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Ontario's Mineral Output Reaches \$90,000,000 Yearly

Output of Gold for 1927 was \$33,700,658. Of this Porcupine Produced \$30,000,000. Valuable New Finds in Minerals in Sudbury Area. Record in Number of Mining Claims Staked.

The value of mineral in Ontario for the year 1927 has been placed at a round sum of \$90,000,000 in a preliminary report issued by the Department of Mines last week. It is expected however, that when the final returns are available a substantial increase will be made in this figure. With the exception of 1918 when the metal prices soared above normal, the year 1927, the report states, is the greatest year of mineral production in the history of the Province.

The gold output for the year is valued at \$33,700,658 or an increase of \$2,750,000 over last year. To this figure the Kirkland Lake Mines alone has contributed \$9,674,701.

The report shows that the total mineral production in Ontario since the establishment of the Bureau of Mines in 1891 has increased from \$4,705,673 in that year to \$89,839,569 in 1927. The gross output of metals in the Province has now reached the huge value of \$945,037,343, and the total dividends paid to date, \$263,287,174.

Among the metals represented 70 per cent. of the total output has been in gold, nickel and cobalt while arsenic, gypsum and salt were the leaders among the non-metallic minerals.

Canada now holds third place among the gold-producing countries of the world and for this position Ontario is chiefly responsible. In 1915, a comparative table shows that Ontario produced 8.5 millions of dollars in gold, Canada 19.0 while the world output was 468.7. In 1927 with a world output of 403.6 Ontario has provided 33.7 and the Dominion of Canada 38.1. Another table, a comparison between the various districts in the Dominion, shows that in 1925 Ontario passed the Yukon for the first time in gold output and has been gaining ever since. In 1927 Ontario led British Columbia by over \$30,000,000 while the output for the Yukon has now dropped to \$636,637.

The nickel and copper industries at Sudbury, the report shows has taken added importance as the result of finding large bodies of high grade ore at depth in the Frood and Frood Extension mines. Copper runs from 6 to 20 per cent. in addition to the usual nickel and precious metal contents. "Ontario's position as a copper producer," it is predicted, "will be greatly improved in two or three years when this new ore body is developed."

"Never before in the history of the Province," it is stated, "were so many mining claims recorded in a single year as in 1927." The total claims as shown in the appended table reached 15,554 as compared with 13,496 the previous year. These figures may be compared with the last boom year of 1907 when the claims recorded totalled 13,996.

"The silver output," the report states, "has shown a slight decline and although the lowering selling prices may in part account for the decrease the chief cause has been one of markets due mainly to the unsettled political conditions in China and the fact

that the Government of India has ceased to be a buyer of importance. European Governments have debased their coinage and as a result have reduced their purchase of silver."

The total number of ounces shipped from Ontario in 1927, is 10,543,473, as compared with \$10,707,235 the previous year.

The production of pig iron for the year is shown as 515,365 tons, as compared with 545,737 in 1926.

The natural gas commissioner for Ontario, R. B. Harkness, has contributed to the report the following interesting statement:

"A preliminary estimate of natural gas produced in 1927 is 6,969,000 M. cubic feet valued at \$4,028,025, representing a decrease from 1926 of 807,496 M. cubic feet and \$387,893 in value. This decrease is due to the exceptionally mild season. The demand for heating purposes is only a fraction of what it was the previous winter."

The production of crude oil petroleum in 1927 was 139,606 barrels at 35 Imperial gallons valued at \$289,391 which shows an increase over 1926 of 2,634 barrels.

Due to the favourable building conditions the clay product industry had one of the most successful years in its history, the value of total production being \$5,948,603. This figure has been exceeded only in 1921 and 1922, when the production value ran over the six million mark.

ITEMS OF NEWS FROM THE BUSY TOWN OF CONNAUGHT

St. Valentine Supper and Social. Shower to Miss Neva May Davis. Other Items of Interest

Connaught, March 12th, 1928. Special to The Advance.

Prettily decorated with coloured festoons, the public school Golden City, presented a gala appearance last Wednesday evening, when the friends of Miss Neva May Davis gave her a miscellaneous shower. Little Miss Dorothy Kitehen presented the gifts in a basket, decorated with white ribbon. Dancing was enjoyed, and later in the evening a dainty lunch was served. Miss Davis left Friday noon for Winnipeg, where her marriage to Mr. Robert Robertson takes place.

A most successful Saint Valentine supper and social was held in the committee rooms, Connaught, under the auspices of the United Church Ladies' Aid. The rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion with a novelty booth where a beautiful selection of useful articles was offered for sale. A splendid supper was served from six to eight o'clock, after which a good programme was rendered to a large and appreciative audience. Every one had a good time and the Ladies' Aid netted the sum of one hundred dollars.

Last Friday evening the W.M.S. held a most successful social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farmer. After an interesting musical programme given by members of the community, the hostess served lunch, assisted by members of the society.

Mrs. J. W. Ray, of Toronto, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor. Mrs. Ross Rebnan visited Mrs. Vernon McKee at the Junction last week.

Capt. and Mrs. Coleman were visitors in town from the Night Hawk Mine Saturday last.

Mr. Hebert Briden spent the weekend with his parents in Haileybury. Mrs. F. Chapman was the guest of her son, Mr. Fred Chapman, in Timmins, Saturday.

Rev. Father Rouleau, of Iroquois Falls, held the usual Mission here Sunday.

Mrs. S. Larouche is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lameroux, in Windsor.

Mrs. Day entertained to a luncheon and bridge last week.

Mr. Roy Swayne spent the weekend in New Liskeard.

A despatch last week from Sault Ste. Marie says:—With winter pulpwood and logging operations fast drawing to a close more than 5,000 lumberjacks employed in the forest area east and north of the Sault shortly will begin their annual trek toward the cities and towns. The season's cut has practically been completed, and in fact, some of the camps have already broken up.

Fred Sullivan, prominent Cobalt merchant, was elected last week by acclamation to the town council of the Silver Town to fill the vacancy caused by the unseating of Alonzo Fortin. Six other Cobalt citizens were nominated, but Mr. Sullivan was the only one to qualify within the time limit. Mr. Sullivan has had previous municipal experience in Cobalt.

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SUDBURY TAXI DRIVERS MUST INSURE THEIR CARS

Sudbury Council Requires \$11,000 Protection on Each Car Before License is Effective.

Last week the Sudbury town council passed a by-law which appears to be a step along the line of compulsory automobile insurance. Of course, it deals only with taxi drivers and their cars, but that is as far as the Sudbury council can go in such a matter. According to the by-law, which was sponsored by Councillor Fenton, chairman of the Property Committee of the Sudbury council, all operators of jitneys in the town of Sudbury are required to carry a policy of insurance on each vehicle they employ, covering public liability for \$10,000, and \$1,000 for property. This looks like a good move, and one that might well be copied in principle by the Province. Every once in a while when a pedestrian or an automobile owner gets mixed up in an auto accident, the victim is liable to find that the auto driver responsible is not worth anything—perhaps, indeed, has only made a small payment on the car,—and consequently no claims for any damage done can be collected. This is a distinct hardship and one that thoughtful people have been striving for years to have remedied by some form of compulsory automobile accident insurance of indemnity. Some states in the U.S.A. have one form or another of compulsory automobile indemnity insurance. Several newspapers in the North Land have been advocating the adoption of compulsory indemnity insurance. The idea chiefly advocated is that every car should be compelled to carry such insurance. Then in case of accident the other fellow, whether pedestrian or autoist, would have a fair chance for the recovery of damages in case of injury to car or person. Scores of cases could be quoted (and some of them in this North Land) where serious injustice has resulted from the lack of such insurance. If every car had to carry indemnity insurance it would be on hardship on anybody concerned.

Sudbury town council could not, of course, inaugurate any general scheme of compulsory automobile insurance. The town council, however, has taken a step along the right road. With the requirement that all licensed taxi drivers should carry indemnity insurance to the extent of \$10,000 for personal injury and \$1,000 for property damage, the public in Sudbury are being protected so far as the taxi drivers are concerned. During the past year or two The Advance has noted where men have been injured or property damaged by jitney drivers in different towns in the province. The inference to be drawn from the paragraphs recounting the incidents would suggest that the victims would have to stand any loss incurred, regardless of whether or not the jitney driver was to blame, because in these cases the taxi man had no money or property to repay any loss or costs. It would be useless in such cases to bother about criminal or civil suits for even the courts can not collect money. Sometimes this was suggested by the way the newspaper telling the story would stress the idea of the sympathy extended to the injured person. Other times the newspapers would state the fact more clearly. The apparent purpose of the by-law passed by Sudbury council is to remedy an undesirable situation.

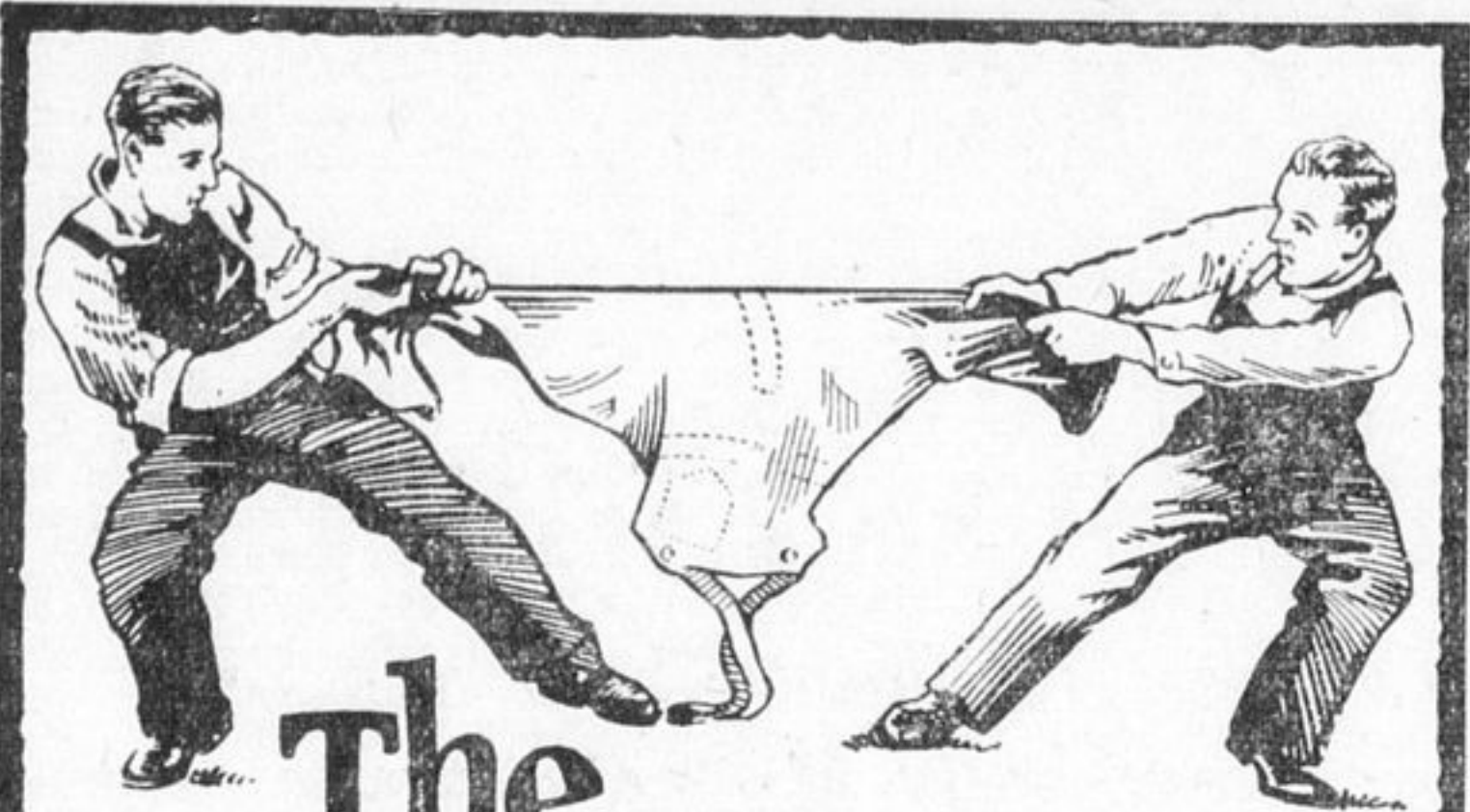
The by-law, however, will have other effects than that of simply providing for cases of injury or damage caused by jitney drivers. One of the results expected from the new by-law is a material reduction in the number of jitney licenses issued. The present by-law calls for a fee of \$35.00 per year for a license. Before the license is effective the taxi driver must have the \$11,000 indemnity insurance. This latter means an outlay of \$130 for each car to pay for the insurance. Accordingly, the jitney driver in Sudbury has to pay \$35 for the town license and \$130 for the insurance, or a total of \$165 before he can run a taxi for gain or hire. Many at present will find this \$165 too high for their tastes. Thus it is thought that the insurance requirement clause

will cut down the number of Sudbury taxi drivers from 50 or 60 to a dozen or so. Men paying the \$165 are likely to be bona-fide jitney drivers engaged only in the one business. There are too many taxi-drivers in Sudbury at present, thus creating a competition that left too many unable to make a living from the taxi business alone. Such a situation tends to induce men to take up sidelines, (blindpigging, or worse, perhaps). From such a situation, the jitneys, the public and the town alike would suffer. There are times when too much competition is worse than none at all. The Sudbury town council did not seem to be far astray in suggesting that the new by-law afforded protection not only to the public but also to the jitney man himself.

The by-law was passed unanimously. Its effects will be watched with more than passing interest.

Marshall County Banner (Minnesota):—Marion Talley, youthful singer, earned more than \$300,000 in two years. Her notes, evidently, draw big interest.

Louisville Times:—It is said that the war will cost the United States \$500,000,000,000. Is Tex Rickard going to stage it?



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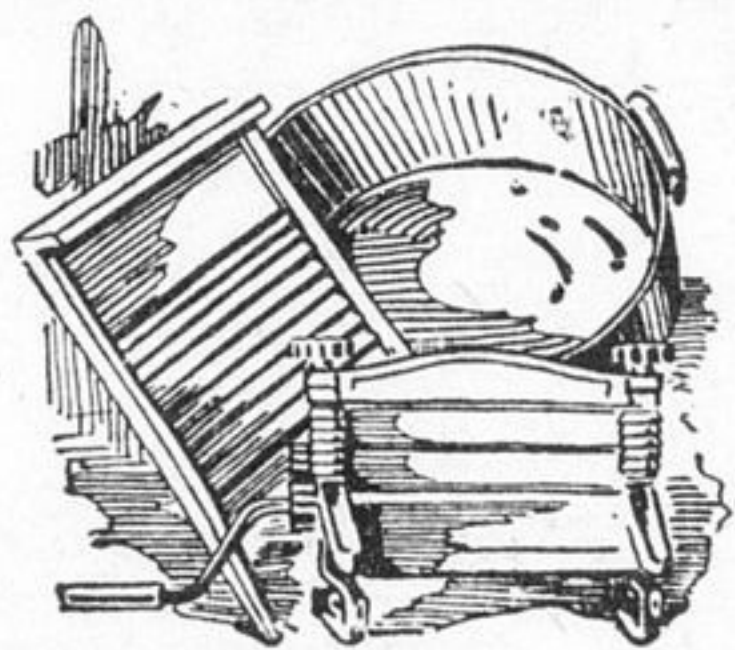
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