

COCHRANE ASKING FOR \$10,000 FOR RELIEF WORK

Numerous references have been made to the unemployment situation at Cochrane. Cochrane has suffered probably more than any other North Land town in regard to being over-run with men seeking work. The large industrial operations north of Cochrane attracted a lot of men to the town in the belief that there was work in plenty. No doubt other towns and cities did not attempt to disabuse the minds of people of such ideas, because it meant chance of some measure of relief for them for the unemployed. The industries north of Cochrane, however, soon had more men than they could use, and Cochrane had a surplus to look after. Also, Cochrane being a railroad centre has come in for large numbers of men travelling by the "side-door pullman" in search of work. They dropped off at Cochrane and added to the growing army of unemployed. Soon, the surplus of labour in Cochrane was so impoverished that members of the army of unemployed lacked the funds to move on though they might realize that there was no work for them at Cochrane.

Word from Cochrane this week is to the effect that Mayor R. R. Mitchell, of Cochrane, is in Toronto this week to discuss with the provincial government the possibility of receiving relief for the unemployment situation at Cochrane. At a special meeting on Thursday night council unanimously approved the motion to send the mayor to Toronto, and passed a resolution asking the government for \$10,000 cash to be used in travelling the streets of the town. The great majority of the unemployed at Cochrane are outsiders who drifted into town in the hopes of getting work on the T. & N. O. extension and at the Abitibi Canyon job. The town does not feel that it should be called upon to bear the burden of feeding 400 or 500 men who have never lived there. The \$10,000 in cash, which is being asked, will be sufficient to care for all resident unemployed. The council felt that it would be better to send the mayor personally to Toronto to lay the matter before J. A. Ellis, secretary of the advisory committee on unemployment, than to send the request for aid by letter, as there would be less likelihood of a misunderstanding on the part of the authorities.

W. H. Tuke, principal of Halleybury high school, and a past president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation was presented with a life membership in the organization at the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario District, held at Sudbury last. Mr. Tuke is the first teacher from the North Land to be thus honoured, and he won the distinction as an appreciation for his service to the cause of education not only in the North, but throughout the province.

LADIES' AUXILIARY HAVE SUCCESSFUL WHIST DRIVE

On Monday evening in the Oddfellows' hall, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion held a very successful whist drive; about 80 taking part. The prizes were of an attractive nature and with the winners were as follows:—Electric floor lamp with shade, Mrs. J. Harris; chesterfield cushion, Mrs. Watkins; picture in frame, Mrs. Fedley; gentlemen's sweater, Mr. Wilson; gentlemen's dress shirt, James Cowan; gentlemen's silk tie, Mr. Farrer.

After the cards the ladies served a very attractive lunch in the style for which they are now well known. Mrs. D. Maxwell, the president of the Auxiliary, presented the prizes to the winners. A social hour of dancing followed, the music being provided by W. A. Devine who also acted as M. C. for the event.

These whist drive parties of the Ladies' Auxiliary are becoming a very popular choice with the people who enjoy a good game of cards among pleasant surroundings. The event of Monday evening was the forerunner of a series to be held during the winter season.

FREDERICKHOUSE YOUNG MAN RETURNS WITH BRIDE

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ross, Colborne, on Oct. 1, when their eldest daughter, Mabel, became the bride of Gordon Metcalf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Metcalf, Frederickhouse, near Cochrane. Rev. C. G. Graham officiated.

The bride was becomingly attired in a gown of ivory satin with shoes and hose to match, and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums, asters and baby's breath. She was attended by Miss Isobel Rose, who wore ivory and rose mottre crepe, and carried chrysanthemums and asters. Claude Rose acted as best man.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. Geo. Peebles, and during the signing of the register, Cecil Peebles sang "O Perfect Love." A buffet luncheon was served, following the ceremony, the young couple leaving the same day for a trip to Fort Erie, Buffalo, Toronto and other points. They will reside in Frederickhouse.

Forestburg Herald:—A Swede, working on one of the farms in this district, visited a bootlegger's "joint" in a town less than 100 miles from Forestburg, one day during the wet spurt last week, and asked for a drink of "good old squirrel whiskey." According to the story given The Herald, the bartender said there was no squirrel whiskey in the house, but that he had some Old Crow. "Oh, yudus priest," said the cautious Swede. "I don't want to fly. I just want to hop around a little."

Went to Moose Factory With Complete Outfit

Considerable interest was roused last week by the passing over the Ferguson highway on his way home after being as far north as Moose Factory of R. T. Romine, of Mount Clemens, Michigan. It was the complete outfit that Mr. Romine had that attracted special attention. He had a trailer on his car and on this trailer was a commodious cabin, with glass windows on either side, and all closed in. It was a very comfortable little cabin on wheels and was equipped with bed, chairs, etc. Everywhere the outfit passed it caused attention, and whenever the car stopped a crowd was sure to gather, if there was any crowd possible. There were, of course, a number of places that Mr. Romine may have stopped with no hopes of any crowd of people gathering, for during the six weeks taken by his trip Mr. Romine said he made his way through to Moose Factory and return. Mr. Romine is quoted as commenting specially on the number of moose that he saw on the trip. He is said to have encountered at least seventy-five moose, but perhaps this large number coming within his range may be in part accounted for by the fact that he prides himself on his skill as a moose-caller. Mr. Romine did not shoot any moose or other wild animals while on the trip, not favouring the killing of the denizens of the wild, except for food purposes.

SAY CONSIDERABLE SNOW FALLEN IN MATACHEWAN

The Toronto Star on Monday says: "Visitors from the Matachewan area report considerable snow has fallen during the past week or so. While making travel through the bush some what more difficult this should have little effect on prospecting interest as the nature of the country makes blind staking more or less compulsory. It is practically impossible to get ground within three miles of the original find in Bannockburn, it is stated, the district having been staked solid for about that distance in all directions. Bert Ashley, one of the discoverers, is said to have returned to the find with equipment and men for surface work, and further details should be available within the next month. Some little time will be required to secure even preliminary data and proximity of freeze-up season will hold up communication for a few weeks, at least. No other finds are reported in any of the four townships surrounding the strike, heavy overburden and lack of outcrops calling for considerable work in exposing formations."

ALL SET FOR THE WINTER SPORTS IN KAPUSKASING

Writing in the column, "Sportology" in The North Bay Nugget last week "Observer" says:—

"Curling, as well as hockey and skating, will be added to the diversions open to the citizens of Kapuskasing when the ice arena, now in the course of erection, is completed. Heretofore hockey and skating were enjoyed on open-air rinks, but curling was little indulged in, for the reason that accommodation was not available. This deficiency will soon be remedied, and before the winter is many days old, the many old hands at the game, resident in the northern town, will be afforded an opportunity of returning to their old love. The Northern Tribune tells of the delight that will be occasioned when the new winter facility is ready, in the following article: "Not only are the hockeyists on their toes, looking forward to their first season in the new covered rink, but curlers in town are impatient to get 'besom an' stane,' in their hands and indulge in the roaring Scottish game. Nothing definite has been settled yet as to how affairs of the curling rink will be managed. It is understood, however, that the whole rink will probably be under the control of the townsite department of the Spruce Falls Co., hockey and curling distinctly separated. It is considered probable that a curling club will be formed which will act as a responsible agent for the conduct of the curling ice and quarters, and that an annual fee will be asked from those who wish to curl. There are practically no curling stones in town, so that the problem of buying rocks and also paying membership might bulk pretty large in the expense budgets of some who would like to curl this winter. We have heard of a proposal that the stones may be purchased and kept on hand by the owners of the building, and then re-sold to curling club members for a small sum per month until fully paid for. By this means the ranks of the curlers will be largely augmented, and loss of time at the start of the season would be avoided in many cases. The other towns in the North which enjoy curling have been eager to welcome curlers from Kapuskasing, and one and all express pleasure over the completion of the local rink. Many cordial invitations will be pressed upon Kapuskasing's curlers to play out-of-town matches—and some of our residents are old hands at the game, so the town's reputation will not suffer at their hands. Of course, there will be new devotees enrolled as well, and it may be expected that some will quickly show talent with the rocks. New Liskeard has already extended a pressing invitation to Kapuskasing's best to attend their annual winter bonspiel. This is the red-letter event for northern curlers. It is premature to say whether it will be possible to send one or more rinks from Kapuskasing. At any rate it is more than likely that the curling sheets will be in pretty constant use at Kapuskasing this winter. Even the ladies may try their hands."

SAY PROSPECTORS' AIRWAYS HAS A FIND IN HEBECOURT

Representatives of Prospector Airways Ltd., are reported to have made a discovery of gold in the township of Hebecourt. Good panning has been secured from the oxidized surface of a large dike. The township is adjacent to the Ontario boundary and lies immediately north of the Montbray. Geologists have long since pointed to gold-bearing rock formations extending into this part of Quebec and this fact lends added interest to the new discovery. Former discoveries in past have been explored from time to time in Hebecourt as well as Duparquet.

REPORT HIGH-GRADE FOND AT OLD FLOYD MINE, COBALT

Cobalt mining camp has come into the limelight again during the past few days with a find of high-grade reported at the old Floyd mine. The silver camp has weathered so many stories of its final close that the North Country would be a unit in welcoming anything and everything that would give further lease of prosperous life to "the best old town of all." There is great interest being evidenced in the despatches about the find at the Floyd property.

A gang of men is engaged in proving up work at the old Floyd mine, about five miles from Cobalt. Results to date are said to be encouraging. In the earlier days of the camp, a shaft was sunk on the property to a depth of 200 feet. A vein of cobalt was located in a drift on the 45-foot horizon that runs as wide as 32 inches in places. On the surface another has been traced for a distance of more than 100 feet. In the material taken from the mine assays run up to 35 per cent. cobalt to the ton. Concentrates have returned values of \$700.

It is reported that a number of mining engineers have inspected the property since work was resumed and within the past few days W. H. Emens and Arnold Smith, representing Mining Corporation of Canada, visited the mine and went through the workings. Up to the present silver values have been small, about .07 per cent., although the Floyd was formerly opened up as a silver prospect. W. E. Seed, who purchased the property at a tax sale some years ago, with W. C. Roper and W. E. McCready, are financing present operations.

THIS OUGHT TO IMPRESS TORONTO AND OTHER CITIES

Toronto newspapers have been inclined to support Sault Ste. Marie plans for using the rocky road along the north shore of Lake Superior as part of the route of the present trans-Canada highway. One reason for this is that J. W. Curran, of The Sault Marie Star, sponsored the trip of the daily newspaper editors through Northern Ontario last year, and consequently there has been a more or less natural tendency to take the genial Mr. Curran as an expert on all things regarding the North. The hospitable greetings given everywhere to Mr. Curran and his party by the towns of the North no doubt added to the idea of the daily newspaper editors that Mr. Curran was a favourite everywhere, whereas the fact was that while the Sault Ste. Marie gentleman is deservedly popular wherever known, he was not known in this particular section of the North and all friendly demonstrations were simply North Land politeness. Mr. Curran has been essentially a Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma man. There is no fault to be found with that; quite the contrary; but the fact should be noted and remembered in discussions such as that about the trans-Canada highway.

There is liable to be a decided change in the opinions of the Toronto and other southern city editors on the trans-Canada highway route matter. The following paragraph from an editorial article in The Cochrane Northland Post last week will no doubt help change Toronto opinion, or rather set it along right lines regarding the highway route:—

"An angle to the question which has never, apparently, occurred to the Toronto press, has been brought to our attention. If the trans-Canada highway were to be built around Lake Superior, passing right through Sault Ste. Marie, motorists from the west would, in a great many cases, leave the highway at that point and cross over to the United States, travelling around the southern side of Lake Huron and Lake Ontario to Erie, Buffalo and other American cities instead of visiting Toronto or other Canadian cities. It would seem therefore that Toronto stands to lose if the Lake shore route is followed. We pass along this viewpoint for our city contemporaries to reflect on. We might also add, that to obtain the fullest benefit from the American tourist traffic the trans-Canada highway should not be too close to the boundary, as there will always be the tendency on the part of the tourists to leave it and cross over into their own country again. We put this forward not because we have not sufficient confidence in the tourist attractions of Canada but because the country along the border is the same on both sides, and the average tourist will prefer travelling in his own country unless there is something different to be seen in the other. The surest way to keep the American tourist on the trans-Canada, will be to have it running through the heart of Canada, and not along the edge."

Life Underwriters to Meet here November 29

J. D. Brady was appointed secretary-treasurer of the Life Underwriters Association of Timmins and district at a special meeting held Monday, October 27. The annual meeting will be held in Timmins, Saturday, November 29, at a luncheon in the Empire hotel. All Life Underwriters who are desirous of writing their Chartered Life Underwriter degree this coming year, are requested to get in touch with Mr. Brady as quickly as possible.

RAILWAY TO THE BAY TO DEPEND ON FISH AND ORE

(From The Brockville Recorder) Hudson's Bay, it appears after expert examination, is devoid of commercial fisheries. In 22 days of actual fishing operations, not one fish of commercial value was landed by an expedition which recently carried out an investigation. This may affect traffic to a certain extent over the new Hudson's Bay Railway, but it must be remembered that line has been built for the primary purpose of furnishing another outlet for grain and that it also taps a region that is remarkably rich in minerals and water-powers.

CHANGE TO BE MADE SOON IN THE COLOUR OF STAMPS

The colour scheme of Canadian stamps up to eight cents will be changed within a month, just as soon as the present stock becomes exhausted. This is to conform with the regulations of the Universal Postal Union of which Canada is a member with the larger nations of the world.

Under the new regulations the one stamp which has been a sort of orange will be green; the two cent stamp instead of being green, will be red; the five cent stamp will be blue instead of olive as at present and the eight cent stamp will be orange. Hitherto the eight cent stamp has been blue.

The exact date when the change becomes effective cannot be definitely announced as everything depends on how long it takes to exhaust the present stock. However, officials of the Post Office Department at Ottawa state that it will be within a month.

BECOMES SARCASTIC ABOUT PORT ARTHUR'S ATTITUDE

(From The Northern Tribune) Advocates of the Lake Superior route for the trans-Canada highway descended in force upon Toronto last Saturday and laid their case before three cabinet ministers. One of the most astonishing statements of all those made by the campaigners emanated from the editor of the Port Arthur News-Chronicle. He said: "Because there is a possibility of building a road that will be used by one hundred tourists from the south to the cross-country Canadian motorist, it is obvious that it should be built where it is most likely to attract the desired trade." Some of his other arguments may be passed over in order to refer to this one. It is well-nigh incredible that a Canadian editor should have such a conception as the above about a trans-Canada highway—that only one per cent. of those who use it in motors will be Canadians; and he actually argues from that point of view (the preponderance of Americans using it) that therefore the road should be built where the proportion of Canadians will be the lowest and that of the Americans the highest! He thinks that the payment of gasoline tax, etc., by the tourists would soon pay for the road—with the scenery thrown in, of course—and that seems to be the ruling consideration.

Perhaps the matter should not be left in doubt any longer; we should send to the United States a commission of enquiry to find out just where they would like Canada's transcontinental motor highway built, and defer to their wishes.

If any Canadian government is going to give a moment's consideration to clap-trap of this kind, which is an absolute negation of all decent standards of patriotism and of sound sense as well, it will be in for plenty of trouble. The route from Quebec city to Winnipeg is calculated to serve the best interests of the country as a whole present and future; yet it would afford every reasonable consideration from visiting tourists from south of the border, and would be liberally patronized by them.

A. G. Carson, superintendent of the District of Cochrane Children's Aid, was a visitor to Cochrane this week on business.



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GOOD GRADE ORE AT THE CENTRAL PATRICIA PROPERTY

A thorough detailed examination of the Central Patricia Mine has been completed by John A. Reid, whose report is expected to be published in the near future. The Central Patricia Mine was closed down this summer owing to lack of finances, after development work had indicated a certain tonnage of commercial grade ore on four levels. Examination has confirmed the belief that several lenses of ordinarily commercial ore exist in the mine. P. M. Connell, of Toronto, is president of Central Patricia Mines, Limited.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gardiner, of St. Catharines were visitors to Timmins during the week-end.

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