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**AUTHORITIES DO NOT WANT BEACON FIRES ON JULY 1ST.**

'Some time ago the suggestion was made that on July 1st, beacon fires be lit at all towns and hamlets across Canada to observe the 60th anniversary of the birth of this nation. It was thought that this would be a good way to unify the celebration from coast to coast. The authorities, however, are against any such plan on account of the danger. Canada is a forest country and beacon fires would constitute a serious danger. Accordingly, while beacons will not be specifically forbidden, they will come under the ordinary rules and regulations of the various communities, and it may be taken for granted that the idea will be dropped. In any event it can not be generally followed. In this North Land, for instance, the beacon fire idea at this time of year would be rank foolishness and accordingly would be very generally frowned upon. The radio programme to be broadcasted literally from coast to coast is a much better plan and more original, up-to-date and impressive than any dangerous beacon fires.

**IMPORTANCE OF MINING IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR**

**Mining Still in Its Infancy but Remarkable Progress Has Been Made.**

The following article by Mr. Homer L. Gibson is especially timely at this moment when Canada is observing its 60th anniversary, and all sorts of stock-taking of resources and possibilities is in progress:—

Within a few days the Dominion of Canada will celebrate its 60th anniversary. It will be an occasion of general felicitation among Canadians, for the signing of the pact which united the scattered provinces sixty years ago was the signal for the birth of a new nation, a nation richly endowed with natural resources and a vigorous manhood capable of exploiting these natural endowments.

Comparison of conditions as they existed at the time of confederation with conditions at the present time cannot fail to emphasize the really remarkable progress during the intervening three score years.

Sixty years ago the foreign trade of Canada was less than \$120,000,000. For the fiscal year ended last March this had increased to \$2,298,000,000, an increase of 1,815 per cent. With a population of under 10 millions, this country has a greater volume of foreign trade than had United States when its population was 75,000,000.

In the same period, the value of field crops has advanced from about \$100,000,000 to \$1,121,447,000. Railway lines in 1867 totalled not more than a few hundred miles, compared with 41,000 miles at the present time, which represents the greatest per capita mileage of any country in the world.

Originally dependent largely on the products of the farm and forest, this country has developed a diversity of industries, several lines of which take front rank in world importance.

Without withholding due appreciation of the important benefits derived from agriculture, lumbering and pulp and paper production, the more recent development of water power, etc., it seems fitting to give a full measure of praise to the outstanding role played by mining in the march of progress made by the Dominion.

It is only in comparatively recent times that mining has been accorded the recognition it so fully deserves, yet, there have been periods, when, without the mines of British Columbia and Ontario, the country would have been in a bad way, and at all times the stimulus to all lines of trade afforded by the mining industry has been an important economic factor.

Mining of base and precious metals is still in its comparative infancy, yet within the space of a few years, millions of dollars of mine products have aided in the swelling of the national wealth, and Canada now produces 85% of the world's nickel, 90% of all the cobalt, 80% of the asbestos, 12% of the silver, 10% of the gold, and 4% of the copper. Among the nations of the world, Canada stands first in the production of nickel, first in the production of asbestos, second in coal resources, third in production of gold, third in the production of aluminum, fifth in the production of zinc, sixth in the production of lead, sixth in the production of pig iron, and eighth in the production of copper.

Since approximately only 7% of deposition of mineral has been de-veloped, it seems reasonable to expect that mining is destined to play an increasingly important part in the future of this country.

Looking forward, there seems abundant reason to believe that before many anniversaries, of the Dominion's birthday have rolled by, the exploitation of our mineral wealth will assume proportions second to no other nation in the world.

**BAPTIST MISSION WORK SUCCESSFUL IN NORTH**

**So Reports Indicate at the Annual Convention of Baptist Churches of Northern Ontario at Sudbury Last Week**

The annual convention of the Northern Association of Baptist Churches was held in Sudbury last week, there being a large representation from the various churches of the North Land, including:—Sault Ste. Marie, Blind River, Thessalon, Capreol, Little Current, North Bay, New Liskeard, Haileybury, Kirkland Lake, Sudbury, Cochrane and Timmins. Among the delegates Rev. M. R. Hall was a representative from Timmins Baptist church.

The sessions opened on Tuesday and concluded Thursday evening, a large amount of business being dealt with, and a number of very interesting and helpful addresses being heard. It is interesting to note that although the North Land highway is not yet officially opened, the delegation from New Liskeard motored to Sudbury, the trip being made, it is said, in less than ten hours.

Tuesday there were addresses of welcome from the civic heads and from the ministers of the town. In the evening Prof. Farmer, L.L.D., Dean of Philosophy, McMaster University, delivered an address that was greatly appreciated.

Wednesday morning was taken up with business matters, and on Wednesday afternoon there was a session of the Women's Mission Circles. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. R. M. Munro, of Sudbury, and responded to with equal capability by Mrs. Jackson, of North Bay. Two very helpful talks were given, the first by Mrs. C. J. Elliott, of North Bay, on "The Need of the Mission Band in the Church," and the second on "Our Finances," by Mrs. P. W. Brown, divisional treasurer of the Women's Home Mission Board. Two other addresses of great interest were those of Rev. R. C. Bensen, of India, on "Foreign Missions," and Rev. J. H. Boyd, of Paris, on "Home Missions."

Wednesday evening the special feature was an address by Rev. Mr. Bensen, who spoke on the Hindu attitude toward Christianity. He pointed the moral from the Hindu recognition of the difference between the teachings of Christianity and the lives of some professing Christians. Rev. Mr. Boyd's address was another special feature. He spoke on Home Missions and took occasion to refer to the gratifying progress being made by the missionary work of the church in Northern Ontario.

Thursday morning was occupied by another business session. In the afternoon there was another inspiring address by Prof. Farmer, his subject being "Christian Education." Rev. Mr. Webb, D.D., gave a helpful address on "The Church and the Child," and Mrs. C. W. Senior, of Toronto, gave a very practical address on "Stewardship."

In referring to the closing session of the conference of the association, The Sudbury Star says:—"The Thursday evening session was of unusual importance, including as it did the Associational sermon by Rev. Morley Hall, who spoke on "The Challenge of the Hour." The introduction of the new Moderator and the ordination of Pastor H. B. Hardy, of Capreol. Following the custom of appointing alternately a minister and a layman, as moderator of the Association, the retiring moderator, Rev. C. H. Greer, of Sault Ste. Marie, was succeeded for 1927-28 by Mr. P. R. Craven, of New Liskeard, who was introduced to the association by Mr. Greer. With Professor Farmer presiding, the solemn ordination service was conducted, and H. B. Hardy, of the Capreol Church, was ordained to the ministry by the laying on of hands by nine ministers of the association, and the consecration prayer by Rev. G. N. Simmons."

Rev. Dr. Webb gave the welcome to the ministry; the charge to the pastor was given by Rev. A. W. Small, of North Bay; and the charge to the Capreol congregation, by Rev. Mr. Senior; Rev. Mr. Boyd preached the ordination sermon; and the service was closed by the newly-ordained minister pronouncing the benediction.

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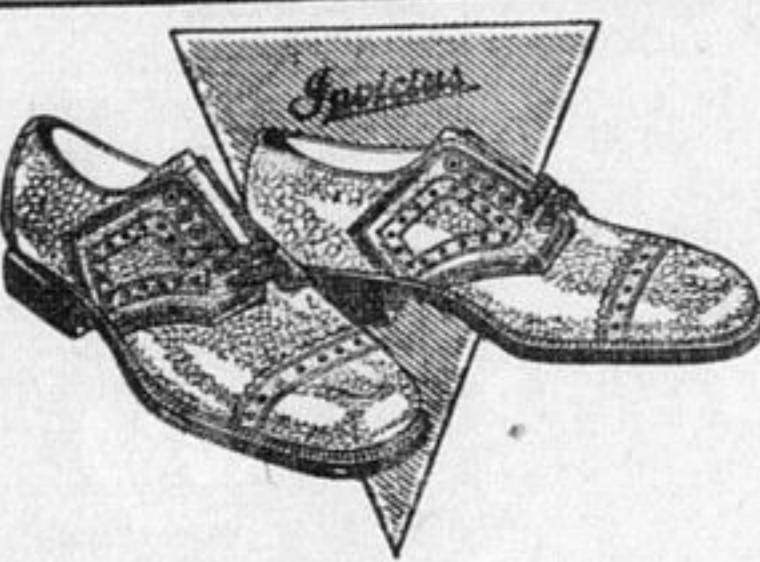
The Northern News last week says: "Death took place on Saturday and Sunday, June 10th and 11th, of the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Raynor, Giroux Lake, who were born on Thursday afternoon, June 9th. They were christened on Friday. Minnie and Mary. Minnie passed away on Saturday and Mary died on Sunday. They were buried by Rev. Mr. Cox on Monday afternoon from the undertakers' parlor. These were the fourth set of twins born to Mr. and Mrs. Raynor, three boys and five girls. Mrs. Raynor is the mother of 16 children, four of whom are living."

**OMAR ON MODERN PROGRESS**

Have all the years that o'er the world have sped,  
 Since in my garden Persian roses shed  
 Their leaves, told you a whit more than I knew  
 Of what things are—the living things or dead?  
 You boast the mechanism of to-day,  
 Your cars now run where camels trod the way,  
 What time I sang of love and divers themes,  
 But are you much the wiser? Tell me pray!  
 You pride yourself that Science tells you now  
 Of space and time, exactly why and how  
 They're interlocked in some mysterious way,  
 But unto Allah still I pray and bow,  
 You've mastered many secrets—more than I;  
 Beneath the waves, and in the heavens high  
 You move in arrogance, and fondly think  
 The laws of nature yours to sell or buy,  
 But all your triumphs serve but to increase  
 Desires in you from which comes no release;  
 The greater gain but brings the greater pain,  
 Whereas my wants were few—and I had peace.  
 Ah! many rents you've torn in that dark veil  
 That hid so much beyond my utmost hail.  
 But, have you seen, when you have peeped within,  
 Aught more than I did, when I told my tale.  
 —Charles Menmuir.

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