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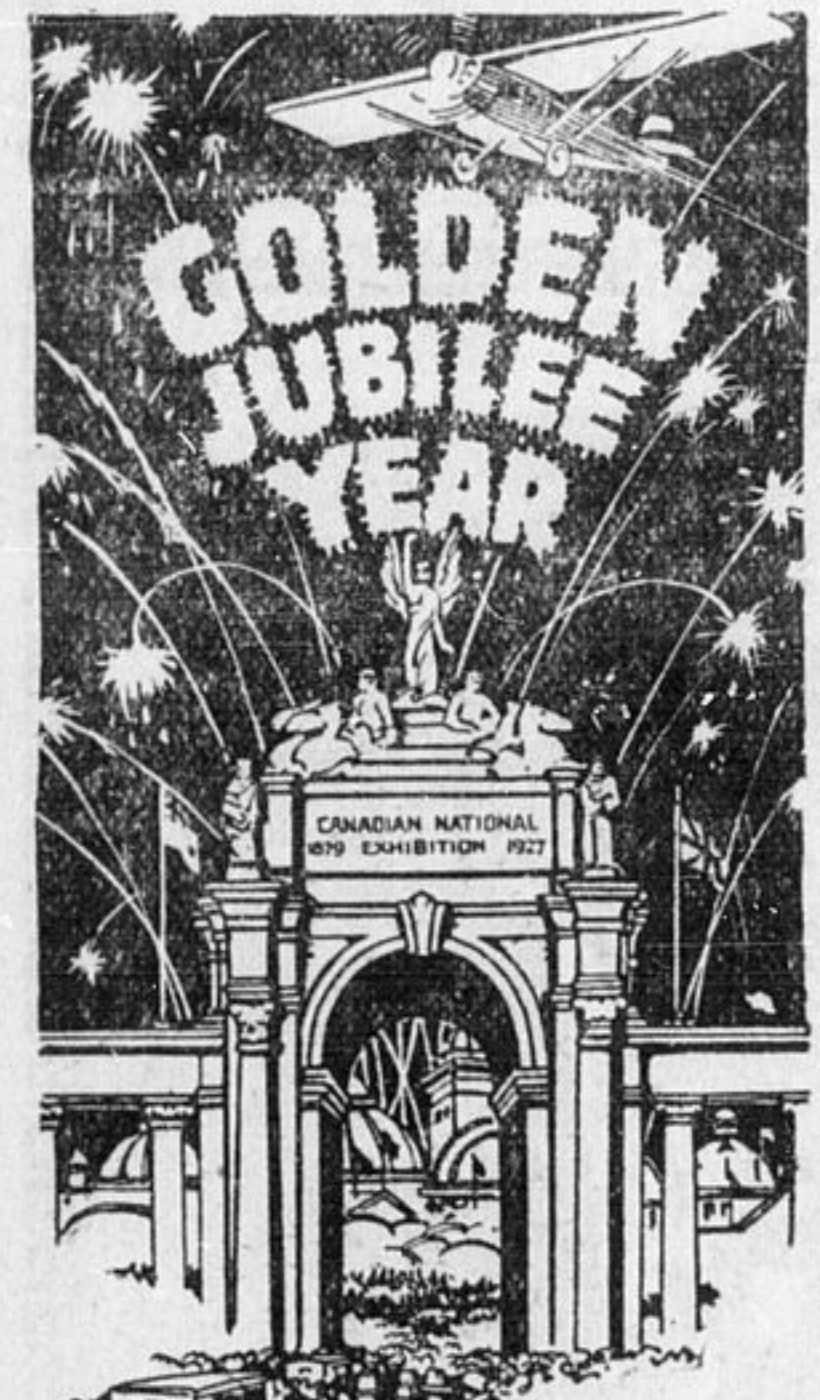
BEST FOR ALL YOUR BAKING.— Pies, Cakes, Buns and Bread — DOES ALL YOUR BAKING BEST.

ROMANCE OF THE ROAD FROM SWASTIKA TO LARDER LAKE

In its special edition dealing with the Kirkland Lake camp. The Northern Miner last week had several very interesting items in regard to former days in Swastika, "the gateway to Kirkland." One of these items deals with the road from Swastika, now passing through Kirkland Lake. The Northern Miner says:—

"In the winter of 1910-11 the business men of Swastika, which then had a population of about one hundred, got together and discussed the local situation, which was fairly desperate from a business point of view. The conclusion reached was that if they were to secure any business from Larder Lake, the prospectors' mecca of that day, it would be necessary to cut a road from Swastika into that camp. The money was raised somehow and Walter Little undertook the job. These anxious pioneers hacked a way past what were to become the Larder Lake, Teck-Hughes, Wright-Hargreaves, Kirkland Gold, Sylvanite, Tough-Oakes, Bidgood and the many other promising properties in their line of march. They threaded their way through a golden treasure house which was to win a production record of over \$36,000,000, with uncounted millions lying exposed to view and many years of profitable operation ahead. The road the Swastika business men opened is still in use and is now part of the Government highway."

Council Bluffs Nonpareil:—The first ten commandments are the hardest.



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EARLY DAY IN KIRKLAND LAKE GOLD MINING CAMP

Lucky Cross and Swastika Mines at Swastika Pioneers of Kirkland Area

The last issue of The Northern Miner was a special Kirkland Lake District number, and a very excellent production it was in every way. It was well printed and made doubly attractive by the many illustrations used. There were 72 pages in the big issue and every phase of affairs in Kirkland Lake, Swastika and other points received attention. One special article was devoted to the early days in Swastika, the first railway centre in the Kirkland camp. In reference to the early days at Swastika, The Northern Miner says:—

"No history of Kirkland Lake camp can ignore the pioneers of Swastika. Here was a case where the birds were really too early for the worm; their arrival antedated the discoveries in Kirkland proper by several years; they stayed on, glancing with envious eyes on Larder and Dane, unaware of the golden opportunities at their own doors. It is comforting to know, however, that many of those who stuck profited handsomely by subsequent developments at Kirkland Lake, five miles away."

"Walter Little, Alex Perron, Chas. Spearman, Jack Reddington, Ernest Martin, Ed. Croteau, Andy Duncan, Frank Duncan, Ed. Giblin, J. W. Morrison, Harry Oakes, the Tough brothers and the Wessell boys were a few of those who lived through that early period."

"The Lucky Cross and Swastika Gold mines were in operation and at these properties a number of the old-timers found occupation. J. W. Morrison was shift boss at the Lucky Cross. John Reddington was at Swastika Gold, where Charles Spearman, a telegraph operator who became interested in mining in the west and completed an engineering course at Queen's, was engineer. John Anderson ran an assay office as a private venture. Andy Duncan, subsequently killed in France, had a business in the village. Walter Hurd, Douglass, Walter Little's partner; Hugh McMillan, Ed. Chaput, Findlay McLaren, Jack Armstrong, A. J. Saumier, Jas. Doig, E. K. Neil, Joe Maguire, Jack O'Neil, John Conway, "Pink" Joy, Humphreys, Dr. Levi, the Stillar brothers and many others made Swastika their base of operations."

"Many of these pioneers remember and can relate details of the struggle they had to make ends meet, to keep going under the handicap of lack of interest on the part of outside capital, which at that time could only see Porcupine and Larder. Kirkland Lake was born in an atmosphere of incredulity. Its development astonished even its Swastika neighbors."

In Washington they tell the story of a golfing clergyman who had been beaten badly on the links by a parishioner thirty years his senior, and had returned to the clubhouse rather disgruntled.

"Cheer up," his opponent said. "Remember, you win at the finish. You'll probably be burying me some day."

"Even then," said the preacher, "it will be your hole."
 —Exchange

PLAGUE OF MOSQUITOES AND BLACKFLIES IN NORTH

Pests Never Worse Than This Year, Say Prospectors. Floods and Weather the Cause.

Prospectors, settlers and others who have to travel the bush are agreed that this season is the worst they have experienced in this part of the country in regard to mosquitoes and blackflies. There used to be a comforting doctrine held by some old-timers in this North Land that when the blackflies were numerous the mosquitoes would be few, and when the mosquitoes were specially prevalent there would not be many blackflies. It was held that what was favourable for the propagation of the one pest was fatal to the other. Those who did not agree with this doctrine have the upper hand this year, as they can point to the fact that both are now equally numerous and blood-thirsty. This year the bush is a regular torture chamber, the blackflies and mosquitoes running each other a race to see which can be the biggest curse. Many prospectors and others have been driven out by blackflies and mosquitoes. The settlers have had to stand it as best they might. Only those fully hardened to these pests of the North, the blackflies and mosquitoes, are able to endure the activity of these small torture-bearers. The general opinion expressed by the settlers is that the mosquitoes are the most objectionable. The blackflies are not difficult to keep out of houses. Indeed, they are not so bad in clearings of any particular extent. In any case they do not get on the nerves the way the mosquitoes do. Also, the blackflies usually do not poison their victims. They cause a little annoyance and some loss of blood but the next day the victim of the blackflies is usually as good as ever. On the other hand the warning hum of the mosquito irritates and set the nerves on edge, while mosquito bites very often cause pain and annoyance for many days, sometimes, indeed, resulting in serious poisoning effects.

The floods this spring and the continued wet weather are given as the chief causes for this year's plague of blackflies and mosquitoes. "A week's real hot weather would kill off these pests," says an old-timer. Moose and deer, as well as men, are being driven from the bush by the mosquitoes and flies, according to reports received. The blackflies usually are about through by the first of July, but this year the first crop will last a little longer on account of the conditions. But so far as the blackflies are concerned, it won't be long now.

MANY TO BE "IN THE SWIM" AT THE SWIM AT TORONTO

With George Young in training again under Johnny Walker and pronounced in as good shape as when he conquered the Catalina in the First Wrigley Marathon Swim, and Ernest Vierkoetter a sure entrant, the world's championship swim at the Canadian National Exhibition this year has every appearance of being a "battle" between these two noted stars. There will be others, too, who will be "in there," such as Arne Borg, of Sweden; Mendell Bardett, of Toronto, whose performance last year was outstanding, and Georges Michel, of France, the runner-up of last year.

SPEED COPS TRAINING FOR FERGUSON HIGHWAY

One of the latest additions to the forces of law, order and fines, is the Northern Motorcycle Patrol of the Ontario Provincial Police. This patrol is to do duty on the Ferguson highway so as to see that law and order prevails. There will be no speeding permitted on the highway and this fact is to be made known right from the start. In addition the Northern Motorcycle Patrol will form a link in the chain keeping the North Land towns from the "hit and run" type

of crime. Without such a patrol it would be possible for criminals to prey upon North Land towns and make their escape, perhaps, by auto to the South. On account of the long distances it is possible to catch many who attempt escape by flight by train. The patrol is expected to give similar protection from motor methods. It is hoped to make the North an easy place to visit, an easy and safe place to travel in, but a difficult place for wanted people to get away from.

Seven brand-new motor cycles have been purchased by the Government for the use of the patrols of the Northern

highways. The officers who will run these machines have been taking a special course of instruction in motor cycle work and in police work, with special reference to the Highways Act. Those who travelled the Ferguson highway during the past week or two will laugh sarcastically at the thought of any one speeding over the Ferguson highway. It should be remembered, however, that dry weather will soon put the highway in very passable shape and there are stretches of the road that readily lend themselves to foolish fellows who have the craze for speed. The Northern Motorcycle patrol will stop the dangerous work of those inclined to excessive speed in motor cars, and so will prove of value and safety to this North.

Milverton (Ont.) Sun:—Dr. T. T. Shields of Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, on Sunday last made a withering attack on horseracing and declared that every gambler was a "potential thief." This is mild compared with what he thinks of the modernist.

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