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GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

There is an old saying that the gods help those who help themselves, and providence appears to be working with the T. & N. O. this winter. In 1927 one of the heavy expenditures of the railway was caused by the heavy snowfall during the winter months, the cost for snowploughing and similar work being unusually heavy. This year, until this week, the snow plough has only been used about a half a dozen times. The cost of snow clearing this year has been as much less than the ordinary year as it was more than usual last year.

Old superstitions die hard. The reason for this is that people have a habit of remembering anything that appears to sustain a superstition, while if the popular beliefs prove unfounded no attention is paid to that fact. The men of science are always calling attention to the lack of truth in many of the popular superstitions, but the words of the learned men make little impression. Old beliefs about the weather especially are hard to change. For instance on one occasion Mac Lang, then member for this riding in the Ontario Legislature, once foretold the kind of weather it was going to be by some signs that were connected with the beavers in some way or another. The popular member was heartily endorsed in the North at the time, but before the winter had passed all had forgotten what the signs really were and what they were supposed to predict. So after the winter was over, everybody said, "Well, Mac Lang was right, after all, you see!" The scientists say that the fact that the bear may or may not be able to see his shadow on Candlemas Day has no bearing whatever on the duration of the winter. But how can you make people in general believe that? In the same way there is a popular fancy that if March commences in mild weather it will end in storms, and if it starts in cold weather it will finish in gentle fashion. How would it be to follow the story closely this year for once? March this year opened in fine weather. But, of course, if it finishes in equally gentle manner, it may be claimed that the real opening days were the wild storms of the evening of the sixth day and the morning of the seventh.

In the very readable "Fourth Column" of the editorial page of The Mail and Empire one day last week there was an article on the present day growth of crime in which it was argued that severe laws against crime had not reduced crime, but the contrary. It was claimed that despite the laws crime has increased, and the suggestion was made that perhaps a lessening of the severity of the laws might work an improvement. To suggest that the growth of crime is due to severe laws seems to be a far-fetched idea. It would be equally logical to suggest that crime was increasing because improvements have been made in jail conditions and in the treatment of prisoners. As a matter of fact, crime has not increased in either Britain or Canada to anything like the extent it has grown in countries like the United States where the tendency at times appears to be to give the criminal far greater consideration than the decent law-abiding citizen. Those who have given the most careful study to criminology are agreed that the greatest preventive of crime is the certainty of capture and punishment. This is what has made British law so effective. The newspapers of the country also may do much to lessen crime by

emphasizing the unsportsmanlike nature of most law-breaking. When there is a press that speaks much of "bandits," "Killers under the unwritten law," "master crooks," and other such twaddle, crime will be increasingly popular. Where newspapers speak of "murderers," "sneak thieves," and "lawless degenerates," there is no glamour for lawlessness.

The attitude taken by Mr. W. O. Langdon, president of the Timmins Board of Trade, at a meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade at Hallybury last year, is given further justification by correspondence recently between Mr. Langdon and the Minister of Lands and Forests. Mr. Langdon and others at the meeting referred to, argued that the wrong attitude was adopted in dealing with development work in the North Land; that sufficient money was not appropriated to carry out the necessary work in this area; that the North was considered too much for what might come out of it, rather than for what might be given for its progress; and that the chief difficulty was that expenditures were not considered in their proper light, namely, that of investments from which noteworthy returns would be received in development and progress. One speaker at the Hallybury meeting picked two sections of Mr. Finlayson's address, added them together and presented them thus for consideration. Hon. Mr. Finlayson had advanced the usual argument that more money was being spent in the North than the revenue from the North totalled, and that expenditures must be curtailed accordingly. But elsewhere in his remarks Mr. Finlayson quoted the case of Kirkland Lake where the Government had expended half a million for development and the people had an investment according to conservative market quotations totalling many millions of dollars in value. "Invest your half-millions" Mr. Finlayson was told, "and the country will return you millions!" In the present correspondence, Mr. Langdon calls attention to Hon. Mr. Finlayson's statement in a letter last year in regard to the proposed belt line of roads for the North. Mr. Finlayson had said that as soon as funds were available every consideration would be given to the belt line of roads idea. With parliament in session Mr. Langdon felt it a good time to see that funds were available. He pointed out that the idea had been endorsed by the Northern Ontario Associated Boards, the Ontario Associated Boards and other important bodies and individuals. Hon. Mr. Finlayson's reply is summarized in this sentence—"I would like very much to be in position to go ahead with this road, but I am afraid there will not be sufficient funds available for any work on it this year." Hon. Mr. Finlayson proceeds to point out that during the past three years far more money has been spent in the Cochrane, Temiskaming and Nipissing sections than in any other part of the province, and that other sections will not like this. It would certainly appear to be a wrong attitude to take in regard to needed expenditures. Is such an attitude adopted in reference to other parts of the province? Is it not the business method to spend the money where it is needed,—where the expenditure will bring returns in prosperity and advancement?

Jack Miner, the noted Canadian nature lover, whose bird sanctuary at Kingsville, Ontario, has done such notable work not only in the conserving of wild life in Canada but also in the arousing of a general interest in this important question, now finds the cost of continuing his efforts to be so burdensome as to be practically prohibitive. Accordingly, he has written an open letter to all the members of the Dominion Parliament suggesting that a grant of \$5,000 a year be given him to permit of the continuance of the good work. For twenty-five years Jack Miner has done a useful service to Canada all at his own expense. The bird sanctuary alone gives Canada \$5,000 worth of profitable publicity each year. On top of this Jack Miner has stirred interest and enthusiasm for the care and conservation of wild life, and Canada could wisely expend ten thousand a year for services such as he has given this country and its people. The Dominion Parliament should make the grant and make it gladly even though half of one juketting trip for some Cabinet Minister might have to be foregone to provide the funds. If Jack Miner makes his appeal in vain, it will not be creditable to the country.

**SAULT GREYHOUNDS WIN
N.O.H.A. JR. CHAMPIONSHIP**

Sault Wins the Round 5 to 3. Will Now Meet the O.H.A. Winners in Memorial Cup Playdowns

The Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds and the Kirkland Lake Juniors met at the Sault on Tuesday night in the second match to decide the Junior Hockey championship of Northern Ontario and the right to go south for further contest in the provincial hockey finals. In Tuesday night's game at the Sault the two teams showed classy form and played thrilling hockey. The Kirkland Lake lads held the Greyhounds down to a tie score, 1 to 1, which naturally means it was good hockey, and that the teams were pretty evenly matched. The tie on Tuesday night however gave the Sault the round, the total score being 5 to 3 for the two games. At the game at Kirkland Lake last week the Greyhounds put it over Kirkland Lake to the tune of 4 to 2, thus getting a nice start and a good lead in the contest. The Sault Ste. Marie team by winning the round became holders of the Junior Hockey championship of Northern Ontario for the second year in succession. While most hockey fans in this part of the country would have liked to have seen Kirkland Lake lads win the honours of the North in hockey, there will be general agreement that the 1929 Northern Ontario Hockey champions are a fine team and will undoubtedly give a good account of themselves in the contest in the South.

The Sault Ste. Marie team now have to meet the O.H.A. winners in the Memorial Cup playdowns. The series is set down as likely to be played on March 18th and March 20th.

**FASHION SHOW AT SHRAGGE'S
ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

Announcement is made of a fashion show at A. J. Shragge's, Limited, Third Avenue, on Friday and Saturday of this week. Living models will display the latest and best in spring fashions created by Miladi Dress Company, of Montreal.

Mr. Phil Teare, an old-timer of the Porcupine, now making his headquarters at Hallybury, was a visitor to town last week.

**Teachers' Bowling Scores
for Week of February 28**

The following are the scores of the Teachers' Bowling League for Feb. 28:

A. TEAM

M. Smith	225	231	456
M. Tackaberry	173	142	315
B. Gowen	117	114	231
V. Jackson	151	127	278
O. Ramsay	95	174	269
	761	788	1549

B. TEAM

F. MacDonald	102	155	257
M. MacDonald	96	128	224
H. Sprague	136	133	269
H. White	73	142	215
M. Dodge	161	124	285
	568	682	1250

C. TEAM

C. MacDonald	116	129	245
G. Everett	118	100	218
I. Carruthers	156	127	283
M. Gosselin	141	87	228
Hughes	—	112	112
Dummy	90	—	90
	621	555	1176

D. TEAM

W. James	132	121	253
M. Leberg	155	115	270
J. Acheson	136	184	320
G. Robinson	48	129	177
Dummy	90	90	180
	561	639	1200

SUB. TEAM

A. Fortune	43	—	—
H. Grant	89	—	—
Hughes	71	112	183
I. Cunningham	—	—	—
E. James	45	78	123
K. Monck	89	125	214
R. Rinn	138	87	225

Winning team for third period—B.

The following are the averages for the third period—M. Smith, 171; F. MacDonald, 154; H. Sprague, 154; W. James, 138; N. McLeod, 134; M. MacDonald, 132; C. MacDonald, 127; O. Ramsay, 127; G. Everett, 126; M. Morrison, 126; J. Acheson, 126; M. Tackaberry, 125; M. Leberg, 123; I. Carruthers, 118; V. Jackson, 118; B. Gowen, 116; G. Robinson, 115; H. White, 101; N. Gosselin, 89.

Sub Team—M. Dodge, 130; R. Rinn, 108; H. Grant, 106; K. Monck, 104; G. Hughes, 87; A. Fortune, 69; I. Cunningham, 66; E. James, 62.

**COMPETITION IN PROGRESS
FOR M'INTYRE CURLING CUP**

List of the Group Winners, and Results of the First and Second Rounds in this Competition.

Competition for the McIntyre Cup is in progress at the Timmins Curling Rink. The following is a list of the group winners:

Group No. 1—I. A. Solomon, skip; S. Wooley, 1st. Scobell, C. Deardon. Group No. 2—P. M. Gordon, skip; J. S. Shields, F. Byck, "Shorty" Grant. Group No. 3—W. O. Langdon, skip; Rev. Fr. O'Gorman, H. Laidlow, S. Bucovetsky.

Group No. 4—A. E. Prout, skip; R. H. Hall, P. A. Macaulay, M. Belanger. Group No. 5—D. Sutherland, skip; E. L. Urquhart, J. Ann, D. Keeley.

Group No. 6—S. R. McCoy, skip; H. W. Hooker, D. Briden, J. R. Gray.

First Round

W. O. Langdon won from Sutherland.

A. E. Prout won from S. R. McCoy. I. A. Solomon and P. M. Gordon drew a bye.

Second Round

P. M. Gordon won from I. A. Solomon. The finals will be played this weekend.

**ACCUSED OF THEFT OF \$70
FROM SOUTH PORCUPINE MAN**

A despatch from Cobalt says that Ubald Bison, whose home is understood to be at Temiskaming, Que., is held at Cobalt on a charge of the theft of \$70.00 from Michell Stroke, of South Porcupine, with whom he shared a room. Bison will come before the magistrate on Saturday, having been remanded till then at the police court last week, his counsel, Geo. Mitchell, asking for the adjournment.

The child had been greatly impressed by her first experience in Sunday school. She pressed her hands to her breast, and said solemnly to her sister, two years older:

"When you hear something wise here, it is conscience whispering to you."

"It's no such thing," the sister jeered.

"That's just wind on your tummy."

Mr. A. S. Fuller, of Boston, Mass., but formerly one of the pioneer mining men of the camp, was a visitor to Timmins and South Porcupine during the past week and was warmly greeted by hosts of old friends here.

**OPEN DANCE SATURDAY BY
LANCASHIRE SOCIAL CLUB**

The Lancashire Social Club are holding an open dance on Saturday next, March 9th, in the Hollinger Recreation hall. This dance will be a continuous one from 8:30 to 12. Members are requested to show their membership cards at the door, so that new doorkeepers will know who are members.

**MATTAGAMI PUBLIC SCHOOL
HONOUR ROLL FOR FEBRUARY**

Standing of the Pupils in the Various Classes Last Month at Mattagami Public School, Timmins

The following is the honour roll for February for Mattagami public school: Room I—Fourth Class—E. J. Transtrom, Principal—Alex Watson 94, Francis McConnell 93, George Luoma 89, Mary Mason 88, Dorothy Dawson 87, Mary Budzak 86, Lily Hill 84, Leslie Thompson 83, Carl Burke 78.

Room II—Sr. III Class—Miss M. Tabberry, teacher—Oliver Pietile 94, Beryl Arnold 84, Dorothy Dickinson 83, Wyman Brewer 79, George Darling 78, Reggie Thachuk 77.

Room III—Sr. II Class—Miss M. Gosselin, teacher—Lucy DeLuca, Elsie Richardson, John Headman, Lillian Mason, Catherine Lang, Rose Shirreffs, Margaret Fairbrother, Lillian Boychuk.