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**MEN AT FAR NORTH POSTS PLEASED TO HAVE GUESTS**

Radio All Right, but Does Not Make the Place of Human Companionship. A Fervent Prayer Answered

In the far North posts of the Mountains, guests are warmly welcomed. The officers have many modern advantages but naturally are glad to have a little human companionship. Some light on this matter is given by the following article from the last issue of The Northern Miner:—

Two well-known Northern mining men stepped out of the first plane to reach what we used to call an outpost of civilization in the Far North. Among those to greet them were two real he-men, members of the R.C.M.P., one a corporal and the other a constable. They were not the moving picture type, having that something the movie directors haven't caught yet.

"Where are you fellows planning to stay tonight?" asked the corporal.

"We were just waiting for an invitation somewhere," was the answer of one of the mining men.

"Well, if you fellows don't come along with us peacefully, we'll get you for the night if we have to arrest you. Gosh, we'd like to talk to someone from the outside. Of course, the radio falls down because it does all the talking. A fellow wants to do a little himself once in a while. Sometimes when I say something I almost jump in surprise at my own voice. It doesn't seem to be mine at all, but somebody else's."

"How are things going with you chaps?" one of the visitors asked the constable when they were waiting for

**SEEK BETTER FACILITIES FOR INSANE AT HAILEYBURY**

Jury Recommends That Government Provide Suitable Place for Temporary Care of Insane.

Reference was made last week to the suicide of a young man who was held in the Haileybury jail pending transfer to an institution for the mentally afflicted. The unfortunate man apparently battered his head against the bars of the cell in which he was held. Had there been padded cell accommodation this death would likely have been avoided. In any event that is somewhat the view the coroner's jury took of the matter. In giving their verdict in the case the jury said:—

"We, the jury, find that James Ralph Smith came to his death in the Provincial jail, Haileybury, Ontario, on the 17th day of July, 1929, at 9:30 p.m., by his own self-inflicted injuries while insane in the said jail. We, the jury, recommend and demand that the Provincial Government provide a suitable place for these unfortunate people to be left in while waiting to be transferred to an institution for the insane."

the corporal to come along with the other visitor.

"All right," said his host, "but you know sometimes I feel as though I would sell my soul for a drink. Just then the other two stepped into the cabin and the mining man groped into his pack and produced some of the refreshment served by Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Ontario Liquor Control Board.

"Boy, oh boy, was there ever a prayer answered as fast as mine," was the joyous remark.

"Why are you fellows buzzing around here with a plane?" was the question put by the corporal a little later in the evening. "What line do you boys follow?"

"Mining," he was told. "This country will soon be covered by prospectors, and we thought we'd like to give it a quick look over before the main crowd came."

"You really mean that?" asked the man in charge of law and order in a piece of country as big as some Canadian provinces. "That's tough in a way," he went on. "Not for you, of course, but for fellows like me. I can remember when the only times we heard from our inspector was when we were coming in or going out. Civilization is moving back all right, so I guess I'll have to go north. Coronation Gulf should be safe for a while, and I think I'll ask for that next time," the last a little dreamily.

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In an editorial last week commenting on the matter, The Haileyburian says: "The death at the district jail last week of James Ralph Smith, who had been committed as insane and who was confined there awaiting transfer to an institution, calls attention once more to a condition of affairs that should be remedied. It is greatly to be regretted that there is not some more humane method of dealing with mentally afflicted persons than that of confining them in jails until they can be sent where they will receive better care and attention than is possible when they are kept in an institution which is primarily for the criminal classes, or at least those accused of crime. While the jail officials no doubt do all in their power for the unfortunate persons in their keeping, there are no proper facilities for the care of mental cases. It has been pointed out time and again to the powers that be that some better provision in such cases was due to the North Country, but apparently without effect. Just where the remedy lies is, not apparent to the man on the street, but that there must be a remedy, and one that should be applied in the interests of humanity, is quite evident. In districts so chipped flung as those of the North Country there are inevitable cases of mental affliction and these should receive at least the same treatment as those in other sections of the province."

Years ago there was an agitation in Timmings for special cell accommodation for persons who might need to be confined because of mental affliction. For a mental case the iron bars and cement walls of the ordinary cell offer a ready means for self injury. This was recognized here and though many had been held here for a day or two or perhaps a week awaiting transportation elsewhere as insane persons, and none of them had suffered any serious injury, it was recognized that this was simply a matter of luck, and that it was not well to wait until a deplorable accident occurred before providing some measure of accommodation for any insane people that need temporary confinement. Accordingly the town of Timmings some years ago installed a padded cell in the jail there and there is no doubt that the expenditure for the same was fully warranted for humane reasons. It would appear that the Government should provide proper accommodation for the care of insane persons at Haileybury. It is necessary for all this part of the North Land to send its insane to Haileybury until such time as room may be made for them in regular institutions for their care and cure. Haileybury jail should be properly equipped to deal with these temporary gusts. It is too bad that a tragedy should occur before provision was made along this line. It would be still more deplorable if the matter is allowed to pass without speedy action and a second tragedy is required to induce action.

**Cobalt Council Offers \$20 for Dress Damaged**

At the last meeting of Cobalt town council an offer was made by resolution to offer Mrs. Allan Orr \$20 in full settlement for a dress damaged when plaster fell from the ceiling of the town hall during the fireman's ball there in June. Mrs. Orr asked for \$35. She said that the dress had cost \$38.70 and that it was completely ruined through the accident. Councillor Elliott favoured paying \$35. He said he had seen the price tag and had learned from the party who sold the dress that it was ruined beyond remedy. The rest of the council thought that \$20 was enough. The opinion of the Cobalt town solicitor had been secured in the matter. In his letter to the council, Mr. Roberts stated that he had learned from the Town Clerk (who was one of the victims of the falling plaster) that the appearance of that part of the ceiling from which the plaster fell was not noticeably different from any other part of the ceiling; that there were and are several minor cracks in the plaster in different places throughout the various rooms of the downstairs portion of the Town Hall. According to Mr. Roberts, "the question of liability of the corporation would turn to a great extent on the point whether or not the corporation was negligent in allowing the ceiling to remain in the condition it was just before the plaster fell. If there were no reasonable grounds for apprehension of impending danger, and all reasonable care had been taken by the municipality in the maintenance of the

**SUGGESTIONS FOR LUNCH HAMPERS FOR THE PICNIC**

Recipes for Specially Desirable Dishes Suitable for Picnic Purposes. Advice from Culinary Expert.

This is picnic time! There are family picnics, society picnics and general picnics, and in each case where the picnic is of the basket lunch type, the food for the event presents more or less of a problem. Probably the following article by Barbara B. Brooks will prove of special service. Barbara B. Brooks is widely known as an expert in all matters of domestic science, and advice she gives has been tested and tried and found dependable and advantageous. In this matter of the basket lunch for picnics and similar events Barbara B. Brooks has contributed the following article to The Advance this week:—

This is vacation time—a period of rest and recreation. What more delightful vacation pastime do you know of than a picnic in a lovely sheltered spot, perhaps on the bank of a willow-fringed stream. To some people picnic means a camp fire and a meal cooked in the open, but others prefer simply to open baskets and have the meal all ready prepared.

For this purpose there are many types of picnic hampers equipped with vacuum bottles for hot and cold drinks, containers for sandwiches and salads and enamel cups and plates. If we are fortunate enough to own such a hamper, packing the picnic basket is easy. However, many a delicious picnic repast has been packed with success in a common market basket.

Cold baked ham which has been glazed with honey, fried chicken or assorted cold cuts may be the substantial dish around which the rest of the meal is built—or a hearty salad, deviled eggs, or baked beans may be the piece de resistance. With a variety of sandwiches, and fresh vegetables such as radishes, onions and tomatoes; and the addition of a simple dessert of fruit and cookies, our picnic menu is complete.

Some sandwiches which are suitable for the basket lunch are:

**Dried Beef and Cheese Sandwich**  
2 dried beef, 1c grated cheese, 1c chopped celery, tomato soup.

**Meat and Onion Sandwich**  
1 lb. smoked ham, seasoned and fried quite brown, 2 large dill pickles, 1 small Spanish onion, 1c mayonnaise.

**Put ham, pickles and onion through a food chopper and mix with mayonnaise. Spread between slices of bread.**

**Egg and Olive Sandwich**  
2 hard cooked eggs, 1c chopped, ripe olives, mayonnaise.

**Chop the eggs and mix with olives and mayonnaise. Spread between slices of white or brand bread.**

**Cream Cheese and Raspberry Jam Sandwich**  
Make a three deck sandwich, using cream cheese between slices one and two and jam between slices two and three.

All sandwiches should be wrapped in wax paper to insure their keeping fresh.

**ADVISES TOURISTS TO COME TO THE NORTH COUNTRY**

These days when so much is being said and written in regard to the need for improvement in the North Land roads—and most of the criticism is certainly well founded—it is pleasing to read a letter like the following published in The Georgetown Herald last week. If there are any who fail to see how this letter can be correct at the same time that the criticisms on the roads are urged, it may be well to point out that for the present the North Land roads are in pretty good condition. Dry weather does not take long to remedy the fault of the Ferguson highway. The critics have been busy—and rightly so—with the proper idea that the roadways in this North should be passable for more than a month or two of dry weather. It is felt that the roads here should be usable during the greater part of the year. Proper grading and grading will assure the roads being passable for several months in the year and this is what the critics are demanding. All this, however, does not dispute in any way the letter in The Georgetown Herald, which reads as follows:—

Editor of the Herald:  
Dear Sir:—I have just returned from a motor truck trip of approximately

building, my opinion is that it would not be liable for injuries sustained by persons whilst in the building under invitation." To this opinion the solicitor adds that, "On the other hand, if there was anything in the condition of the ceiling that made it apparent that it was a dangerous thing, or if any good reason could be shown why the municipality should have known of the defect and remedied the same prior to the accident then sufficient negligence might be attributed to the municipality to make it responsible. You can see from the above that the question of responsibility would turn on the facts that might be revealed in evidence on the points above mentioned."

If Mrs. Orr accepts the offer, the matter will be concluded so far as the town of Cobalt is concerned, but if the Cobalt lady carries the question to the courts, the affair will be very interesting to follow, as it will likely make clear just what responsibility rests upon a town for accidents occurring in a town hall.


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Chicago News:—"Mummy," asked John, "how is it that little fishes don't get drowned before their mothers have taught them how to swim?"

Detroit News:—"Bruce Gould in his book 'Sky Larking,' predicts that 100 years hence Captain John Alcock and Arthur E. Brown will be honored above all other pathfinders of the air. The acclaim that should have been theirs was denied them. It may be, as Mr. Gould suggests that all countries were too near the dangerous days of the war period in 1919 to properly appreciate Brown and Alcock. The world was tired of heroes, in fact there were more of them than there were jobs, and in the news of the monumental proceedings at Versailles which were then being pushed to a conclusion, Alcock and Brown were quickly forgotten."

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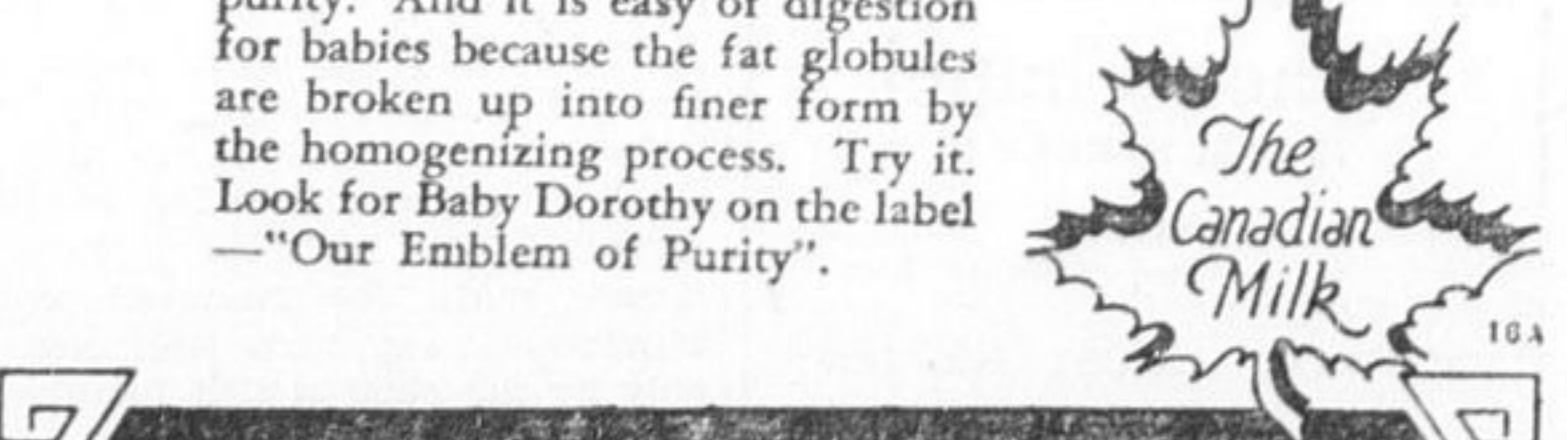
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