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GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Any route for a Trans-Canada highway that does not pass near Cobalt, Kirkland Lake and Porcupine misses the greatsystems of roads.

ning a similar tour across Canada by motor car and tractor | Kapuskasing. also considered the feasibility of using the north shore route. After careful study Mr. Shaw came to the opinion that the | Several good sportsmen have raised objection recently to north shore route was not only impossible for use on his the evil work that is being carried on these days at Big sort of thing. There were numbers of trip, but he frankly believed it to be so costly and unattrac- Water Lake. This lake has been stocked with trout by the unemployed here last year, and tive from so many standpoints that he felt it should not be Rod and Gun Club, yet certain types of fishermen have month or two ago the Government Emconsidered as a possible route for the Trans-Canada highway. been acting there with a greed and selfishness that promises ployment Bureau here estimated that It is true that Mr. Needham had some difficulty before he to deplete the waters of all trout. Stories are told of fishing there would be possibly several hundred was able to pass over some marshy ground west of Hearst. operations there on wholesale scale during the spawning Eventually, however, he was able to proceed along his way. season, the taking of fish little more than fingerlings from It may be admitted that he did get into a little hole some the water, and other unsportsmanlike and destructive distance west of Hearst, but had he used the north shore route he would have put himself completely "on the rocks."

At the South Temiskaming Teachers' institute held at Cobalt last week a committee, headed by Inspector R. A. Mc-Connell, was appointed to enquire into the possibility of gathering information to be published as a history of the inspectorate, making special reference to pioneering conditions. The proposal was made by the inspector following a most interesting account by Principal Hardick, of the Bestel school, of the early struggles of his Gowganda school, which originally was financed, he pointed out, by the deduction of would appear that no better minds than those of the teachers | community turn out and participate in this parade. could undertake a task like this. Not only in South Temiskaming, but in every other inspectorate through the whole the country were undertaken by the teachers. They would find it a fascinating hobby, and it would also prove a valuable work of interest for the people in general.

The Ottawa Journal reports in more or less detail the case of a Wrightsville man who drove an automobile up on the sidewalk in Hull, went clear through the wall of the house, ran the car across the sitting room and only came to a stop when the car hit the rear wall of the dining room. After concluding its account of this interesting and exciting occurrence, The Ottawa Journal concludes:-"No charge was laid as he (the driver) was able to give satisfactory explanation as to what caused him to drive into the house." Even people with a small bump of curiosity will be stirred to wonder what would constitute a "satisfactory explanation" for driving through a house wall and across a sitting room and dining room without a special invitation from the people in the house.

Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission, says that the proposed hotel at Moose Factory will cost considerably less than the million dollars first given in press despatches as the estimated cost of the building. Even at that it may be "a million dollar hotel." The T. & N. O. has the gift of doing things well and giving superior service without indulging in extravagant expense.

the South, however, there were serious results from a day or two of dog-day weather in October. There is a certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper that all the year round appears to suffer from a dog-day condition of the mind. But friends were pained to note the evil that befell The Toronto Globe. The Globe is seldom tempted, but when it is, it falls very hard. Lord Leverhulme, head of the great concern manufacturing soap and allied approaches to godliness, was in Toronto and refused to be interviewed by the newspaper reporters. In a neat panel on the front page, The Globe actually quotes one of the reporters as greeting Lord Leverhulme's refusal to be interviewed with the words:--"It Lux as if the Lux against us."

* * * * The president of the Sun Life Assurance Company in a recent address at Toronto urged that the railways return to ten weeks away. the plan so popular years ago of having special excursion rates to special places and on special occasions. All who remember the days before the war will recall the interest Lake Superior as a route for the Trans-Canada highway taken in the various excursions on the railways,—the special would be:—"The way of the transgressor is hard."

rates to Niagara Falls, to the West, and the special holiday rates for all holiday occasions. It is interesting to note that there is a generation now growing up who know nothing about railway excursions. The nearest approach to the old-time excursion that they may know is the special train, which has by no means the same glamour or the same economy. These young folks have missed much; the rising generation has not had everything, as some suppose. The Advance believes that the public would be greatly advantaged by a return to the plan of holding railway excursions with special rates for various events and occasions. There would be special advantage in this North Land where distances are so great and travel consequently so costly. There is reason to believe that the railways would also benefit by way of new and increased traffic that would prove profitable. Until the railways overdid the excursion idea in the past, it was a paying form of business, and occasional excursions now would no doubt prove profitable to the railways. While the use of the automobile is becoming more and more universal, it is a fact that an increasing number of people are tiring of travelling by motor car, especially for long distances. They miss the comest gold and silver camps on the continent, and so should fort of the old-time well-appointed train. It is true that the not be considered the best route for such a highway. The trains are not so well kept as they used to be in Old Ontario. Trans-Canada highway should pass along the Ferguson | The T. & N. O. Railway is an exception in seeing to it that highway to Cochrane and then proceed west to Kapuskasing, cars are kept clean and conditions are pleasant on the Hearst and other western points before dipping southward local trains. The Canadian National trains running through through the Nipigon country to join up with the roadways the North Land are all through trains and so are kept up to already constructed and connecting with the Manitoba a fair standard, but in the older sections of the province the local trains are usually so unkempt and uncleanly that they are not at all attractive and it is little wonder that bus ser-The Sault Ste. Marie Star is referred to as chuckling be- vices and automobiles have cut in so heavily into the pascause Mr. Needham, the motorist who is attempting this senger traffic. If the railways would spruce up their cars year to make an auto journey across Canada without leaving and service and return to the old-time plan of excursions the soil of the Dominion has had the ill-luck to encounter and excursion rates, they would undoubtedly be surprised some muskeg ground west of Hearst. The Sault Ste. Marie at the renewed popularity that would be enjoyed by the rail-Star seems to have the idea that Mr. Needham's delay way trains. The T. & N. O. is setting an axample in the through the difficulty of travelling over the marshy ground way of well-kept trains. It might set another example in influx of labour there. But sending in question will be considered as prejudicing the use of any the way of inaugurating excursions on the railroad. Railway route but the one along the north shore of Lake Superior excursions on the T. & N. O. would stimulate passenger Lake or elsewhere will not remedy the for the course of the proposed Trans-Canada highway. As traffic and draw the various parts of the North Land more a matter of fact, Mr. Needham investigated the north shore closely together. And one excursion that certainly should be cerned, there is no surplus of work here. route and found it an impractical and impossible one to on the T. & N. O. Railway list would be a special train and Indeed, there is not enough employfollow on his trip. E. Wharton Shaw, who has been plan- specially reduced rates for the Demonstration Farm Day at ment for those already here. For the

> methods. If those guilty of these forms of highway robbery any further influx. There is no work Maine to an obligaion not to close any of the public resources in fish will not recognize the evil of here for any further men. All should of its shops within the state, but to their ways and desist from these breaches of the law and be advised of this and keep away from maintain substantially a fixed number common decency, the authorities should make a point of this area as a possible source of em- of employees. No doubt a state may having two or three of the offenders properly punished before further depletion of the fish of the waters in question

Writing this week in the column, "The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine," the secretary-treasurer of the Timmins branch of the Legion announces that the annual church parade of the branch will be held on Sunday, November 9th, forty cents each per month from the miners' cheques, with and that arrangements are to be made for the division of the M. J. O'Brien making up the balance required. As The Ad- parade after a formal march, so that those of the different vance has pointed out repeatedly it is most regrettable that denominations may attend their own churches in groups. in this new country the facts of the history of the area The secretary-treasurer gives an earnest invitation to various should not be gathered and confirmed while the data is avail- organizations to join with the Legion in this expression of able. The history of the North Land will be of increasing respect and gratitude for those who have fought and suffervalue to students of life and effort as time goes on. The ed for the Empire in the past. The list of those specially Taxes here are high enough, the town the N.C.R. crossing at Swastika. Advance has made effort to keep a record of events since invited by the secretary-treasurer could be greatly extended, its establishment and has found that once a few years have as he suggests, and this gives The Advance the idea that this passed there is increasing difficulty in securing dependable church parade on November 9th might be made into a pardata on points in any question. For instance, there are a ticularly impressive and valuable event. There has been half a dozen different reasons given by old-timers as to why much irritation created by communist parades here in the this area bears the name, "Porcupine." Varying versions are past year or two, and by abortive attempts at such parades. given in reference to different important discoveries. Only a Why should not the loyal people of this town join with the minimum and to make any who are few of the basic facts of the interesting story of this coun- men and women of the Legion whose loyalty has been proven receiving help earn the amount or retry are confirmed beyond doubt. The longer the gathering by their service and by their very blood, and make the event of the facts of the story of the North Land may be delayed, on November 9th a parade that will show the alien by birth those cases that are worthy and only the more difficult it will be to secure the truth and to pre- and the alien by misdirection something of the number of serve a fair idea of the spirit of the men and women who loyal men and women and children in this community. The pioneered here. On many occasions The Advance has urged Legion's invitation to join with them on November 9th in that some official steps be taken to gather and record the the church parade is broad enough to include every man, ingly tipping them off to this effect. true story of the North before facts fade into legend. It woman and child. Let every man, woman and child in the There is no heartlessness in this idea. would be a memorable lesson to the disaffected and the this town from being unduly saddled alien. It would be a tribute to the noble dead. It would be with outsiders. If Cochrane is forced North, it might be well if the task of chronicling the story of a tribute to the Canadian Legion, whose good work in this to take drastic measures to rid itself community in peace to-day is along the same unselfish and self-sacrificing lines as its members gave overseas for humanity. It would be a tribute to the loyalty that every man, owes to himself, his family, his people and his Empire.

Wanted-Roads for settlers in the North.

The Sault Ste. Marie Star some months ago admitted, or it may be boasted, that its famous Algoma wolf stories were only publicity stunts. Possibly, The Star may yet admit that its present advocacy of the rocky north shore of Lake Superior as a part of the route for the Trans-Canada highway is only another Algoma wolf story. In any event everyone will admit that only the author of Algoma wolf stories could seriously contend that there was scenic attractions in the grubby rocks of that north shore.

Serious unemployment is reported at Cochrane where there are said to be four hundred men without work at the present time. These men have been attracted to the North Land by the idea that there is work obtainable. The fact is that there is not enough work in progress or in contemplation in the North Land to provide employment for the people of this district. Every man that comes into this railway extension, have absorbed just country seeking work means one more unemployed man for the North Land, and there are enough here now. The sooner | quire, and there is a large number here this fact is generally known the better for the district and for The beautiful summer-like weather last week was enjoyed those seeking work. The North Land already has a surplus in the North Land, and there were no ill-effects from it. In of labour. Cochrane is sure to be injured in many ways by the surplus of labour there, and Timmins should also prepare to endure again this winter a measure of unemployment.

> The projected erection of a million dollar hotel at Moose Factory with the idea of attracting tourist trade to the North makes the completion of the belt line of roads for the North all the more necessary. Tourists will be doubly attracted to the Hudson Bay area if they can go north by one route and return by another.

In a couple of years from now it will be a case of Moose this fashion on a particular train a Factory rather than Coney Island or Miami, Florida. * * * *

In the beautiful summer-like weather of the opening days of this week, it was hard to believe that Christmas is only

A suitable text for those advocating the north shore of

ATTENTION NEEDED TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Cochrane Suffering Particularly and Other Towns Liable to be Affected

from the Situation at Cochrane Some people in Timmins may wonder why the people here should worry particularly about the unemployment situation in Cochrane, but the fact is that all the towns in the North are liable to be affected in more or less measure, and Timmins being the largest town in this part of the North may be expected and 18th to get more than its share of any trouble going. For this Timmins should be prepared, and the mayor and council here are planning to meet the conditions as effectively as possible. Reports from Cochrane are that conditions there are very bad. There are film literally hundreds of men there out of work and Cochrane is consequently faced with the danger of some measure of lawlessness, as well as the burden of men without means. Cochrane apparently alive to the matter and no doubt anxious and active in any efforts to get rid of its undesired surplus of labour. Perhaps, Cochrane people will tell the unemployed there hat there is work some place else or conditions are better elsewhere. blame them? They did not seek the men to Timmins or Cobalt or Kirkland rouble. So far as Timmins is conpast few years people have been flockmg from all over the country to Tim-

mins, because they neard times were good here. No town could stand this men idle here this winter. Those outthis winter it will do well, indeed.

people who have been residents of the ful. town and not to transients. It may be necessary even to take the plan of The elimination of level crossings has its own difficulties in financing, the town has not sought to attract labour here, and the record has been given out often enough that Timmins has all the unemployment that it can handle, and more. It is also planntd here this year to curtail relief to the pay it. It is planned to care only for transients will have to be handled rather harshly in the general interests of the town and The Advance is accord-It It is simply a question of preventing ed, there is little doubt but that the hundreds at Cochrane will simply move out, or to be moved out to other towns in the North. This week there were two or three here, who told about coming from Cochrane. They could get no work here. There was no work for

Just what the provincial government can do in the matter is not plain, but something will have to be done. On the one hand men can not be left to starve by the hundreds. On the other hand, municipalities like Timmins or Cochrane simply can not handle such a situation. The seriousness of the situation in Cochrane may be gleaned from the following editorial in The Cochrane Northland Post last week:-"The large number of jobless men in town will shortly constitute a very real and pressing problem. The various construction undertakings north of Cochrane including the Canyon contract, the Moose River bridge and the about as many men as they will reseeking work. Bush operations this winter promise very little relief, as both the lumber and pulp markets are excessively quiet. The town of Cochrane is in no financial position to give relief, and the individual citizens are not able to carry the burden of supporting the large number of out-ofworks walking our streets. Each day adds to the seriousness of the situation as more and more men arrive looking for work and without funds. A considerable proportion of those coming in to town arrive via "blind baggage" and "riding the rods," some 18 arriving is short time ago. Drastic measures will have to be resorted to if trouble is to be avoided, and it would appear that it is up to the Provincial Government to step in and deal with the situation. In the meantime, it would be as well if all the citizens took all necessary precautions to safeguard property. The parents would do well to see to it that children are kept off streets after dark,

as a little care in this respect wi avoid the possibility of danger. The town council is doing all in its power to protect the people of Cochrane but is up to the people themselves to reduce, as far as possible, the opportunities for trouble."

GEORGES CARPENTIER IN COMEDY, "HOLD EVERTHING"

What is described as the most hilarious prize fight in the history of the screen is shown in "Hold Everything," the all-colour, all-talking Vitaphone musical comedy produced by Warner Bros., and scheduled to be shown at the Goldfields theatre, Timmins, on Friday and Saturday of this week, Oct. 17th

One of the contestants in this comedy battle is Jos. E. Brown, the famous comedian who has risen to new heights with the advent of the talking picture, and the bout takes its place as the laughing high-spot of this entertaining

This ludicrous encounter is one of the preliminaries to a main event which shows Georges Carpentier, noted French boxer and erstwhile opponent of Jack Dempsey, striving to wrest new laurels from the heavy-weight champion of the world, in a contest which is filled with thrills and excitement.

In addition to Carpentier and Brown, the cast of "Hold Everything" include Winnie Lightner, Sally O'Neil, Dorothy Revier, Edmund Breese, Bert Roach the people of Cochrane do so, who can and Marion Byron. Roy Del Ruth di-

> As a musical comedy star, Winnie Lightner has long been a familiar figure, singing one of her rollicking blues songs before a prancing line of beautiful chorus girls. For three years she was one of the stars of George White's "Scandals," and also appeared as the featured player in "Gay Paree." Now she duplicates her stage appearances in "Hold Everything." the allcolour Vitarhone production recently completed by Warner Bros.

(Lowell Courier-Citizen) It would be interesting to have that side should remember that this figure curious New Hampshire law tested in was arrived at from conditions last the courts, whereby the Legislature has winter and not with any thought of undertaken to hold the Boston and ployment. It is worse than useless. If require a quasi-public corporation to Timmins takes care of its own people render what it regards an adequate service to its people; but whether i In any effort that may be made [may go to the limit of stating what here to alleviate any unemployment the number of workers shall be hired to relief will be planned to be confined to render that service seems to us doubt-

charging men with vagrancy who at- over railroads in this North is one of tempt to fasten themselves upon the the suggestions for work for labour in town. There has been ample warning this North Land made by The Northern given that there is no surplus of work News. That paper points out two very here and that the town should not be dangerous crossings, and might well used as a haven for all the unemploy- have named several more. The two ed of this continent and overseas. named are the Lang street crossing and

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