

**Grand Dance on Aug. 28th
Auspices Junior S. O. E.**

A grand dance is announced to be held in the McIntyre hall, Schumacher, on Wednesday, Aug. 28th, under the auspices of the Junior S. O. E. Bert Holland's Royal orchestra will furnish the best of music for the occasion. All other features of the evening will be up to the same high standards. Social events by the Sons of England are always most enjoyable and this one on Wednesday evening next will be no exception to the rule. All who enjoy a good time will make no mistake in attending. The purpose of this dance is to provide a happy evening for all who enjoy a dance and also to provide funds for the purchase of indoor games for use during the winter. Dancing will be from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m., and a good time is assured for all attending.

**COPPER CLIFF DOESN'T LIKE
SO MANY PORCUPINES THERE**

Copper Cliff is complaining at present because a number of porcupines have caused trouble of one kind and another. The dogs at Copper Cliff feel that porcupines should not be allowed there, and the owners of the dogs fully back this up, as might well be expected. In commenting on the matter The Sudbury Star says:—

"Porcupines have invaded the precincts of Copper Cliff during the past few weeks and threaten to become a common nuisance around the town. Two of the finicky denizens of the bush have already been killed on the streets by members of the police force and the last in time to save a small white dog from getting a mouthful of quills. Local naturalists are puzzled to find an explanation of the invasion, but several signs of the depredations of the beasts have been found. One family was kept awake during the night by a strange noise at the back of the house and, in the morning, found a painting job on the back porch ruined. At a Poland Street boarding house a porcupine gnawed into a wooden case containing salt meat which had been left exposed outside the house."

Huntingdon Gleaner:—Springfield, Mass., has recently had an example of the thoroughness of a mail order house. In the mail came a bulky catalogue addressed to "Samuel Chaplin, corner of State and Chestnut Streets." The mail carrier had no difficulty in finding the address but the addressee remained unmoved when the book was offered to him. It happens that the "Samuel Chaplin" is a monument erected in memory of a Deacon Samuel Chaplin, who was one of the founders of the city.

**Peculiar Case at Elk
Lake of Mental Trouble**

Probably every case of mental derangement may be classed as peculiar but one reported from Elk Lake certainly has odd features. One unusually peculiar thing about this case is that the patient is violent and apparently very insane at home, but when placed under observation acts in quiet and normal way and seems to be fully recovered. The Halleyburian last week made the following reference to the case:—

"A peculiar case of mental derangement that is being watched at the district jail here is that of an Elk Lake man who, until recently was employed at one of the mines in the neighbourhood of Gowganda. A week or two ago he apparently went out of his mind and caused considerable excitement before he was taken care of by the police. It was believed that he was insane and he was sent to the jail here in the regular course, to be held until he could be sent on to an institution in South Ontario.

"On arrival at the jail he was quite quiet and docile, showing no sign of excitement or derangement, and after being closely observed was sent home, as it was believed that he would get over his trouble. However, shortly after he landed at his home he became more or less violent and it was stated that he so frightened some of his people that they ran into the river to escape him. When this occurred he was again taken in charge and brought down to the jail.

"Perhaps the most peculiar part of the affair is the fact that since being lodged in the jail for the second time he has again settled down and is apparently not suffering from any serious mental trouble. He is being closely observed for a recurrence of his malady, but whether it will be necessary to commit him to an asylum is not definitely decided yet.

"An acquaintance of the afflicted man stated this week that he has known him for a number of years, that he is normally a quiet and inoffensive person, who has worked at the mines and in the woods for some years. Earlier this year he was fire ranging and since then has worked at mining."

Orillia News Letter:—In America the drug habit has mounted with leaps and bounds since prohibition, until now the consumption of narcotics is 60 times as great in proportion to population as in many other civilized countries. A recent investigation by the United States Treasury Department brought to light the astonishing fact that the annual consumption of drugs in America is 36 grains for each person, while it is only two grains in Germany, three grains in France and one grain in Italy.

**ANOTHER OPINION ON THE
CRITICISM OF ROADS HERE**

**Temiskaming Roads Could be Kept Up
to Standard Without Much Diffi-
culty, Liskeard Speaker Thinks**

In another column The Advance gives the opinion of The Halleyburian on the Toronto Star's recent articles on the Ferguson highway. The Halleyburian is inclined to think that The Star is overly anxious to find fault with the Ferguson Government and all its works, and that as a matter of fact the main roads in the North at the present time are in good condition. The New Liskeard Speaker takes a slightly different attitude. While admitting that there has been much improvement made in the main roads through the North, and also that The Star has in some instances apparently been influenced materially by the viewpoint of the persons from whom the information was received, The Speaker thinks that the articles will do good in helping to make Older Ontario understand that the press and citizens of this part of Ontario were quite within their rights in insisting upon better road conditions in Temiskaming and Cochrane districts.

It may be noted that the attitude of The Halleyburian and The Speaker are not so far apart as they seem at first sight. It is only a few weeks ago since The Halleyburian was adding its voice to the general complaints about the condition of the roads. Since that time, however, there has been very considerable improvement made in the condition of the roads. Some of this improvement has been due to work done, and a considerable part of the betterment, at least up in this end, has resulted from the dry weather. The Halleyburian very naturally is annoyed now because criticism of the roads appears to be turning tourist traffic back from the North. Just at the present moment there is not just cause for criticism of the main roads. Certainly any tourist who can stand the ordinary rural roads in Southern Ontario will find the North Land roads quite good. Motorists quite frankly admit that the roads in the North are much better generally than some of the stretches on the Ferguson highway south of North Bay. One visiting motorist some days ago put it this way:—"You can easily average 25 to 30 miles an hour along the whole Ferguson highway with comfort and safety, and that means the roads have to be good for country roads."

One of the troubles with trying to centre public attention on matters that need remedy is the fact that sometimes by the time that some people are actively interested in the agitation, their help may actually have injurious effect. A couple of months ago the articles by The Star on the bad conditions of strips of roadway in the North might have helped stir the authorities to action. To-day, with the improvements made by the weather and authorities, the roads are really fairly good, and yet the agitation has the effect of frightening away tourist traffic.

As The Advance has given elsewhere in this issue the opinion of The Halleyburian, this paper is also publishing the reference by The New Liskeard Speaker, so that readers may have both sides. The New Liskeard Speaker says:—

"A special reporter from the Toronto Star has but recently made a trip over the Ferguson highway from Severn Bridge to its most Northern point, and in four instalments he has given his experiences throughout the trip together with the impressions he gathered from actual personal contact and from interviews with various classes of the north's population. His stories have been interesting and should do much to convince the older part of Ontario that in insisting on better roads throughout the Temiskaming and Cochrane Districts, the press and the citizens of this part of Ontario were fully within their rights. Of course, there were instances where the Star's reporter was influenced materially by the viewpoint of the man from whom he received his information, but on the whole we believe he has been fairly accurate in the conclusions drawn. Had he arrived in Temiskaming some three weeks earlier than he did his story would have been much harsher on the travelling facilities throughout the "North of the Bay" section of the Ferguson highway and the various township roads in the two upper districts. So far as Temiskaming is concerned, there has been an improvement in the main road through the district, but it is still far from being a road over which motorists should be charged an extra 5 cents per gallon for the privilege of using."

"The Speaker realizes that the Government has a big job on its hands in the matter of road work throughout the unorganized districts of the northern part of Ontario. We also believe that with a reasonable outlay and constant attention the Temiskaming roads could be kept up to standard without much difficulty. A "stitch in time saves nine," is an old proverb which is applicable to the roads of the Ferguson highway and rural sections of this district.

"In concluding his fourth instalment, the Star's reporter says:—"The optimism of the north is infectious. Taking the increase in traffic on the Severn bridge to Cochrane and Timmins highway during the past two years as a criterion of its forward stride, it will be necessary to make rapid and drastic improvements to the Ferguson highway if it is to be able to meet the demands that will be placed on it. A trip over the highway in its present

**Woman Prospector Finds
Lost Cariboo Channel**

All will be interested in the story by despatches from Quesnel, B.C., in regard to the finding of the famous "lost channel" of the Cariboo gold area in British Columbia. To the many here who have been in the Cariboo the matter will no doubt be of particular interest. Despatches from Quesnel, B.C., last week referred to the matter as follows:—

Years ago the old-timers of the Cariboo gold rush were laughed at when they told of the existence of a rich gold-bearing channel near Stanley, close to the famous Williams creek area, where half a century ago close to

condition is epochal but nevertheless the greatest panacea a pavement driver can seek. The motorist can negotiate it with care and derive a great deal of enjoyment, but judging from the Star's experience it would pay to gird your loins with elderdown, shock absorbers, carry a super efficient tire kit and keep a close eye on the fuel."

\$50,000,000 in gold was obtained. The old-timers were told that the creek bed had yielded the last of its valuable deposits and that further prospecting was not worth while. Now, however, the famous channel, known as the lost lead of Lightning creek, has been discovered—and by a woman, Mrs. Gertrude Murphy, the only prospector of her sex in the Cariboo country.

J. F. Williams, who is working on the Lost Chance claim, below Stanley, accompanied C. M. Murphy, husband of the woman prospector, to Eagle or Housman creek, three miles above where Mrs. Murphy has been hydro-augering for three seasons. There, in a huge pit gouged out by Mrs. Murphy's monitor, Williams was amazed to find the exposed rim of the ancient channel. The exposed bedrock at this point was unfavourable, being smooth and slippery, but there is no question, he says, that the gutter, once it is reached, will prove very rich.

No gold has ever been found on Lightning creek above the mouth of Housman creek, where the pay was

lost. Numerous shafts have been sunk during the past fifty years to determine the channel above that point, but without success. Below the mouth of Housman creek for some little distance there had been little or no pay, proving, Williams says, that the gold recovered at the mouth of Housman creek was brought down from the old channel.

It has long been the claim of old-time miners that some day a high lead of Lightning, which is the second richest gold-bearing stream in the Cariboo, would be discovered. W. Housman, known locally as the "Duke of York," talked of it to all who would listen for upwards of 50 years, seeking capital to bottom his shaft and thereby prove his contention.

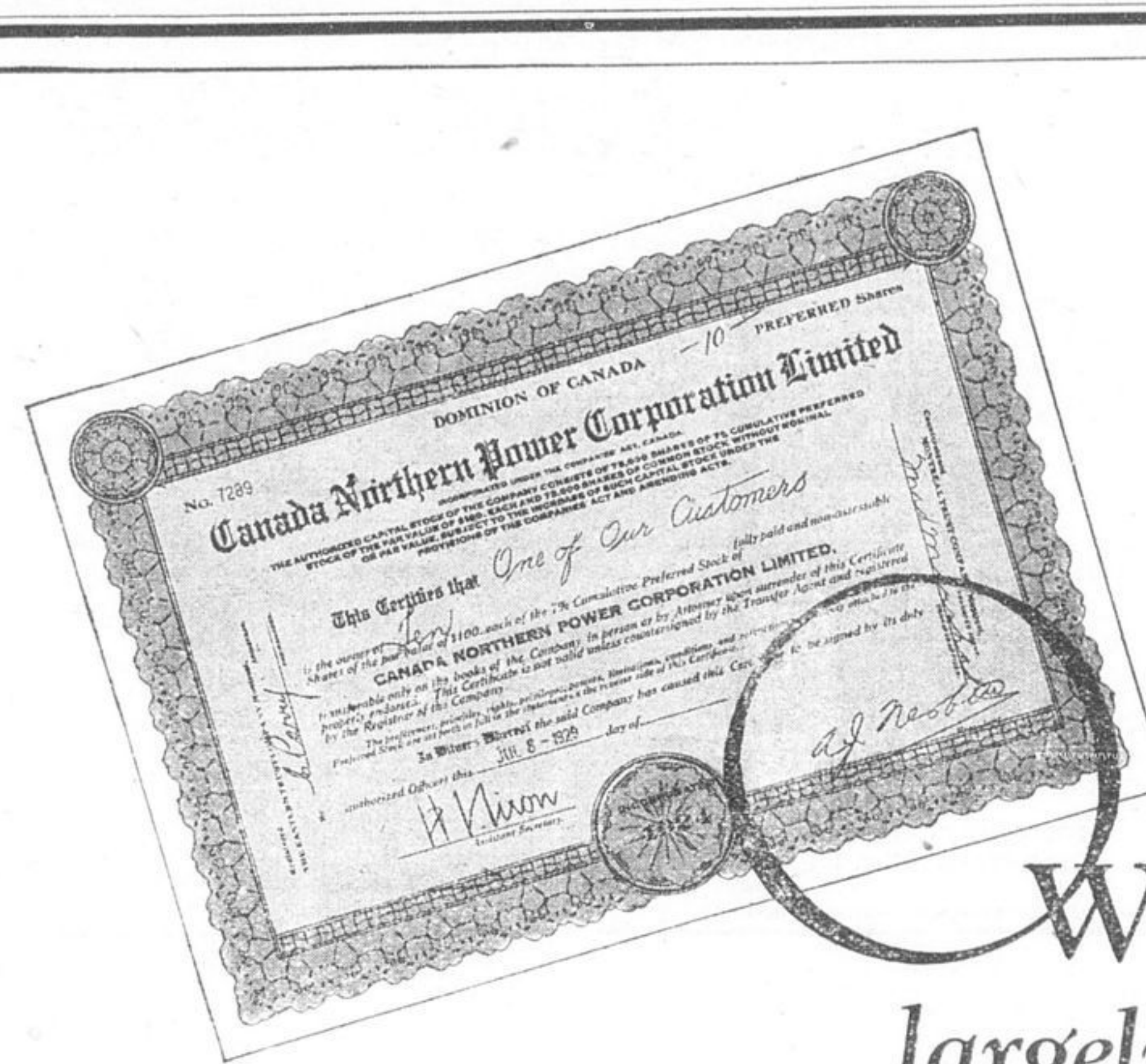
Williams believes Mrs. Murphy's find is a lucky one. "Once proven definitely it will mean a lot for placer mining in the Cariboo," he declared.

Lightning creek, near Stanley, has yielded approximately \$900 a lineal foot for about two miles of its length.

**THE BEET THAT COULDN'T
BE BEAT, BEATING ITS WAY**

(From The New Liskeard Speaker)
A young beet seed coming to life in the earth began shooting toward the light and heat above. On their way up these shoots met a piece of limestone right in their path, but deviated not an eighth of an inch, going right through the stone. There may have been a small hole, or a tiny crevice. Now there is a good sized beet (for the time of the year) four inches above the encircling stone with circumference of over six inches, with about six inches of a tail below. This beet that recognized no stumbling block in its path, may be seen in our window. It was grown on the farm of Mr. D. Glassford.

Toronto Mail and Empire—The mothers allowance helps 16,000 children in 5,000 homes; Dickens could rewrite the stories of Little Nell with a pen dipped in "what is being done" for children and the helpless; there are clouds, but lots of sunshine, too.



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