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BUSH OPERATIONS IN THE NORTH UP TO THE AVERAGE

Little Trouble With Labour. Men Being Pleasant. Health Conditions Not the Best in Some Sections. Other Notes About Bush Industries.

A recent survey of woods operations was made in the northern part of Ontario, and the conclusion made from this survey was that bush operations in Northern Ontario generally were up to the average year. In this respect it

may be said that the season in this immediate district did not appear to be as long as in some other years, the snow being late in coming last fall and the weather this spring not being ideal for bush work. The story of the survey of bush operations in the North is told as follows in The Canada Lumberman in its current issue. The Canada Lumberman says:—

"A recent survey of wood operations in Ontario, which took your correspondent as far west as the Manitoba boundary over the Trans-continental Railway, returning over the Canadian Pacific Railway, with a side trip up on the southern line of the Canadian National Railway as far west as Fort Frances, showed that the past winter's operations have been fairly satisfactory to all. With the great scarcity of work in all other than woods operations, labour was plentiful and, with the exception of the annual labour trouble which flared up at Port Arthur nothing else of the kind was encountered elsewhere.

"Owing to the early snow in the fall, ice conditions were poor, quite a few teams being drowned. The early thaw in February caused considerable anxiety to those who had part of their winter's logs and pulpwood still in the bush, but the heavy fall of snow which came later gave everyone plenty of time to get their cuts to the rivers, lakes and rail-heads. Fears that there will be a great scarcity of water this spring are being expressed by those who depend upon the transportation of their logs and pulpwood by the river routes.

"Health conditions have been very good in the camps in the western end of the province, but rather unsatisfactory in the Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay and Cochrane districts, where many cases of typhoid fever and small-pox of a bad type were reported. Fortunately, no deaths occurred from any of these dangerous diseases. Credit for this is due to the operators and their contracting physicians who, in every case, gave the provincial government's sanitary inspectors every assistance in their successful efforts to stamp out the different outbreaks, the source of which, in every case, could be traced to the towns from where the first victims of the diseases had come.

"The importance of first-aid treat-

ment of even the smallest break in the skin was again exemplified at one of the biggest pulpwood operations in the Cochrane district in the past winter. A teamster had his leg so slightly bruised that he did not think it worth while reporting to the camp's first-aid man. Gangrene had set in before he did report, and the leg had to be amputated, in an unsuccessful effort to save the unfortunate man's life. He left a widow and dependents who have already been awarded over seven thousand dollars compensation for the loss of their breadwinner.

"The George Farlinger Company is the only sawmill operating between Hearst and Sioux Lookout, the Allan-water and the McDougall Mills which have, in past years, employed hundreds of men, now standing idle. A new doctor, J. J. O'Gorman, who is doing considerable camp work, has opened up a practice in Sioux Lookout. Dr. O'Gorman is known in the district as the "Flying Medic". He has been in the service of the Ontario Forestry Division in the past four summers, being observer in one of the forestry planes during his university vacations. He rendered great service to many injured miners and prospectors while fire-patroling over the Sioux Lookout and the Patricia areas and, since graduating in medicine and hanging out his shingle in the town of Sioux Lookout, his past popularity is standing him in good stead.

"During a half-day's stop-off at Hudson, your correspondent spent some time at the Keewatin Lumber Company's mill there, in company with the district woods superintendent, Mr. Stover, and the mill superintendent, Mr. Ryan. A new planing mill has been erected, in addition to the big saw-mill now being operated by this company, which augurs well for the prosperity of Hudson for some time to come.

"C. W. Cox, of Port Arthur, is also making preparations to erect a saw-mill at Hudson. Mr. Cox has been cutting tie logs on the Federal Indian Lands for the past few years and seemingly has future prospects of continuing to do so.

"The timber on the water shed of Lac Seul, which will be flooded out when full advantage is taken of Lac Seul's water powers, is not to be cut until conditions improve on the timber market. The power development at present on the Lac Seul has not raised the waters high enough to destroy the timber.

"At White, on the Manitoba boundary, the tent camps which had housed the employees of Winslow Bros. of Winnipeg were seen being taken down. This company which carries on a general contracting business in Winnipeg, had a contract from the Keewatin Lumber Company, taking out pulpwood. This is their first operation in Ontario. In past years, their operations have been in tie-cutting in Northern Manitoba.

"Swinging back down over the Canadian Pacific Railway, a stop was made at Kenora, where the Keewatin Lumber Company were busy paying off the twelve hundred men they have been employing all winter on their Lake of the Woods operations. This company usually take out a big timber cut for their Keewatin mill, but this winter ninety per cent. of their operations were pulpwood cutting.

"At Dryden, a very good summer was expected. Since the building of the new paper-bag factory, which is operated in conjunction with the paper mill, Dryden has experienced prosperous times.

"At Fort Frances, the Shevlin-Clarke Company was reported as having a successful winter, the cut figured on having been taken out.

"At the Head-of-the-Lakes, rather quiet times were reported in the pulpwood and paper business, most of the paper mills, with the exception of the Provincial and the Great Lakes operating on only part-time. With the stabilization of the paper market, business conditions are certain to pick up. Reports that two of the biggest mills in Port Arthur and Fort William will begin operations on limits north of C. P.R. east of Port Arthur in the coming season, both of them proposing to run a railroad through the centre of their limits, seem well founded.

"At Chapleau, the firms of Austin & Nicholson were reported as having taken out an average cut of logs, which will employ their summer crews in their saw-mills until next fall."

PROSPECTORS SEARCHING FOR GOLD IN PATRICIA AREA

In its column, "Comments on the Mines," The Toronto Mail and Empire last week says:—"A few of the more prominent mining companies are still under the impression that some portions of the Albany River in the Patricia district are worthy of their attention and as a result extensive gold prospecting will be undertaken there during the present season. The success attending the development of the Central Patricia Gold Mines at Pickle-Crow leads others to prepare for another season's activity in this vast region. The Brett-Trethewey Mines are holding a plane in readiness to hop off east of the Fort Hope area, where it is reported that their prospectors made a gold discovery last fall. The Cyril T. Knight Prospecting Company will also have men in that area. Farther north of Fort Hope another company is expected to look up a copper find made last summer by Gardiner, formerly a N.A.M.E. prospector. The new gold find is supposed to be about 70 miles east of Fort Hope in the vicinity of Martin Falls, where out-croppings of well-fractured greenstones may be encountered."

Quinte Sun:—A man says his wife claims he is like a flying machine.—of no earthly use.

The Three Red Cross Sisters

(A song; words and music by George Straatman, Timmins, Ont.)

When all the world was rising to break the tyrant's rule,
Many a Canadian maiden, left needle, thread and spool;
But in a little village up in the far way north,
There lived three little sisters, the war cry took them forth.
Their hearts no more were longing, for pleasure and for dance,
Their hearts were with their brothers in the fighting lines in France.

Their mother spoke: "My daughters, it's hard for us to part,
But join the Red Cross colours, with the blessings of my heart."
And proud they wore their colours, in honour it must be said,
In honour to their mother and every Red Cross maid.
Their noble deeds will never die, and never fade away,
As long there is a living soul, from the south to Hudson Bay.

When shells and bullets have played, in front lines or the rear,
Those northern maids were always there, without delay or fear.
And many words of dying men to mother, sweetheart, wife,
Were left in care of our maids, in case they might survive.
But only one was spared to tell ("The dead men's tale"), just one,
And too she left for the better lands, when her message work was done.

One lost her life in Flanders' zone, when the town was shot ablaze,
The other near St. Julien, where a cross now marks the place.
The third one reached her mother's home, in care of the ambulance,
With the messages of her sisters and the men who fell in France.
And then she kissed her mother's lips and said: "My dear, don't cry,
I'll soon meet you my motherheart, in the lands beyond the sky."

Sad was indeed her funeral day, for her mother's heart broke, too,
When the bugler of the old brigade, the last post trembling blew.
And the mother, too, was laid away, with flags all set half-mast,
While the echoes of a firing squad and the last post sounded last.
Four noble daughters of the North, have gone, and passed away,
But their heroic deeds will ever live from south to Hudson Bay.
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NIPISSING JUNCTION COWS HAVE THE HABIT OF "TWINNING"

Robert Halton, a farmer at Nipissing Junction, near North Bay, seems to have double right to be proud of a couple of cows that he owns. Each of these cows this year gave birth to twin calves. Three of the calves thus born to the two cows this year were males and the other is a lady cow. This is the third consecutive year that one of these cows has given birth to twins. These cows are apparently developing the twinning habit.

Praise from NORWAY..

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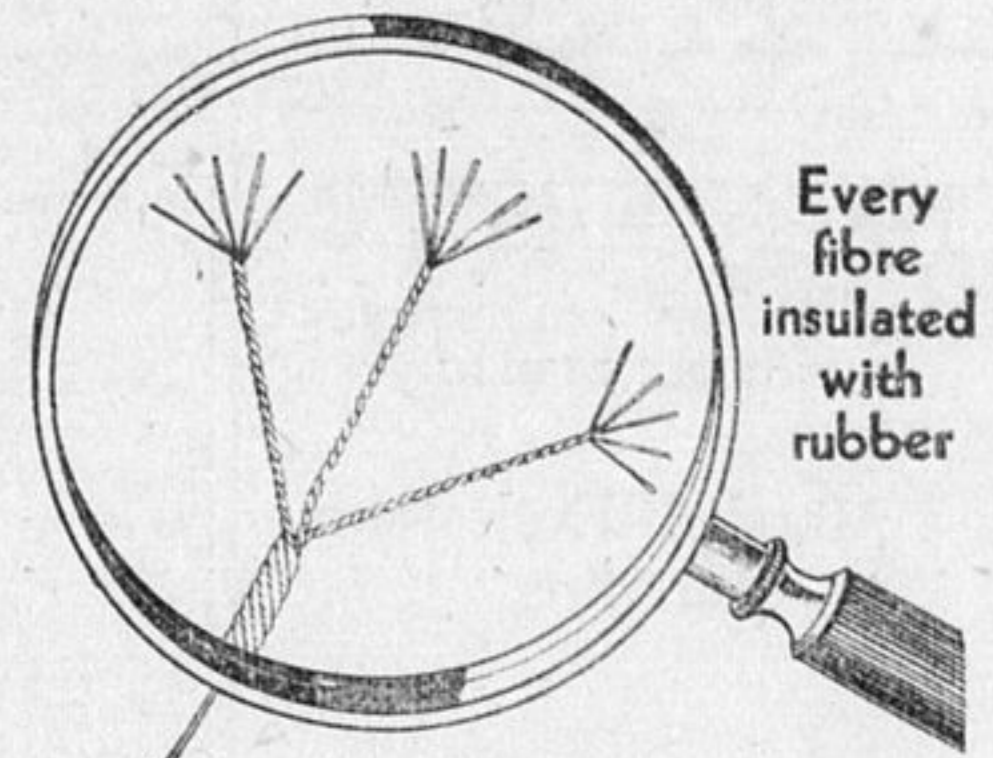
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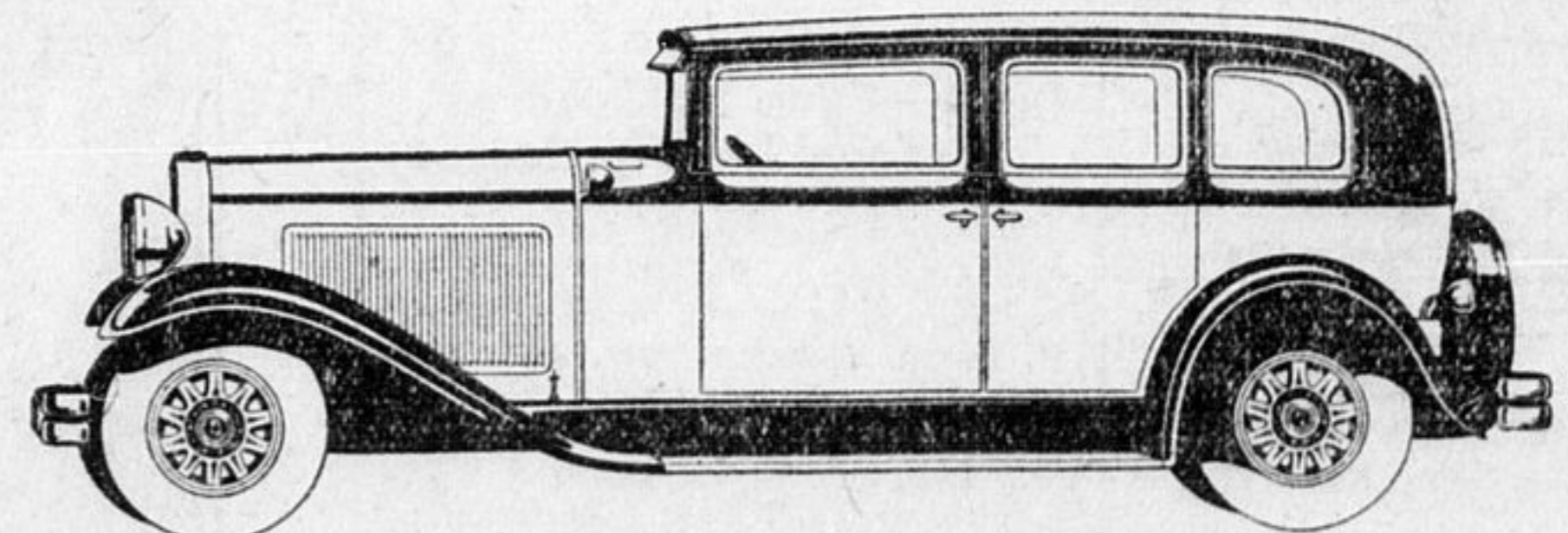


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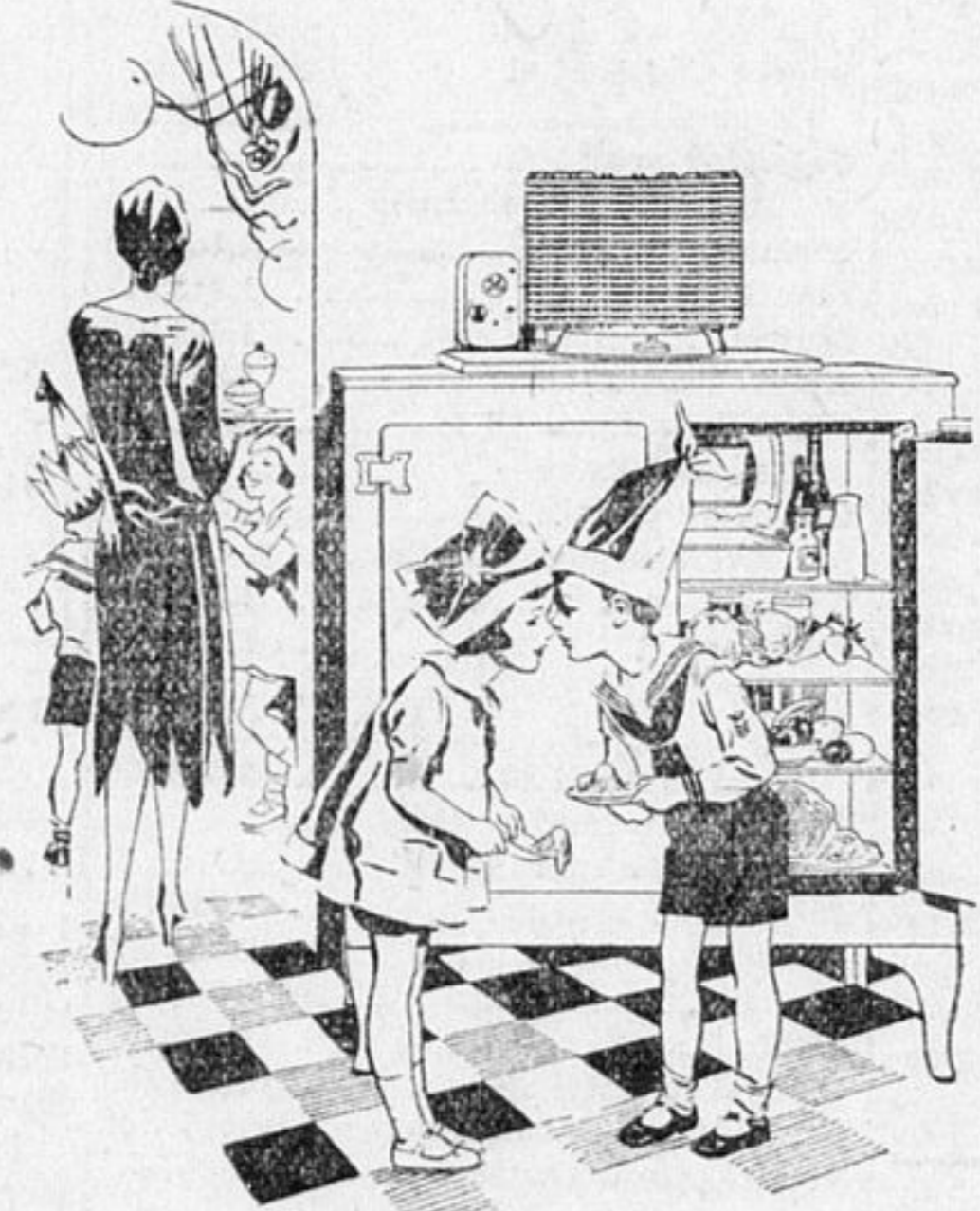
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