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## PROGRESS OF AVIATION IN DOMINION OF CANADA

Development Largely Confined to Use  
in Sparsely-Settled Districts.

The proposal to establish an aero club in this district, as brought before the Timmins Board of Trade recently, has naturally increased interest in air service in this district. It may be noted here, as mentioned on many scores of occasions in the past dozen years, that this North Land, on account of its immense distances, offers a particularly appropriate field for air service. In Australia, which is also a country of big distances, the air service has assumed large proportions. The Australian Government has given special assistance to airmen and the country has now a large mileage of air services. In comparison with its progress in other lines, Russia, another land of big distances, has made fair progress in the matter of air services. Of course the most extended use of airships is made in that land of big distances, the United States of America. It should not be forgotten, however, that Canada has a larger area even than that of the United States, and so the relation of the airship to the giving of service to distant points is of special interest to Canada.

In a thoughtful editorial on the subject last week, The Toronto Mail and Empire says:—

"Progress in aviation in Canada has followed lines indicated by the special requirements of the country. That progress has not yet been shown in the establishment and operation of airplane services for the transportation of passengers and goods between large centres of population. On the contrary, the development has taken place largely in sparsely-settled portions of the Dominion and beyond the sight of the majority of Canadians. Some of the development have been carried on at the expense of the Governments of the Dominion and the Provinces, and some on purely commercial lines and without the aid of subsidies from the State. "The Government of Canada has employed airplanes or seaplanes to make photographic surveys of unsettled sections of the country and so to expedite the mapping of those territories. That Government, too, has used aircraft to transport surveyors and officials and their instruments and

supplies to the scenes of their labors in the field. The Dominion Government and the Governments of certain of the Provinces have found airplanes very valuable means of patrolling forest areas for the detection of fires and of transporting men and apparatus to such fires. The Ontario Government, indeed, has organized its own air service for forest protection, and in 1927 operated 22 flying boats and seaplanes and employed a staff of 56 superintendents, pilots and air engineers. Private corporations have operated aircraft, too, for the purpose of carrying prospectors and other persons, supplies and some kinds of equipment from railway lines to mining camps and mineral-bearing areas that could not be reached by railway. "Capt. H. A. Oaks, who has just been awarded the McKee trophy for 'meritorious service in aviation,' has been honored for useful work in winter and summer during 1927 in one of these departments of flying in Canada. He did much toward the organization of flying services in Northern Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and has to his credit many hours of flying with passengers and goods. He has won a trophy that is intended as a reward for continuous useful application of the art of flying rather than for merely spectacular flights. The trophy, thus, is given for successful efforts in the field in which most of the developments in aviation in Canada have taken place. That field has been widened of late by the employment of aircraft to carry mails between Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal and Rimouski, the most easterly port of call in Canada for transatlantic steamships on the St. Lawrence route. This beginning of the establishment of airplane routes and the formation of eleven light airplane clubs in Canada give evidence of an increase of interest in aviation in the Dominion and suggest the opening of a new chapter in the development of aviation in the country."

### J. Y. MURDOCK PRESIDENT MINING ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Mining Association held recently at Temagami, Hon. Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines for Ontario, and Mr. V. A. Sinclair, chairman of the Workman's Compensation Board, were among the visitors, and conferred with the mine managers present on matters of public interest in regard to mining. The Ontario Mining Association elected the following officers:—President, James Y. Murdock, Toronto; vice-presidents, Oliver Hall, of Mond Nickel Co., Coniston, and Fraser D. Reid, general manager of the Coniagas Mines, Ltd.; secretary-treasurer, Geo. C. Bateman, Toronto.

### CHAPLEAU MUSKRAT FARM UTILIZES WASTE GROUND

"In view of the widespread interest in fur farming, particularly in the Western provinces," says the Chapleau correspondent of The Sudbury Star, "it may come somewhat as a surprise to many to learn that Chapleau has now entered this sphere of activity by the establishment of a government licensed fur farm given over exclusively to the raising of muskrats. Mr. Arthur J. Grouit, the enterprising owner, is enthusiastic over the possibilities of this part of the country which would seem to have all the natural characteristics required to ensure success, and in so doing it would appear to have indicated a means of placing the hitherto unproductive area near the town on a profitable basis. Mr. Grouit has built his farm on the banks of a quickly flowing stream at the outlet from a small lake and in the sandy banks of the stream, a sixty-foot trench lined with galvanized iron has been erected. This trench is divided into compartments by heavy mink wire, and the pens built into the bank, while each compartment is fitted with its nest box of wood and iron. From these nest boxes are tunnels to the trench allowing access under or above water. Everything possible has been done both to protect the muskrats from their natural enemies and to ensure that they are kept as nearly as possible in their native element. The stock at present consists of Northern Ontario rats, which are noted for the fine quality of their fur, while in the very near future a number of Rice Lake muskrats will be introduced."

Sudbury Star:—The oldest inhabitant says that some men are envious because they are unable to make a living at anything else.

## About Two Hundred Old Boys at Sudbury College Re-Union

Former Students from Many Parts of the Dominion  
Gather Celebrate First Re-Union. Sudbury College  
Has Many Graduates in This District. Interesting  
Programme for Re-Union Event.

On Sunday, June 17th, for the first time in its history the "College des Jesuites" of Sudbury held the reunion of the Old Boys of this College which is the only classical college in Northern Ontario. This re-union coincided with the celebration of the Conventum of its first sophomore class. About two hundred Old Boys responded to the invitation of the organizers.

At 10.30 the pupils sang the Polliere's Mass in three voices. Rev. Fr. Pouliot, S.J., directed the choir. The soloists were Denis Janisse, and Wallace Bradley. An Old Boy of the college, Rev. Fr. Menard, officiated, assisted by Rev. F. Henry Gauthier, S.J., and Rev. Germain Deacon. Rev. Fr. Roy spoke in touching terms of the significance of such a re-union. "We need sometimes to come back to strengthen our enthusiasm and to rekindle our faith," he said. At the offertory, Mr. Gerald Belanger played a violin solo that was much appreciated. The college choir distinguished itself by its fine music. All pupils and Old Boys assisted at this mass. After mass, a photo of some three hundred of the pupils, past and present, was taken in front of the college.

At 12.30 noon the college gave a banquet to the Old Boys, who were joined by the pupils of the classes in philosophy, rhetoric and poetry. The table of honour was presided over by the rector of the college, Rev. Father D. Cariepy, S.J., and many distinguished in church and civil life were also at this table. The Old Boys were seated in precedence according to their college years. The college orchestra provided unusually pleasing music. Rev. Fr. Cariepy spoke of the success of his predecessor, Rev. Fr. Carriere, S.J., and also extended very sincere and hearty welcome and greeting to the Old Boys. Mr. Denis Janisse, professor at the University of Detroit, toasted his alma mater in the name of all the Old Boys, his address being eloquent and inspiring. Dr. Georges Vaehon, of Warren, proposed the formation of an Old Boys' Association, whose object would be to continue and strengthen the links of friendship among the Old Boys. The motion was unanimously carried. Rev. Father F. G. Belcourt, S.J., president of the Conventum, spoke to thank the orators who had done so well and to read telegrams from a few who could not attend. He then announced that the election of officers would be held immediately. On supported propositions the following staff was elected:—honorary president, Rev. Father Rector; president, Dr. Georges Vaehon; first vice-president, Rev. J. A. Menard; second vice-president, Mr. Denis Janisse; secretary, Mr. Antonio Michaud; directors, Mr. E. Beauchesne, Mr. D. Ducharme, Mr. H. Maurice, Mr. D. Lemieux, Mr. L. Lalonde.

On the afternoon programme was a baseball game between the Old Boys and the present pupils. The final score was 7 to 4 in favour of the Old Boys. Colin was referee. The line-ups were as follows, Roger Courtemanche, of Timmins, being among those on the line-up of the one team:

Old Boys:—W. Bradley, c.; A. Boulay, p.; Masse, 1st b.; Ed. Beauchesne, 2nd b.; L. Roy, 3rd b.; G. Belanger, s.s.; A. Whissel, r.f.; Guimond, l.f.; L. P. Bedard, e.f.

College:—A. Boyer, c.; R. Courtemanche, p.; N. Godin, 1st b.; E. LaSalle, 2nd b.; M. Beaulac, 3rd b.; E. Thibodeau, s.s.; H. Bertrand, r.f.; H. Plouffe, l.f.; J. Ranger, e.f.

Swimming races between the "whites" and the "blues" followed, the "whites" (H. Patenaude, R. Simard and P. Ferron) won from the "blues" (R. Quenneville, J. Laclair and O. Fournier).

At 5.30 was Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament for pupils and Old Boys. Rev. Father Laehapelle, S.J., sang a solo, "Pans Angelicus," with a beautiful violin obligate by Desève Lemieux. The college choir under the skilful direction of Rev. Fr. Pouliot, S. J., led the singing.

After Benediction, Rev. Fr. Belcourt, S.J., read out the list of profes-

sors and boys who had been pupils of the college and who has passed away, and all joined in the De Profundis for the repose of the dear comrades of days gone by.

After supper, the college musicians gave a little musical concert. Rev. Louis de G. Belleau, former professor and teacher of music at the college, played a few selections and his wonderful execution and interpretation won very hearty applause. Then other musicians of marked ability added to the pleasure of the gathering by their talented work.

The Association of the Old Boys of the Sacred Heart College at Sudbury is now founded and formally organized. Other re-unions of the same kind as the one recently held will take place in subsequent years on dates to be fixed by the council of the association. At these re-unions all former pupils of this classical college of Northern Ontario will be welcome.

### YOUNG MOOSE CAPTURED ALIVE NEAR PORT ARTHUR

Here is a nature note of special interest! Curled up on a bed of leaves on the floor of a touring car, a young moose, very much alive, but undisturbed by its strange surroundings was brought recently to Port Arthur by an Indian hunter. The young moose was captured in Bog Lake, the Indian overtaking it in his canoe. The Indian plans to sell the young moose to the zoo at Chippewa Park at Port Arthur.

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