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**TO OPEN DUNCAN CLAIMS  
IN NARROW LAKE AREA**

The Haileyburian last week says: "Alex Gillies and Harry Holland left on Wednesday afternoon for Narrow Lake, north of Hudson, on the transcontinental railway, where Mr. Gillies will take charge of development work on the Duncan group of claims. A number of men are being taken in and the work, it is planned, will continue through the winter. The property is said to be a particularly promising one. It is located near the Jackson-Manion and other properties that are making good showings. Mr. Gillies himself, who is a mining man of wide experience, is greatly pleased with the prospects in that section."

**PAUL BUNYAN'S FUR HAT  
HAS BEEN PHOTOGARPHED**

Mr. W. Baache has just completed some large pictures of Cheminis mountain, one of the photographs mounted on a large card mount being shown to The Advance. The enlarged photo shows Cheminis mountain, Cheminis lake, and the new line of the T. & N. O. on its way to Rouyn. Cheminis mountain is an odd looking hill. It towers straight up from the landscape, with a smaller mountain joining it in front, the whole outline giving the appearance of a huge fur cap with a peak on it. Any imaginative person acquainted with the folk lore of the North woods could see that instead of a mountain back of Cheminis lake there must be an immense drop in the earth, and Paul Bunyan is passing along in this valley, his peaked fur cap just showing above the earth line. Anyway, instead of looking like a chimney, as some say, Cheminis mountain does appear to be Paul Bunyan's cap. And Cheminis mountain must be going some when it can cap Paul Bunyan.

**EPITAPH FOR A GOLFER**

Cut this out and keep it till next March when the golf season re-opens. It is by Stoddard King, the man who knows a thing, or two.

Here lies a golfer; spring and fall  
He kept his eye upon the ball.  
He did not slice, he did not hook,  
He played according to the book;  
No matter how the ball might be,  
He never pulled an alibi;  
He frowned on cuss-words such as  
"Hades."

And loved to go around with ladies;  
He did not lose his self-control  
When playing for a ball a hole.  
Here lies a golfer, keen for sport;  
Replacing divots was his forte.  
He gave the benefit of doubt  
To caddies when he bawled them out;  
He never sneered at timid dubs  
Or cast aspersions on their clubs;  
It was his custom, when annoyed,  
To smile, and say: "We can't avoid  
Such little things as topping drives  
Or playing foursomes with our  
wives."

Here lies a golfer; fall and spring  
He constantly improved his swing;  
He almost never had to go  
For aid and comfort to the Pro;  
And, most remarkable of all,  
He never lost a single ball!  
These are the facts beyond surmise:  
He himself says so—here he lies,  
And lies,  
and lies,  
and lies!

Sudbury Star:—A word of advice:  
Get busy without delay; it will soon  
be too late to do your Christmas shopping early.

**Canada Has Several Special  
Christmas-time Industries**

**Chief Among These is the Supplying of Christmas Trees.  
Holly Industry and Flowers and Plants Also Important.  
Demand for Canadian Poultry and Apples Around  
Christmas Time.**

It is interesting at this time to note the special industries that Canada has around this season of the year. It is true that some of these special Christmas industries hold good for only a brief season, but they are profitable while they last and have an important bearing on general business, probably more than is commonly realized. The North Land has a special interest in these special Christmas industries, this country making a little out of one of them in particular—the sale of Christmas trees.

Germany, Switzerland and some other European countries used to be famous for their toy industries for Christmas trade, the sale of toys at Christmas exceeding the sale for the rest of the year. In recent years Canada has taken an improved position in the manufacture of toys, dolls, etc., but it has to be admitted that the majority of the Christmas toys are still imported. In this connection, it should be noted that the partially disabled soldiers trading under the name of "Vetercraft" are making all sorts of toys and other articles for Christmas buying. In some lines, such as desks, blackboards, chairs, etc., they are producing articles that excel in their lines for quality and artistry. In any case, Vetercraft should be given the preference in Christmas buying wherever possible. People in Canada owe this to the soldiers, and they owe it also to themselves for their Vetercraft goods are certainly superior.

Among the special Christmas industries of Canada that of the furnishing of Christmas trees is probably the chief. Christmas trees from woods in every part of Canada will be found in every nook and corner of this continent, wherever Christmas is celebrated. Canada herself uses about a million Christmas trees according to the careful estimates made by statistically inclined persons. In the United States, there are ten million Christmas trees used, and of this number Canada supplies between three and four million it is said. Taking the average cost of all these Christmas trees at twenty-five cents it will be seen that the industry is a million-dollar affair. As many of the trees are sold at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$5.00, it will be seen that the trade will absorb the number for which no price is paid, if the average figure per tree is placed as low as twenty-five cents. The chances are that the average price of the Christmas trees traded in each year in Canada would run considerably above the quarter-dollar mark. Last year a million trees were shipped from New Brunswick to the United States. Quebec shipped about half as many as New Brunswick, and Ontario probably shipped 250,000 trees to the United States.

There have been people who questioned the wisdom of the Christmas tree industry, on the grounds that it tended to deplete Canadian forest-wealth. Authorities, however, seem to agree that there is nothing to such a theory. For every tree used at Christmas, Canada has been permitting about a million to be destroyed by fire. This would mean that instead of worrying about the Christmas tree trade, which brings money to many who need it badly, Canada should centre its efforts on stopping the forest fire business that causes loss only to all concerned. The authorities consulted about the Christmas tree industry agree in saying that certain species of trees, such as balsam and cedar, can be used for few other purposes. They are called "weed" trees, and like most "weeds" have little value and very speedily reproduce themselves. Cedar, of course, might be used for fence posts, but usually there are more of the common cedars than there are fence posts in demand. The clearing of land also supplies a good percentage of the trees used at Christmas time, while others come from the necessary thinning out of commercial forests. One authority on the subject also says that to an increasing extent, Christmas trees are coming from farmers' grown-up pastures, swamps, and wastelands, and many settlers make a comfortable little income from this business each year when conveniently situated as regards markets. In 1925 the revenue of Quebec farmers from

this source ran, according to estimate, to \$100,000 and was substantially greater in the Maritimes. In the annually increasing demand there is opportunity in certain sections to plant woodlots and follow a thinning out process each year, ensuring a steady addition to income.

Another Christmas industry worthy of note is the increasing quantity of holly going from Canada to United States each year, not to mention the home-used holly. Holly production in Canada is confined to the Pacific coast of British Columbia, but this very limitation has resulted in the development of a thriving little industry. An expansion of cultivation is taking place there as the demand across the line becomes brisker. The relatively few ranchers engaged in the industry find it a profitable undertaking, and according to one of them eight hundred dollars per acre is a fair average income from this pursuit.

The sale of decorative plants and cut flowers is particularly brisk at the Christmas season and it is remarkable the manner in which this industry has developed in the Dominion, though there is still a very import trade carried on. In the past year, indoor plants sold in Canada numbered 13,076 and had a value of \$146,581, while cut flowers sold numbered 15,269,144 and had a value of \$1,295,028. Still more remarkable is it to discover that many of these move to United States at the Christmas season, even the Prairie Provinces engaging in this trade. At the city of Medicine Hat, which first came into prominence as the centre of a great ranching territory, are greenhouses with a production greater than any with one exception in Canada. The

products of this and other Western Canadian plants are developing a profitable trade with many United States points at Christmas time.

All the poultry in Canada is not used by Timmins Charity Turkey Stag. This year the Stag shipped in here from the West some 800 big turkeys of finest quality so as to assure a merry Christmas for this town. But a very large business has developed in Canadian dressed poultry, particularly to the United States. This business is especially brisk at Christmas time. The Canadian Pacific Railway Publicity Dept., which supplied some of the facts and figures used in this article, did not give actual figures of the shipments of poultry, but the department did say that for years the Maritime Provinces have supplied Boston, New York and other large eastern centres, while more recently the Prairie Provinces have made a successful bid for a share of the trade. Through the co-operative poultry associations which have been organized in these provinces and are most efficiently operating, thousands of dressed turkeys and chickens leave Saskatchewan and Alberta, consignments coming from as far North as the Peace River, to supply the Christmas dinner needs of Chicago, Boston, New York and other points. The North Land has a share in this trade, but nothing like it will probably have in years to come, for the North is more or less specializing in poultry. In this country, thanks to the poultry associations operating here, there is a tendency to feature thoroughbred and registered poultry, and this means study and attention, and from study and attention good business will be the more likely to come.

The shipment of apples overseas for Christmas has developed into a big business. This is a form of "Christmas box" that rightly appeals to many people. Shipments are made to the British Isles, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. This sort of "Christmas box" is usually much appreciated overseas, and it is also a good advertisement for Canada. The apples are put in boxes containing 150 fine quality

fruit. A considerable Christmas industry has developed from this popular Christmas box idea.

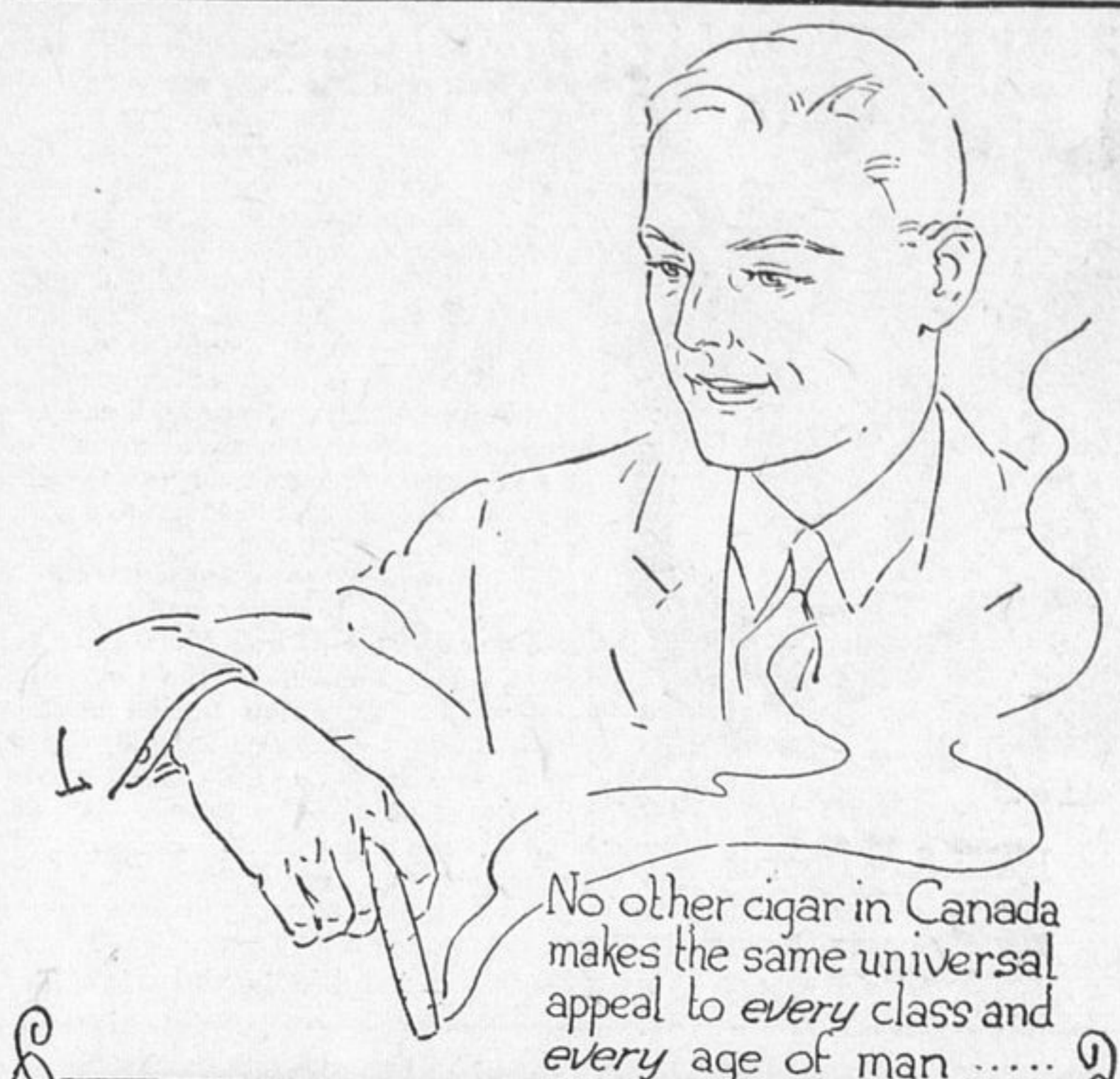
Seotsmen in Haileybury are said to be looking forward to great doings on January 25th next. On that occasion, the birthday of Robert Burns is to be celebrated in real Scotch style. Haggis is to be brought all the way from Edinburgh to grace the festive board and a piper, in full Highland dress, will be on hand to play it in with all the historic honours. Plans for this function, to be held in the Hotel Haileybury, are now under way.

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