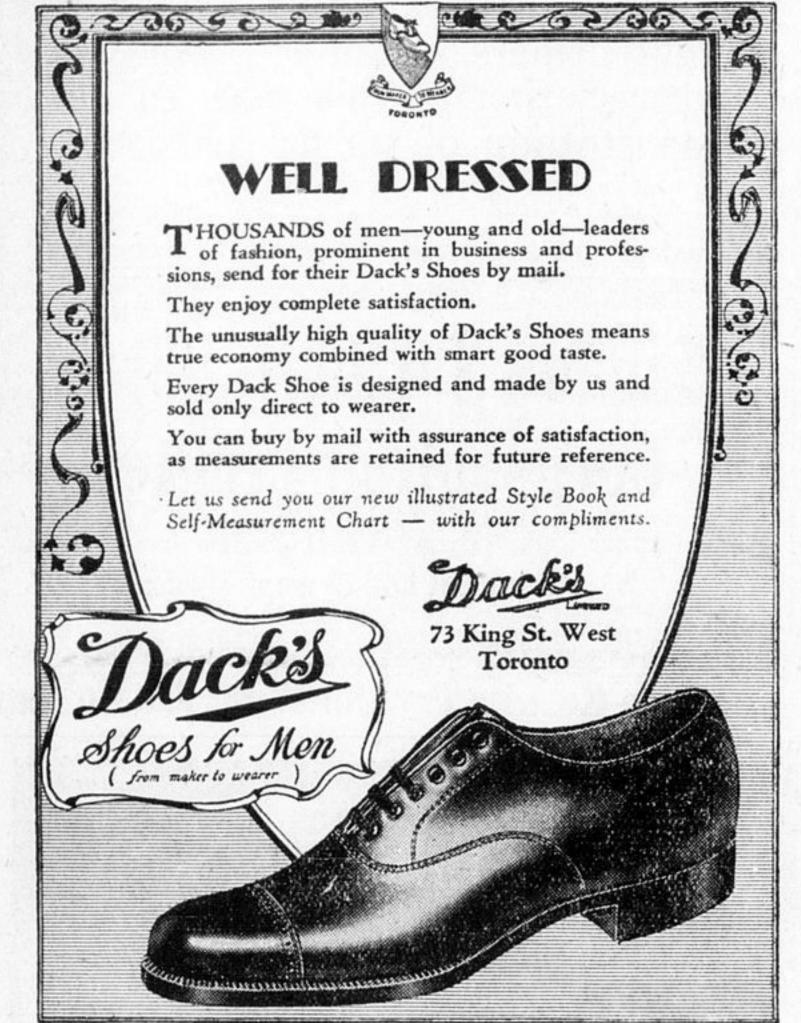
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## REAL NORTH COUNTRY MAN DIRECTS BIG ENTERPRISE

J. H. Black Behind the Notable Power Development Plans at the Abitibi Canyon North of Ccohrane.

For many years J. H. Black was actively connected with affairs in Timmins and district. He is widely known here through his pioneering efforts to give this section of the North power and light and telephone service, and also because for some time he was superintendent of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. The story of his useful and interesting career will be of general interest here. The following biographical sketch of Mr Black appeared in The North Bay Nug-

get last week:-"Not less impressive than the great task he has undertaken is the biography of J. H. Black, the man behind the Abitibi Canyon development, the biggest hydro-electric enterprise the North Country has yet attempted. Associated with enterprises in the North for twenty-five years, during which time he has carved a name for himself in the history of the North Land, no single factor in the great Abitibi Canyon undertaking, than that J. H. Black is the man behind the gun.

"The Abitibi Canyon power development is now well on its way. It is being carried through with feverish activity, but also with precision that promises to make construction history in domestic fowl or animals? the North. When it was first broached hind the scheme, as there was in the actual announcement of its launching,

his scheme, one of the largest hydro- ing fraternity. electric developments in history of the North Country.

"J. H. Black's story might be titled mistake. There is nothing of the selfmade man in his make-up. His manregard in which he is held. Supchosen field of endeavour, Mr. Black death is a pioneer in every sense of the word; in the past, almost immediately an enterprise could be considered established, under his direction and control.

Rideau Lakes district, he attended vil- intended for the public weal. Falls. In 1892, at the age of 17 he began teaching at Lanark and Frontenc counties, southeastern Ontario. While at Mountain Grove he found time, in spite of large classes of al grades, to study telegraphy under direction of a brother-in-law, then C. P. R. station agent. Discarding the rod in favour of the key, he went "railroading" in 1895, securing his first position as night operator at Myrtle, near To-

"Mr. Black recalls little of interest during his early railroad days, except ada Power, however, and in 1924 resignthat it was often a fight to ward off drowsiness during the long night "tricks." Perhaps an explanation of this lay in efforts towards advancement, for his progress during the next few years was rapid. In 1902 he was transferred to the Kingston and Pembroke railway as auditor and assistant general superintendent.

"While he has little to say regarding the K. and P., which was incorporated with C. P. R. lines shortly after trict. he left, it is to be inferred that conditions at the time of this advent were not all that could be desired, and it is evident his executive capacity met with recognition. Hon. Robert Jeffrey, then chairman of the board of the T. N. O. railway approached him, and in August, 1904 he moved to North Bay as general superintendent of that organization.

"End of steel was at that time somewhere between Haileybury and New Liskeard, and the first train pulled out of North Bay on Jan. 14, 1905; incidentally this was just a few days before an election. The original find at Cobalt had been made during building of the readbed. While the railway was fundamentally built to open up the clay belt north of Lake Temiskaming, rails being carried through to Englehart and later to Cochrane, mines soon provided an important source of revenue. Under Mr. Black's direction town sites at Cobalt, Englehart and Cochrane were subdivided and auctioned off by the railroad.

"Shortly after the discovery of the Porcupine camp he left the T.N.O. to become associated with the late David Fasken, then prominently connected with northern development, being ap- clubs and Masonic orders, and his repointed general manager of Northern creations are said to be shooting, fish-Ontario Light and Power Co. This ing and golf. He, himself, states that company was an amalgamtion of Co- while he has all the tools for these balt Power, Cobalt Hydraulic and later sports, he unfortunately lacks the time. British Canadian Power, all three with He has one daughter, wife of Hugh Aird plants on the Montreal river supplying | well known Toronto hockey player, and Cobalt and district.

"Thought the outlook for mining was considered decidedly speculative, in- recreation." dications even then were that there was little danger of the Porcupine field | Toronto Mail and Empire:-It is cerblosseming as suddinly as Cobalt had tainly regretable when one lady softdone. Power plants were being erect- ball player punches another lady softed and planned on several sites and in ball player in the eye. But one of the 1912 Northern Canada Power, with Mr. discoveries which ladies have made in Black as general manager was formed the past few years is what fits were to absorb the Waiwaitin development on made for.

RUSSIA PLANNING TO SELL MORE LUMBER TO THE U.S.A.

Recent advices from Moscow say that the Soviet government is planning to gion where the export lumber originates to prevent recurrence of the recent controversy with the United States over importation of alleged convict labour products into America.

The representatives of the A. C. Dutton Lumber Co. and the International Paper Co. the chief importers of Soviet lumber and pulpwood to America, re- vested the remainder in bonds, which spectively, have received official assuhave not been utilized in preparing or she lived in cheap boarding houses in loading these products for export.

recently held up Cargo ship there. ment of about \$8,000,000 worth of lumber and pulpwood to the United States, compared to about \$5,000,000 worth this

#### SUGGESTS HUNTERS SHOULD HAVE RIGHT QUALIFICATIONS

In the current issue of the journal of the Canadian Forestry Association (The Canadian Forests and Outdoors) Hamilton Laing makes a stirring plea He raises the question: Why shouldn't the same humanity be exercised in dealing death to wild things as to our

In hunting wild fowl or birds, Mr. there was, in the North at any rate Laing begs adherence to those rules of thrilling. Toads in this country are as much interest in the personnel be- the game which make hunting a real content to live in the grass but in Arsport, and not an inhuman war upon for names mean a lot to the North thousands of birds to die a lingering ed to apparently holds the record for death—an indefensible waste and "Where was the man to supervise blot upon the escutcheon of the sport-

Mr. Laing says: "A good shot who province? Only J. H. Black, identified shoots at game within the deadly fortywith practically every enterprise of five-yard range of his gun, who avoids of the offer of Alexander Smith, head shot for the bird striven for, who drops of Abitibi Power and Paper to become birds only where there best chance of assistant to the president with special picking up, and who pursues the cripple toad jumped right out of the log. jurisdiction over waterpower develop- to the best of his ability, leaving other ments marked another step in a career things in abeyance—this is the thing analogous to the amazing growth of the to strive for, the thing that when accomplished makes an easy conscience."

Mr. Laing believes that the large "From Pedagogue to Power and Paper | majority of hunters kill in sport and Paladin," but, having once come in con- not for sport—that it is a contest of tact with him, no one would make this wits and skill. The point emphasized made a prisoner of the toad. is the criminality of shooting unless with reasonable assurance of making a ner contains only a hint of reserves of kill. This means first that the hunter, driving force and ability and his plea- to be worthy of the term "humane, sant personality fully explains the high must know how to shoot, and secondly, once the object of the chase is woundported by faith in himself and his ed, should pursue his quarry to the

This is the day of "permits," permits to drive a car, permits to set out fires, etc. All permits require something from the permittee in the matter of "Born on a farm at Newboyne in the fitness to hold that permit, and are lage school and high school at Smith's Laing makes a very pertinent suggestion. Why not make a would-be hunter show that he is deserving of a hunter's licenses?

> the Mattagami river of E. A. Wallberg, and Porcupine Power, developed by Hollinger and American interests.

> "In 1916 he resigned from Northern Ontario Light and Power and came to Toronto as managing director of the Excelsior Life Assurance Co. He retained his position with Northern Caned from Excelsior Life. Returning to the north he erected for Northern Canada Power a groundwood plant on Lake Temiskaming, near Haileybury. This plan, still producing approximately 40 tons of pulp a day, was his first effort in this comparatively new field. His next step was to Great Lakes Paper Co. owned by Backus interests of Minneapolis and holding valuable timber and pulpwood limits in the Kenora dis-

> "Mr. Black joined Spruce Falls Power and Paper, in which are associated New York Times and Kimberly-Clark Corporation of Wisconsin, as vice-president and general manager in 1926. The expansion of this plant to a daily capacity of 500 tons of newsprint a day involved the expenditures of close to \$30,000,000, building of a modern townsite at Kapuskasing, west of Cochrane construction of 50 miles of railway and erection of a 75,000 h.p. power plant at Smoky Falls on the Mattagami river.

> "This is the man who has taken over the Abitibi Canyon development and his training and faculty for producing results fully justify the confidence placed in him. If he could be accused of showing enthusiasm regarding any of his work, it would be the Spruce Falls development, for he points with evident pride to two pictures hanging in his office; one shows Smoky Falls in all its pristine grandeur; the other shows the torrent replaced by a large power plant. Facing him, however, is a massive enlargement of the Abitibi Canyon and his expression, as his eyes rest on it from time to time, is contemplative.

> "Affiliations include several local two grandchildren, and claims he finds the latter quite enough in the way of

GREAT WEALTH POSSIBLE WITH LITTLE OF AUGHT ELSE

(From The New Outlook) A biography of Hetty Green, for a remove the concentration camps for long time judged the wealthiest woman political and other exiles from the re- on this continent, has just been published. She left an estate of over one hundred million, all of it gathered by her own shrewdness and meaness, it might be added. When a young girl she was given \$1,200 by her father to spend on clothes and amusements duringing her visit to New York, but she only spent the two hundred and ingave her her start along the road to rance that convict and forced labour wealth. Her biographers tell us that New York seldom affording herself the The Government also promised to luxury of a taxi when going about the take measures to avoid a semblance of city, and supplemented her underwear such charges in the United States as in cold weather with old newspapers all this when she was many times over Next year's contracts call for ship- a millionaire! So it does seem to be possible to have great wealth and not have very much else.

#### TOAD SAID TO HAVE LIVED FOR FIFTY YEARS IN A TREE

There is an old axiom that if a dog bites a man that is not news but if the man bites the dog that is news. In other words the unusual and striking incidents are news while the common everyday incidents are not news. There to the hunter to exercise fair play is another odd fact and that is that with his winged or four-footed quarry the further away you happen to be from the scene of the news, the more startling the story is likely to be. Accordingly on going as far away from Timmins as West Helena, Arkansas, there should be something specially kansas they are reported as living in defenceless creatures, a war that leaves trees. The particular specimen refertree-sitting, because this toad jumped out of the tree only when a band saw starting zipping through the wood. It was a big elm tree brought to the mill for sawing. Everything went along without any news in sight. major importance in Northern Ontario, bunch shots or "browning" of flocks, There was nothing startling about the would fill the bill, and his acceptance who uses only the most killing size of tree or the saw or the millmen or anybody or anything else in connection with the whole matter until the

> Around a hole which had been its prison were fifty rings. Millmen counted a ring a year and concluded the frog had been there a half century. They said it probably crawled into the tree when it was young and nature started a sealing process that

W. C. Chavey, a sawyer, found the toad. Another slice of the saw would have been fatal to it.

A. D. Adams, an official of the mill, said he would present the toad and a section of the log to the Phillips Country Museum in Arkansas.

St. Mary's Journal-Argus:- According to a writer in a current magazine the average earnings on this continent are four times the average in Europe and ten times the average Asiatic in-

#### THE POWER OF LOGIC

(From an Exchange) The "Mr." which leads the way. In "Mr. and Mrs." means, As much as-well, let's say The pork in "pork-and-beans."





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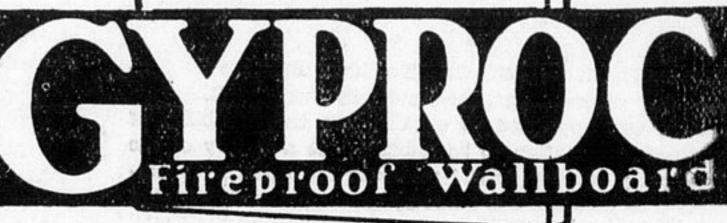
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