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## PROGRESSIVES TO TOUR NORTH LAND THIS MONTH

Party Will Leave Toronto on July 16th. Expected to Visit Timmins on the Trip

Word from Toronto gives the information that members of the Progressive group in the Legislature will widen their knowledge of New Ontario by a tour this month, through some of the principal mining and agricultural sections. Arrangements have been made by Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests and Northern Development, according to a request made at the end of last session by J. G. Lethbridge and J. W. Widdifield, Progressive House leader and Whip, respectively, and more recently renewed.

The farmer members wish to visit the upper and lower Clay Belts touched by the T. and N.O., and especially Sharpe Township, to which settlers from unproductive lands in Haliburton have been transferred by the Government.

The department has arranged an itinerary by which an inspection can be made of the country along the T. and N.O. right up to Cochrane and

Kapuskasing, and also the mining districts of Porcupine and Kirkland Lake.

The party will leave July 16, returning on the morning of the 23rd, and will include Mr. Lethbridge, Mr. Widdifield, T. K. Slaek, of Dufferin; Chris. Gardiner, East Kent; R. H. Kemp, Lincoln; F. G. Sandy, South Victoria; D. M. Ross, North Oxford; W. G. Medd, North Huron; and Alex. D. McLean, North Middlesex.

Hon. Mr. Finlayson said that the department was glad to meet the request of these members, and intimated that there was still hope that it would be possible to take the whole Legislature on a trip next year, not only up the T. and N. O., but through the whole of Northern Ontario, as was suggested some time ago in the House.

According to despatch from Toronto the spread of Communist literature throughout the school sections of Northern Ontario continues unabated, according to officials of the Department of Education at Queen's Park. Departmental officials are making fresh inquiries regarding the activity of Communists involved, in preparation for any action Premier Ferguson may see fit to take on his return from Europe.

## ODD AND INTERESTING NAMES GIVEN TO MINES

Origin of Special Names as 'Vipond', 'Noranda', 'Flin Flon' and Many Others.

To many people names have a peculiar fascination. There is interest in the why and the wherefor of different names. Many have wondered where in sin, the names given Pullman cars come from. Probably others have queried in same fashion in regard to the names of many mining properties. Recently there has grown up a practise of coining names for mines, very often the name being a combination of parts of the name of two or three or more interested in the venture. In the last issue of The Northern Miner there was an article on the origin of mine names. The Miner says:

"Speaking of names, the average person who glances through a mining handbook must be puzzled by the array of manufactured, geographical, personal, classical and fanciful names. The nomenclature of business is monotonously prosaic; of the race track, affectionate and superstitious; of the movies, catchy; but the nomenclature of mining is as variable as a dozen factors, including the personal element, can make it. The old-fashioned prospector had a fondness for weird names. As a good example of this we quote the following from the Barstow (Cal.) Times. 'Bill Jarrett has just returned to Barstow from the Death Valley country. Bill worked for six weeks on the graveyard shift for the Corpse Mining Company in the Coffin Mine, located in Dead Man's Canyon Funeral Range at the end of Death Valley. Bill is leaving next week for a prospecting trip to the Devil's Playground in Hell's Half Acre.'

"Luck plays a big part in the naming of mines. For instance, the present market favourite was christened 'No canna.' A printer's error made the name 'Noranda.' A group of prospectors going into the Northern Manitoba district found a clearing and beside it back copy of a magazine. This contained a story with a character named 'Flin Flon,' who found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. So the new camp got its name. In the early days of Rhodesia a party of English prospectors stumbled through a hornet's nest and found when they had stopped running that they were standing on a rather decent discovery, which they staked as 'The Bloomin' Hornet.'

"Peculiarly enough the christening of mines appears to have its fads and fancies. In the old days of the Colorado and the Klondike the fashion in names was fanciful to the extreme. Many a good mine was named after some haunt of meretricious gayety or some namesake who did little credit to the mine. In Rhodesia the practice of naming mines after English public houses became so popular that the list of well-remembered saloons' names was almost exhausted. Names such as 'The Star and Garter,' 'The Motorists,' 'The Golden Goose,' 'The Good Shepherd' and 'The Howdy Boys' were very common. During the early days of the Nevada silver boom the recorders found it necessary to refuse or censor many of the names. Still mines were legally christened with objectionable names such as 'The Risen Christ.'

"Comparing the names used in the great mining camps, old and new, one would conclude that the tenderfoot camps have produced the most fanciful and varied. Big corporations, when labelling some property, are likely to pick a dignified title; a tenderfoot prospector naming his first strike is inclined to be more original. Cripple Creek produced a distinctive collection of names. W. S. Stratton, the camp's first millionaire, showed a preference for American patriotic names. These are the names of some of his mines and claims: 'Independence,' 'Washington,' 'Plymouth Rock,' 'American Eagle,' 'Abe Lincoln,' 'Jefferson,' 'White House,' 'Yankee Girl,' and 'Madison.' Some of the other mines were labelled with such names as 'El Dorado,' 'Gold King,' 'Victor,' 'Isabella,' 'Bull Hill,' 'Free Coinage' and 'Jack Pot.'

"While a great many mines have been named after women, saloons, saints, events or according to the fancy of the promoters and their command of adjectives, the majority, particularly of the Canadian mines are named after men or places. Hollinger, McIntyre, Wright-Hargreaves and Teek-Hughes are a few examples of the mines named after men. When a camp proves rich, and becomes associated in the public's mind with wealth, a great many of the smaller promotions find it convenient to use the name of the camp with their title. In this way the word Cobalt was employed in the names of some 250 silver mines; the same thing in done to-day with the word Kirkland, Manitoba and Rouyn. And there are more 'Basins' than in a department store basement, and 75% of the copyists have little mining license to apply the word.

"The practice of coining names is common among Canadian promoters. 'Coniagas,' coined from the chemical symbols for cobalt, nickel, silver and arsenic, is a good example. Coniaurum adds gold. So also is 'Ri-bago' coined from Richardson, Bag-

shaw and Gordon. Bagamac is Bagshaw, Gamble and McCuaig. The Vipond got its name from Vivian Pond. 'The mining laws in the different provinces have an effect on mining names. In Ontario and Quebec claims are simply recorded by numbers and the naming in many cases is left to the company promoters; in Manitoba, claims have to be named and the prospectors have a chance to use their ingenuity. Another influence which may be counted is the stock market board. An obvious explanation of the popularity of some stocks is the fact that they come around the head of the list on the broker's boards.

"Care must be taken in naming a wild cat, but a good mine can go by any name."

## PERENNIAL FLOWER SHOW HELD AT NEW LISKEARD

New Liskeard Horticultural Society planned to hold a 'Peony and Iris Show' recently but when the chosen day arrived, it was found that on account of the wet weather the peonies were not in flower. Rather than disappoint the public the committee proceeded to put on a 'Perennial Show.' This show on a day in June in this North Land is worthy of mention. The New Liskeard Speaker in reporting the event says:

"Iris were there in abundance and in every shade of colouring. Mention is made of one iris in particular, which was brought in by Mrs. J. Welbourne of Uno Park. It was the flower from a two year old plant, grown from the seed of the wild iris, or common blue flag. The flower, a little more open than the usual garden iris, was a perfect specimen and very dainty it looked in its container, a black vase. The peonies were in the minority, as the early varieties were nearly over, and the later ones hardly ready, there having been so little sunshine. Two varieties of single peonies were shown. Lupines, Oriental Poppies, Columbine, Aquilegia, Pyrethrum and lemon lilies. Pansies were in profusion. One spray of orange lily and a bunch of the common pinks were specially brought in from Hanbury. Some three hundred and twenty-five people visited the show during the day. The 'Annual' show will follow the 'Perennial,' some time in August, if possible."

The North Bay Nugget in its column of notes from its files of fifteen years ago says:—"The magazine at the Pearl Lake mine, Timmins, containing fifty cases of dynamite, exploded with a roar yesterday afternoon, shaking Schumacher and Timmins and frightening the inhabitants. No cause can be assigned for the explosion since the bush fires were extinguished several days ago and no danger existed from that source."

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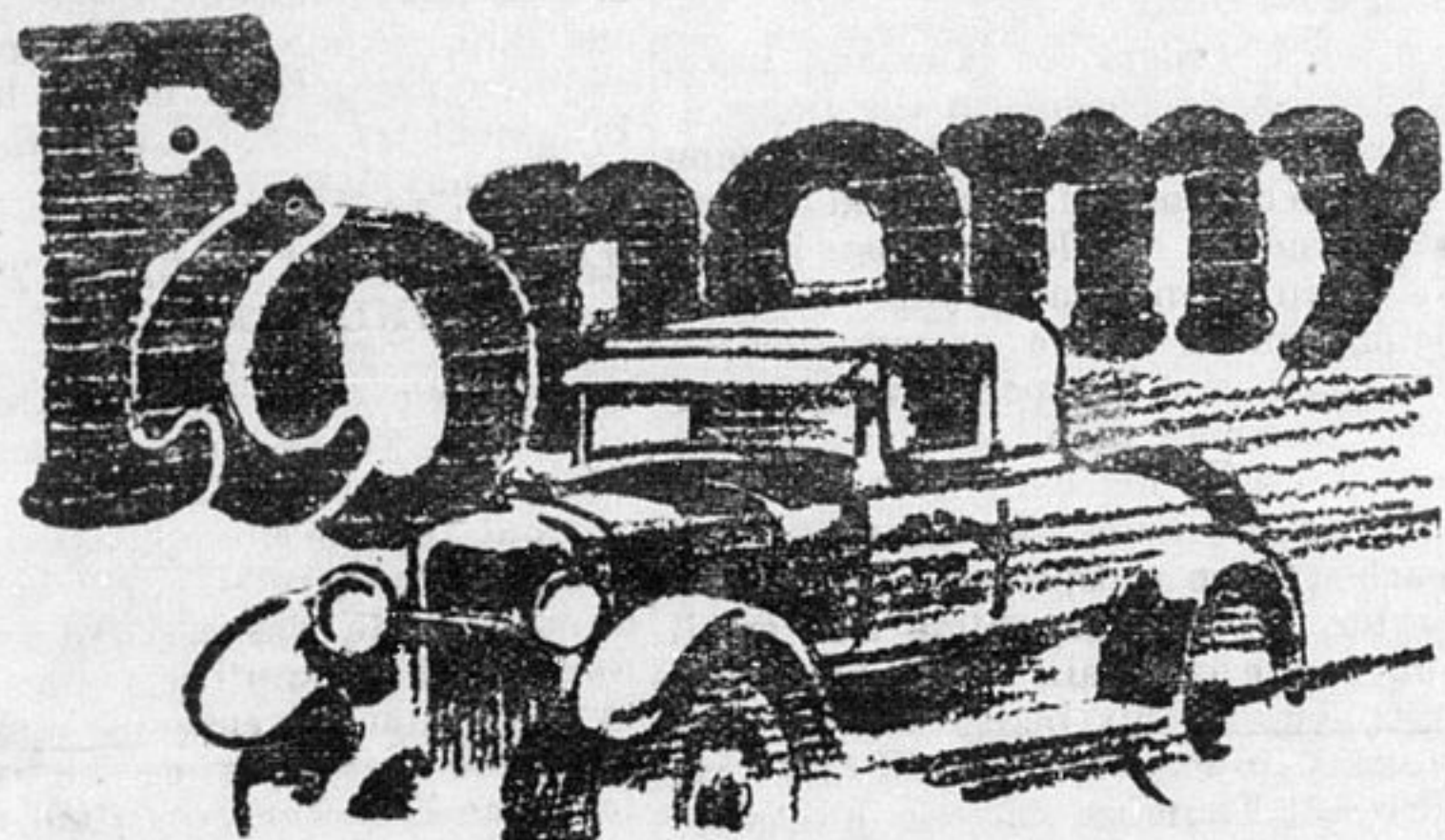
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