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PROGRESS OF MINING IN CANADA IN PAST YEAR

Annual Production Valued at Nearly \$250,000,000. Great Activity in All Fields.

The following review of the mining situation has been prepared at the direction of Dr. Charles Camsell, Deputy Minister of Mines for the Dominion, by Mr. Wyatt Malcolm of the Geological Survey:—

The mining industry continues to play a very important role and make a contribution of the first order to the prosperity of Canada. It is an industry that, sadly neglected for a long time, has made a striking growth

during the last quarter of a century. It is now firmly established and its future is assured. The annual mineral production is nearly \$250,000,000.

The most important metals produced in Canada are gold, copper, nickel, lead, zinc and silver. When production statistics for the year have been assembled there will probably be found no great difference in total value for the years 1926 and 1927. Increase in production in some cases may be offset by lower prices that have prevailed during the year for copper, lead, zinc and silver. An average falling off in price for copper, lead and zinc of about one cent a pound, which is the actual story for 1927, is a big item in the figuring of net profits. Notwithstanding this, production has been well maintained.

British Columbia leads in copper, with three large mines at Anyox, Britannia and Allenby; Ontario is a good second with copper from the Sudbury ores; and Quebec third, producing from a mine that has been in nearly continuous operation for half a century. Quebec will show a very substantial increase next year since the Noranda smelter will no doubt have started operations before this appears in print. The recent increase in the price of copper will be an important factor in getting this industry firmly established and will also be an incentive to push work towards bringing the big Flin Flon ore body of northern Manitoba to a producing stage as early a date as possible. The construction of the branch line of railway to the Flin Flon has been decided upon and there is every promise that as a result Manitoba will soon take her place as one of the important mining provinces. With the building of this railway is bound up also the future of a deposit of copper-zinc ore of considerable magnitude at Cold Lake. A flurry was created by the discovery in the Froid mine, Sudbury, of a body of ore running very high in copper. All of this goes to prove that as a copper producer Canada has good prospects of great expansion.

The nickel industry of Ontario is buoyant and figures for the first nine months of the year show a very satisfactory increase. There has been a substantial increase in the gold production of Ontario, but a falling off in that of British Columbia. Ontario accounts for about 88 per cent. of the total Canadian production. The auriferous content of the Noranda ores will bring Quebec to the fore next year with a much larger production of gold than she has yet made.

The Sullivan mine of British Columbia is the source of the greater part of the lead and zinc produced in Canada. The Slocan mining division accounts for a considerable quantity.

There is also a production of lead from Yukon, Ontario, and Quebec, and of zinc from Quebec. The silver of Ontario has suffered a slight falling off and British Columbia is now well in the lead, deriving her silver from lead and zinc ores and from the gold and silver deposits of Portland canal.

Asbestos production is good, and activity in building, construction, and water-power development have reflected favourably on the cement and clay-products industries.

Better labour conditions have prevailed in general in the coal-fields with a resultant increase in production. Drilling has been active in the search for petroleum. Several dry holes have been drilled in different parts of the country, and a test well sunk to a depth of about 6,000 feet on Governor's island, Prince Edward Island, failed to strike anything of value. Operations elsewhere have met with success. Oil has been struck in additional wells in the Turner Valley field, Alberta, and as a result the production for this year shows a substantial increase. The striking of oil in a well near Skiff in the southern part of Alberta has drawn attention to the possibilities of this area, and exploratory work on the Ribstone-Blackfoot structure has been satisfactory.

CREAM OF TOMATO SOUP.

2½ cups canned or fresh cooked tomatoes
½ small onion, sliced
1 stalk celery, minced
1 tablespoon minced parsley
½ bay leaf
2 whole cloves
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon sugar
¼ teaspoon soda
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoon flour
1¼ cups Borden's St. Charles Milk
1½ cups water
Add seasoning to tomatoes and simmer fifteen minutes, strain.
Melt butter in saucepan, stir in flour. Dilute milk with water, pour slowly into butter and flour, stirring until it thickens. Continue to cook five minutes. Just before serving, add soda to tomatoes, gradually add tomatoes to white sauce, stirring constantly, serve immediately.

All or any of the vegetable seasonings may be omitted, but their addition gives a smooth, well-blended flavor to the soup.

EVERYBODY WORKS BUT MOTHER. SHE'S TOO BUSY.

The following is from The Khaki Call:—

A growing boy in an English town had obtained a small job—his first—and was boasting of the amount of work he did.

"I get up at half-past five and has my breakfast," he said.

"Anyone else get up, too?" he was asked.

"Oh, yes, mother. She gets me breakfast and then gets dad's at half-past six."

"And your dinner?"

"Oh, mother gets that, too, and then she gets father's."

"Has she the afternoon to herself?"

"Oh, no. She cleans up, looks after the children, and gets tea for dad and me when we come home. Then we gets our smoke, and then we gets to bed."

"And your mother?"

"Well, she does a bit of sewing then, when all is cleaned up after tea."

"What wages do you get?"

"Oh, I gets ten bob, and dad gets thirty-five."

"And your mother?"

"Mother? Oh, she don't get no wages. She don't do no work."

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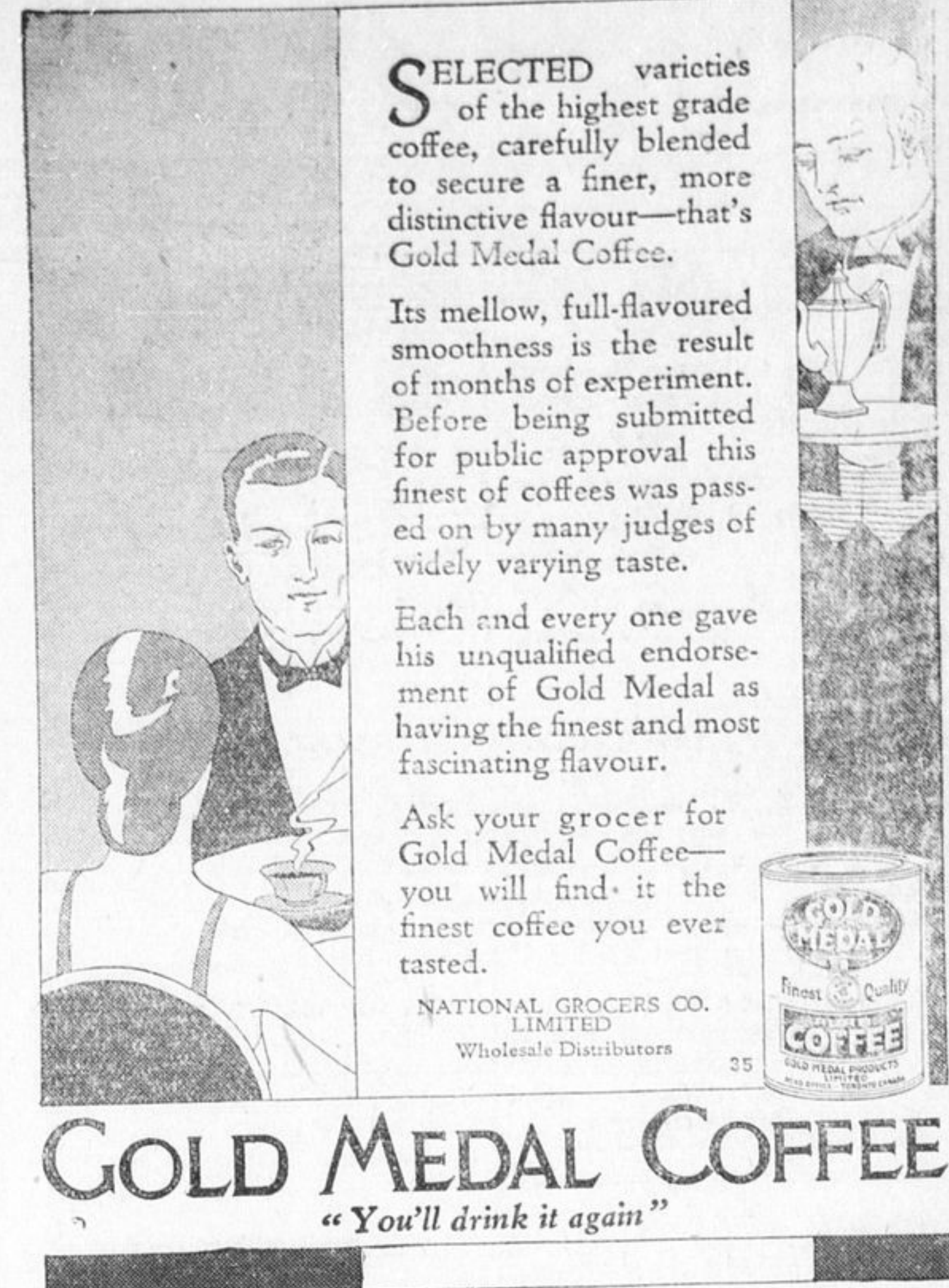
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WHEN SOLDIERS LEFT ON WAR DUTY TEN YEARS AGO

One Group Had a Big Heap of Fun and Made Fun for Others Before They Left Here

Looking over the files of The Advance for the weekly column of "Ten Years Ago in Timmins," recalls the fun created here at the time one group of soldiers left here to take up their military duty. Many will recall the night before the party left here—the meetings in the cafes, when the "Old Settler" and others addressed the crowds. A paragraph from The Advance ten years ago will no doubt be equal interest to-day. It will recall to many what may appropriately be termed "happy days." There is also a touch of sadness in the memories, for the happy-go-lucky Cecil Lloyd, who was always the life of the party, with his ready wit and bubbling humour, met death overseas.

The morning scene at the station ten years ago when the party of soldiers left here will not be forgotten by any present. Speaking of the event at the time The Advance said:—

For war is just what Sherman said. But in the meantime some soldiers keep quite cheery.

When the group of fifteen or sixteen from here left on Saturday to report for military service at Toronto, there were some very interesting incidents. One lady was so overcome the previous evening at the thought of the good "Old Settler" leaving for the war that she said she "went right home at 11 p.m."

But it was the genial Cecil Lloyd who supplied the largest chunks of comicality on Saturday morning. He just reached the station as the train was pulling out.

"I'm here now," he called, "Stop that train! I'm a soldier of the King!"

"If you don't stop that train," he repeated, "I'll cancel the war altogether."

The threat seemed to have its effect, for the conductor noticed Cecil and held the train for him.

"Come on, now, hurry!" said Conductor Tom.

"Harry your grandmother," replied Cecil, "don't you know I'm soldiering now!"

The train seemed to be acting like an impatient steed, pawing to be off. The bell was ringing and the trainmen were in that active state that betokens their intention to move out. And it looked as if Cecil might yet be left.

"Run, Cecil," some one in the crowd suggested.

"Run, nothing," replied Cecil, "Canadian soldiers never run. They only march steadily forward!"

He marched calmly forward, though not at the double quick.

Conductor Tom was out of patience by this time, but Cecil was not.

"You wouldn't desert one of your

own brave soldier boys, surely now," said Cecil, as the conductor fumed and threatened to leave him behind if he didn't hurry.

By this time Cecil's march had brought him at last in front of the coach steps.

"Now for goodness sake, jump right on," said the conductor.

"Your pardon, for half a moment," said Cecil in impressive way.

He stopped by the steps, carefully paused—and lit a cigarette. Then he majestically mounted the steps, and bowed good-bye smilingly from the rear of the train to the big crowd of friends on the platform. The train at last pulled out.

FORTNIGHTLY MEETING OF ST. MATTHEW'S CLUB

The regular fortnightly meeting of St. Matthew's Social Club was held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 31st, in the church hall, with a large attendance of members.

An excellent programme for the evening was arranged by the entertainment committee composed of Mrs. Wilford, Mrs. Mason, Miss Harrison, Miss Johnson and Mr. Higginson, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Harrison and Mr. Jenkins provided music for the different games. About 11 p.m., a dainty lunch was served by the ladies of the club.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Feb. 14th, at the usual time. The Valentine programme is arranged for and a very enjoyable time is assured everyone who attends. New members are always welcome.

NOVEL BIRTHDAY PARTY WAS DELIGHTFUL EVENT

A very novel and unusual social event took place last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. McNaughton, 69 Maple street, south, when a large number of their friends gathered in honour of the birthday of the hostess.

All the guests were in masquerade costume and fun and frolic were the order of the evening. The big surprise of the many during the evening was the "Mystery Five."

These consisted of five of the guests present, all being dressed and hooded alike. At midnight the identity of the "Five" was made known. A guessing contest was held in connection with this group.

Mrs. McClure won the prize, naming all correctly. A mock wedding and a mock trial were also features of the evening's fun.

During the evening the hostess was the recipient of a huge bag of wood, and after the hostess had taken all the wood out of the bag she found a pleasing birthday present from those assembled. Refreshments were provided, these being of a high order, and full justice was done to the good things in this line.

About thirty guests were present, these including: Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Uttley, "Parson and Son"; Mr. and Mrs. McClure, "Pirrot and Gypsy"; Mr. and Mrs. Unsworth, "Spanish Revellers"; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Devine, "Groom and Harem Lady"; Mr. Cornnor, "Father-in-law"; Miss D. Watt, "Mother-in-law"; and Messrs. Truscott, Gratton, Alfred, Neill and McNaughton, "The Mystery Five."

Several others were also present, not in costume, but all entered into the spirit of the event, which came to a close in the early hours of the morning.

Acheson Globe:—A man with sore feet can't see much future in the world until about noon.

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