



The man who would never walk again.

Who could imagine a more poignant story than this? A champion athlete—hadrian. Told that he could never walk again...

SO, THIS IS HUMOUR!

The following is from the last issue of The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing:— "In the line of coal, Old Ontario may lack a wanna, but up here in the North we Ona-kawanna. (This is a sample of what you can expect from us this year in the way of humour)."

The Advance made no comment on this piece of Northern Tribunesque humour. But you should have heard what the linotype operator muttered as he set up the little paragraph.

Those two lads certainly know how to express themselves. St. Mary's Journal-Argus—Looking over the congenial crowd at the Rotary Club on Farmers' Night, and listening to the speeches, one was impressed by the fact that you can't tell farmers and townspeople apart as you could a generation ago.

REMINISCENCES OF ELK LAKE TWENTY YEARS AGO

When Latchford was a Boom Town, Greenhorns Travelling in B.V.D.'s. A Glimpse of the Elk Horn Mine.

Literally scores of people now in the Porcupine have been in every mining camp of the North at one time or another. As a matter of fact a majority of the old-timers in this camp came first to Elk Lake or Cobalt, or perhaps stayed a while at both, and then came on to Porcupine.

"Oh, about 20 years. I went up North on the Elk Lake rush. Two of us got off at Latchford, which was a real boom town in 1908. We were fresh from school, and thought we had the world by the caudal appendage. We brought along our own canoe and outfit, and camped the first night over where the dam is now.

"Next morning we were up at five, and made an early start up the river. We had lots of company. The river was dotted with the coming and going canoes and pointers. We portaged over the Pork Rapids, where you can take a motor boat over now, since the dam has been built.

"Another mistake we made was stripping down to our B.V.D.'s. The sun was hot, and we laughed at the prospectors for plodding along with long-sleeved shirts and handkerchiefs around their necks.

"The first mine I ever saw was the old Elk Horn. My pal and I went over and leaned on the windlass and looked wise at the contents of the upcoming bucket. We thought it was mighty primitive work. We had yet to learn how hard and intractable rock was.

"Our first night we went into Pipe and Presley's store on the east bank of the river to get something to ease the pain of our burns. The store was crowded with prospectors, and two or three clerks were working their heads off.

"Next day we were on the dock when the steamboat came in. All the dogs swam over from the Hudson's Bay store side to meet the boat, and accompanied it to the other side of the river in solemn state when it swung over there.

"Naturally, we visited the Hudson's Bay store—our first sight of the fabled institution—and we bought strong Hudson's Bay tobacco in a red tin. We could feel the tang of the wide, open spaces of the Far North in every whiff. This was rought it!

"There was a license inspector in the camp, although there were no licenses. Part of his duties was to visit the incoming boats and check over the cargo for contraband. He must have been often deceived, as there was ocular and auricular evidence of the presence of plenty of stuff to drink.

"And I got the world's worst haircut in Elk Lake. I have been around some since and have had my hair cut in the trenches with two-year-old scissors by an amateur, but nothing ever even approached the technique of that pioneer barber. He tore it out by the roots.

"Did you do any staking during the rush? he was asked. "Sure, we hung around Elk Lake for a few days to get our sun burns healed and then poked up Bear Creek. We

PROSPECTS IN NORTHERN ONTARIO WERE NEVER BETTER

In a recent statement Hon. Geo. Gordon, Senator, of North Bay, said:—"Prospects in Northern Ontario were never better than they are at the present time. Lumbering conditions are good throughout Nipissing and Temiskaming," he added, "and the big paper companies are ready for one of the most active wood cutting seasons. The Abitibi Co. is preparing for a busy season, taking out considerably more wood this year than last."

"Increased prices for newsprint shipped into the United States and a growing demand for paper all over the continent will add to the prosperity which the North has been enjoying for the last two or three years. "Mining operations are as busy as they were this time last year and plans are now being made for further expansion so that all in all it looks as if the North would have a splendid prosperous New Year."

SALADA HAS ITS BIGGEST YEAR

According to a statement made by Mr. Gerald Larkin, president of the Salada Tea Company of Canada Limited, the increase in sales in Canada and the United States indicates that over 710,000 more people were using Salada than in 1928.

The occasion was the convention of the Ontario Salada Salesmen at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. Mr. Arthur M. Wilson was in the chair and gave an exceedingly interesting address complimenting the salesmen on the year's work and calling upon them for continued efforts.

REV. MR. PARKS AT HAILEYBURY FOR ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

Speaking of the anniversary services of the Haileybury United Church on Jan. 5th, The Haileyburian last week says:—"Fifth anniversary services were conducted in the Haileybury United Church on Sunday last, by Rev. J. D. Parks, B.A., B.D. of St. Andrew's United Church, North Bay. The subject of the morning service was "Christian Friendship" and Mr. Parks gave several instances of what it means to love our fellow men and in a small way to follow the teachings of the Master in doing for others.

"Well, we recorded them. Then we went on up to Matachewan, on a sort of canoe trip. We wanted to see some real, wild Indians. There was a camp at the falls and we met our Red men. We were badly disillusioned when we saw one reading an old copy of the Calgary Eyeopener, and laughing his head off at the jokes. We had expected to see them wearing feathers and blankets, and saying "Ugh!" to all questions.

"And the flies. I mustn't forget them. They were terrible. We had bought fly dope, of course, but the particular brand we had selected in the sporting goods store on Yonge Street was evidently a Montreal River cocktail for these demons. They licked it up and nearly drove us off the river."

"Did you ever do anything about the claims, sell them or anything?" "Well, we recorded them. Then we went on up to Matachewan, on a sort of canoe trip. We wanted to see some real, wild Indians. There was a camp at the falls and we met our Red men. We were badly disillusioned when we saw one reading an old copy of the Calgary Eyeopener, and laughing his head off at the jokes. We had expected to see them wearing feathers and blankets, and saying "Ugh!" to all questions.

"Did you quit?" "Sure we quit, and with enthusiasm, but we had been properly infected with the prospecting bug. Next year I was north again, and I have been more or less bushed ever since. I have seen all the camps, but never got the kick out of any of them that Elk Lake offered that first year."

Ottawa Journal.—In his annual report submitted to the board of health yesterday, Dr. T. A. Lomer, medical officer of health, refers to the prevalence of diphtheria here as a disgrace to the city as it is a disease which he contends can easily be prevented. On his recommendation, the board decided to urge that a sum of money be provided by city council to conduct a campaign to educate the public as to the dangers of the disease and to the value of the available method of immunization.

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Uruguay Moves to Help Workers Over Forty-Five

On a number of occasions The Advance has called attention to the serious problem caused by some firms in this country refusing to employ men over forty-five years of age. The rule against employment of men thus in the very prime of life has developed from the insurance and pension plans adopted by the companies in question. On several recent occasions complaints have been made that the Spruce Falls Pulp and Paper Co. carefully enforces this restrictive clause.

Any extended acceptance of the idea that men over 45 years of age are unemployable would mean a double injury to the country. To refuse men at this age the right to work would be unthinkable, while at the same time the loss to the country from the failure to use the experience and skill of men at this time of life would be serious indeed.

Uruguay is the first country to attack the problem directly. Under the general provisions of its old age pension law the government has just issued a decree which requires that all government and public utility pay rolls must carry enough people more than 45 years old to equal 10 per cent. of the total number of persons on such pay rolls.

While it may be questioned that this decree will really accomplish anything, it is significant as a recognition by the government of Uruguay that an old-age question is coming which cannot be entirely met by a pension system without a very radical increase in both the general and specific taxes which are set aside in the pension law to meet the requirements of that law as it stands.

The doubt as to the practical efficiency of the law is based upon statistics available for Canada rather than those of Uruguay; but, assuming that the age distribution among occupied people over 15 years of age is substantially the same in both countries, it becomes apparent that the government decree referred to does not go far enough.

Of the persons over 15 years of age who are gainfully occupied in Canada 28.3 per cent. are over 45 years of age. In fact 4.1 per cent. are 65 years and over. The decree, therefore, that not less than 10 per cent. of the employees of the government and public utility corporations must be 45 years and over will not absorb those over that age.

The real significance of the decree of the republic is not in any practical effect that it may have, but in the fact that there should be any governmental action in this direction at all.

CANADA MAY LEARN MUCH FORESTRY FROM JAPAN

Canada should take a lesson from Japan in reforestation, said M. E. Nichols, managing director of the Winnipeg Evening Tribune, and one of the Canadian delegates to the conference on Pacific relations at Kyoto, on his return to Canada on the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia.

Mr. Nichols touched on reforestation while detailing his impressions of Canada's trade prospects in the Orient. Prospects were bright, indeed, he declared, if Canadian business men were ready to realize them. "I don't know what the prospects for future development of trade in wheat and lumber are," he said. "Certainly the immediate prospects are good, but in Manchuria the Orient has a wheat producing country of vast potentialities, and it is certain that in the future Japan will satisfy much of her demand from that source."

"The possibility of developing the lumber trade is also good at present, but it must be remembered that Japan is taking pains to keep up her lumber supply by careful reforestation." It was a wonderful sight, he said, to see miles upon miles of country covered with rows of growing trees. They were planted on mountains, right up to the summits in some parts of the country they formed a vista which extended to the horizon on either hand.—The Canada Lumberman.

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The value of space in a newspaper. A one-inch advertisement to run for three weeks, worth \$25,000, or \$1,390 per inch per insertion, is the richest estimate we have seen placed on newspaper commodity in some time, if ever.

CANADA HAS THE WORLD'S "CLEANEST" TEA WAREHOUSE

On a tour of the Dominion, under the auspices of the British Institute of Certified Grocers, six post graduates visited the Montreal plant of the Salada Tea Company of Canada, Limited. The following report made by the secretary, Mr. C. L. T. Beeching, appeared in the Tea & Coffee Trade Journal of New York.

"During the tour they (the graduates) inspected some of the wholesale and retail tea concerns in the Dominion and they considered that the Montreal plant of the Salada Tea Company was the neatest and cleanest tea blending warehouse and packing centre in the world."

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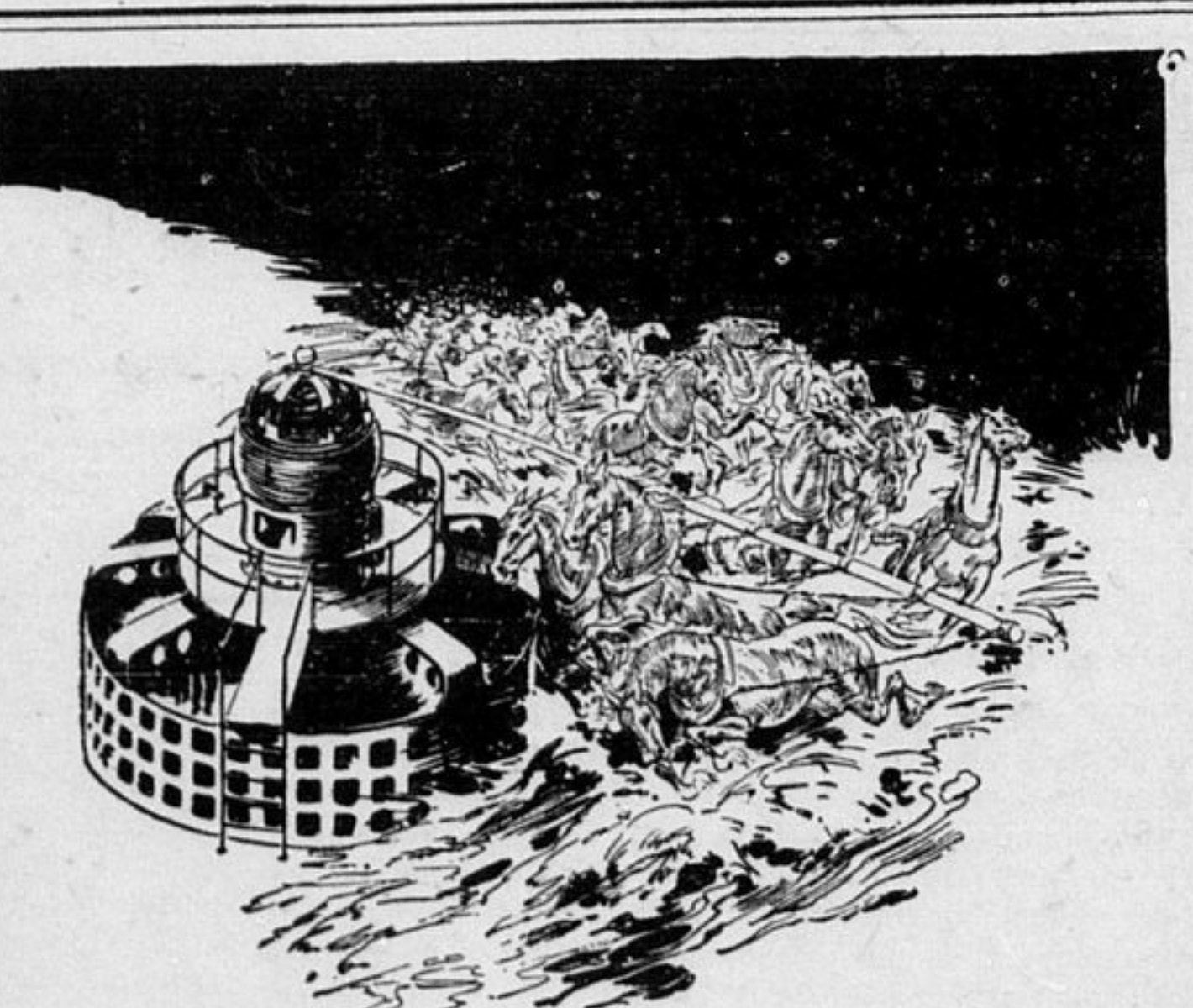
Advertisement for THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA, WHEN OPPORTUNITY COMES. Your savings account will soon give you a fund for business investments, or for an emergency, or it will provide a surplus that will help to keep you in comfort in your old age.

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Advertisement for Confederation Life Association, If he's your partner he's worth insuring. FORGET for a moment talk about financial embarrassment if your partner dies, or the effect upon the business, and consider this: if he's your partner, he's worth insuring; if you're his partner, you are worth insuring.

Advertisement for ERSKINE, 70 horsepower-- 114 inch wheelbase DYNAMIC NEW ERSKINE. A big, powerful, fast, comfortable and enduring motor car! The Dynamic New Erskine's rubber-cushioned 70-horsepower engine, with new power-conserving muffler, delivers more power per pound than any other car under \$1500.

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