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LARGE CROWD AND GOOD PRICES AT SATURDAY'S SALE

The public auction of household goods, etc., on Saturday last at 38 Fourth avenue attracted a big crowd of buyers. The auctioneer was Mr. W. H. Warren and he secured very good prices for practically everything offered. The best bargain of the day was the sale of an orthophonic Victor, practically new, for \$73.00, the price a few months ago being close to \$300.00. Carpets, bedroom, livingroom and kitchen furniture and furnishings all brought good prices.

FLOCK OF GEESE SPEND DAY HERE ON WAY NORTH

Tuesday morning a flock of wild geese dropped down on the "cyanide" near the Hollinger power house. They appeared to be very tired and determined to rest up. Men in the vicinity found the geese quite tame and not at all disturbed by a little "shoo"-ing. They allowed men to walk quite close to them, and while they actually walked out of the way on the approach of humans, they did not walk far. There were about 100 birds in the flock, thus stopping on their way north for a rest, in sight of the world's greatest individual gold mine and the most progressive town in the North. The birds attracted much attention here, several ladies going over on Tuesday afternoon to photograph the flock.

EXPECT HIGHWAY TO BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 1

The following from an issue of The Mail & Empire last week may be taken as about official:—
"The awarding of the contract for the final 25 miles of the great trunk road which is to connect Toronto and Cochrane was announced yesterday at the Parliament Buildings by Hon. W. H. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests. The conditions of the contract—for the nonfulfillment of which considerable penalties are provided—require the road to be completed by August 1st. The intention is to have it opened as a part of the Diamond Jubilee celebration of Confederation, and a party of three hundred motor cars are planning to come from the North Country over it to attend special celebrations at the Toronto Exhibition. The road, with the completion of this final 25-mile link, will run north of Toronto for a distance of 480 miles to Cochrane. It either goes through or connects with North Bay, Cobalt, Haileybury, New Liskeard, Englehart, Timmins and the Kirkland Lake camp. From a scenic standpoint, it is destined to be one of the interesting roads of the continent, passing, as it does, through the Muskoka Lakes, the Parry Sound Lakes, and the great forest reserve at Timagami. It will have further interest, however, from the fact that it taps the great mining centres at Timmins and at Kirkland Lake, and leads also to the important paper industry at Iroquois Falls. The road comes under the jurisdiction of the Northern Development branch of the Government, which has been working on it now for a number of years. Already, in late years, it has been bearing a heavy Summer traffic in connection with the influx of tourists to the various Summer resorts of the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts. The final link, for which the contract has now been let, is from Swastika Junction to Ramore. Messrs McLean and Milligan have secured the work by a tender of \$145,845, which was the lowest one submitted."

PORCUPINE GOLD FOUND JUST TWENTY YEARS AGO

Discovery at Gold Island, Nighthawk Lake. Some of the Real Old-Timers of the District

In view of the fact that it is just twenty years since the first discovery of gold in the Porcupine area in the regular prospecting way, Mr. H. A. Preston, now of Elk Lake, has supplied The Advance with the following notes:—

"Just twenty years ago the discovery of gold was made at Gold Island, in Nighthawk Lake, and a rush started. One or two parties, including the Hunter gang, managed to go up the river to the lake, and they staked claims at the east end, but not much work was done. They came up the creek where South Porcupine now stands, and were within one mile of the Dome, but some poetry they wrote on a tree looked as if they were getting tired looking for the precious metal. Just two years afterwards, when Wilson, Preston, Burns, Bannerman, Geddes and Campbell arrived in Porcupine, they found the Hunter outfit lying rotting on the ground. The tent was in shreds and the other effects showed the signs of neglect. They took possession of the hammers and forge to do work on the claims staked south of the lake, called the Mammoth mines.

"Later, Harry Preston, Wm. Fairburn, Anson Cartwright and Everett May were prospecting in Lightning River. There they met Lorne Howey, now of Red Lake fame, and returning to Cobalt the party canoed down the Abitibi river to Driftwood and on to Nighthawk Lake, visiting the new-found Gold Island, and proceeding south to the Montreal river. At Cobalt Preston was paid his wages and after having a moose hunt he told his friends he was going right back north to McDougall Chutes to live and to find a gold mine. He talked so much about it that some thought he was crazy, but in less than two years he discovered the Dome Mine and will agree to give one-half interest in any mining property he ever stakes, or half any money over \$1,000.00 he ever makes, to the man or men or person that can prove that he did not.

"Just twenty years ago, the T. & N. O. reached McDougall Chutes (now Matheson). Steel was there during the summer. It took almost two days to get from Englehart to the Chutes, but now the trip can be made in a little over two hours. T. F. King was the proprietor of the Abitibi Hotel, an old frame, tar-papered building at McDougall Chutes. I wonder if he thought then that he would be living in a big city not far west, like he is to-day. During 1908 Harry Preston told Tom about a gold mine he was going to find. Preston was working for Tom King at the hotel, and gives King some of the credit because if he had not been kept in the McDougall Chutes working for Tom he might not have been lucky in the route he took.

"Some old-timers of twenty years ago now in Timmins and nearby:—T. F. King, Alex Stirling, Jack Power, Wes. Walterhouse, H. A. Preston, J. J. St. Paul. Some of the real old-timers are still at Matheson, the old home of the Porcupine discoverers. About the oldest old-timers are Geo. Abate and Walter Monohan and family."

In his letter to The Advance Mr. Preston makes a prediction. He says that before many years pass there is going to be a big mining town somewhere south of Timmins, about midway to Gowganda. Preston states that at present Porcupine is America's greatest gold camp, and almost straight south is the greatest nickel camp in the world, and between the two are some good silver mines. "Does this not make anyone think that there must be great things left yet?" asks Mr. Preston. He believes also that some day the T. & N. O. will build from Elk Lake to Gowganda and thence north to Timmins, or else

the C.N.R. will do the railway building in this particular area. In any event there will be a belt line of railways serving the country south of Timmins. In conclusion Mr. Preston asks this question:—"Why are the prospectors keeping so close to the Quebec boundary and going to the extreme west end of the province, when the two greatest things are west of the Montreal river and directly south of Porcupine and west of there?" "Someone," says Mr. Preston, "is going to find the spot, and then watch 'em come back to the old parts again."

EUCHRE AND BRIDGE BY REBEKAHS THIS EVENING.

This (Thursday) evening there will be a progressive euchre and bridge in the I. O. O. F. hall, under the auspices of Gold Nugget Lodge of the Rebekahs. The event will commence at 8.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. It will be a pleasant evening for all attending.

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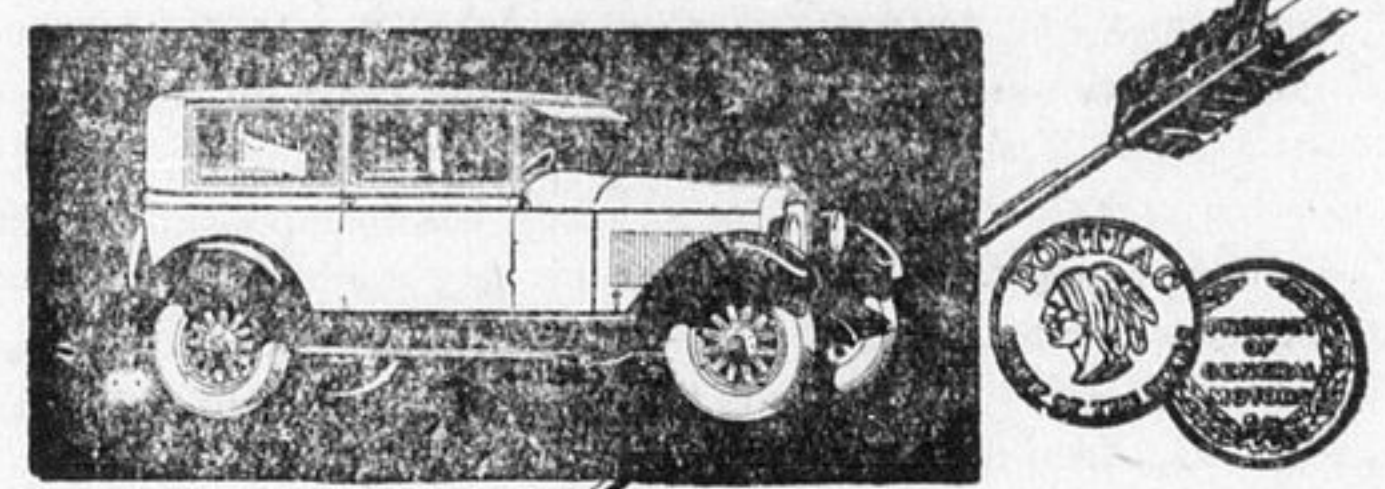
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St. Matthews' Girls' Altar Guild are holding a St. George's Day Tea and Sale of Plants in conjunction with a bazaar on Saturday, April 23rd, in St. Matthew's Church Hall from 3 to 6 p.m. -16-

OFFICER LAVIOLETTE PREVENTS SERIOUS FIRE

Sunday morning about 2 o'clock, Officer Laviolette, of the Timmins police force, noticed smoke arising from near the ground close to the Union Coal buildings alongside the T. & N.O. yards. He investigated and found a quantity of hay on fire. Apparently someone in passing had dropped a match or a lighted cigarette stub. The fire had smouldered in the hay, perhaps for hours, but when Constable Laviolette discovered the blaze it was going merrily only three or four feet from a frame building. He stamped it out as well as he could by the free use of his boots, but though his well-placed kicking did get the fire down, he knew it was not out, and as soon as he reduced it to a smoulder again he got an alarm to the fire department. The department made very prompt response but when the firemen arrived the hay was again broken out in a blaze. A shot from the chemical tank, however, removed all danger. There is every reason to believe, however, that without the prompt work of Constable Laviolette and his good judgment in handling the incipient fire, a serious blaze might have occurred.

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