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MORE TOWN DEBENTURES BOUGHT AT GOOD PRICE

Harris and MacKeen, Toronto, Successful Tenderers for Town Debentures. Other Council Business.

The regular meeting of the town council was held on Monday afternoon in the town hall, with Mayor E. L. Longmore in the chair and Councillors A. G. Carson, Geo. S. Drew and R. Richardson present. The session was a brief but busy one, with many important items of business dealt with. A letter was received from the secretary of the Timmins Boards of Trade forwarding a resolution passed by that body asking the council to provide suitable quarters here for the holding of Division Court. The Board of Trade thought that the holding of Division Court here would be of much convenience and advantage to Timmins merchants and others using the court. Mayor Longmore explained how the court came to be moved from here. The judge had objected to the noise at the court here when it was held at the council chambers here. Certain changes had been made in the hopes of meeting the judge's wishes in the matter, but after the changes the judge still found the court room unsatisfactory. The only other alternative was to rent a hall for the use of the court. Wheth-



Timmins People Thought They Might Be Wealthy

Just at present at Toronto, Wm. Baker, head of several heirs' associations, is on trial at Toronto on charges of thefts of money from the organizations with which he was connected. The associations were formed to collect supposed fortunes in the United States alleged to be the property of certain families such as the Bakers, Drakes, Watsons, Springers, etc. The heirs to these alleged estates contributed funds at different times to fight the cases in the courts. So far as known none of the "heirs" have as yet received any money back. There were said to be tens of thousands of these "heirs" lined up, so even a small contribution from each meant a large amount in the aggregate. At the trial in Toronto, C. J. Mason, crown auditor, told the crown prosecutor, Peter White, that the Drake Watson Springer Association had collected \$174,539.85 in dues from "heirs." Mason added that of the amount paid into the association the accounts showed Baker to have paid \$150,500 to Seligsohn in Pittsburg, while \$15,652 was used by the accused for expenses.

It may be of interest to note that some years ago a Timmins family were informed that they were among the heirs to one of these estates. The story told was so plausible that the local "heirs" were sure that they would share in the estate running into several million dollars. The family in question were so convinced of the validity of the whole business that no warning would be heeded. "Believe anything you like, but don't send any money," was the advice of the *The Advance*. But, of course, in such cases unless there is money forthcoming interest in the defaulting "heirs" soon lapses. It is worthy of note that, though there have been almost as many of these fortunes as there have been "Spanish Prisoner" treasurers, still the plan seems to continue to work. By the way it would appear to be about time for the "Spanish Prisoner" trick to be worked again. This is an old-time game that always appears to be able to catch believers. The way the trick works is roughly like this:—Some man, preferably in a small town, has a little money. (This is essential). Then the same man is rather desirous of making more money easily. (This also is essential). The man so equipped with money and desire receives a letter purporting to be smuggled out of a Spanish prison. The prisoner is usually supposed to be imprisoned for political reasons. He has buried an immense treasure outside, and is ready to share this great fortune with the person who will follow his instructions as to an escape planned. These instructions include the sending or bringing of several hundred dollars to a certain place. That is the end of the story. The Spanish Prisoner game has been worked several times in the past years, some of the victims being North Land people.

COCHRANE PRESBYTERY AT COCHRANE LAST WEEK

The Cochrane Northland Post last week said:—"A special meeting of Cochrane Presbytery of the United Church was held in the church here on Thursday afternoon, the following members being present: Revs. Parks, of Timmins; Mottle, of South Porcupine; Kennedy, of Schumacher; Hutton, of Monteith; Davis, of Smooth Rock; Husey, of Hearst and Jones, of Cochrane. Business incidental to the resignation of Rev. J. L. Moulton, of Kapuskasing, was transacted. Rev. I. E. Kennedy, of Schumacher, was appointed chairman of the Presbytery. Rev. Wm. Farmer has been appointed to supply Kapuskasing for the balance of the Conference year."

Mankind are more indebted to industry than ingenuity; the gods set up their favours at a price, and industry is the purchaser.—Joseph Addison.

CANADA'S MINERAL WEALTH REACHES FROM COAST TO COAST

A booklet just issued by the Dominion Department of Mines at Ottawa stresses the fact that the mineral industries of Canada reach from coast to coast. "In every province and territory of the Dominion wide areas have been topographically and geologically mapped and surveyed by the Dept. of Mines. In many instances these surveys have led to the discovery and development of important mineral deposits. The laboratories of the Dept. are engaged in solving the problems in mining and metallurgy that arise in all parts of the Dominion." This is one general selection from the booklet. Then there is brief reference to the mineral wealth of the Yukon, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, the Canadian Arctic and Ontario. In regard to Ontario the booklet says:—"The chief mineral-producing province of the Dominion, Ontario's annual mineral output has doubled in value in the last fifteen years, and in no part of the world is there to-day more intense interest in the search for and development of mining properties. Geological maps and reports of Ontario have been published for more than eighty years by the Government of Canada. Since the creation of a provincial Dept. of Mines, geological investigation has been carried on in co-operation. The Dept. of Mines (Ottawa) has also investigated the metallurgical treatment of many of Ontario's ores."

GENERAL MANAGER OF ALL ABITIBI WOODS OPERATIONS

On Tuesday, November 13th, Mr. L. R. Wilson, Vice-President and Managing Director of the Abitibi Company, officially announced the appointment of Mr. H. G. Schanche to the position of General Manager of all Woods Departments of the Company.

Mr. Schanche came to Iroquois Falls in the early spring of 1919 as Chief Forester for the Abitibi Company. This marked the beginning of the development of an efficient and practical programme of applied forestry for this Company. In 1920-21 Mr. Schanche worked out the final scheme covering the logging by railroad of areas not controlled by water. In the winter of 1922-23 this scheme was put into practice and fifty per cent. of that winter's limit cut was taken over the railroad under Mr. Schanche's direction. In 1923 the Woods and Forestry Departments were combined and Mr. Schanche became Manager of both departments; this appointment was closely followed by his appointment to General Manager of the Abitibi Transportation and Navigation Company.

Mr. Schanche's policy in all woods work has been distinctly progressive. Under his management research work in forestry has been advanced steadily and practically, commensurate with demands of intelligent and economic forest management. The development of the fire protection organization has reached a point of marked efficiency. Control of rate of growth through thinning; and the drainage of swamps have now progressed beyond the experimental stages and the company is now in the process of practically applying the data secured from these studies.

The pioneer logging railroad operations begun in 1922-23 have been proved effectively practical and the original equipment involved has been steadily improved from the viewpoint of efficient operation.

On that part of the limit controlled by water, the same policy of progressiveness has been steadily applied.

Mr. Schanche is an active member of the Canadian Society of Forest Engineers, the Ontario Forestry Board, the Society of American Foresters and the Woodlands Section of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. He served as Chairman of the Woodlands Section in 1926.

TWENTY-FIVE BURWASH INMATES HAVE LA GRIPPE

About twenty-five of the inmates of Burwash Industrial Farm are reported as ill at present with La Grippe. None of them, however, are seriously ill, and all are getting the best of care. Indeed, it is likely that the most of them are being given twice as much attention as they would receive were they free and at large.

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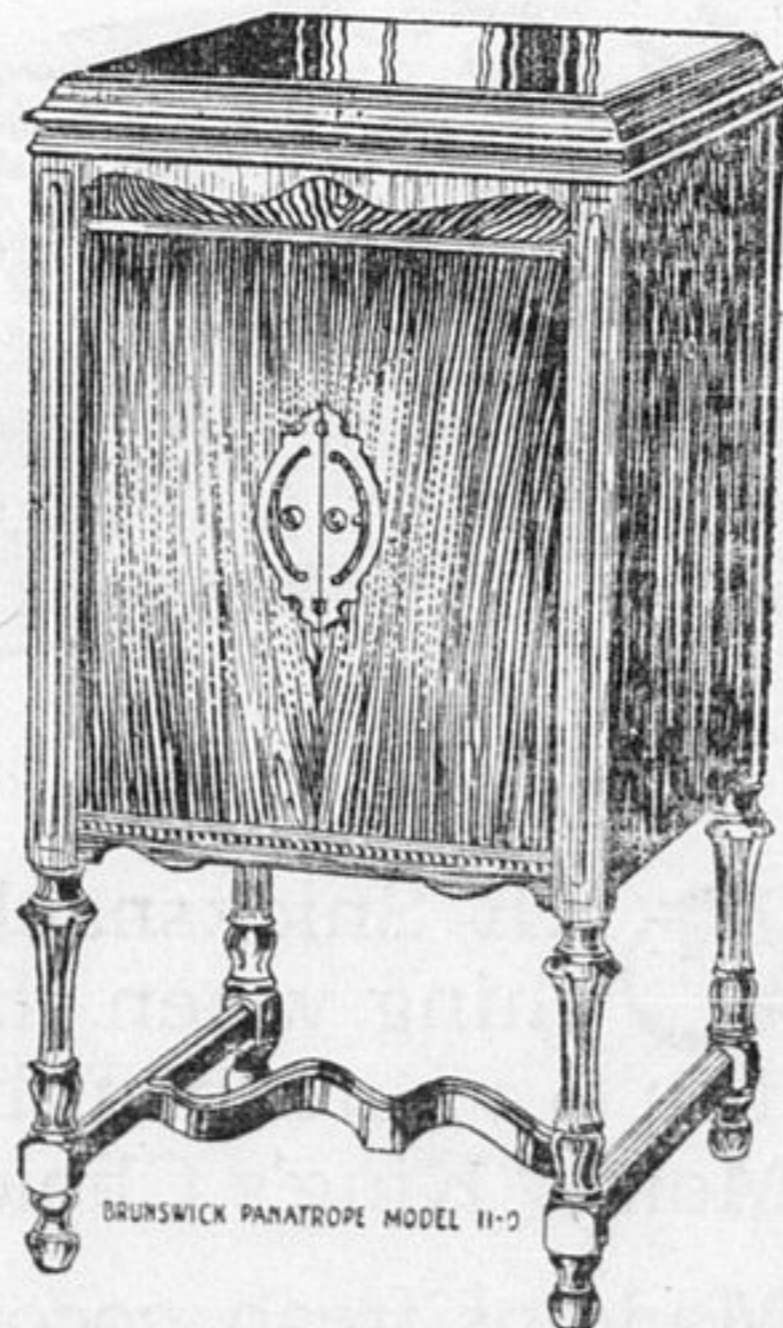
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