

# Harry Preston Dreams of Hives of Industry in North

**Believes the Belt Line of Roads the Key to New and Enlarged Prosperity for North. Just as Porcupine Has More than Realized the Dreams, so the Belt Line Would Far Outdistance the Visions Now.**

Here is another letter, and a specially interesting one, by Mr. H. A. Preston:—  
Schumacher, Ont.,  
Jan. 2nd., 1928

To the Editor of  
The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—Having read in The Advance of Dec. 29th, Hon. Chas. McCrea's New Year Message, in which he states that few, if any of us old-time prospectors ever dreamed these parts would ever be such a hive of industry as they are, I wish to say that I was one who did not dream it but I felt pretty sure it would be, when we uncovered that gold at the Dome when there were only ten men around. Why, I at once said:—"By gosh! you'll see the T. & N.O. coming in, and such a lot of gold on the surface, and such a lot found one foot below the ground, and 75 yards east of the big showing would make anyone feel sure there was a mine there."

When Frank Loring saw it, he, too, said what I did, and told me the moon did not carry it there, nor did it fall in a storm, but it must have come from below.

I did so much talking, and telling others to go west of it to the lakes, that I was told I would go "bugs" over Porcupine.

Well, it's the same now about the Timmins-Sudbury belt line road, of which I am continually writing, for I can almost see hives of industry springing up at two or three places between Timmins and Sudbury. We hear about the new Barnet township and a lot about Kirkland Lake and Sudbury Basin, but not anything about the country to the west of these places, where there is gold scattered everywhere, but no real mining has been done yet like there has been at Kirkland Lake and Porcupine.

All it needs is this belt-line road to get in supplies, and you will see some big things discovered not far from Porcupine.

Really, if I had the millions that some of our men have, I would build this road at a cost of a million, and I'll bet I would get back every cent of it, and more. Even if I did not get it back, I would have much more enjoyment on this belt line with my auto, than I would trying to take that million with me when I die. Money is not much use to us if we can't enjoy life and see some of this world before we enter the next.

This Timmins-Sudbury road is going to be a humdinger, for already along it are two of the world's greatest hives of industry, and a third one coming. She's going to make millions for the Government and others. She's going to be the means of much employment, and opening up a land where outdoor life can be enjoyed, for nowhere in Northern Ontario are there so many lakes, with fish and game, and beautiful scenery. From North Bay you go by the "Low Road," and return from Timmins by the "High Road."

To those living in Northern Ontario I may say that the longer this road is kept back, it means a waste of life and a big loss to our Government.

Before closing, I'll agree if I live and am lucky enough to make millions, I'll promise the Government and bind myself to spend one of my millions to put this road in shape that it will stay so till the year 2000.

Yours truly,  
H. A. PRESTON.

P.S.—Only 134 miles from Timmins to Sudbury. By this road Sudbury is no farther away than Cobalt is by the T. & N.O. Railway.—H.A.P.

## NEXT KIWANIS CONCERT ON THURSDAY, JAN. 19

Jean MacDonald in Wonderful Impersonations and Scottish and Irish Readings.

The high-class concerts sponsored by the Kiwanis Club have proved very popular and much appreciated. Those given in the fall months of the year just passed won unstinted approval, and the balance of the series is being awaited with more than usual interest.

The next of these events will be the recital by Miss Jean MacDonald at the Goldfields theatre on Thursday evening, Jan. 19th. Miss MacDonald is an artist with an enviable reputation as an entertainer. Her audiences are always pleased, and her reputation is now fully established on both sides of the Canada-U.S. boundary line. Toronto and Montreal newspapers have spoken of her good work in superlatives. Scores of United States newspapers have praised her entertainment. The Montgomery, West Virginia, newspaper has referred to the unusual success attained by Miss MacDonald on her visits there. From Conroy, Ohio, comes the message:—"Our audience was delighted. Miss MacDonald's readings are sufficiently varied to meet the demands of everyone. Her technique is such as to win the approval of the most exacting critic." At Hedrick, Iowa, they said:—"Miss MacDonald came to us in fine spirits, and when she left this morning all of us were in the same mood."

"Miss MacDonald gives Scottish and Irish dialect readings that are remarkably true to life, and most enjoyable. In her impersonations she is equally successful. Some idea of her versatility may be gathered from the fact that she is able to impersonate a small boy, an old man, or a whimsical young miss with striking success in each case, making the character fairly live. One of the points emphasized by the Redpath Lyceum in reference to Miss Jean MacDonald is the fact that there is no monotony in her repertoire. "She is equally good in humour and pathos, and as effective in stories of the Southland as she is in tales of the North and West," says the Lyceum. "Among her Canadian friends, Miss MacDonald is known as "Bonnie Jean—the perfect scream." This title is well deserved, for she is a good-natured comedienne of broad smile and shrewd sense of humour. She has an abundance of strength and vivacity."

Miss MacDonald is a Canadian artist of outstanding talent, and her concert on Jan. 19th in the Goldfields theatre will no doubt prove in every way another success to add to the list of events being sponsored by the Timmins Kiwanis Club.

### CAUGHT MAKING BOOZE AND DYNAMITING FISH.

The Kirkland Lake Northern News last week says:—

"Austin Routley, living at Kenogami Lake appeared to answer two serious charges in police court last week. He was charged with unlawfully having apparatus suitable for the manufacture of spirituous liquors, in other words, operating a still, and with dynamiting for fish in Lake Kenogami. He pleaded not guilty to both charges.

"In answer to the first charge, he asserts that the still found by the officers did not belong to him, but was left there by someone. The still itself was put in as evidence and it clearly showed traces of very recent use. He admitted making beer occasionally but denied having operated the still.

"The constable who made the arrest stated that he caught him just in the act of starting the still going. 30 gallons of mash and 3½ quarts of home-brew alcohol were found. Samples of these finds were produced as evidence.

"There being little doubt but what the manufacture of illicit liquor had been carried on for some time by this man, frequent complaints having been received by the officers, during the last three years, the magistrate registered a conviction. The stiff penalty of \$500 and costs or six months in jail was handed out.

"To the other charge of dynamiting fish, conclusive evidence was put in by two men who were paddling down Kenogami Lake and witnessed the accused at this operation.

"Hiram Tobico stated that he and the other witness, a man named Suffern, were coming down the lake on the evening of the 8th of September. They saw the accused put off a blast in the water, near shore. They paddled on slowly and saw him take a scoop net and pick up fish from the surface. Suffern corroborated his evidence.

"Routley put in a very ingenious defence. He stated that he had just purchased a new kind of dynamite for use in prospecting. As some one had told him it would not explode under water he was trying it out. He claimed that the force of the explosion was not sufficient to stun fish. He explained the net by saying that he was just going up a creek to catch some minnows with it for fishing.

"The magistrate adjourned the case until the Game and Fisheries Act, setting forth the penalty, could be consulted."

"Many of the youths of this country need narrow pants and broader ideas."

## MAY LIMIT THE LIQUOR SUPPLY TO EACH PERSON

Changes Said to be Contemplated in Regulations of the Liquor Control Act.

According to despatches last week from Toronto, a limit may be set by the Ontario Liquor Control Board on the quantity of liquor that may be purchased by any one person at one time or in any specified period. Nothing has been definitely fixed as yet, but it is practically admitted that in the near future there will be changes in the regulations which will tighten up on some of the hard drinkers.

"We have nothing to say just yet," said Chairman D. Hanna. "Nothing has been done. Be we have now had the advantage of seeing the system operate throughout the Summer and part of the Winter. We have seen the Thanksgiving Day business, the Christmas and the New Year business. It would seem only a natural thing after that experience that we should make some sort of a survey of the conditions. It is possible that what we find may result in crystallizing some of our convictions into the regulations."

Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, one of his colleagues, added, "We would be a very stupid lot of commissioners if we did not profit by our experience in making any necessary changes."

The two commissioners would not say, however, in what direction the changes in the regulations might run.

## POTTERDOAL PLANNING INCREASE OF CAPITAL

A special meeting of the shareholders of Potterdoal Mines Limited is to be held at Toronto on Thursday, January 12th, for the purpose of considering a proposal to increase the capitalization of the company by 2,000,000 shares of no par value. The present capitalization is 3,000,000 shares, of which in the neighborhood of 500,000 still remain in the treasury. It is also proposed that the company acquire the Warden group of claims which is located immediately to the west. It is understood that very promising indications have been shown on this block, which is almost as extensive as the Potterdoal holdings. In addition to providing for the purchase of this new property the proceeds of the sale of the new stock are to be used for the pursuit of aggressive development and for that purpose a larger mining plant will be obtained.

At present the regulations permit of the purchase of one case, or 12 bottles of whiskey at one time. In buying beer, it is possible to buy 10 cases or 120 bottles, at a time.

John: "Dad, did you go to Sunday School when you were a boy?"

Dad: "You bet, son, very seldom missed a Sunday."

John: "Well, I don't suppose it's going to do me much good either."

One reason there is so much humour in the world is because there are so many persons who takes themselves seriously.

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## CANADA'S PRODUCTION OF GOLD \$37,731,080 IN 1927

New High Record for Mineral Production in Dominion, According to Report.

A new high record for mineral production in Canada was set in 1927, when the value of the output reached \$241,773,000, marking a gain of one and one-third million dollars over the previous year's record total of \$240,437,123, according to the official estimate compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in a preliminary report issued last week.

New output records for all time were established in 1927 in gold, copper, lead, zinc, cement, gypsum and lime and in the value of natural gas and petroleum. Increased production, in comparison with the totals for 1926, was noted in the outputs of arsenic, cobalt, copper, gold, lead, nickel, platinum, metals, zinc, coal, natural gas, petroleum, gypsum, pyrites, quartz, clay products, cement, lime, stone, sand and gravel.

At \$112,238,100 metals showed a loss in aggregate value in comparison with the total for 1926, due to the prevailing lower range of prices for copper, lead, zinc and silver. Increases in the outputs were not sufficient to offset the loss in values due to lower prices.

Gold production amounted to 1,825,421 fine ounces valued at \$37,731,080, as compared with the previous record value set in 1926 of \$36,263,110.

Canada's silver production at 22,210,936 fine ounces, showed a slight advance over the 11,171,924 fine ounces produced in 1926, but the value dropped to \$12,488,000 only, as compared with \$13,894,531 in 1926.

Nickel production from the Sudbury district increased to 66,435,799 pounds valued at \$15,105,361, indicating satisfactory progress in this industry.

Copper, mostly from the treatment of the nickel-copper ores mined near Sudbury in Ontario and from the copper-gold ores of British Columbia and Quebec, reached an output of \$140,223,717 pounds in 1927. British Columbia mines yielded 91,910,274 pounds; Ontario, 45,652,271 pounds, and Quebec, 2,660,722 pounds.

"The new patient in Ward B is very good looking," said the nurse.  
"Yes," agreed the matron, "but don't wash his face. He's had that done by four nurses this morning."