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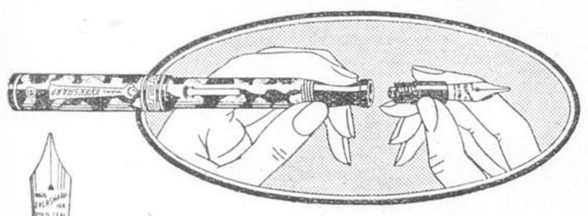

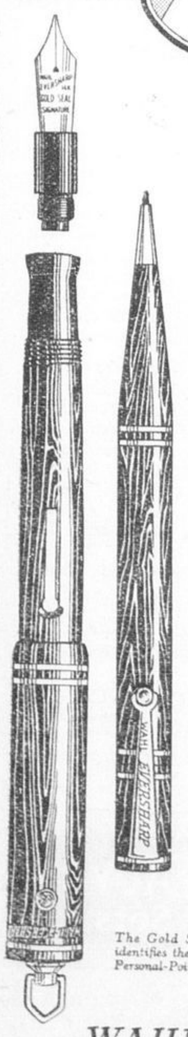

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VITAL STATISTICS IN THE DOMINION FOR LAST YEAR

Figures Show Increase in Number of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Canada for the Year 1928

A preliminary report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the births, deaths and marriages in the nine provinces of Canada during the calender year 1928, shows increases over the preceding year in all three categories, the most substantial being in marriages. While the total number of deaths was larger, however, the deaths of infants under 1 year of age showed a reduction from the figure for 1927.

The total number of births reported during the year was 236,194 and the total number of deaths 103,939, giving a net natural increase of 127,255 in population during the year which is slightly below the figure (128,896) for the previous year.

An important feature for the year 1928 is the marked increase in marriages over the two previous years, this increase being 4,711 over 1927 and 7,829 over 1926.

The following review gives a comparison of births, infant deaths, total deaths and marriages for 1927 and 1928, (the figures for 1927 in parentheses).

Living births in 1928 numbered 236,194 (234,188) made as follows: Prince Edward Island 1,806 (1,697); Nova Scotia 10,899 (11,134); New Brunswick 10,024 (10,479); Quebec 83,621 (83,064); Ontario 68,420 (67,671); Manitoba 14,504 (14,147); Saskatchewan 21,100 (21,015); Alberta 15,508 (14,897); and British Columbia 10,312 (10,084). The birth rate per 1,000 of population for the nine provinces was 24.5 (24.6). Prince Edward Island had a rate of 21.0 (19.5); Nova Scotia 19.9 (20.5); New Brunswick 24.2 (25.5); Quebec 31.6 (31.9); Ontario 21.2 (21.2); Manitoba 21.1 (21.9); Saskatchewan 24.8 (25.1); Alberta 24.5 (24.1) and British Columbia 17.7 (17.5).

Deaths under one year of age (exclusive of stillbirths) totalled 21,171 (22,010), the provinces contributing as follows: Prince Edward Island 92 (113); Nova Scotia 866 (1,028); New Brunswick 9958 (1,006); Quebec 10,332 (10,739; Ontario 4,875 (4,812); Manitoba 972 (1,921); Saskatchewan 1,368 (1,575); Alberta 1,187 (1,110) and British Columbia 521 (606). The infant mortality rate for Canada expressed as the proportion of deaths under one year of age to 1,000 living births was 89.6 (94.0). The rate for Prince Edward Island was 50.9 (66.6); for Nova Scotia 79.5 (92.3); New Brunswick 95.6 (96.0); Quebec 123.6 (129.3); Ontario 71.3 (71.1); Manitoba 67.0 (72.2); Saskatchewan 64.8 (74.9); Alberta 76.5 (74.5); and British Columbia 50.5 (60.1).

Deaths at all ages (exclusive of stillbirths) in the nine provinces numbered 108,939 (105,292); Prince Edward Island 952 (913); Nova Scotia 6,195 (6,378); New Brunswick 4,962 (4,902); Quebec 36,632 (36,175); Ontario 37,108 (34,775); Manitoba 5,396 (5,309); Saskatchewan 6,138 (6,031); Alberta 5,655 (5,059) and British Columbia 5,901 (5,750). General mortality rates per 1,000 population were as follows: Canadian 11.3 (11.1); Prince Edward Island 11.1 (10.5); Nova Scotia 11.3 (11.7); New Brunswick 11.0 (11.9); Quebec 13.8 (13.9); Ontario 11.5 (10.9); Manitoba 8.2 (8.2); Saskatchewan 7.2 (7.2); Alberta 8.9 (8.2) and British Columbia 10.1 (10.0).

Of the total number of deaths (103,939) reported in 1928 for Canada 53,512 or more than 49 per cent. were attributable to six causes as follows: Diseases of the heart 12,640, diseases of infancy 9,195, cancer 8,511, pneumonia 8,420, tuberculosis 7,848 and violence (all kinds) 6,898 and of the latter automobile traffic contributed to 1,081 deaths. Deaths due to maternal causes in proportion to 1,000 living births were 5.6 (5.6).

There were in all 74,287 marriages reported during 1928 as against 69,516 in the previous year. Prince Edward Island had 466 (482); Nova Scotia 3,256 (3,042); New Brunswick 3,138 (2,887); Quebec 19,126 (18,551); Ontario 25,728 (24,677); Manitoba 5,170 (4,717); Saskatchewan 6,687 (5,733); Alberta 5,776 (4,707); and British Columbia 4,940 (4,720). The marriage rates per 1,000 population were as follows: Canada 7.7 (7.3); Prince Edward Island 5.4 (5.5); Nova Scotia 6.0 (5.6); New Brunswick 7.6 (7.0); Quebec 7.2 (7.1; Ontario 8.0 (7.7); Manitoba 7.9 (7.3); Saskatchewan 7.9 (6.9); Alberta 9.1 (7.6) and British Columbia 8.5 (8.2).

In addition to presentation of the main totals for the year the report covers such phases as plural births, illegitimate births, stillbirths, deaths by ages and causes of death, with special treatment of infant deaths, maternal deaths and deaths from cancer and tuberculosis.

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Swastika Sign Has Its Origin in Ancient Troy

An enquiry is made by a reader of The Advance as to the meaning of the place name "Swastika." Some years ago The Advance had an article in reference to the various place names of this North Land, and there seemed to be general interest in it, so as Swastika was not mentioned in the other article on place names, it may be of interest to specially refer to it here. Swastika is on the T. & N. O. Railway, being the gateway to the Kirkland Lake mining field. The name of the town comes from the word used in connection with the sign, "Swastika," which is a lucky sign of great age. In referring to the "Swastika" or good luck sign one writer says:—

The swastika, which is the cross made by crossing two letter "Z's" has been the symbol of good luck for so long back that no reliable evidence has been preserved to indicate evidence just why this particular idograph should have its present significance. We do know that from time out of mind it has had this signifiance, and among peoples in all parts of the world excepting Africa, Polynesia, Australia and the polar regions.

The swastika as the good luck symbol is found in China, Korea, Japan and India. As far back in ancient Troy the swastika was used in this sense by the Myceneeans. It is found in relics of such widely separated peoples as those who inhabited Europe during the bronze age, the Etruscans, the Indians of our own Colorado, and Mexico, and among others of North American natives who antedated Columbus by at least ten centuries.

Another curiously significant fact is that in the Indian language the word "swastika" means good luck, while in ancient Sanscrit "swasti" means "hail" or "be well."

FUNERAL OF MRS FOSTEN AT NEW LISKEARD RECENTLY

Reference was made in The Advance last week to the death of Mrs. J. W. Fosten, mother of Mrs. Weber, of Schumacher. In The New Liskeard Speaker last week the following reference was made to the funeral:—Services for the late Mr. J. W. Fosten whose death was chronicled last week, was held Thursday afternoon, August 22nd, in St. John's Anglican church, Rev. C. Glover, the Rector officiating. Many friends were present to pay a last respect to a well beloved friend. Saturday, August 24th, Mr. E. A. Fosten, (Ted) having arrived from Penny, B.C. interment was made in the New Liskeard cemetery. Silent tokens of love, and sympathy the following floral gifts were presented:—Pillow, husband and family. Wreaths, employees H. C. F. Co., Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smiley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fosten, Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. R. Front and family; George and Alice Weber, Schumacher. Crosses, Mrs. Geo. Kaye and Gladys, S. John's W. A. Sprays, Ruby McCarthy, Timmins, Alice, Arthur, Ada, Charlie, Calgary, Alta.; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kaye; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. James and Dorothy; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sumbler and girls; Mr. H. Wright; Mrs. Wm. Brown and Alex; Mr. and Mrs. A. Rose; Mr. and Mrs. H. Sutton; Miss A. Parker; Mr. and Mrs. Fenety; Mrs. and Miss Roach; Mr. and Mrs. J. Uttley; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leng; Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. Leng and Charlie; I O. O. F. 352; Mr. and Mrs. A. Montgomery; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sedore; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Linghorne, Sr.; Mr. A. M. Douglas; Mr. and Mrs. J. Sullivan and family; Mr. and Mrs. L. Herod; Mr and Mrs. F. Lewis; Mr. and Mrs. T. Walsh; Mr. and Mrs. L. Kemp; Mr. and Mrs. J. Burbage; Sons of England; Mr. and Mrs. Hough; The Ludlow family, Toronto, large spray.

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In view of the steady improvement in trend of results, the mill construction now in progress is taking on the appearance of 1,000 tons daily capacity, rather than the original plan of 500 tons. The initial rate of operation will be 500 tons daily, but with indications that as soon as the mining equopment and the mill commence to function smoothly it will be a comparatively easy matter to make the additions necessary to pradually work up to 1,000 tons per day.

A feature about which very little has been said recently is the average grade of ore. It is known on very good authority that the average is substantially above the official estimate made some time ago and with good reasons for believing the easterly extension of drifts will emphasize this phase of the situation according as work proceeds.

North Bay Nugget:—The Turks are adopting western ways, but are passing up Christianity. Perhaps they want something that has been tried out.

MAY EXTEND T.& N.O. INTO THE PATRICIA DISTRICT

Premier Ferguson Makes Announcement to This Effect in Address at Sault Ste. Marie

Premier G. Howard Ferguson made two important announcements at a big banquet at Sault Ste. Marie last Friday evening. The banquet was in honour of the visit of the daily newspaper editors, on tour of the North Land and who had visited Timmins on Monday of last week.

The first announcement by the premier was that the Ontario Government will pay a bonus of one per cent. a unit on all iron ore mined in this province. This announcement is of special importance to Sault Ste. Marie and was accordingly greeted with round after round of applause. The Algoma district has great areas of iron ore deposits and the bonus will have a most encouraging effect on the industry. This part of the North Land may be interested in the bonus at a later date as there are iron deposits in this part of the North.

The other announcement by the premier would have won the rounds of applause here, though there would also have been much speculation over it. This second announcement was to the effect that the province has an exploration party working north of the Transcontintent, investigating the advisability of extending the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway into the Patricia district and tapping the mining resources there. In the despatches it says that the premier gave a resume of the expenditure in the North. The exploration party working towards the Patricia district was 100 miles north of the transcontinental. As soon as its report has been received the government would seriously consider the extension of the T. & N. O. to that district. Incidentally, the premier mentioned that three new locomotives had been ordered for the Ontario Government railway, so much was the business of that road developing.

The wonder here will be whether the T. & N. O. would be extended north of Cochrane and swing far west to reach the Patricia area, or whether the line would be extended through Kamiskotia to Kapuskasing and thence by an easy sweep northward reach the desired mining country. The latter would seem to be the best bet. It would at least find the greater favour in this part of the North.

A third matter that the premier touched upon in his address at the Sault was the Government's work in drilling in the lignite deposits north of Cochrane and investigating for oil. The Government had withdrawn great areas from staking, in the interests of the public, until the whole situation could be more thoroughly probed.

Barrie Examiner:—The Toronto police last week undertook to administer a sound spanking to the Communists when they attempted to hold a meeting in Queen's Park. The police made an excellent job of the spanking but in doing so trampled upon the toes of a few innocent people who went to see the fun. This was to be expected. It has happened before, at fires, at dog fights and automobile accidents or wherever curious people congregate. The meeting was advertised in advance and certainly none who stayed away, by way of co-operation with the police, have anything to complain about.

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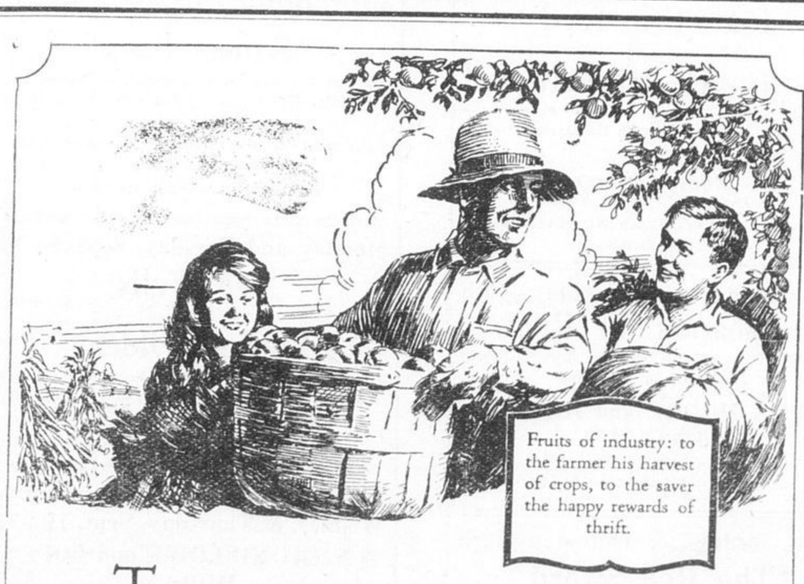

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