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PLANS FOR PICTURE HERE SUSPENDED FOR PRESENT

"Talkie" Movie to be Filmed in District Not to be Proceeded With for Immediate Present.

Some months ago The Advance gave considerable publicity to plans under way to use the Timmins district for the production of a motion picture of the "talkie" type. The matter seemed of special interest and importance because The Advance has held that this district appears to offer ideal scenic and other opportunities for motion picture production. Mr. Geo. McCall, an independent producer who visited here and was interested in the production of the proposed sound motion picture referred to, expressed the opinion that this district by reason of natural scenery and atmospheric conditions was equal, if not superior to Hollywood in many respects. The picture planned by Mr. McCall to be produced here was also in itself of special interest. It was a story of this North and was written by a North Land author, Leslie Macfarlane, formerly of Halleybury. After the picture planned had roused considerable interest there came months when nothing more was heard about it. Mr. McCall left here for a business trip to New York and did not come further North than Halleybury where the author of the story was spending the summer. Many have asked The Advance what was doing in regard to the proposed motion picture production. One man, knowing that much of the production was to take place in Kamiskotia, enquired if the producer was waiting till the railway extension was built to Kamiskotia. However, the following paragraph, under the heading, "Plans for Picture 'Breed of Pioneers,' Suspended for Time," appeared in The Halleyburian last week and may answer the questions that may be asked in the matter:

"Unexpected difficulties attendant on obtaining the use of 'talkie' equipment have caused temporary suspension of plans for making the motion picture production of 'The Breed of Pioneers,' according to George McCall, director and producer, who was in Halleybury last week. It was planned to make the picture as the first Canadian sound and dialogue film this year, but inasmuch as bush fire scenes comprised a major part of the scenario it would have been necessary to bring sound equipment into the bush country. It was discovered that the expense of this would be practically prohibitive, inasmuch as the outdoor sound apparatus as at present perfected necessitates the use of heavy trucks which could not be brought far from centres of population. While no stone was left unturned to put the picture into production this summer, the difficulties that presented themselves were so great that it was decided to suspend the plans until next year, when it is expected that sound cameras which may be easily transported into the bush will have reached a greater stage of efficiency."

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TEAM AND MOTOR CAR GO OVER BRIDGE INTO RIVER

The Shillington correspondent of The New Liskeard Speaker last week says: "Mr. John McCall had rather an exciting experience recently when crossing the Driftwood river bridge. His team which became frightened at the side rack of a truck that was lying on the bridge went over the approach of the bridge into the water. Fortunately the water was not high and Mr. McCall's loss was only a five gallon can of cream. A day or two previously a motorist from Timmins went over a five foot bank of the North Driftwood river but the occupants received only slight injuries."

NINETY TONS BLUEBERRIES SHIPPED FROM MATHESON

On several occasions this year The Advance has referred to the importance of the blueberry crop to this North Land. Large quantities of blueberries were shipped from Timmins to the south, while other stations along the Porcupine branch also contributed their quotas. Further idea of the amount of blueberries produced in the North is given by the following little item in The New Liskeard Speaker last week:—"Mr. A. Montgomery and daughter, Margie, have been at Matheson for six weeks shipping blueberries for the Associated Canning Companies of Toronto. The shipments were made to New Liskeard Canning Factory, a total of approximately 90 tons being shipped."

IN JAIL FOR THIRD TIME ON CHARGE OF INSANITY

For the third time within a few weeks an Elk Lake man was last week brought to the district jail at Halleybury, it being suspected that he might be mentally afflicted. Some weeks ago, this man, who had previously been a quiet and orderly citizen, began to act in such a way that the people of Elk Lake were worried about his condition and eventually he was taken in charge by the police and removed to the district jail at Halleybury. At the jail he was quiet, rational and reasonable, and accordingly was allowed to return home about as soon as he got back to Elk Lake, however, he again acted in peculiar way, and for the second time was taken to the district jail at Halleybury. This time he was kept under observation for some time and doctors examined him in regard to his sanity, but he seemed to be recovered and apparently sane and normal, so he was allowed to go once more. Some days ago complaint from Elk Lake was to the effect that he was abnormal again and after investigation the police brought him for the third time to the district jail, where once more he seemed to be fully sane. According to the stories from Elk Lake the man doesn't act very normally there. He has been known, "they say," to kneel down in the middle of the road or walk and offer up prayers to the sun. Another charge made against him is that he went naked to the river to swim. Apparently, the people of Elk Lake would consider the Doukhobors were crazy. Probably the people of Elk Lake are right in both cases. This time the unfortunate man should have a very thorough study made of his condition. If it is found, as would appear from the stories narrated, that he is sane in jail and insane outside, effort should be made to keep him sane.

Toronto Mail and Empire:—Some man buffaloeed six New York banks out of half a million, which he has not yet collected, and they are wondering why. Maybe it was just to show the financial wizards how easily it could be done.

TIMMINS DID NOT DO MUCH TALKING ABOUT ITSELF

In an editorial note last week The Kirkland Lake Northern News said:—"Judging from the write-ups of Northern Ontario issuing from the pens of some of the daily newspaper editors, who recently made a tour of the country, Timmins is the whole north country, and any other community is a mere adjunct. Well! Why not? The Timmins town council, Board of Trade and the Kiwanis Club were alive to the opportunity of entertaining these visitors, and seeing that they were told all there was to tell about that town and district, Timmins gets a boost. In this way Timmins reaps the reward of free advertising in the papers represented, as a result of its wakefulness while other communities with just as much, if not more, to show to visitors slept, or at least dozed and let the visitors pass by. Among the latter unfortunately was Kirkland Lake. Why?"

In reply to the implication in this paragraph it may be said that in the case referred to Timmins made no attempt to create any improper impression as to importance of Timmins. Indeed, emphasis was given to the fact of the immensity of the North. When the visitors were taken around the town the public buildings and the general appearance of the place were allowed to speak for themselves. At the banquet given to the visiting party by the town council, the board of trade and the Kiwanis, the speakers made no reference to Timmins except in incidental way. The organizers of the party had asked that the speakers deal with the problems of the North and this was what was done. The particular problems of Timmins came in for no special mention except insofar as they were the problems of the North in general. Emphasis was placed on the need for roads for the North, especially for settlers, and the need for a completion of the belt line of roads for the North. If this is making out Timmins to be the whole North Country, then the North Land surely has no fault to find. The Advance feels that the reference in The Northern News is made in no unfriendly spirit, and it is taken in the same friendly way, but the implication that might be taken from the item by those who do not know the point The Northern News is endeavouring to make is so far from the facts of the case that it is worth correction. The Northern News no doubt feels that Kirkland Lake should have been on the itinerary of the daily editors' tour, and The Advance agrees with this. The more towns of the North visited the better the impression given of this country. Timmins does not wish to be considered the whole of the North, but it does strive to have visitors impressed with the idea that the North Land is the most important part of this province.

BROTHER OF GEO. MITCHELL, COBALT, DEAD IN TEXAS

Word was received last week at Cobalt of the death at Lubbock, Texas, of the brother of Mr. Geo. Mitchell, the well-known Cobalt barrister. The late Mr. Mitchell was in his 62nd year. He was a graduate of Queen's University in 1896. For four years following his graduation he was a professor of milk testing at the Guelph Agricultural College under Prof. Black, who was at that time the manager. He also was representative for the department of Agriculture of New Brunswick for two years. During the past number of years Mr. Mitchell has been conducting a dairy machinery manufacturing business in Texas. The remains are being brought to Lansdowne, Ontario, for burial in the family plot in the cemetery there. He is survived by four brothers, one sister, his wife and three children.

North Bay Nugget:—A Chicago judge sentenced a man to sing to his wife twice a day. Thus do the innocent suffer with the guilty.

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The story of a bull moose holding up a motor car on the Ferguson highway is thus told by The Northern News:—"According to motor tourists who travel the Ferguson highway at night the sounding of their horns have recently been proving quite an attraction for the bull moose and several report seeing moose come out into the road. H. J. Kelly, local merchant, in conversation with The News this week told of meeting a bull moose, apparently a four year old animal, as he was returning from Cobalt to Kirkland Lake on Sunday night. When near Rosegrove, about 9 p.m. the moose came out on to the road and stood in front of the car seemingly attracted and dazed by the headlights. It was not until the lights were put out that the animal moved away and allowed Mr. Kelly to continue his journey."

Toronto Mail and Empire:—The Ottawa Journal says some pungent things about the Hudson Bay railroad and concludes its editorial: "Most of us will be listening to the harps of the angels long before much grain is shipped to Europe through Hudson Bay." In the midst of despair the Journal is very optimistic.

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