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**ODD CHANGES SOMETIMES IN THE MEANING OF WORDS**

Pagan, Silly, Idiot and Other Words Greatly Changed from Original Meanings.

Everyone should be interested in the meanings of words as the whole system of communication depends upon words and their significance. The Mentor, an educational publication, recently published an article dealing with the significance of certain words in common as contrasted with the original meaning attached to these words. The article shows the power of public thought and opinion on speech in general and words in particular. The article in The Mentor is too lengthy for complete reproduction, but in a recent issue The New Liskeard Speaker makes the following excerpts that will prove of interest to many:—

Many words in the English language that started out with good intentions have wound up with meanings of an opposite nature.

In the case of the words "pagan" and "heathen," both had good starts, each meaning "belonging to the country." "Pagan" has in it the same root as in the French "Pays," country, the word from which we get "peasant," "countryman," and "heathen" means "dweller in the heath." But the haughty attitude of town to country gave both words the meanings they now have, which is godless, uncivilized, uncultured, irreligious.

The word "silly" was in early modern English spelled "seely," and was the same word as the German "selig," meaning blessed, happy, fortunate, and was so used in Wyclif's version of the Bible. Then it came to mean plain, simple, rustic, rude; next simple-hearted;

then weak, frail; and finally foolish.

In the same way "simple" meant etymologically sincere, straight-forward, unaffected. But, though "simplicity" keeps some of this good meaning "simpleton" means "a person of limited or feeble intelligence."

"Bombast" and "fustion" were both names for cheap cloth originally; "bombast" being cotton, and especially cotton batting or padding. In this way the word came to imply inflated or extravagant language; and fustion, first made in Fustat, a suburb of Cairo, was also a kind of thick low-priced goods. These terms are now applied to a fulsome style of writing, extravagant in sentiment and expression.

"Imp" started out by meaning the shoot of a plant or a tree. Until the 17th century the word signified a youthful member of a family of high rank, an offspring. Its meaning is better described in an epitaph dated 1584 in the Beauchamp chapel at Warwick: "Here resteth the body of the noble Impe Robert of Dudley, some of Robert Erle of Leicester." The word then suffered reverses—probably through the fault of some that bore it—and degenerated until it became synonymous with a naughty child, a mischief maker, a demon.

A "blackguard," now a highly uncomplimentary term, was not always meant as such. A blackguard, in the days of the Tudors, was merely an inferior servant of the crown, who dressed in black.

The word "idiot" has become completely corrupted. The word had its origin in Greece, where it was applied to a private person—one not engaged in any public office. It did not even signify that he was particularly incompetent to officiate, but merely distinguished an ordinary citizen from priests and officials. In time, however, the impression was gathered that an "idiot" was not competent and in time the word degenerated into its present meaning.

Despite this tendency in the language for words to get battered and clipped, depreciating in value, there are other words which had a lowly beginning and have grown in dignity.

The word "lady" is one of these. It originally meant "kneader of bread" or mistress of the loaf. It then came to mean the female head of the family and from this took on the meaning of mistress of the manor. The first half of the word is related to "loaf" and the second to "dough." The noble title of "Lord" also had a humble origin in "loaf ward," meaning guardian of the food and hence head of the household.

Another interesting evolution is "steeward," which originally meant stye-ward, or "warden of pigs and cattle." Eventually it was used to designate a servant in charge of any specific duties.

There are other words, again, which have simply changed so that their original meaning has been completely obscured. "Hip, Hip, Hurray!" dates back to the Crusades. "Hip" it appears, is corrupted from "Hep," which in turn is composed of the initials of the cry "Hierosolyma est Perdita!" (Jerusalem is destroyed!) German knights, in hunting down the Jews, used "Hip! Hip!" as the their cry. "Hurray" is simply a natural utterance of enthusiasm; or possibly from the Slavonic "hu-ja" (to Paradise).

"Spinster" is applied to an unmarried woman because in the good old days no young woman was considered fit to be a wife until she had spun herself a set of linens. A "Jew's harp" has no Hebrew origin. It gets its name from the French word "ju," meaning a toy. The word "tip" meaning a gratuity, originated in English coffee houses, which used to have on their walls boxes inscribed with the phrase, "To Insure Promptness." This in time was reduced to "T. I. P." and thus was evolved the modern word "tip."

**GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE JAMES BAY DISTRICT**

Pembroke Young Lady Thinks the James Bay Area an Ideal Place to Spend the Summer Vacation

Some weeks ago The Advance referred to the visit to the North of Provincial Officer Jos. Kenny, who was formerly stationed at South Porcupine. On his recent visit here Mr. Kenny was accompanied by Mrs. Kenny and their son, and also by Miss Beatrice Fraser, of Pembroke. From the Porcupine they proceeded farther North for their vacation. Miss Fraser returned specially enthusiastic about the James Bay district as a place for tourists and visitors. In the last issue of The Pembroke Standard-Observer, there is the following reference to the trip:—

"I know where I will spend my holidays next year. It is the enthusiastic remark of Miss Beatrice Fraser when interviewed about her recent trip to James Bay, which she took in the company of Provincial Constable J. A. Kenny and Mrs. Kenny, who, with their son, holidayed with Mrs. Kenny's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reise, at Newpost, James Bay.

Motoring to Cochrane they took the gasoline speeder on the Hudson Bay Railway to Mileage 96 from where they travelled in to Newpost, a Hudson Bay trading post, by launch and canoe, having to portage several times on the trip. "The country is beautiful, gorges of great depth and scenery of magnificent grandeur," remarked Miss Fraser. "The streams abound with fish and I had the time of my life fishing," she replied when asked how she spent her time.

The Indian villages interested her and she spoke of the Indians as being tall and dressed as white men with the exception of their deer-skin coats, which many of them wore. The days were long and quite warm, the sun setting at 10:00 p.m. when the evenings became cool. "The mail is collected once a month, though when we went in we brought the mail to them from Easter," and Miss Fraser also remarked that once you get there you forget all about your purse, for there was no place to spend money, provisions being collected at the nearest railroad point four times a year.

Situated a considerable distance from a settlement, isolated in their territory, as are many of the homes in that district, she noted the excellent training in first aid the settlers showed. "The country will be settled when the railway is completed I am sure," she said, "and what a beautiful country those settlers will live in!" she added. The radio, bringing the direct contact with the outside world is a decided asset to the homes, and is greatly enjoyed at Newpost by Mr. and Mrs. Reise and their family.

Tourists are going into the James and Hudson Bay district each summer, Miss Fraser learned, and it is the opinion that when the train accommodation is satisfactory it will become a favourite trip for United States and Canadian people seeking a "different atmosphere" in which to spend their vacation. "Unless a few bears scare them for there are quite a number," she stated. That she had never had such a delightful holiday in her life, her assurance that "I am going back" and her vivid description of the rugged beauty of that country, leads one to believe that the "Frozen North" gives an exceedingly warm welcome to her guests.

**Nine-Year-Old North Bay Boy "Makes Hole-in-One"**

Writing in The North Bay Nugget last week "Observer" in his column of "Sportology," says:—

"Wherever golf is played throughout the length and breadth of the North American continent, it is safe to say, has spread the fame of Maurice Regimbal, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Regimbal, Cassels street, all because he accomplished a hole-in-one shot. The non-golfer will find nothing exceptional in the feat, treating it as an incident peculiar to the game, but the addict of the links regards it as the achievement of a lifetime and something that merits and is given special recognition.

In this instance, however, the accomplishment of this unusual play is particularly meritorious since this North Bay youngster is believed to be the youngest golfer in the world to ascend to the loftiest pinnacle of fame in golfing circles. The incident was broadcast over the world over Associated and Canadian Press wires and this city and the North Bay Golf and Country Club are basking in reflected glory. The New York Times, numbered among the world's greatest newspapers, carried the story prominently displayed in its sport section and to demonstrate how highly they regard the feat, they requested that they be furnished with a photo of the youthful golfer for reproduction on its pages.

"Added to the glory that is his, the boy will receive additional recognition by way of a number of prizes that are awarded to all who perform this exceptional feat."

North Bay Nugget:— Many of our citizens have made several remarks about their potatoes. We have kept still up to the present time, but we do not intend to take off our hat to any one when it comes to potatoes. We have potatoes larger than a goose egg and there are so many in the hills that they are cracking the ground open. They often disturb our sleep at night, when the big ones say to the little ones, "Lay over."

**CANADA NORTHERN POWER MAKING GOOD PROGRESS**

Has Been Important Factor in Developing Northern Ontario. Corporation's Policies Help the Country

With customers increasing at the rate of several hundred a year, and continued demands for more power for the mining industry, Canada Northern Power Corporation, Limited, together with its subsidiaries, is enjoying the best year in its history. Within two weeks it is expected that the thriving town of Elk Lake will be connected to the company's system, and this will add approximately 150 new customers.

During the past two years the company has spent several millions of dollars in additions to plants, service connections, new buildings, etc., while it is now engaged on the Upper Notch Power Development which calls for an expenditure over the next 18 months of \$1,500,000.

The growing activities of this company are having a direct influence on the prosperity of the communities served. With those engaged at the Notch development, the company is employing today over 500 people, and has a payroll of \$75,000 a year.

It is the company's policy to purchase all its requirements wherever possible through local merchants, and these purchases together with its pay roll means a distribution of over \$1,500,000 a year throughout this territory.

In addition to its large family of workers Canada Northern Power Corporation, Limited, has also a large family of share-holders. One out of every five of its customers own preferred stock in the company—a percentage of local ownership that no other Public Utility Company on the continent can claim. Over 90 per cent. of its employees are shareholders.

No single organization in Northern Ontario has done more to promote the welfare of this territory than Canada Northern Power Corporation, Limited, and its subsidiaries. From the time the first power generated nearly a quarter of a century ago until the present, this company has grown because of the increasing demand for electricity, and because the policy of the company has always been to give service.

The success of Canada Northern Power Corporation, Limited, has been due, not only to the natural increased demand for electricity for mines, industries and homes, but also to the fact that the company has anticipated the future and has constantly had available additional power with which to meet the growing needs of the industries and various communities served.

The policy of customer ownership adopted by the company some time ago has also had very beneficial effects. Today over 2,000 people living in Northern Ontario are shareholders in Ca-

nada Northern Power Corporation, Limited, and are combining their influence and support with that of the company in promoting the welfare of this northern territory. It is understood that the company plans to further extend its basis of ownership by the financial benefits of the earnings of the company. An announcement regarding this partnership offer, will it is expected, be made in the near future by Mr. B. V. Harrison, General Manager.

The North Bay Nugget last week reproduced the following item from its files of fifteen years ago:—"Adrian Blais of North Bay fell under a moving passenger train at Matheson on Friday evening and received injuries which necessitated the amputation of one leg below the knee. Blais was a passenger on the Cobalt express, north-bound enroute to Cochrane, where he expected to secure work at his trade of blacksmithing."

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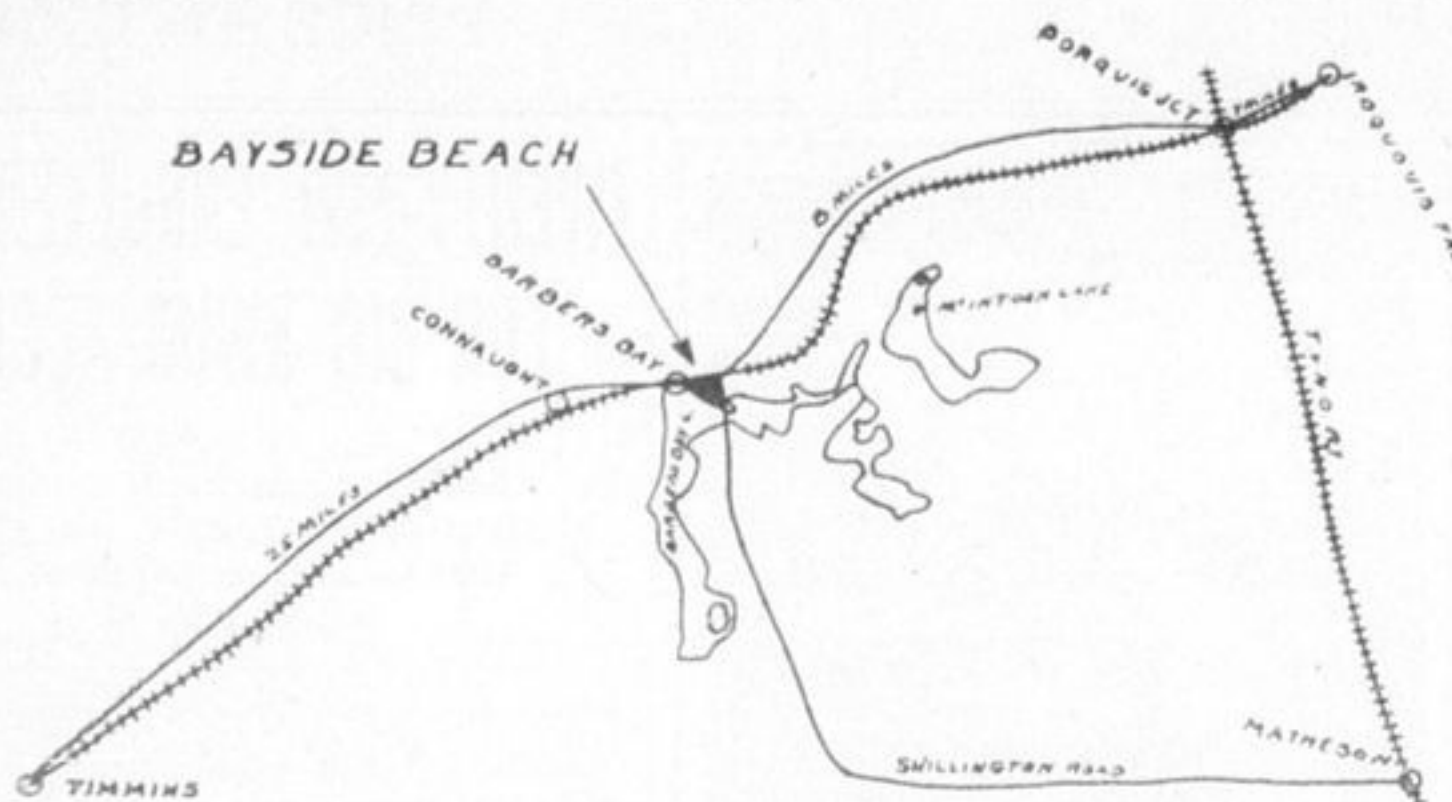
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**Practicability of Mining Barren Lands to be Shown**

Within a year it will be known whether mining operations on the barren lands of northern Canada are practicable economically, declared Joseph Errington, northern mining magnate, visiting Vancouver last week.

As vice-president of the Dominion Explorers, Mr. Errington is actively concerned in the great organization of airplane prospecting in the unexplored territory between Hudson's Bay and the Mackenzie river.

The main object of the search is the source of the native copper nuggets from which the Copper Mine river derived its name early in Canadian history. Mr. Errington is hopeful that his exploration activities, though costing large sums of money, will demonstrate the feasibility of shipping out ore from this field.

Tremendous developments are taking place in Ontario and Manitoba mine fields, he said. Consolidated Smelters, American Metals, International Nickel and other corporations are combining to construct a copper refinery and Consolidated will probably build a zinc refinery in the east.

There is no objection to United fruit and vegetables coming into Canada before our own produce makes its appearance. Neither do Canada's producers object to fair competition. But it is held to be an injustice to permit American fruits and vegetables, harvested by cheap Mexican and negro labour in California and the Southern States, to be dumped into the Dominion when the first Canadian crops are ready for the market. The Canadian growers are not unreasonable in their demand that they be protected from this kind of competition.