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“The Temiskaming Telephone Co. Ltd., is the largest independent telephone company in Ontario, not including the municipal companies of Fort William and Port Arthur. The company has made a net gain of over 350 telephones this year, making the total phones in use over 2800. During 1927 the company's operators put through over 100,000 long distance calls, many of them to nearby towns in Temiskaming and many others in different parts of Ontario, Quebec and the Northern States. The Temiskaming Company has kept up with the development of the Northland; two years ago a line was built into Rouyn, months before the railway was in there, first only a temporary line being built and later a permanent pole line with metallic service, transposed according to the latest telephone specifications. Last month another new exchange was opened at Kapuskasing. 78 telephones are in use with more being connected up every day. Kapuskasing is now in touch with the outside world by telephone, the T. & N. O. Ry. having built a long distance line from Cochrane to Kapuskasing. Preparations are now being made to enter other places such as Smooth Rock Falls, Matheson, etc. The Company employs a regular staff of over 50 employees, all local people, but at present has 75 employees owing to some extra construction between Kirkland Lake and Englehart. The secretary prophesies that inside five years the Company will have in operation 5000 telephones, OR MORE, probably many more than that number. There are at present 14 exchanges in operation as follows: New Liskeard 663, Cobalt 634, Haileybury, 475, Kirkland Lake 360, Englehart 270, Rouyn and Noranda 200, Kapuskasing 78, Earlton 53, Elk Lake 41, Bestel (Gowganda) 23, Larder Lake 14, Boston Creek 11, Pearson 10 and Cheminis 3.  
“It might be interesting to note that there are 600 independent telephone companies in Ontario, with 120,000 telephones in use. The Bell Co. which has all the cities and most of the towns have 425,000 telephones in operation.  
“The above facts are the result of information from a short address delivered on the Telephone Company by the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. P. R. Craven, who has been identified with the local Company for over twenty-one years. Mr. Craven is thoroughly familiar with all details in connection with the telephone business and has the honour of being the President of the Canadian Telephone Association, comprising the Independent Telephones of Ontario and Quebec.”

**PROSPECTORS ATTRACTED BY FIELDS IN DISTANCE**

Costly Trips Taken When Nearby Fields are Overlooked. Romance Lies Far Afield.  
On several occasions The Advance has referred to the tendency of prospectors to travel far afield. Often they pass by promising fields to reach distant places. At the time of the Red Lake rush a couple of years ago, The Advance referred to the charm of far-away places for the prospector, mentioning the fact that in the Porcupine there were areas that awaited development but were passed by. The Kamiskotia area, the Deloro area and other nearby localities were mentioned. Since then the Kamiskotia rush has proven that the prospector does not pass by nearby fields because of any disregard for them, but for other reasons. One of these reasons is that the public appears to fasten on one particular area at a time. One year it will be Quebec, another Red Lake, another Kamiskotia, and so on. The prospector has either to get in line with these popular fields or present a new one that will win the popular fancy. The latter is a difficult proposition and usually appears more workable in connection with an area that is either far away or difficult of access. In any case, the prospector certainly does his part when he brings the far-away fields to attention. The prospector put Porcupine, Kirkland Lake, Rouyn, Red Lake, Kamiskotia, and all the other fields on the map in turn. The practical development of the fields is not up to the prospector. That is the work of the mining men. There is no fault to be found in the matter with the prospector. As noted before, he does his part, usually under difficulties. However the attraction of far fields is one of great interest. The matter was recently discussed at length by a writer in the Industrial Number of The Mail & Empire. This writer says:—  
“No accusation of laziness can be laid against human nature, so long as the urge to get as far away as possible from the ease and conveniences of civilization, for development of all kinds, is so insistent. It would seem as if there is in human nature a natural longing to pass by all opportunities that are close at hand, and reach out after the distant ones. Everything that is far away, difficult of access, and requiring extra exertion and expense, looms up as being the best on earth, in the imagination of men.  
“Take the ‘stamped’ into Red Lake, the ‘rush’ into Chibbougamaun, and the present influx of prospectors into Northern Manitoba. Is it to be supposed that these fields would appear so attractive were it not for the fact that they are so far away, and accessible only by tedious journeying, or by the glamorous method of air travel? It hardly seems reasonable that these districts are so far ahead of any others, which have convenient access by rail and water, as to warrant entirely ignoring the latter in favour of the more distant fields.  
Before stretching out into a country miles away from any base of supplies, or, at least, simultaneously with the distant exploration, attention might be paid to gold fields that have been awaiting examination for many years, and to which supplies can be taken in a less spectacular, but much more convenient manner than by airplane. For the cost incurred in an expedition to some mining camp, a hundred miles or more from any base, examination might have been given to many of the properties in the vicinity of the Foley Mine, or the Michipicoten area, or Tashota, Schrieber, or any one of a dozen fields that might be mentioned in this connection.  
“Possibly, but not probably, there may not be spectacular surface ore in these districts to compare with that found in the far distant fields, but the man who seeks to establish a paying mine does not allow his imagination to be fired by a few nuggets of pure gold. He needs a big ore body, with lots of ore, that will give a comfortable margin over mining and milling costs. Assurance of such body can certainly be found closer to home than the far reaches of Northern Manitoba or Patricia District, and recent developments in some of the fields mentioned above amply bear out this contention.  
“To cite only one case in point; There is a field that is now within easy distance of railway communication and which has yielded specimens of gold-bearing ore that have probably never been excelled in any of the mining districts of the province. When the Sturgeon Lake gold field was first discovered it required a long and toilsome canoe trip from Ignace to reach it. Yet these difficulties were no deterrent. Rather, they seemed to act as a stimulus to the prospectors and mining men, who flocked in over the hundred miles of trail, regardless of cost and labour. The same ore lies along the shores of Sturgeon Lake to-day, but the distance to be tra-

**CONFERENCE AT NORTH BAY ON INDIGENT QUESTION**

Dr. Bell to Come to the North to Meet Representatives of Municipalities to Discuss Question  
A despatch from Cobalt says that Dr. W. J. Bell, Deputy Minister of Health for Ontario, is prepared to come to North Bay at an early date to discuss with the representatives of the northern municipalities the subject of indigents and their treatment. Following the failure to arrange for a deputation to Toronto recently to meet Hon. Mr. Forbes Godfrey, the Minister of Health, Dr. Bell has suggested the other proposal.  
Dr. Bell, a former resident of North Bay, and familiar to some extent with the problem as it affects the organized municipalities, has written to Mayor Frank Lendrum, at Cobalt, outlining his views on the proposed meeting at North Bay. He suggests that a memorandum expressing fully the views of the municipalities represented can be prepared and that this document can later be presented to the provincial authorities by a small delegation. In reply, the mayor has asked for notice to be given of the date of the suggested session, in order that the municipalities may be notified in time to permit a representative to attend, if so desired. By transferring the meeting to North Bay, it is hoped to secure a larger attendance from the north than would be possible if the gathering took place in Toronto.  
**NECESSITY TO ECONOMISE IN THE USES OF GOLD NOW**  
The following paragraph or two from a recent editorial in The Toronto Mail and Empire may be of more than passing interest. The Mail and Empire says:—  
“The report of 1926 of the British Royal Mint contains a warning that ‘unless we are prepared to face a prolonged fall in commodity prices, it is imperative to economize gold both in regard to its use as a commodity and to its use as money.’ Referring to sources of production, the report says that the out-turn of gold by mines in the Union of South Africa in 1926 exceeded that of any previous year, but on the Rand the rise in working costs is viewed with apprehension, and it is asserted that a substantial further rise would render it impossible to work many of the older mines. In Canada gold mining has developed very rapidly in recent years and the Dominion bids fair to become the second largest producer in the world unless the discovery of new fields in the United States should enable that country to maintain its present position. In 1926 the total production in Canada was upwards of \$35,000,000. Production has declined greatly in Australia, and for 1926 amounted to a value of about £3,000,000.  
“Referring to present tendencies, the report says that the suggestions for the dislodgment of gold as the basis of the world's currency, whether sound or unsound in theory, are not likely to be put into practice in the immediate future. The recent developments in flying and the growing tendency to transport gold by air are encouraging factors, since the interest involved where long distances are in question is in itself a considerable item in the calculations of cost. Already gold has been conveyed by airplane over long journeys, and development in this service to cover gold-producing areas or a reduction in alternative methods of transport might have the effect of reducing costs sufficiently to bring again into work fields which at present are not a paying proposition.”

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