

DR. THOMAS' ECLECTRIC OIL

MOST EFFECTIVE WITH POULTRY IN TREATING COLDS AND ROUP. SIMPLY POUR A SMALL QUANTITY IN THE DRINKING WATER.

New York American:—Science might rest up a bit about the origin of man and determine what his finish is to be.

Khaki Call (Toronto):—A hostess who does not make you feel at home, often makes you wish you were.

Toronto Mail and Empire:—John Burowski, condemned murderer, was granted a reprieve just half an hour before the time set his execution. This is rather too much of an interval for movie purposes, and rather too little, when a human life is at stake.

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD LAD AT LISKEARD BREAKS HIS LEG

A serious accident to a New Liskeard boy is thus chronicled by The New Liskeard Speaker last week:—

"Albert Russell, aged eleven years, son of Mr. A. E. Russell of the town pumping station, Monday evening, had the misfortune to suffer a broken leg, the femur bone of the left leg, below the hip. Albert and Ray Saunders were playing after school with a toboggan drawn by Mr. Saunders fine dog. The dog started unexpectedly for Albert who was standing on the toboggan at the back, and he fell on his left leg, sustaining injuries as above. Mr. Russell having been an orderly in a hospital in South Africa understands the attention required and will take care of Albert, at home, where he is doing as well as could be expected."

Council Bluffs Nonpareil:—A Missouri woman has willed her estate to her seventeen dogs. This isn't the first estate to go that way, however.

Dallas (Texas) News:—A scientist is quoted as saying that there is no such thing as a perfect climate. That man would be hanged in California.

L. V. O'CONNOR, NOTED SUDBURY CITIZEN, DEAD

Took Large Part in Public Affairs of District. Was a Brother of Mr. Dan O'Connor, of Connaught

Sudbury lost one of its outstanding citizens on Wednesday last in the death of Mr. L. V. O'Connor, more familiarly known as "Larry," who passed away in his 59th year, following an attack of influenza. The late Mr. O'Connor, who was a brother of Mr. Dan O'Connor, of Connaught, had been prominently identified with the progress and development of Sudbury for more than forty years. He was connected in important mercantile and real estate business in the town. For seven different terms he was mayor of Sudbury and he also served as councillor for a number of years. Through his efforts, interest and ability, he was largely instrumental in the installation of Sudbury's lighting system and the pavements in Sudbury. His efforts were also successful in the good work of securing cheaper power rates for the town. He was active and helpful in Board of Trade work and was an able and intelligent advocate of all plans and measures for the advancement of the North Country. He was president of Sudbury Board of Trade for several terms and was active in promoting the proposals for the development of the French river for canal and power purposes.

The following brief sketch of his life will be read with general interest:—The late Lawrence O'Connor was born May 1st, 1870, at Pembroke, Ont. He was the fourth son of Patrick and Elisha O'Connor. Educated in the Separate Schools of Pembroke he left home at the age of 15 to become an employee of Murray & Loughrin, of Mattawa. He then worked at Algoma Mills as storekeeper for P. J. Loughrin during the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. His next job was accountant and time keeper at the Chicago Mine. About 1887 he came to Sudbury where he conducted a general dry goods store for a short time at the corner of Elm and Elgin Sts. During the Ross regime at Toronto he was the licensee of the liquor store on the premises later occupied by the Rothschild Block and at the present time tenanted by the Ontario Government Liquor Commission. After 1904 his interests led him alternately into real estate, politics and civic affairs. In 1917 he contested the riding of East Algoma as a Laurier candidate in the Union election. On several occasions he has been mentioned prominently for a Senatorship on account of his life long adherence and services to the Liberal party. During the election of 1917 he was stricken with pneumonia, brought about by his strenuous campaigning. As a result of this attack he was forced to take a vacation in Florida for the winter. It is believed that this illness so undermined his health that he has never been robust since. In religion Mr. O'Connor was a Roman Catholic. He was an active member of the Sudbury Council Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters, Rotary Club, Sudbury Golf Club and the Ontario Club, Toronto. The late Mr. O'Connor was married in 1896 to Sarah Ellen Vasey who predeceased him ten years ago. Five children were the result of the union, three sons and two daughters, all living. They are: J. J. O'Connor, George and Claude, of Sudbury, Mrs. Wm. Wright, of Sudbury and Althea, living at home. Deceased is survived by two brothers and two sisters, Dan O'Connor, of Connaught, and J. T. O'Connor, of the Balmoral Hotel, Sudbury, Mrs. J. H. Morin, of Sudbury, and Mrs. G. E. Silvester, of Toronto.

Toronto Mail and Empire:—In regard to the gentlemen who walk around the world with a wheelbarrow for a purse of \$5,000, has anybody ever discovered who is the other party to the contract.

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FIRST CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS IN CANADA

Champlain, the Great Explorer, Organized First Christmas Activities in Canada

At this time of year the matter of the very first Christmas to be celebrated in Canada has more than a mere historical value, though its importance as a part of the story of this country should not be overlooked. Champlain, the great explorer, who spent some time in this North Land and thought highly of it was first to organize Christmas activities in Canada. That was in 1604. The story of that first Canadian Christmas is picturesquely told by a recent Canadian writer, who also draws the moral that may be learned from the story of Champlain and his band of hardy assistants. This writer says:—

"A rude collection of log huts, a palisade and a land white with a deep blanket of snow! Such was the scene of the first Christmas celebration in Canada.

"Within the huts, seeking what escape they could from the piercing cold without was a group of French adventurers. They were winter exiles in a new world and had fared badly. Lack of provisions and privation had wrought havoc in their ranks. Man after man had been attacked by disease; many had been stricken down to rise no more. And so dawned Christmas of 1604.

"But there was one man among them who would admit of no defeat. Samuel de Champlain was a leader of the party. It was he who organized Canada's first Christmas festivities. Despite the shadow which lay over his comrades, a big Christmas dinner was held. A full description of this event has been preserved to us by the pen of a companion de voyage. "It was dark when we assembled for dinner in the great common hall, but the roaring fire in the centre, added to the many lights specially prepared for the occasion and hung for walls and roof, made all bright and cosy. The venison, resting on great platters, was brought in with all honour, our master of the kitchen leading the way with the choicest cut, which he set down at the head of the main table."

"Cheerful though the scene was it could not dispel the misery which tugged at the heart strings. Murmurs attacking the plan to form a colony of Canada soon made themselves heard. Men openly deplored the scheme. It was then that Champlain rose to his feet. As the chronicler describes, "It was the only time I had seen the Sieur mad. His eyes flashed and his voice trembled with passion as he exclaimed, "Enough. It is spirits like yours that make failure. The climate of this land is rigorous, but it gives health and vigour. And the land is rich and fair and will yet be the home of thousands of our people. We have found a New France here that will one day outstrip Old France in might, wealth and greatness."

"Time has recorded many changes in the history of Canada since that first Christmas dinner was held in St. Croix, in Acadia, the Land of Evangeline. But Champlain's vision of the nation he hoped to found has been vindicated, not only vindicated but outvisioned by the Dominion's greatness and wealth.

"It is men of the spirit of Champlain, of his vision and inflexibility of will, who build nations, command industrial armies and rise superior to circumstances which would overcome them.

"Champlain refused to admit defeat because he did not know the meaning of the word. He won immortal renown in a land which was considered to be an unknown and unproductive wilderness.

"There are similar fields in the world of commerce today which but require the Champlain touch to make some man, or men, wealthy and famous.

"A Champlain will seize the opportunity and make a success while others are saying "It can't be done."

"We can't all be Champlains but we can at least profit from the Champlain spirit. Whether we are on the outskirts of things or in the centre, let us not be put down by circumstances. We can rise above them by refusing to admit defeat.

"There is a great lesson to be learned by the story of Canada's first Christmas."

Wall Street Journal:—To avoid trouble and insure safety, breathe through your nose, says a doctor. Yes, it keeps the mouth shut.

North Bay Nugget:—Have you ever heard the one about the two Scots who spied a nickel on Elm St. at the same time? Ten minutes later, each came up with half a nickel.

Siscoe Mill Now About Ready for Operation

An official statement given out last week by the Siscoe Gold Mines, east of Rouyn, and reached by way of Anfos, shows that the mill is now practically completed, and the property has pleasing prospects ahead. The statement as published last week was as follows:—

"The 100 ton per day modern cyanide mill, which has been under construction at the Siscoe property for the past six months, is practically completed, and already preliminary experientad operations have been conducted. The next week should complete the testing operation of the mill, and same should go into production and regularly treat ore by the 15th of the month. There may be tuning up to do between that date and the first of the year, but it is confidently expected that the regular treatment of ore will be in smooth operation at least by then.

"The mine underground has been adequately prepared for the even and regular supply of ore tonnage to the mill, and the sampling of ore from the stopes, raises and dump has justified previous estimates as to the value at which millheads will likely run on the commencement of operations.

"Due to the necessity of preparing underground workings for mill operation and to the need of supplying an unusually large amount of air for these purposes, underground development has been somewhat slowed up during the past few months. From now on, however, ample air will be available for an aggressive campaign of deep development, the programme of which has been decided upon and will be carried out immediately.

"The company recently purchased a diamond drill, which will be in operation by the time this letter reaches you. It is proposed to keep this drill constantly at work throughout the winter months to explore the many known ore zones on the property, which heretofore have been neglected, due to concentration on development in preparation for the operation of the mill.

"Unless any unforeseen difficulties and delays are encountered, the shareholders may look forward to the announcement of the first shipment of gold from the Siscoe property by the first of February.

"The finances of the company are in a comfortable position, and ample funds for future requirements, with a liberal margin of safety until the property becomes self-sustained, are available."

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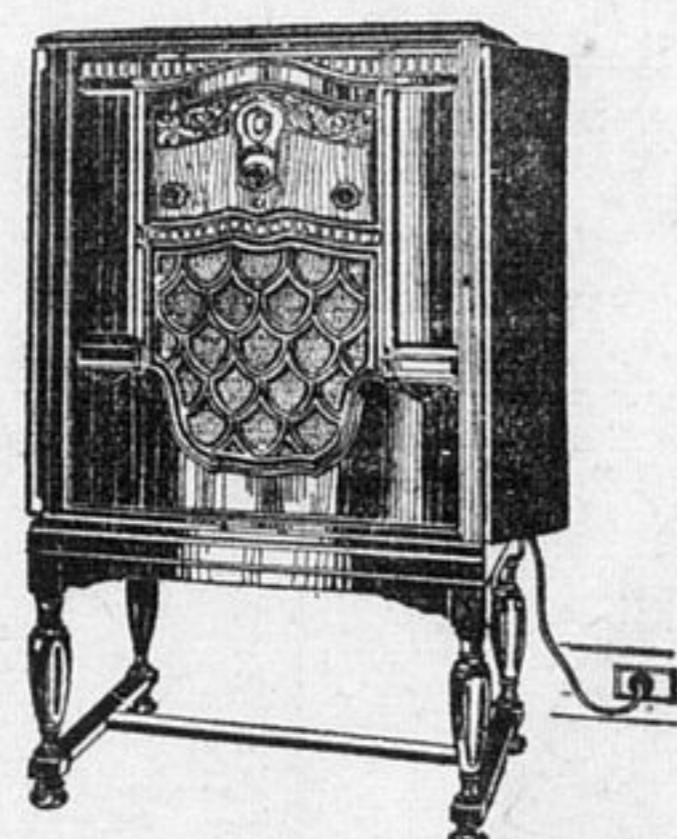


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