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**ALEXO NICKEL SYNDICATE  
IS ATTRACTING ATTENTION**

Surface Work in Progress on Nickel Claims in the Townships of Dundonald and Clergue

Several weeks ago The Advance had reference to the Alexo Nickel Syndicate, a group formed for the investigation and development of a number of nickel claims in the township of Clergue and Dundonald. These claims are adjacent to the Alexo Nickel Mine and are believed to be especially promising. There has been considerable interest aroused in the syndicate. A recent issue of The Financial Post, of Toronto, says:—

Surface exploration work now in progress on the property of the Alexo Extension Nickel Syndicate has attracted the attention of several important mining and exploration companies, and it is reported the engineers of some seven different companies have examined the property in the last three weeks.

The syndicate's property is situated in the townships of Dundonald and Clergue in the Porcupine Mining District, about two and a half miles southwest of Porcupine Junction on the T. & N. O. Ry. It comprises eight fully patented claims, five of which adjoin the Alexo Nickel Mine on the northeast, and three on the southwest. The Syndicate also has an option on four additional claims trying on to its southwest group.

The Syndicate reports a mineralized zone 5,280 feet long, having a width of 40 feet on the southwest group adjacent to the Alexo Nickel Mine and of 250 feet a quarter of a mile to the south of this. A test pit has been sunk to a depth of 20 feet on a pyrrhotite outcrop, and samples taken from this show traces of nickel.

A drill hole put down at the border of the two properties by the Alexo Mines some years ago, showed 41 feet of ore at a depth of 120 feet which carried values of from 6 to 8 per cent. nickel.

The promoters of the syndicate are confident that development work will result in the proving up of a substantial orebody, and the intention is to do sufficient work to prove this, and then turn the property over to an operating company for a stock interest.

The Syndicate has a capitalization of 5,500 units of \$50 par value, exchangeable on the basis of 500 shares per unit into a company to be formed.

Interest in the Syndicate's property is largely due to its proximity to the Alexo Nickel Mine. This property was operated in 1918 and 1919 and a total of 47,748 tons of ore shipped to the Mond smelter, Sudbury. Some of this ore ran as high as 11 per cent. nickel, while the average grade was 4 per cent. It also carried values in copper, platinum, palladium and silver. An important feature of the ore was that it was self-fluxing.

The Alexo mine has been idle for the past ten years. Several deals were made to resume operations but none of those interested were able to meet the terms of the vendors.

**Large Shortage Found  
Following Clerk Leaving**

The Halleyburian last week says:— "A shortage of \$8,900 has been discovered in the books of P. M. Fleming, following a complete audit made by Mr. Hutchinson, of New Liskeard, whose services were secured following the departure from town of the clerk, A. Binnette, who, it is alleged, had been suspected of misappropriation of funds. He left for parts unknown and has not been traced. Mr. Fleming states this week that it has been ascertained that the defalcations had been going on since the beginning of the year, with one or two small amounts being found missing in last year's records. The amount given consists largely of cash with some goods also missing.

The system worked, Mr. Fleming states, was to pocket small amounts of cash, at times as low as thirty cents, and to endorse cheques received in payment of accounts and take them to the Bank of Toronto at Cobalt and cash them. The largest cheque thus cashed was for \$1,438, and it is hard to understand how so many were thus misappropriated without suspicion being aroused. The police are making efforts to trace the missing man, but so far without success. It was some time after he disappeared before his employer became convinced that there was anything to worry about. Two motor cars which he had purchased have been seized and will be sold, while a part, at least, of the money will be recovered, as the signatures on the cheques can be clearly proved to be forged."

The Northland Cranberry Portage:—Some officials do not seem to keep pace with the progress of the North. In furnishing relief for fire sufferers, and considering necessary improvements in the rapidly growing communities of this north country, these officials seem to be thinking in terms of corn meal and tallow furnished breeds in the early days. They do not seem to realize that this country has passed the Indian stage. They do not recognize the fact that the people settling in the north consist of red-blooded, sturdy stock, active in developing the resources of the country who demand more consideration than the native breed.

**Bad Cheques Passed on  
Many Southern Stores**

Recently there has been an epidemic of bad cheques in a number of the towns and cities of South Ontario. At Chatham some days ago a very fashionably-dressed young lady cashed cheques that later proved to be worthless. Ridgetown merchants were also victimized. Last week word from Orillia, Sparrow Lake and Bracebridge showed that these places had been visited. Apparently, the cheque artists are on their way north, and if they reach this far they should be given the right sort of reception. Merchants are taking a chance in cashing cheques presented by strangers. So far as possible it is well to leave the cashing of cheques to the banks. At Orillia it appears that a couple signing themselves "Grace Ball" and "C. M. Ball" went from store to store on Orillia's main street cashing cheques that later proved no good. In each case the scheme was to make a small purchase and present a cheque for a larger amount, receiving the balance in cash. A large number of merchants were fooled apparently by the plausible story by the cheque artists. A man was arrested at Bracebridge for fraud in connection with a cheque and it was thought he might be one of those concerned in the tricks played on Orillia and other town merchants, but Orillia merchants who went to Bracebridge to identify him, found that he was a new one to them. A. J. Gravenhurst, a man giving the name of Alfred E. G. Hall, and his profession as a psychologist, was charged with obtaining board and lodging under false pretences. He was collecting funds for a "Church of All Nations." Six previous convictions of this man were referred to at the court. He pleaded guilty and was remanded for sentence. Despatches, however, do not directly connect him with the cheque frauds in the towns named here. No trace of the woman cheque artist has been mentioned in the despatches up to the time of writing this. It would be well for merchants and others in this part of the North to be specially on guard against doubtful cheques at the present time, as the fakers of one kind and another have a habit of heading north.

**PARENTS OF CHILDREN ON  
STREETS SHOULD BE JAILED**

At the Cobalt police court recently there was a case where a man named Z. Latour was charged with allowing his 15-year-old daughter to loiter on the streets after nine o'clock at night. Chief of Police Stromberg told about ordering the girl home two or three times that night and she apparently started off each time, only to be found loitering on the street again later. Eventually Latour accosted the chief and demanded to know why the chief was ordering his daughter home. The chief replied that it was a bad place for a young girl at night, and it was against the law. The accused then deliberately crossed the street to where his daughter was standing and told her to walk the streets as much as she wanted to, according to the chief's evidence. Chief Stromberg thought that there were difficulties enough in enforcing the law for the protection of children without their parents taking such an improper attitude. Magistrate Atkinson is quoted by The Northern News as expressing the opinion that it was the parents who should be put in jail and not the children, when they allow them to run about the streets after the curfew. In regard to Latour's deliberate opposition to the authority of the police, the magistrate told Chief Stromberg he should have locked him up and not served a summons, and that the next time this girl was caught on the street after hours, she was to be taken into custody and placed in the Children's Shelter at Halleybury. There will be a general feeling among thoughtful people that the matter as he has a habit of doing he matter as he has a habit of doing. The foolishness and pigheadedness of parents are responsible for many children getting on the wrong road. There is not much of good that girls may find on the streets at night, either in Cobalt or elsewhere. There is enough of evil to be encountered. Anyone who knows anything knows that. It would be thought that all good citizens would give the police the limit of support in enforcing such helpful rules as the curfew by-law. Surely even a little thought and commonsense will show parents that one of their first duties is to keep their children off the streets, especially at night. They ought to appreciate any help given by the authorities and because some of them do not appreciate the efforts of the police is perhaps one reason why children are not as good as they might be.

**MAN ABLE TO SUPPORT HIS  
PARENTS, MUST DO THE SAME**

Just as a reminder to others it may be noted that a Kapuskasing man was in police court recently on a charge under the Maintenance of Parents Act, as he had failed to provide for his father and mother, both of whom were over seventy years of age. The case was settled out of court, the magistrate approving an arrangement for the son to pay \$15.00 a week for the maintenance of his aged parents.

Simcoe Reformer:—Magistrate C. F. Maxwell, of St. Thomas, on Saturday advised Chief of Police Daniel Graham, of Port Stanley, to devote some of his attention to young women bathers who show an inclination to promenade the village streets in scanty attire. He had just let a youth off on suspended sentence for a similar offence.

**PRESENTATION OF PRIZES  
FOR LADIES' GOLF EVENTS**

Features at Ladies' Northern Ontario Golf Association Tournament Last Week at Timmins

On Friday afternoon after the finish of the Championship Flight Final between Mrs. A. S. Porter and Miss Fay Brigham in the Ladies' Tournament for the championship of the Northern Ontario Ladies' Golf Association, the presentation of prizes to the winners of the various competitions took place in the Club House.

Mrs. A. F. Brigham, past president, addressed the gathering in a few words, expressing the pleasure Timmins Club felt in having the ladies present as their guests. She then called on Mrs. J. R. Todd, vice-president, to make the presentations.

Mrs. A. S. Porter was handed the Ladies' Cup, emblematic of the championship of Northern Ontario, and also a silver plate, presented by the ladies of the golf club. Mrs. Porter spoke briefly in reply.

Miss Brigham, the runner-up, was presented with a pair of silver candlesticks, donated by Mr. J. P. Bickell, and in a few words thanked the members present.

Mrs. Macdonald, of Halleybury, was presented with the prize for the lowest qualifying score.

Miss Little, Iroquois Falls, received the first consolation prize, and Mrs. J. W. Fogg, Timmins, the second consolation award.

Miss Jamieson, Timmins, and Mrs. Todd, Timmins, received the prizes of first and second in the first flight.

Miss Torrington, Sudbury, and Mrs. Fee, Sudbury, were awarded first and second in the second flight.

Mrs. Buncke, Iroquois Falls, and Mrs. Hammond, North Bay, were awarded first and second in the third flight.

Mrs. A. S. Porter, Timmins, was presented with the award for the Driving Contest.

Mrs. Woods, Sudbury, was awarded the prize for the Approaching and Putting Contest.

The team prize for the club having the four lowest qualifying players went to Timmins, Miss Brigham, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Porter and Miss Jamieson receiving this award.

Mrs. Todd then called for three cheers for Mr. C. G. Kemsley for his work and untiring energy during the tournament. The ladies gave these with a right good will, and Mr. Kemsley was called on for a speech, but that blushing gentleman failed to respond.

Three cheers were then given for Mrs. Jamieson for the work she had put in during the tournament.

A vote of thanks to the retiring president Mrs. Brigham, was carried unanimously.

On Friday evening the lady golfers were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Brigham at a dance at their residence. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

A detailed review of the championship final will be found elsewhere in this issue.

North Bay Nugget:—Europe is producing toy animals which play tunes when squeezed, but for real music listen to the raterpayer when his assessment goes up.

Huntingdon Gleaner:—At last we have discovered a law-abiding citizen in Chicago. Her name is Mary Lubor, and her age is eight. 'Tis 'gainst the law to wear a bathing suit on the streets of Chicago' Shundered Patrolman Edward Smith to Mary. Mary looked at the policeman, decided he was serious, so she took off the offending suit. She was then summoned to court for offending the proprieties, but could not understand what the court meant by it all, neither did her people.

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