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Young Ladies Search for Gold in Manitoba

Women prospectors are nothing new. They have been in practically all the camps. There have been several of them in this North. The Porcupine has had a couple. No very important discovery of mineral ore has so far been made by any of these women prospectors, but at the same time the same male prospector. However, the female of the species is not as numerous as the male when it comes to prospecting, and so far this reason there is always more or less special interest in women prospectors. At the present moment two young ladies from Manitoba are in the centre of interest because they are prospecting for gold in Northern Manitoba. They are Miss Agnes Powers and Miss S. Graham, and they are just fresh from the University of Montana. For five years, it is said, they have been planning to prospect in Northern Manitoba, and now they are at it. Miss Graham has never actually done the work, but Miss Powers did a little one summer around Oxford Lake, a year that she was teaching a small school in Manitoba. Miss Powers has also acted as a newspaper reporter, so she has had quite a varied experience, so far as it goes.

FATHER LAJOIE ADVOCATES NEW COLONIZATION DEPT.

Points Out the Need for Help for Settlers in New Districts and Particularly the Absolute Necessity of Roads.

All in the North who take an interest in the work of the Northern Ontario Boards of Trade know Rev. Fr. Lajoie, of Kapuskasing, and recognize how well acquainted he is with the problems of the settlers in the new districts of Ontario and how earnest he has been in advocating their interests. At meetings in Iroquois Falls and Timmins Rev. Fr. Lajoie specially urged the case for the settlers, and on at least one occasion carried the battle through to the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade meeting at Toronto where his presentation of the case won support and interest. Accordingly, there will be special interest in Timmins and district with the suggestion made by Rev. Fr. Lajoie at the recent French-Canadian Agricultural Congress held in Ottawa. At this congress there were 500 present, this North Land being well represented and by especially able delegates. The address by Rev. Fr. Lajoie was one of the outstanding features of the gathering. Rev. Fr. Lajoie referred to the great possibilities of the North Land for agricultural settlement. He saw before this country a great future from the agricultural standpoint, provided the proper chance and assistance were given to the settlers in their early days of struggle. Because he knew so intimately the subject on which he spoke, Rev. Fr. Lajoie emphasized the need for roads in the North. It was colonization roads that were needed, he said, rather than highways—roads that would open up the agricultural sections and give the settlers access to towns and markets. He thought also that grants for clearing land would also be encouraging and helpful and would speed up the development of the great North. One of the striking suggestions that he made and that received a large measure of consideration was the proposal that a separate colonization department of the Provincial Government be established. He believed that colonization was so important that it warranted a separate department. Such a department would appear to have a wide field of usefulness. Rev. Fr. Lajoie considered that so long as the work of colonization was simply a branch of the Forestry Dept., it would be viewed as of only secondary importance and would not receive the attention it certainly deserved. He thought that present conditions showed the need for more attention being centred on colonization. A new department to look after colonization alone would have lots of work to do and the Minister appointed to such a department would have a big job and one worthy of the time and talent of a big man. That it would all be worth while goes without saying. Rev. Fr. Lajoie won very general support for his proposals from the delegates at the convention, to judge from the press despatches in the matter. The Kapuskasing Northern Tribune gives much space and prominence to the suggestion of Rev. Fr. Lajoie, settlement along the Transcontinental being effective proof of the truth of the stand taken by Rev. Fr. Lajoie.

MISSIONARY ADVOCATES USE OF PLANES IN NORTH

The Rev. Mr. Morrow, injured missionary from Rupert House, when interviewed at the Lady Minto Hospital this week expressed himself as being very strongly in favour of a bi-monthly air mail service to the various posts situated on the shores of James Bay. The idea as outlined by Mr. Morrow, is that with an airplane calling at each post once every two weeks or so, a closer check could be kept on the conditions among the Indians of the district and should any case of sickness or accident require hospital treatment, the mail plane could bring them out, and if a doctor were to accompany the plane on its fortnightly rounds, continual medical treatment and attention of an effective nature would then be available for both the Indians and the post employees and missionaries.—Northland Post.

ONE OF THE OLD-TIMERS OF SMOOTH ROCK FALLS AREA

In the May issue of "Abitibi," the magazine of the Abitibi Power and Paper Co., the following reference is made to one of the old-timers of Smooth Rock Falls and the North:—"Harry Halvorsen, whose portrait appears in this issue, has the distinction of being the first of our present citizens to arrive in town. He arrived on April 8th, 1916, when Messrs Morrow and Beatty, the contractors were clearing the mill site and constructing the camps for the workmen. Throughout the construction of the mill he worked for the contractors and when production commenced he entered the mill as a cook, having had previous experience in this line. After some years at this work the next step was to Night Superintendent, which position he held for over two years. Following that he became foreman of the Digester House and Acid Plant. During this period Harry felt the call of nature and decided to give up pulp mill work for farming. Two years of farming convinced him that, if this Farm Relief Measure that is talked about in the papers, applies to Northern Ontario, he is a staunch supporter of it. Early in 1927 he returned to Smooth Rock Falls to take up a position as Tour Boss and in 1928, became day superintendent of the Bleach plant and machine shop. Besides having a thorough knowledge of the mill and all phases of operation, he can also give you any facts about the history of the town, from its earliest days.

Rev. Fr. O'Gorman is on a well-earned holiday trip to Bermuda, and is expected back next week.

District Children's Aid Report Month of April

The following is the report for the month of April for the Cochrane District Children's Aid Society, as presented by Mr. A. G. Caron, Local Superintendent:—

Applications for children	2
Children involved during month	35
Children apart from shelter	11
Complaints received	13
Investigations made	35
Mail received	54
Mail sent out	54
Office interviews	21
Interviews out of office	12
Mileage travelled	545
Children cared for in shelter	23
Children cared for out of shelter	8
Court attendance	5
Children made wards of Society	2
Children given hospital treatment	1
Warnings given	3
Wards visited	2
Cases under the Unmarried Parents Act	2

PAPER COMPANIES MAY NOW HAVE FURTHER MERGER HERE

Holt-Gundy, Dominion Securities, Abitibi and Backus-Brooks are Mentioned as Possible Members of the Merger.

At Montreal this week the possibility of a huge Canadian newspaper merger that will likely include the Holt-Gundy and Dominion Securities Corporation mills, together with the Abitibi Power and Paper Co. and the E. W. Backus-Brooks group was admitted this week, according to the despatches. Should present negotiations be successful, the gigantic merger of newspaper manufacturing plants might not on the face of things include these four groups, but be openly confined to the two groups of the Holt-Gundy and Dominion Securities associates and a second group composed of Abitibi and Backus-Brooks. Engineers of such a combination hope these interests can work together for the benefit of the Canadian newspaper industry as a whole.

Well-informed opinion here to-day is emphatic that the day is past for a combination between Abitibi and the International Paper Co. Fear of the International Paper Co. lies undoubtedly behind the action of the big Canadian group in wanting to form a league of protection.

So far as can be learned from the Canadian newspaper manufacturers meeting here in numerous private conferences there is a general fear among the Canadian companies of A. E. Graustein's ambitions for the future of the International Paper Co. "He won't be bound to agreements, and is diabolically clever," said one manufacturer, frankly describing the feeling among the Canadians who are determined to prevent further encroachments of United States banking interests from New York and Boston, said to be behind the president of the International Paper Co.

This merger of the four Canadian companies would leave Price Bros. as the other major independent group of mills in Canada. This old family concern is not only outstandingly Canadian, which would preclude danger of union with the International Paper Co., but is so allied with some of the groups contemplating a merger that its position may also be strengthened.

One of the proposals contingent upon the newspaper consolidations scheme now being mooted here, is that Canada Power and Paper Co., may sell its interest in the Port Alfred Pulp and Paper Co. to Price Bros. It is also a possibility that Abitibi, too, may concentrate its holdings by selling its Ste. Anne and Murray Bay plants to Price Bros. Both of these units are distant from the centre of the Abitibi operations.

The influence of such a four-fold merger can be realized from daily tonnage figures alone. Approximate figures, which do not include new production units almost ready, show a grand total of 5,195 tons a day, as compared with 1,180 tons of the Canadian International Paper Co.

From the point of view of the small independent newspaper manufacturer, such a combination would be acceptable, so long as it did not become too dominating.

"I think both manufacturer and publisher would welcome a realignment of the industry that would mean stabilization," one independent manufacturer told The Star. "The only danger

would be that a merger might reach such proportions as to become an octopus. What the publisher wants as much as a fair price is the assurance that he is not paying more for his newspaper than some of his competitors. He doesn't want any secret agreements. He would rather see stability and a fixed price. And every publisher now, as well as every manufacturer, realizes that the present price paid only for the manufacture of the paper. The manufacturer is not making any profits, and the investors in the industry are not making any money on their invested capital."

The importance of the newspaper industry to Canada may be judged from the following facts: Over \$750,000,000 is invested in the manufacture of newspaper; each year \$45,675,293 is paid out by the newspaper plants in salaries, while total production in 1927 equalled \$241,144,704.

NORTH SUCCEEDS THE WEST AS THE LAND OF PROMISE

In an editorial article last week The Perth Expositor says:—

"Much has happened over all the world since Horace Greeley gave his famous advice, 'Go West, young man, go West.' And one of the things that have happened is that the North has succeeded the West as the great land of promise and adventure. As but one indication of this, despatches tell of Canadian railways planning expenditures of millions in developing northern communications. The C.P.R. is to spend \$2,316,000, the T. and N. O. \$2,000,000, and the Canadian National \$2,000,000. The truth is that, under our eyes and almost without our realizing it, a great new north is developing, not only in Ontario and Quebec, but right up the Arctic circle. Rich mineral resources, vast water powers, great forests, all are there awaiting development, holding out a promise of expansion and prosperity of which the early pioneers in this country never dreamed. In the light of past experiences, it does not require too vivid an imagination to see this territory supporting a substantial and vigorous population, exploiting its many natural resources and sending its products over the world."

AFTER SOME WINE VISITOR HAD TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL

A despatch from Cobalt says that James Meighen, whose home is in the Renfrew district spent two days in the Mines Hospital at Cobalt last week as the result of a nasty gash he received in the back of his head, apparently on some rocks near the old Chambers-Ferland shaft at the north end of the town. He was discharged on Wednesday. Enquiries by the police indicate that Meighen with a friend named Thomas Stafford, arrived in town from Englehart, the latter paying Meighen's way and giving him a small sum in addition. With a number of other men they went to the north end, where wine was partaken of freely, it is stated. Meighen subsequently falling and striking his head on a rock. Provincial Constable Houdercroft, notified of the mishap, had the man taken to hospital after which the others were interrogated and an examination made of the locality. Meighen's head was badly cut, the wound bleeding freely.

A DANIEL COME TO JUDGMENT

(New York Herald-Tribune)
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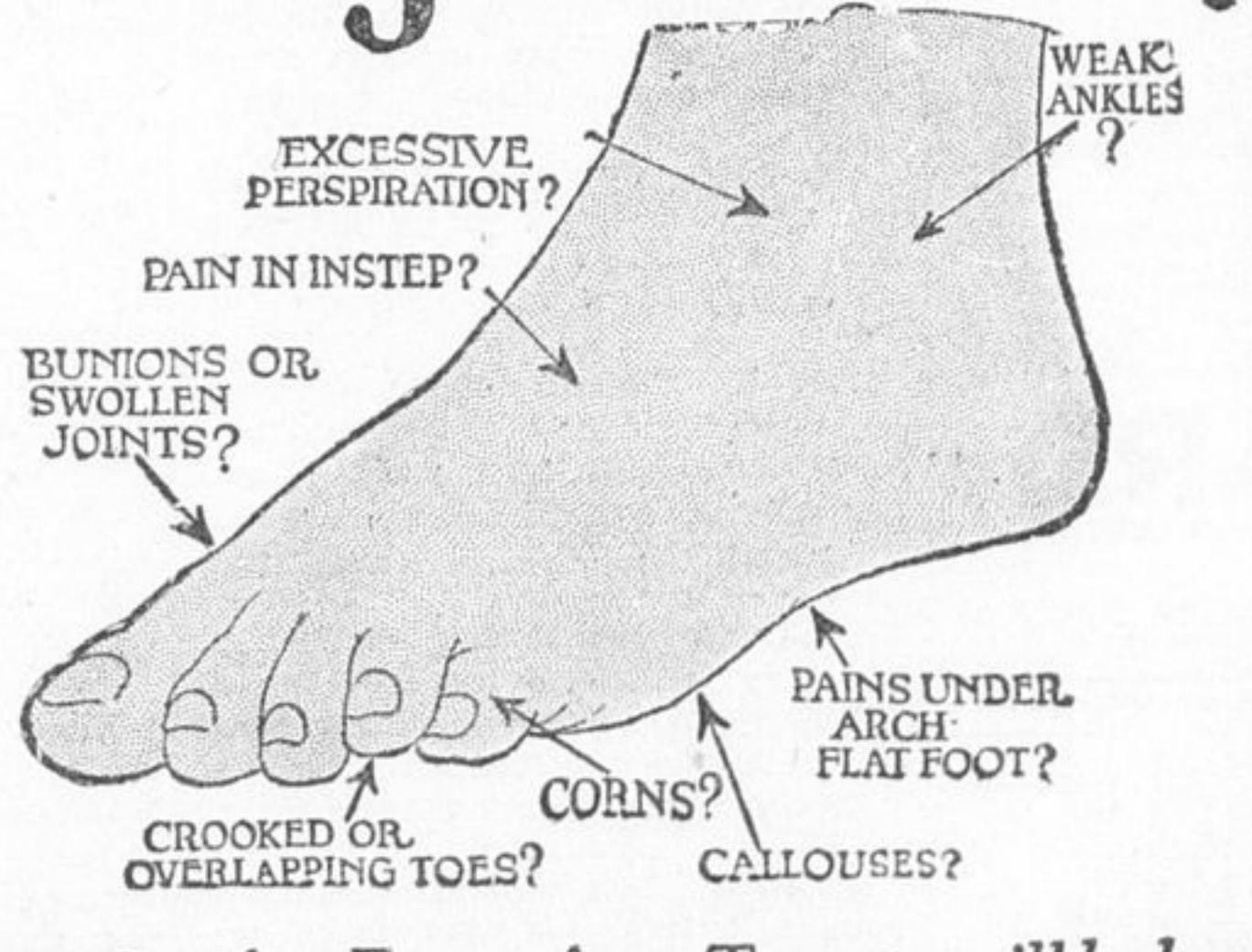
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