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CHIBOUGAMAU DISTRICT OF QUEBEC UNDER REVIEW

Geological Survey at Ottawa Refers to Interesting Section in Which Porcupine Men are Interested

Many in this camp, and especially in South Porcupine, are interested in the Chibougamau district of Quebec. Accordingly there will be general attention given to the following article by Mr. J. B. Mawdsley, Geological Survey, Department of Mines, Ottawa, as furnished to The Advance last week:—

"There are indications of a renewal of interest in the mineral possibilities of the region around Chibougamau lake, which is situated in the

centre of the area between James Bay and the St. Lawrence river, about forty miles south of Lake Mistassini, in the province of Quebec.

"The first discoveries in this district were made in 1903 and created much interest, but the report of the Chibougamau Commission, published in 1911, was not optimistic and did not favour the building of a railroad into the region as proposed. It was found that although the country gave promise of reward to the prospector, faith in the possibilities of the deposits then known was not sufficiently strong to warrant the commission making a report in favour of the building of a railway to them.

"Since the publication of the report of the Chibougamau Commission, the Canadian National Railway has completed its line from Quebec and this has made the region more readily accessible. Other discoveries of sulphides carrying values in copper and gold have been made, and at least two of these showings have given substantial assay values in copper and gold. The area already prospected is confined to a belt some fifteen miles long by six miles wide immediately to the west of Chibougamau lake; but mineralization is widespread and the geology of the region would indicate equally favourable ground in other parts.

"North of Chibougamau lake the region is underlain by an area of greenstone; immediately south of this and to the west of the lake is a belt of acid feldspathic rocks and related granitic intrusives which is followed to the southwest by another area of greenstone. Mineral discoveries have so far been confined to the acid feldspathic rocks or adjacent greenstones near the southern contact of the central intrusive belt. Prospecting is hampered by the standing forests, the heavy moss cover, and glacial drift. A few prospecting parties are known to be proceeding to Chibougamau, either to stake before the end of winter or to be on the spot for the opening of the prospecting season.

"The general geology of the Chibougamau district is shown on the Nottaway map sheet recently published. Copies of this may be obtained on application to the director, Geological Survey, Department of Mines, Ottawa."

Toronto Mail and Empire:—"Wilbur Glenn Voliva, of Zion City, off on a trip to prove that the earth is flat, will probably discover, if he goes far enough, that it is like the wheels on the Toronto street cars—mostly round, with frequent flat places."

EXPECT TO START WORK ON APEX PORCUPINE CLAIMS

Financing Understood to be Already Arranged in New York to Carry On.

While work has not actually started now on the properties held by the Apex Mines in this camp there is every confidence that operations will be undertaken in the spring, which is only a few weeks away now. The necessary financing has been arranged with New York interests. Engineers are of the opinion that the Apex has properties of considerable promise, and worthy of good try-out. The Apex owns claims both in the Porcupine camp and in the Rouyn area, and in the spring it is planned to make a geological survey of the holdings controlled by the company in both camps. If this survey is not unfavourable other work will be carried through. According to statements credited to Mr. Douglas Mutch, the holdings of the Apex in Porcupine have important possibilities as yet undeveloped, and although former diamond drilling failed to show pay ore, there is confidence that in the view of recent showings on adjoining properties the drilling this spring will indicate something especially good. It is held that former diamond drilling was done in sections that were not nearly so favourable as others that will be looked after now. Mr. A. Bilsky, president of the Apex Mines, Limited was in the camp some days ago and it is understood that the next visit he pays here the property will be the scene of active and extended work in development.

SOLDIERS WILL SYMPATHIZE WITH THIS POOR HORSE

The Cobalt correspondent of The Sudbury Star writes last week as follows:—

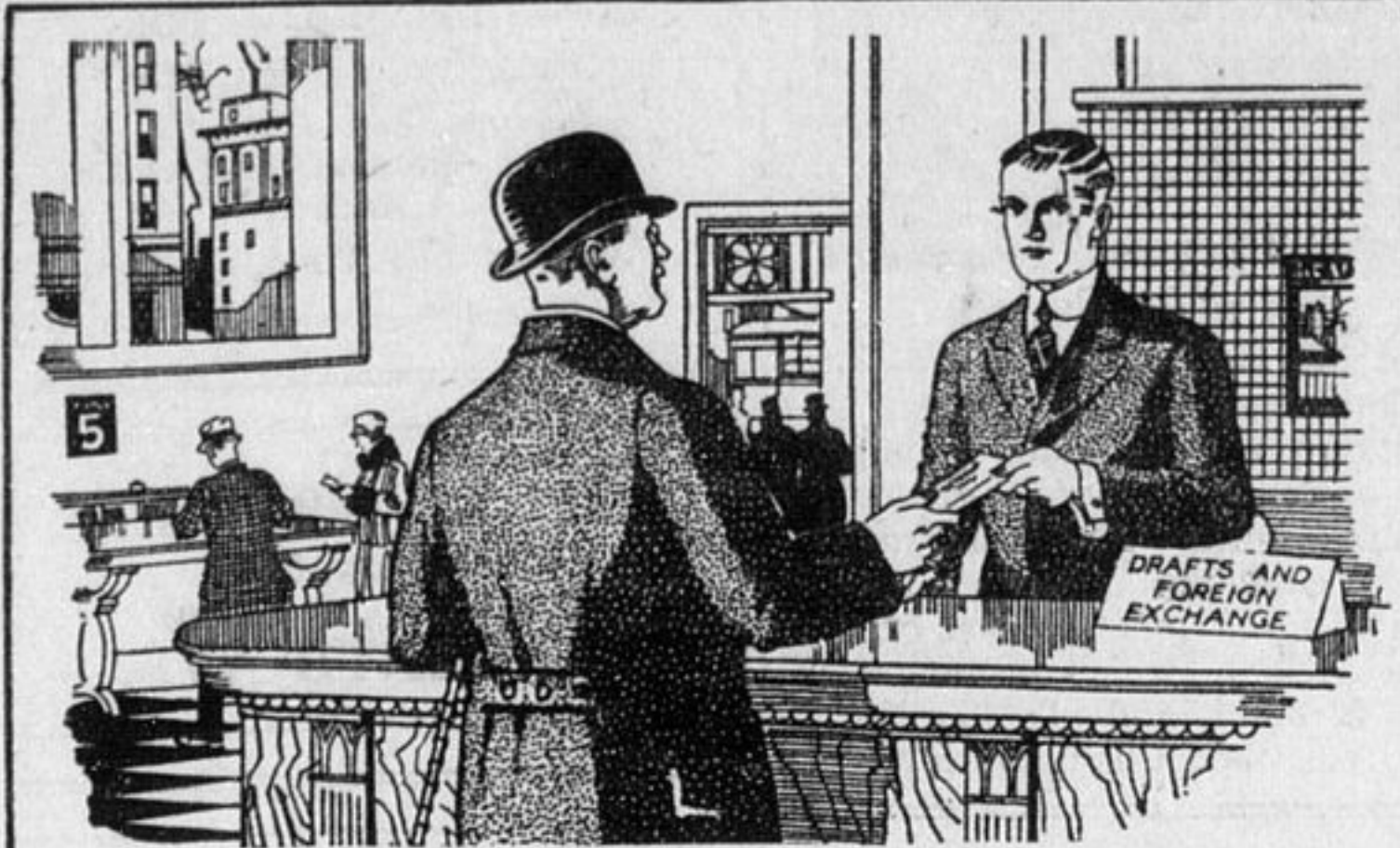
"Vermin were so thick on some of the horses he had examined at Sloan's camp, in Gillies Limit, according to Dr. Dunn, veterinary surgeon, that 'you could not put a lead pencil on them without lice running over it,' giving evidence in police court here on Saturday, when John Sloan, foreman at the camp, was charged with permitting unnecessary suffering to dumb animals. He was fined \$10 and costs, \$46 in all. Defendant declared he did not consider he had done anything wrong. He thought he had been doing his duty. The horses were not being abused, they had lots to eat, were working on a good, hard road, and the logs had to be got out. As for the lice, 'it was a pretty hard job to kill them,' but he was trying his best with tobacco. The vet. and Provincial Constable Houderoff told of having visited the camp and of having seen animals with sore shoulders or sore feet, some in what Dr. Dunn described as 'debilitated cases,' and most of them very thin. There were 23 teams, according to the vet."

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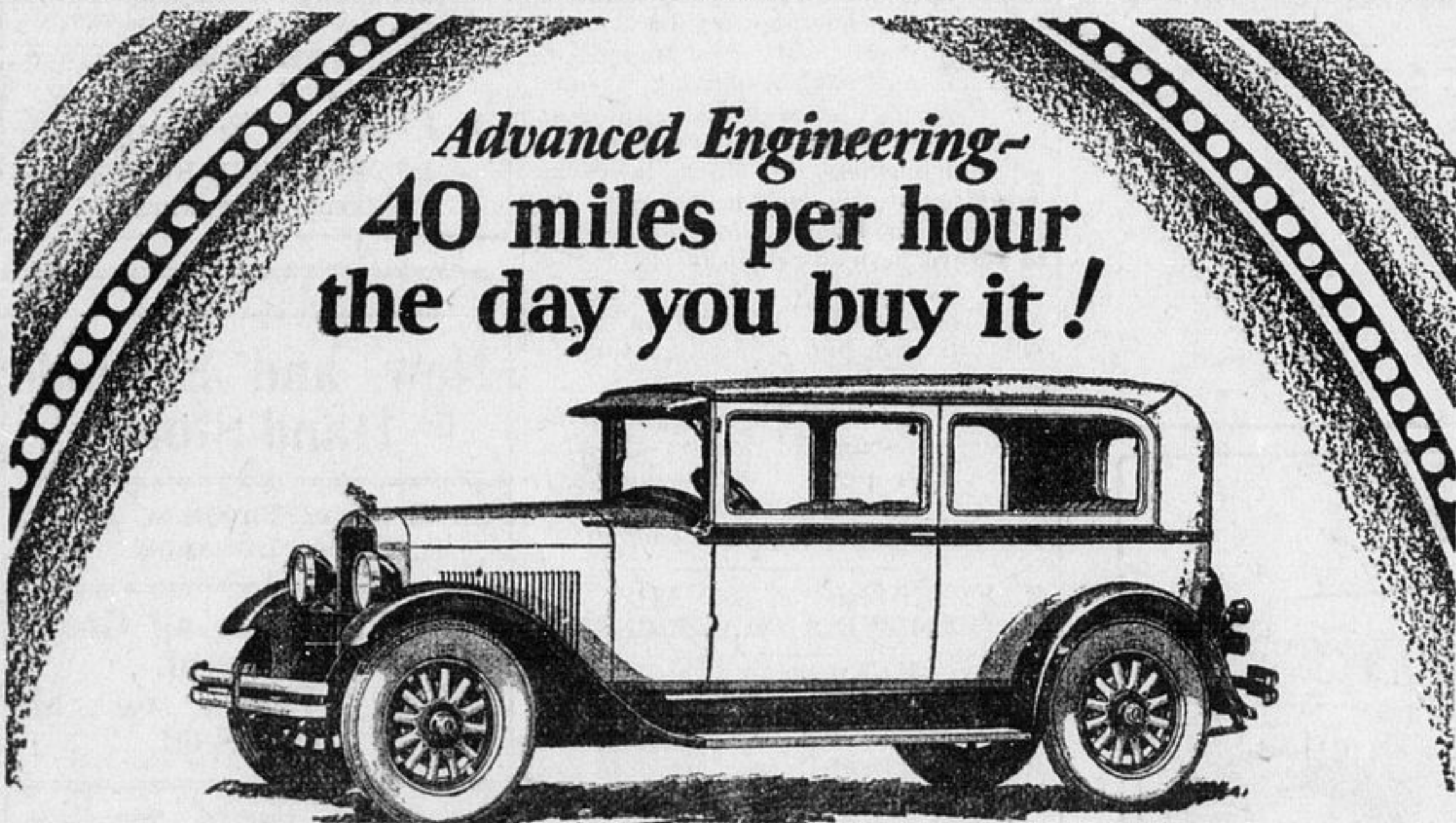
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SHOULD GIVE THE NORTH A FAIR DEAL IN HOCKEY

Present System of Allan Cup Elimination Generally Objected to as Unfair.

The present system of finals in hockey in the South is generally condemned as unfair. Last week The Advance referred to the matter, and papers in the North and the South alike have questioned the system.

"How long will Northern hockey fans tolerate the manifestly unfair conditions which greet their senior championship hockey teams when they make their annual pilgrimage to Toronto in quest of the Allan Cup?" asks The North Bay Nugget. "And under the present system can Northern fans reasonably expect that another Canadian hockey championship will come to the North? Perhaps the most glaring example of the unfairness of the present system is to be found in the series just concluded by Kitchener and South Porcupine. Weak physically, after three gruelling games one of which went into overtime, with the Port Colborne team, the Porcupines were compelled to meet the Kitchener seniors in two games in as many days, which culminated a series of five games the Porcupines played in eight days. This would be bad enough were it in the regular group play, but when champions are pitted against champions, the injustice of the system is more than even apparent.

"The South Porcupine team had senior rating in Northern Ontario. The team proved in the recent series that it was worthy of this rating. In the future there is no reason why the Northern champs should be classed as intermediates when they compete in play-downs for the right to continue in the Allan Cup series.

"If the O.H.A. wants to provide its intermediate champions with an opportunity to meet the senior O.H.A. winners well and good, but the O.H.A. should declare a championship team and the Northern winners should be given the opportunity of competing with this winner on an equal footing.

"The Northern series was decided this year in good time. The O.H.A. senior series was also decided in the specified time, and the Kitchener team which won the title had plenty of time to rest, while the Port Colborne and South Porcupine teams were doing their best to eliminate themselves. The Kitchener team came on the ice fresh and met a team that played itself practically into a state of exhaustion in three gruelling games with Port Colborne. Surely fans do not consider this a sporting proposition.

"The present system may be compared to two men fighting one man. The first man fights as hard as he can and is beaten but takes so much out of his opponent that he proves easy for the man who meets him in the next round.

"The Toronto press was unanimous in the belief that had the Porcupine team not been worn to a frazzle in the three game series with Port Colborne that they would have provided Kitchener with a merry argument for the honours.

"Hockey authorities should be big enough to remedy the present very unsatisfactory system and to do justice to the Northern teams which in the past have never failed to provide hockey of a high order and to accept

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GREAT ADVANCE MADE IN DEALING WITH SMALLPOX

Mr. Justice Riddell Points Out the Relative Position of Smallpox in Dickens' Time and Now

Hon. Mr. Justice Riddell, in a recent address to the Dickens Fellowship at Toronto on "Bleak House," noted that not only did the great English author display an extraordinary knowledge of the law—a fact which the speaker had publicly noted some years before—but that there were also sections of his work which were of peculiar interest to those interested in public health.

The contrast between disease conditions, as Dickens has recorded them, and the circumstances under which we live today, tends to be a startling one. Of particular interest is the outline in "Bleak House" of the medical procedure of the time, as far as smallpox was concerned.

"It may be as the president of the Social Hygiene Council rather than as the former honorary president of the Dickens Fellowship that I speak when I say that no physician can read, without interest, of a time when it was the natural thing, calling for no remark, that anyone could be allowed—or, indeed, compelled—to roam the streets with smallpox, with no attention but 'a bottle of cooling medicine' and no cure against infection but 'sprinkling a little vinegar'."

"The thoughtful physician would remember," Judge Riddell continued, "that Queen Mary of England and Louis XV of France died of smallpox and that George Washington, when president of the United States, in one and the same letter congratulated a friend on the birth of a son and the passage of his family through the smallpox. From the tenor of his message, it is evident that the one was just as normal an event in those days as was the other.

"Reading this, the physician of today might wonder what the world would say if the present Queen Mary of England or the present head of state in France should fall victims or if President Coolidge were to write such a letter."