district. He mentioned the pioneer work being accomplished in establishing airplane bases and in fighting fires under severe handicaps. Planes, he said, were of great benefit in that section where canoe transportation was slow and tedious. Mr. Cram was one of the delegates who evidently valued the airship service.

A number of other questions were dealt with, some of which are referred to elsewhere in this issue.

Among those attending the convention were:—E. J. Zavitz, Deputy Minister of Forestry, Toronto; C. R. Mills, Assistant Deputy, Toronto; G. M. Dallyn, of the Canadian Forestry Association, Ottawa; L. M. Chesley



TIMMINS BRANCH

A meeting of the combined committees of the local branch of the Canadian Legion is called for to-night at 8.00 p.m. in the Kingston Hotel.

The following committees are requested to be present:—All Branch Officers, Entertainment, Finance and Advisory Committees.

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Dr. J. Mackintosh Bell is expected back to Toronto about April 16th from his visit to London, England, and other European centres, where he was consulting with other Huronian Belt Co. officials.

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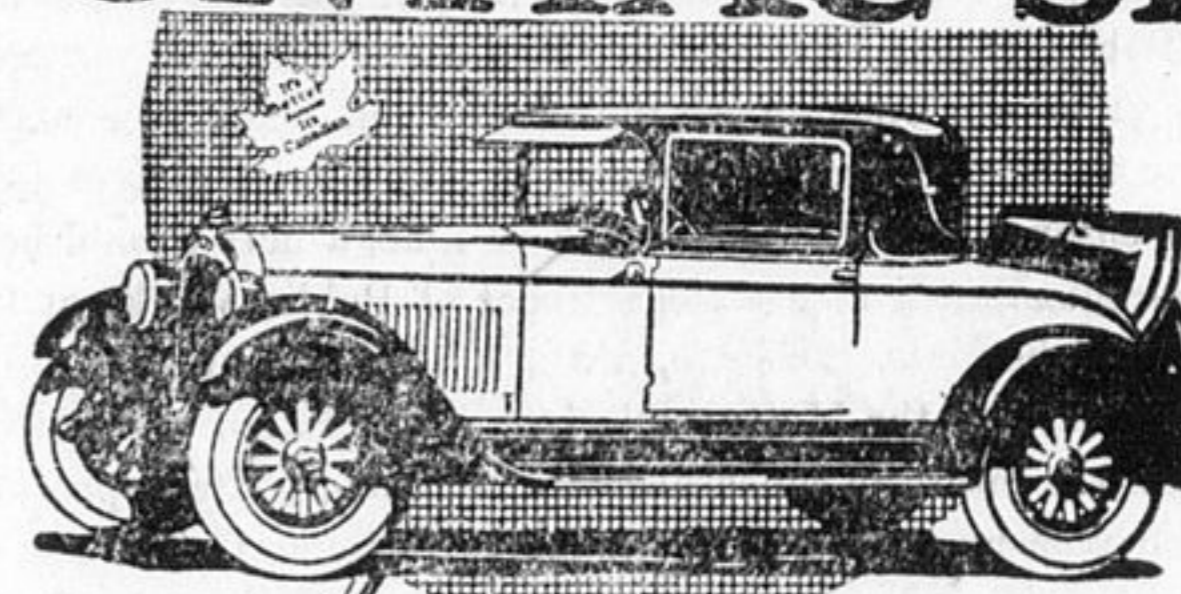
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