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**Kirkland Lake School Pupils Present Jokes**

In the last issue of The Northern News, "Scribblings," the column conducted by the pupils on the high school at Kirkland Lake, prints a number of jokes that probably indicate the type of humour that appeals to Kirkland Lake high school pupils. Here are two or three samples. First, this one:— Ernest Kirsch, "Is my face dirty or is it my imagination?"

Jack Tommey, "I don't know about your imagination, but your face is clean."

Here is another one:—"First the world was flat, then it was round, and now it is crooked."

And this is still another:— Dick, "I call my girl Spearmint," Jim Reid, "Because she is wrigly?" Dick, "No because she is always after meals."

Two more would be too much, so here is just one other one:— Miss Cain—"Oliver, why did you neglect your Latin lesson last night?" Oliver Carbonneau—"Please, I had such a sore throat I could hardly speak English."

**Young Ambassador Now Returned to Dominion**

Frederick Thomas Mace, of 5240 Old Kent Road, London, says a Montreal despatch, has decided to come to Canada to take up farming and has been backed by the Colonization Department of the Canadian National Railways at London, to travel under the ten pound rate. Mr. Mace will leave on the "Andania," Cunard liner, on March 16th, and having landed in Canada will proceed to Winnipeg and will be placed from that point.

Mr. Mace is twenty and a half years old and was one of the young scholars who came to Canada with "The Young Ambassadors," and since his return from that tour has been engaged as a cost clerk in London. He was educated at the Westminster City school, London and he studied and completed the correspondence course in Canadian farming which is conducted by the overseas offices of the Canadian National Railways.

Mace was one of a party of six Young Ambassadors who made a special tour to a pioneer's home just out of Edmonton. The owner of this farm was an Englishman who went out to Canada with his wife and two children under the 3,000 families scheme in 1924. When he reached Canada, he had only a few pounds in his pocket.

After four years, this man has paid 500 pounds off the total purchase price of 1,200 pounds, and lived and kept his family entirely on the sale of poultry, pigs and produce of his garden. The proceeds of his crops went to the repayment of the loan.

What Mace heard and saw, fired his ambition, and he decided then and there to himself become a Canadian farmer, when the opportunity offered. It was due entirely to his visit to this pioneer farm home, that the decision was made, for it indicated to him more clearly than did visits to agricultural colleges and model farms in other parts of Canada, what could be done provided an emigrant had determination and the grit to stick it.

The name of the farmer in the Edmonton district to whom we have referred is Albert Boshier, a native of Wokingham, whose farm is 20 miles from Edmonton and consists of 159 acres, 85 of which are under cultivation. Formerly he was employed as a grocer's assistant in Wales.

Contemporary Review, London, England:—The Greeks and the Romans played football; it is said to have been in Ireland two thousand years ago; the Maoris, the Faroe Islanders, the Philippine Islanders, the Polynesians and Eskimos all play it or a game very closely resembling it.

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**ONTARIO GIVES INVESTORS A "RUN FOR THEIR MONEY"**

Premier Ferguson Refers to Aim of Province to Assure Square Deal for Those Backing Mining Ventures

The average good sport is contented if he gets "a run for his money." Many a man who has lost money in a venture has honestly said that it was not the loss of the money that he objected to but the fact that the dice were loaded against him. In investments, as in lines of sport, the public (who is after all a pretty good sort of scout) will take losses along with profits without undue kick, provided everything has been fair and square. In mining investments everyone knows there is an element of risk, the same as in other businesses. The proper spirit in which to take up a mining investment is to be ready to lose if things turn out badly, knowing that if things turn out well the profits will be good. The appeal in mining matters rests in the chance. The one thing specially resented is the idea that someone has taken away the chance. In recent years the Ontario Government has been bending its efforts to see that everyone has a fair chance in mining investments, that the dice are not loaded, and that the game is fairly played. This attitude of the Government is indicated in an article written by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario, for the Exploration Number of The Northern Miner last week. Hon. Mr. Ferguson says:—

"Ontario's future place in the mining world is written in letters of gold and silver, and copper and nickel, as well as many rare and precious metals, across the wide, open spaces of our northern regions. Those who would share in the realization of that future and its rewards require to have faith, courage, enterprise and endurance. The field work calls for technical knowledge of a high order, sound judgment and undoubted integrity.

"The Mining Act embodies the policy of the Government with regard to mining. The administration of mining lands being in the main through the local mining recorders, is decentralized and freed from any suspicion of political or other improper influences. Reasonable staking and working conditions are attached to the taking up of mining land, and the price is moderate. The industry is practically without taxation, except on the profits made by the mines. The tax is a graded one, and about one-half of the tax collected is returned to the municipalities in which the mines are situated, to be used for local purposes.

"The prospector is recognized as the foundation stone of the mining industry. In consequence, the Government's policy is to encourage and assist him. It does this by sending its geologists every year into the mineral areas, especially newly-discovered ones, to describe the rock formations and map the geology. These reports and maps are issued free of charge. A prospector, on staking out and recording a claim and on filing his work report year by year, is entitled in all to twelve free coupons, which enable him to have as many samples assayed by the Government assay office free of charge. Classes for the training of prospectors are held every winter in the mining centres, where elementary tuition in mineralogy, geology, chemistry, etc., are given gratis, and evening lectures are delivered, illustrated by slides, on geological subjects and particularly on the geology of the local district. The Government maintains in Cobalt a testing laboratory for the assaying and sampling of ores, and at which it purchases parcels of gold taken out in the development of prospects. A blueprinting establishment is maintained at North Bay through which are provided blueprints showing lands taken up or open in the mineral townships and areas, and which may be had from the mining recorders at a nominal fee. In the assay office maintained at Toronto assays are made at reduced fees, and samples are identified free of charge.

"In connection with mining and other companies the stringent regulations of the Security Frauds Prevention Act are designed to protect the public from fraudulent promotions. It is impossible to eliminate the element of hazard in mining, or to prevent people from investing their money as they think best, but in every reasonable way the law endeavours to give people a "run for their money." When a company begins to operate its mine, the Mining Act insists upon every precaution for safeguarding health and life. An efficient corps of inspectors is maintained to see that these precautions are observed. Recently a disease called "silicosis" has appeared, particularly in some of the gold mines. Legislation has been provided to combat this disease and to see that miners afflicted with tuberculosis, which almost invariably follows an advanced stage of silicosis, are not allowed to work under-

**TO ENCOURAGE CAMPING AT ALL LUMBER CAMPS**

New Legislation to Protect Forests and Encourage Recreation and Pleasure in the Woods.

In the Ontario Legislature last week Mr. Sinclair, leader of the Liberal party opposition in the House, showed a disposition last week to be very critical in reference to bills presented for approval by Hon. Mr. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests.

When Mr. Finlayson's proposed provincial forest act was before house in committee, Mr. Sinclair led an attack on some of its clauses, particularly section 9, which he called the "playground section," and section 6 which provides for the appointment of a provincial forester.

"This says that the provincial forester shall preserve the forests according to the best forestry practice," said Mr. Sinclair. "It's what I called before, loose legislation. Who knows what best forestry practice means?"

Mr. Finlayson: "Those are well-recognized forestry terms."

In reply to further questioning by the Liberal leader, Mr. Finlayson stated that no choice had been made of a man to fill the position.

"We have discussed the matter with the forestry board," he stated, "and several names have been mentioned, but no selection yet made. We have several competent men in the department but they are engaged in technical work. One difficulty has been that we lost some of our best men because the newsprint companies are interested in this sustained yield basis plan and have offered them large salaries to go to them. This, however, is not so evident as they are beginning to refrain from offering big salaries."

Mr. Sinclair: "About this playground clause. It seems to me that in passing this section it should be altered to include what the minister says is not intended but which it does include at present, namely the summer hotel business. Under it the minister can allow tourist camps or anything he chooses."

Mr. Finlayson: "We are anxious that the bill should meet the approval of every member in the house and we will change it to suit the member if it does not affect the principle of the act."

Mr. Finlayson stated then that the section allowing the setting aside of areas in the proposed forests would be altered. The line reading, "or other parts thereof for shooting, fishing, camping, recreational, instructional or other purpose," should have instructional or other "struck out and "or" inserted before the word "recreational."

Mr. Sinclair: "You are going to leave "recreational" in there?"

Mr. Finlayson: "I want it in there. We are anxious to encourage camping. There are large numbers of old lumber camps in those areas and many people some of them members of this house, come to us and say they want to use those camps for shooting and camping. We plan to fix up the buildings and keep them in repair and thus gradually start a system whereby we can say you can't go on crown lands without a permit. Then we will know who are on crown lands. On the back of the fire regulations and thus they will be drawn more forcibly to the attention of campers."

"This is not a partisan matter," he concluded. "The preservation of our forests is a far greater matter than any party's success."

The bill was then carried by the committee with the amendment. Mr. Finlayson's proposed act to amend the Assessment Act was also carried. Under it provision is made for the appeal of a property owner of a summer home or persons in poverty-stricken circumstances to the local court of revision for a re-assessment of the property instead of appeal to a country judge.

ground and be a menace to their fellow-miners.

"The mining industry of the Province is expanding with rapid strides. Ontario leads the world in the production of nickel, it is third on the list of gold-producing communities, and it has recently been shown to be unexpectedly rich in copper. Last year the value of minerals produced amounted to \$100,000,000, an advance of \$10,000,000, or ten per cent. over 1927."

Barrie Examiner:—The skiers have finished their long trek and the mushers are on their way. Now if someone will only come through from the north on an old-fashioned jumper we'll call it a winter.

Toronto Mail and Empire:—The notion that a national highway should not be built because it might take business away from the Canadian National railways may be accepted gravely. But suppose the idea had been put forward on behalf of the C.P.R.? Undoubtedly it would have provoked general laughter.

**Report for February of Children's Aid Society**

The following is the report for February of the Cochrane District Children's Aid Society as given by Mr. A. G. Carson, local superintendent of the C.A.S.:

Application for children	3
Children involved during the month (apart from shelter)	55
Complaints received	17
Investigations made	21
Office interviews	28
Interviews out of office	13
Mail received	39
Mail sent out	51
Mileage travelled in interest of children	300
Wards returned to shelter	1
Wards placed out	6
Children cared for in shelter	22
Children cared for out of shelter	5
Children given hospital treatment	2
Prosecutions under Children's Protection Act	2
Court attendance	5
Made wards of the Society	4

Assistance was also given to 22 other children in their own homes, the homes being good but handicapped by temporary hardship.

**Advantage of Motors In Fire Dept. Purposes**

At the present time Kirkland Lake is considering the matter of better fire protection. Some time ago Fire Chief Matheson recommended motor-driven equipment and other improvements, but no action has been taken as yet by the council. The Northern News thinks the council should act promptly in this matter, and this would certainly appear to be the line to take in the interest of the people. Fire Chief Borland, of Timmins, whose successful record in this North Land in the matter of fire fighting and fire prevention makes his opinion of decided value would not only recommend motor-driven equipment, but also the best obtainable in this line as the most economical and profitable in the long run. Also, he would not doubt urge the value of chemical tanks on the motor-driven equipment. For anything but a big fire the chemical tanks are invaluable. They put out a fire quicker than it can be handled with the ordinary hose and with only a very small proportion of damage from water loss. Years ago Timmins spent money freely on fire equipment, and this, with the fact that the town has had a good brigade and a first-class chief, resulted in the comparative freedom enjoyed by this town in the matter of fires. In this regard Timmins has the best record of any town in the North Land, so any money spent was profitably and sensibly expended. Kirkland Lake will not regret any money spent for fire equipment. If the town council follows exactly the recommendations of Fire Chief Matheson, they will not go far astray.

Toronto Globe:—"The Communists want freedom to talk as they like, and the Doukhobors in British Columbia want freedom to dress as they like. But the law in both cases says there is a limit that must not be passed in this country."

**NEW LISKEARD SKI FANS MET CLAIR SEVERT THERE**

The New Liskeard Speaker last week had the following reference to the ski hike of Clair Severt from Timmins to Ottawa:—"The Timmins young man, Mr. Clair Severt, who is on a ski-ing trip from Timmins to Ottawa, passed through town on Sunday last, being a guest at the home of Mr. Willars while in town. Mr. Severt travelled by way of the electric power line from Timmins to Elk Lake and then came on to New Liskeard, and Halleybury. He made the distance from Elk Lake to New Liskeard, approximately 40 miles, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Local ski-ing fans met the Timmins boy out the West road and escorted him to town, Dr. Downing later dining with him as far as Halleybury. Mr. Severt left Halleybury at 7 a.m. on Monday morning, crossing the lake to Ville Marie and from there he will follow the various Quebec roads to Ottawa. It is expected Mr. Severt will make the distance well within the time limit he has set for himself."

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