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RACING DOG TEAMS USUALLY WELL TREATED

Dogs Used for Transportation Purposes Usually Considered as Valuable.

Recently there has been much discussion in regard to the usage of dog teams in the North. The discussion has developed from the expression of opinion at a recent meeting of the Humane Society of Toronto that dog racing is cruel. As The Advance has already suggested, the Toronto people were talking about something that they did not know about. Because prospectors and others using dog teams are generally good fellows their dogs are well used. As a matter of fact the dogs are valuable and so have consideration even from selfish motives. The same is true about the racing dog teams. In this connection The Sudbury Star last week had the following editorial:—

"When the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at the recent meeting in Toronto, carried a resolution deploring dog races, the delegates evidently were not seized with the facts in connection with dogs or the races. That man who neglects to give close attention to his racing dogs is an exception. Owners of race horses are no more careful to the health or well-being of their animals than are the men who own racing dogs. These animals are given the most scrupulous care. Each of them gives his dogs special treatment designed to strengthen them and overcome the fatigue of the trail they have just been through. Dog races are not held for mere sport, but there is back of the gruelling tests the thought of improving the race of dogs for work in the North. Nor could the North get along without its dogs. In a country that for half the year is under snow and minus roads, dogs play a most important part in the life of the country. They are the beasts of burden; they carry men and material; they penetrate to parts unknown; they are the companions of scores of men who spend the winter in the North; they are friends of Indians and whites alike.

"Occasionally dogs are cruelly treated. There is no more doubt about that than there is that here and there will be found men who do not appreciate the value of horses in the more settled sections. But for one man who gives his dogs the worst of it there are a score who care for the animals to the very best of their ability and the nature of the country in which they are working. On the race tracks of England, on the deserts of the East, the best in horse flesh was developed. Horses for various uses have been bred, over generations, and

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Governments assist even at this late date to improve the breed of horses. The North needs its dogs. They must be more than mere dogs. If speed was required in other civilizations, so the civilization of the North needs its speed animals. Racing is calculated to cause selections which ultimately will produce the express dog. Other breeders will take care of the heavy burden animal, and yet others will see to it that the roadster is made available for the North trails."

A certain Aberdeen draper insisted on Scripture warrant for every action of his staff. He once overheard a salesman charging a lady double the shop price for an article he sold her. After the lady left, he approached the young man with the question, "What Scripture warrant had you for overcharging that customer?" The salesman replied, "I was a stranger and ye took me in." —Exchange.

PROPOSAL NOW MADE FOR THE PROHIBITING OF GOLF

Some of the Heart-Tearing Evils of the Desperate Game Detailed.

In the absence of Mr. John W. Fogg, who was in Florida playing golf, and who consequently has not yet opened up the golf season here, the following sarcastic letter from a writer in The Baltimore Sun was made ready for publication in these columns:—

The writer to The Sun says:— It seems to me the time has come when the right-thinking Americans must give attention to the pernicious effects of the growing hold which is gaining upon the American people. Thousands of our people are now golf addicts, and their number is growing every year.

Think of the misery this wicked game is causing. Men neglect their wives and children and their business and waste their time and substance on its insidious charm.

The golf instructors are growing rich plying their wicked trade of giving lessons at the expense of their unfortunate victims, and swollen fortunes of the manufacturers of the devilish golf devices increase and multiply.

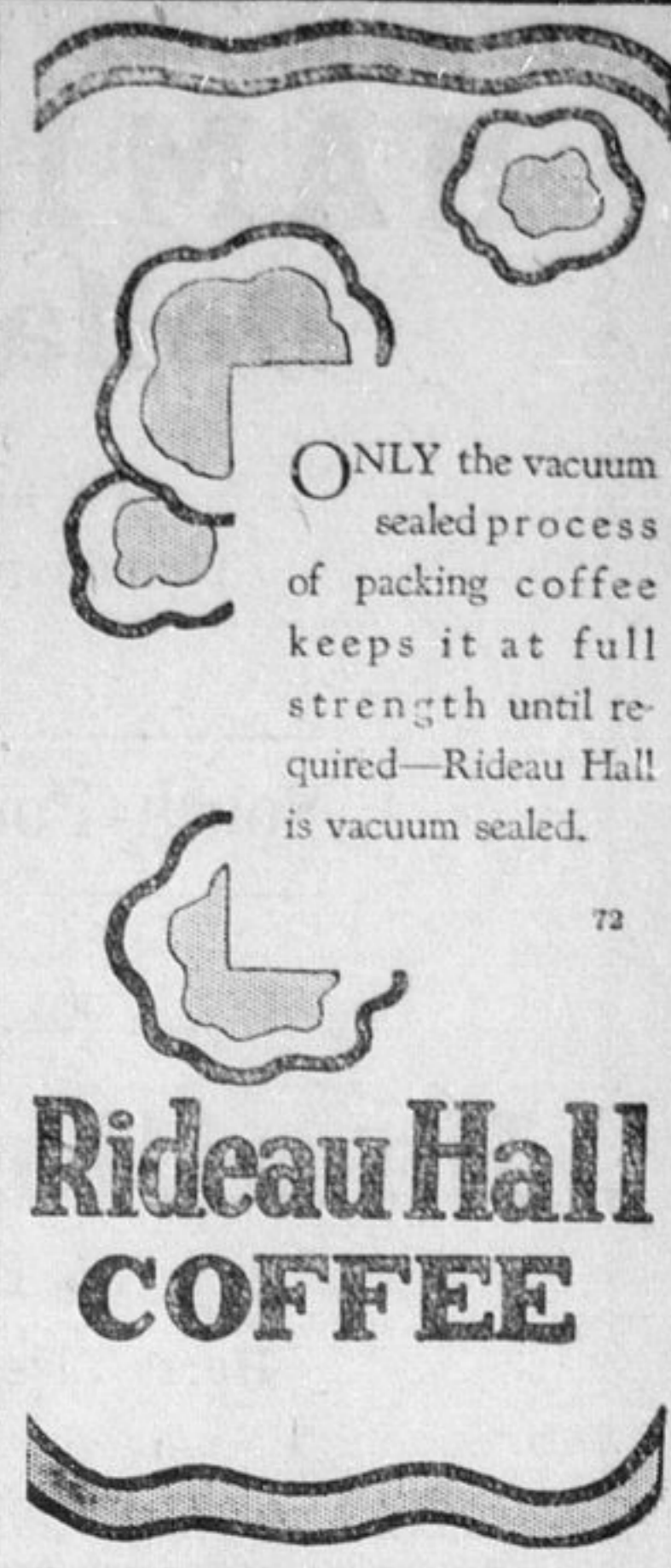
Even the womanhood of the country is becoming addicted to golf, and public and private courses alike have an unhealthy influence on the minds of both young and old and is a growing cause of the desecration of the Sabbath. Men do and say things under the influence of the demon golf they would never do otherwise. Golf makes liars of some men and causes profanity and loss of self-control. I thank the Lord that golf has never obtained a hold on me. I can play at it or let it alone.

While I am a moderate golfer, I am willing to forego the game forever for the great good its prohibition would accomplish.

I urge that steps be taken immediately to prohibit the playing of golf on Sunday and that we organize at once with the object of adding an amendment to the constitution of the United States to prohibit all golf except for medical purposes after June 30, 1928.

Aberdeen Boy (at home lessons): "Faither, what tense is this, 'George Washington never told a lie.'" Faither: "I wad ea' that pretence." —Exchange.

Faither, what does this mean, "The light of other days has faded." Faither: "It just means it's time you were in bed." —Exchange.



TIME FOR RENEWING OF MINERS' LICENSES NOW

Mining Recorders throughout Ontario are already experiencing the first stages of the rush for renewals of mining licenses which expire on March 31 every year. To quote the Mining Act of Ontario: "Any person over 18 years of age, any mining partnership and (subject to provisions of subsection 6) any company incorporated under the laws of Ontario to transact business or hold lands in Ontario shall be entitled on payment of the prescribed fee to obtain a miners' license." The fee for obtaining an individual miner's license is \$5 and for a renewal \$3. The fee for licenses taken out after October 1 each year is \$3.

THINK WOLVES CAMP ON DOORSTEPS IN THE NORTH

People of Southern Ontario have a little conception of Northern Ontario as they have of Mexico, when they class parts of it as "bad country," said Dr. J. M. Robb, M.P.P. for Algoma, in an address before Ward 6 Conservatives, Toronto, on the question "Wonders of Northern Ontario." "I lived in Algoma a year before I heard a wolf," he continued, "and another year before I saw one, and then only by using the greatest ingenuity; yet some people I have talked with have the idea that the district is overrun with wolves and that they sleep on our doorsteps."

TORONTO NEWSPAPER IS LEARNING ABOUT WOLVES

The following is an editorial article from a recent issue of The Toronto Star:— "As regards wolves, this journal is prepared to admit that, up to the present time, it has had more experience with wolf stories than with the animals themselves. As for the study of the wild wolf in his native haunts, we are learning more and more to rely upon the independent investigations of Mr. Jim Curran of the Soo Daily Star. In a sense we may be said to be collaborating with him in his great work on wolves, for while he pads on snowshoes across the wintry wastes of Algoma and listens by night in a trapper's shack to the wolf stories that are being told, we stay here in Toronto and envy him these mid-winter outings and get him to tell us all about them when he comes to the city. In other words, Mr. Curran keeps in touch with the wolves and we keep in touch with Mr. Curran, with the result that we are both getting to be pretty good authorities on these animals. Therefore we feel freer than we otherwise would to express some doubts upon the soundness of the wolf policy advanced in the legislature by Mr. T. Legault, M.L.A., of Sturgeon Falls. He advocates a great wolf hunt in Northern Ontario with \$10,000 offered in prizes by the Ontario government. The C.P.R. once got up a wolf hunt that proved a great success except that nobody even saw a wolf. If Mr. Legault means that ten thousand dollars in prizes be distributed among those who kill the most wolves within twelve months, this incentive, if it moved every man in the north to kill all these animals he could, might accomplish a good deal. But to stage a big wolf hunt for a week or two would be to court flat disappointment, for notoriously, wolves are never where you look for them. The better way, as we see it, is to raise the bounty on wolves to \$40, as it formerly was. Even at \$15 a man will kill every wolf he gets a chance at, but at \$40 per head many of the most capable men in the north will make wolf hunting a very determined part of their business. The wolf is cunning when trying to save his hide, but if the bounty is high enough to interest all the front and back of a man's mind he can prove more cunning than the wolf."

Aberdeen Girl: "Why is it considered etiquette, Mother, never to leave guests alone in a room?" Mother: "In case they help themselves to anything lyin' about." —Exchange.

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