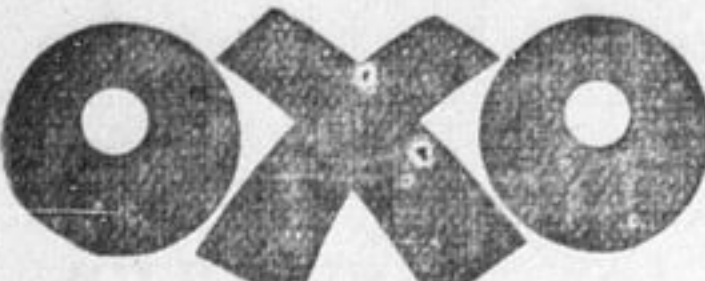


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MOTORING ON NORTHERN ROADS IN WINTER TIME

Last week The Advance referred to a trip by Schumacher followers of sport in going by motor from the McIntyre Mine town to the big paper mill town to enjoy one of the N.O.H.A. hockey matches. This was naturally considered as a noteworthy trip for the closing week of the year, but a still better record along this line is noted in last week's Northern News. Referring to winter motoring in this North Land The Northern News says:—

"Travelling from Kirkland Lake to Iroquois Falls and back on Saturday, December 29th, two car loads of enthusiastic hockey fans made a new record for winter motor travel in the north. The party comprised N. E. Mortson, A. J. Elliott, Walter Little and two nieces, the Misses Knox, James Little, Arthur Little, W. W. Brennan, Jack Hallet and J. Doherty. They report the road in good condition and a splendid trip. People of the south whose cars are parked away from the winter might note that nothing but heavy drifts—and these only temporarily—is allowed to interfere with the use of motor driven vehicles in the North."

Toronto Mail and Empire:—It turns out that John J. Raskob is a pretty good prophet after all. Of course, he was all wrong in his forecasts about Smith's election, but a year ago he said that the automobile industry in the United States would turn out 5,000,000 units. He was laughed at. Yet he was right. In other words, a man has usually better luck when he confines his predictions to things he knows about.

Chief of Police Refers to Decrease in Drunkenness

Annual Statistics of Police Department Shows Much Less Drunkenness Than Under Ontario Temperance Act. No Serious Traffic Accidents in Year. Other Interesting Statistics on Law and Order Here.

The annual report for 1928 of L. McLaughlin, chief of police for Timmins has so many references of interest as to be worthy of being reproduced in full. It suggests that the law and order of the town is satisfactory, and credit is given the various officers for their co-operation during the year. Special mention is made of the fact that there has been much less drunkenness under the new Act than under the Ontario Temperance Act. The absence of serious traffic accidents is also mentioned with satisfaction. The efforts to keep children from touch with objectionable practices and to minimize cigarette smoking by minors is commented upon by the police chief. The following is the report of the chief as submitted to the police committee: Timmins, Ont., Dec. 31st, 1928 To the Chairman of the Police Committee, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—I am attaching hereto a copy of the return which is yearly submitted to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for your information.

In addition to the statistics submitted to Ottawa, I have added a few more which I think may be of interest to you as showing how the town is affected by the change from O.T.A. to Liquor Control Act which went into effect June 1st, 1927.

You will, I think, be gratified to note that there has been much less drunkenness under the new Act, and that notwithstanding the fact that we had more motor vehicles this year than last year, the number of convictions against persons in charge of motor vehicles while intoxicated during 1928 was less than for 1927.

The number of convictions for breaches of Traffic Act, 72 for 1927, was 100 for 1928, which together with the fact that there were very accidents, and no serious ones in town, speaks well for the vigilance of our Traffic officer.

The revenue derived from penalties under the Liquor Control Act is of course several thousand dollars less than that derived similarly from breaches of the O.T.A. It, however, shows an increase of about \$280.00 for the last seven months in 1928 as against the same period in 1927; and not standing the fact that there are jail sentences without the option of a fine for offences under the new which netted us the largest fines under the O. T. A., the expense of conveying such offenders to Halleybury has not been so high as was at first expected—in fact the total cost of conveying this unprofitable class of prisoners to gaol for the past year is actually less than \$250.00. Fortunately offenders against the L.C.A., other than drunks, are realizing that there is not enough to be made selling to make it worth while taking chances on going to gaol. Women of an undesirable class are the most persistent bootleggers we have, those of them who are lone women with young children probably do not make more than a bare living at it and it works out so that the town has to support the children when the mother goes to gaol.

We have, I think, succeeded in practically putting a stop to children and juveniles being employed to deliver beer. A few fines have been inflicted on merchants who persisted in selling tobacco to juveniles or minors under 18. The practice of the Court in assessing damages against parents of juveniles destroying or stealing property has had a very desirable effect on juvenile conduct generally.

The number of convictions for serious offences during the past year, was 92, as against 78 for 1927, notwithstanding the fact that there were fewer prosecutions.

In addition to having the loyal support of the men on the Police Force, I would ask you to thank the members of other committees for the co-operation the Police have had from every one of the individuals employed by the town.

In conclusion I wish to thank you and all the members of the Council for the kindly interest they have shown in furthering the efforts of the Police department for better enforcement of law and order.

Speaking for myself and every man in the Police department it is a matter of general regret that we are not to have Mr. Longmore with us for 1929. I know that both he and Mr. Pritchard will be best pleased if this Police department assists the new mayor and council for 1929 in maintaining the high standard of public service the 1928 mayor and council will always be remembered by.

Wishing yourself, and the other members of the Councils for 1928 and 1929 the compliments of the season and a prosperous New Year.

I am, Dear Sir, Your obedient servant, L. McLaughlin, chief constable

The return of police statistics for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1928, is as follows:—

- Number of police, 9.
- Theft of all kinds—69 prosecutions; 55 convictions.
- Burglary, etc.—6 prosecutions; 6 convictions.
- Highway robbery and hold-ups—No prosecutions.
- Assault of all kinds and other offences against the person—46 prosecutions; 31 convictions.
- All other offences—537 prosecutions; 459 convictions.
- Total—698 prosecutions; 551 convictions.
- Number of arrests with warrant—50.
- Number of arrests without warrant—360, including 150 drunks and 80 breaches Liquor Control Act.
- Number of summons to witnesses—800.
- Number of summons to defendants—271, including 100 Highway Traffic Act.
- Motor cycles stolen—8; recovered, 6.
- Motor cars found by police and reported stolen—5. Four of these were recovered.
- Number of fatal street accidents—None.
- Number of street accidents reported, other than fatal—Very few and none serious.
- Number of doors found unlocked, and premises insecure—Numerous. No records kept.
- Number of persons given shelter—Average of one per day for 90 days—90.
- Number of children found—Numerous. No records. Parents advised to put identification tags or marks on children's clothing.
- O.T.A. convictions for drunkenness for first five months of 1927—100. Total for 1927, 240. Convictions for drunkenness first five months of 1928, 85. Total for 1928, 151.
- There were 12 convicted of intoxication while in charge of motor vehicles during 1927. There were 10 convicted for this in 1928.
- There were 100 convictions for breaches of the traffic act in 1928. The number in 1927 was 72.
- Gaol sentences for first five months in 1928 for drunkenness, 3; for the last seven months, 17. In the first five months 9 went to gaol for other breaches of the L.C.A., while only 3 went to gaol in the last seven months under this head.
- In the first five months of 1927, under the O.T.A., the total fines and costs were \$8898.00; for the other seven months, \$3922.50; under the L. C. A. Under the L. C. A., for the first five months of 1928, the total fines and costs, were \$1,185.00; and for the last seven months, \$3,304.00; a total for the year of \$4,489.00.

Newark (New Jersey) Advocate:—Modern girls may not get red when they kiss, but the men do.

CANADA NEEDS NATIONAL REVIEW FOREST RESOURCES

Hon. Chas. Stewart Issues Statement Dealing with the Development of Forest Industry

Sounding a note of warning that the time had come in Canada for a national stock-taking of the Dominion's forest reserves and a review of forest management policies, Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, last week issued a statement dealing with the development of the forest industry during the past year.

The Minister continued: "The setback experienced by the pulp and paper industry was the one drawback which served to slow down somewhat, that general increase in national prosperity of which we are all so proud. This setback resulted from an acute state of over-production, following upon the ill-considered and too hasty expansion of mill capacity.

"The occasion demands serious consideration of the whole basis of pulp and paper manufacture, having regard on the one hand to market requirements, present and prospective, and on the other hand to the availability of supplies of raw material adequate to ensure perpetuation of the industry."

From the Empire standpoint, Mr. Stewart declared, considerable danger loomed in the future from an impending shortage of softwoods. In this situation, he said there was both a warning and an encouragement for Canada, a warning that the Dominion should conserve its remaining softwood supply by wise use, and by protection from needless destruction by fire; and encouragement in that, so conserved and available, they would play in the future an even greater role than in the past in increasing and sustaining Canada's national prosperity.

"With these considerations in mind," the Minister added, "the Dominion Government desists some opposition has resisted during the past few years, persistent demands for the granting in Manitoba of additional pulpwood concessions on a large scale. The federal policy has been to go slowly in this matter until it could be demonstrated that the pulpwood resources and the markets for paper warranted a further increase in productive capacity of the industry in Canada. The wisdom of

this policy has been amply justified during the past year.

During the past summer a meeting was held in Winnipeg at which representatives of the Department of the Interior, the Manitoba Government, and the pulp and paper companies were represented, and as a result the regulations governing the sale of timber on Dominion lands are being revised with the view of restricting the annual cut of pulpwood to the current requirements and conserving the supply for future demands. Apparently similar action is under consideration by several provincial authorities."

The forests of Canada contribute annually in direct revenue approximately \$17,000,000 to the Federal and Provincial exchequers, and out of the total revenue indicated, the Minister pointed out that \$7,000,000 was spent in administration, protection and improvement.

"So long as the wood-using industries are on a sound working basis," Mr. Stewart concluded, "they can be relied upon, through the revenue they produce, to bear the major cost of forest conservation and forest fire protection. Under these conditions only may we hope to prepare our forest estate for the future demands of a wood-hungry world, that Canada may reap full benefit from the ability to fill the need."

Boston Herald:—Farmers in the State of New York are painting cows in brilliant colours to prevent their being mistaken (and shot) for the antlered tribe. The first farmer who conceived the idea painted his cows in a delicate camouflage, striped like tigers. He was an artist, for his horses, after a look at the cattle, bellowed. The practice now is to use vermilion, grass-green, horizon-blue and the like.

Sudbury Star:—Spurred on no doubt by the news of the expansion in the Sudbury district, even the hens seem to be imbued with the spirit of "bigger things." A thoroughbred black Minorca owned by Mr. L. Laframboise, 473 Eva St., has been performing in a manner which warrants front page space. Her owner on Monday brought two eggs into The Sudbury Star office, one measuring eight inches in circumference and the other only one-quarter of an inch less. Mr. Laframboise states eggs of this size are regular deliveries from his Minorca.

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