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GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Again, once more, altogether and moreover:—A merry Christmas to all.

A Christmas wish:—That you may be able to keep your new year's resolutions.

A gentleman in town, who has been a rather heavy drinker for the past ten or fifteen years, decided a week or so ago for the sake of his family, himself, and his friends to stop drinking altogether. So, he went out and bought himself a liquor permit. "Now," he said, "when some of those fellows ask me to come and have a drink, I can say 'No, thank you, I have a permit of my own!'"

There may be some people in this part of the North Land who may wonder why so much is being said in regard to the route of the Trans-Canada highway at the present time. The fact of the matter is that this North Land at the present moment has opportunities for growth and development that are unusual. However, these opportunities must be grasped to be of value. One of these opportunities is the matter of routing the Trans-Canada highway by way of the Ferguson highway and west from Cochrane to Hearst and the Nipigon country to join the existing roads there. This route is the logical one for Canada as a whole and the most helpful and economical. For this section of the North it presents a remarkable opportunity for growth and development through the interest and knowledge that will come from more visitors and better acquaintance with the country by the outside world. The Trans-Canada highway will be a very material factor in development and in advertising the country. Northwestern Ontario recognizes this fact by its evident anxiety to have even impossible routes selected provided the benefit seems to accrue to that part of the country. The Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade recognized the fact also when at its last meeting, after the most careful deliberations that body went on record without a single dissenting vote, that the recommendation should be passed for the routing of the Trans-Canada highway by way of the Ferguson highway and west from Cochrane. It is true that there are a few in this North who have been upset by the blandishments of the clever workers for Northwestern Ontario and who for a few kind words and a pat or two on the back have forgotten their own previous good judgment and are now working for a poorer route in another section of country. They call it "compromise," but the majority of people have a much less pleasant-sounding name for it. If this whole North had followed the lead of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade in urging the routing of the Trans-Canada highway by way of the Ferguson highway and west from Cochrane, the Governments by this time would have been convinced of the virtue of the proposal. The defections from the ranks of the Associated Boards and its decision have delayed the matter, but it is difficult to see how the logical, economical and most valuable route can fail to triumph eventually. If it does, much of the measure for the failure will be at the doors of the simple-minded people who forsake the interests of this country for a smooth word from a plausible stranger. The chief need of this North Land is to be known. With the outside world acquainted with the resources and possibilities of this North the progress of this section would be hastened and increased. The additional tourist and other traffic coming to this area in the event of the Ferguson highway forming part of the Trans-Canada highway would be of noteworthy influence in the more rapid development of the country. One misguided newspaper in this part of the North has had the temerity to suggest that a loop line of roads would be of more advantage to the North than the proposed Trans-Canada highway. Such an attitude is painfully stupid to say the least. Belt or loop lines of roads will be built by the provincial government as their need is forced upon attention. The routing of the Trans-Canada highway by the Ferguson highway route will make it easier to induce the provincial government to build loop or belt lines. The reasoning of that one misguided newspaper is similar to the idea that because Cochrane favoured an extension of the T. & N. O. Railway, it should work against a plan to have a Dominion Poultry Experimental Station in the district. The logical and more useful route of the Trans-Canada highway should be endorsed and upheld, and strictly provincial matters like loop lines of roads considered on their own merits. The Advance literally for years has urged the building of a loop or belt line of roads that would connect

all the centres of this North and do a great service in opening up and developing the country. The Advance still advocates such a belt line of roads and hopes before long to see the plan completed. But anxiety for a belt line should not mean the dropping of the completion of the Trans-Canada highway.

Next year the Dominion of Canada will make a census of the people, industries and affairs of the country, this being done every ten years. The compiling of the information and statistics for the census requires the use of a small army of men and women. The Advance understands that fifteen thousand people will be employed for the 1931 work, the greater part of this number being employees used only in the work of census-taking. It would seem to be a good idea to start the work at the very earliest possible moment in the new year, so that it might have the additional virtue of helping relieve unemployment during the winter months. In this way the Dominion Government may facilitate the taking of the census and also do further valuable work in the way of providing employment. In selecting the staff for the work of census-taking only those in need of work should be considered, other things being equal. The political complexion of those to be used for the taking of the census need not be considered. The best politics as well as the best patriotism, would be to make use of the positions open to help the citizens, irrespective of how they may have voted in past times. The chief matters for consideration should be the selection of men and women needing the occupation and able to carry out the duties of the service.

A mining man of the district has asked The Advance as to its attitude in regard to the proposal for a six-hour shift at the mines as a measure of unemployment relief. The Advance feels that its attitude has been made very plain in this question. If the six-hour shift plan is to be made an excuse for cutting wages, then The Advance is bitterly opposed to it. Under the plea of helping the unemployed Hon. Wm. Finlayson cut the wages of men in this district on relief work from \$3.00 per day to \$2.40 per day. His suggestion that the rate of pay was not reduced was simply an insult to the intelligence of the men who found 60 cents per day taken from their envelopes or cheques. Any similar method at the mines would result in well-founded bitterness among the men whose pay was reduced. The pay at present at the mines is low enough in view of all the circumstances and conditions and in view of the risks to health, limb and life involved. A cut in pay under any guise would be most objectionable, and The Advance believes it would be poor business as well, because it would impair efficiency by breeding dissatisfaction and resentment among the workers. On the other hand, if the heads of the mines have the ability to provide a plan whereby the six-hour day may be inaugurated without reducing the rate of pay per day, then The Advance is heartily in favour of it, and is sure it would not only be a very material help in relieving unemployment, but also would do much to increase efficiency. Indeed, The Advance believes that the mines could profitably adopt the six-hour day, making up the difference in working hours by the increased efficiency. Mining managements who bitterly opposed the reduction of the old twelve-hour day later agreed that they got better work and more of it in ten hours. Indeed, there are mine managers ready to admit that the workers do as much in eight hours as they did in the old dragging twelve. Under such logic it is easy to believe that the six-hour day is not at all impractical. It all depends on the cleverness of the men in the management of the mines. In a word, then, The Advance, would say that it is heartily in favour of a six-hour shift if that plan is practical, but completely opposed to any reduction of pay under any excuse so far as the men employed in the mines are concerned.

The Northern Tribune calls for a Government enquiry into the deaths occurring recently on the work on contracts north of Cochrane. The Northern Tribune believes that the Government owes it to itself and to the people to see that human life is not unnecessarily endangered in the work being carried on north of Cochrane. The Advance would go even further than The Northern Tribune and ask for an enquiry by the Government into working conditions and the treatment of men generally on this work in the far north. Complaints are very frequent as to the poor pay offered men and the advantage taken of the need of men for any sort of employment. One of the chief troubles in the opinion of The Advance is that there are too many sub-contractors and sub-sub-contractors. No doubt each of these sub-contractors and sub-sub-contractors plan on making a profit and when the profits are all taken it may be that there is not a fair wage left for the men doing the work. This is the opinion that would be found naturally from a consideration of the many complaints. There are inquiries held into all the deaths that may occur so the public has some protection in this matter. There have been some court cases in regard to the pay offered men, but in this line all grievances are not brought to public attention. Although the works are not directly under the Government, being let out on contract, it is a fact that any blame will be placed on the shoulders of the Government. The Advance believes the Government is anxious that men on the works should be treated fairly and paid properly. Because of this it seems the part of wisdom and common sense for the Government to investigate carefully into the matter, and assure a fair deal for all concerned.

Radio Talk on Scarlet Fever Heard Recently

Although Timmins had no cases of the disease at the time there was general interest here in a talk over the radio recently on scarlet fever. The interest was perhaps more keen as there have been a number of cases reported from Kirkland Lake. The lecturer over the radio took a serious view of scarlet fever and urged all proper measures to prevent this disease, which he said took a large toll of lives and also left many with serious defects to spoil their lives. "Scarlet fever or scarlatina is a very dangerous infectious disease" the Social Hygiene Council's Radio lecturer stated in a recent broadcast on scarlet fever in connection with the Council's "Free Radio College of Health" course of lectures. Children under ten are its principal victims. "Scarlet fever and scarlatina are the same thing," he warned. "Many people believe that scarlatina is another and less serious disease than scarlet fever, but it is actually the same disease in a lighter form. "The child who is suffering from the early stages of this disease generally feels tired, is restless and out of sorts. Usually there is a chill, vomiting or convulsions" a prominent Life Insurance Company states in an excellent pamphlet on the subject. The child has high fever. His skin is very dry and hot, his tongue is furred, and un-

der this white covering is red and swollen. Frequently he complains of sore throat. In ordinary cases these signs are followed in a day or two by a rash. This rash is a very brilliant red, and from this colour the disease gets its name—scarlet fever. Little red points close together appear first on the neck and chest and soon the rash is spread over most of the surface of the body. Persisting for a variable period the rash begins to fade and desquamation or peeling of the skin begins at first over the chest and body and in very fine particles. The last parts to peel are the palms of the hands and the soles of the feet. Sometimes a running ear or an abscess remains for weeks after the patient is otherwise well and the germs of scarlet fever are still present in the discharge from this abscess so that the seemingly recovered person may for weeks spread the disease amongst his friends. Scarlet fever germs usually lodge in the throat which they make sore. As they live and breed in the throat they give off a poisonous substance which is carried throughout the entire system in the bloodstream. "What many people do not know is that this disease is dangerous not only on account of the deaths it causes but also on account of the complications and the results which follow it. It has long been known that scarlet fever may result in partial or complete deafness. It may affect the heart muscle or the kidneys—in fact it is often a fore-run-

ner of Bright's disease. Doctor Gladys Dick, one of the scientists who gave us the Dick Test which determines whether a person is susceptible or immune to this disease says that many valuable citizens who are incapacitated in the prime of life would not be able to continue their work had it not been for attacks of scarlet fever in childhood. She means of course that on account of the weakening after effects of this disease many people are taken in middle life by the long-delayed consequences of it. Methods which science has discovered to make us immune to scarlet fever will, the lecturer promised, be given in a later broadcast.

Editor and Publisher of New York.—Editor of a western newspaper, unfamiliar with New York, wired his local correspondent here as follows:—"Rush photograph of New York red light district." The correspondent replied, by wire: "Do you want interior or exterior view?" Edmonton Journal:—"Can We Improve the Climate of Canada?" is the title of a treatise that has been issued from Winnipeg. At the moment that in this part of the Dominion is all that could be desired. But there are times when the subject does interest us. It is a rather large proposal that the Winnipeg author makes. This is that the tops of the Rockies be cut down so as to give the chinooks a better chance to warm the prairies.

HONOUR ROLL FOR DOME SCHOOL FOR DECEMBER

Standing of the Pupils in the Various Classes at the Dome School for the Month of December, 1930

The following is the honour roll for December for the Dome school:—Senior Fourth Class—Marcella J. Lynch, principal—Annie MacPhail; Catherine MacPhail and Roddick MacPhail, equal; Orry Costain, Dick Stone, Joe Mitchell, Joseph Baker. Junior Fourth—Vivian McCaffrey, Ruth Doran, Viola Dickson; Hattie Baker and Beatrice Spiers, equal; Nell Pirie, Helen Spuyth, Tom Webb, Stanley Millions, Frank Parsons, Edmond Richardson, Elsie Armstrong. Sr. III Class—M. E. Watson, teacher—Betty Jordan, Gordon Lawry, Marjorie Costain, Joyce Hughes, Mary Shumliak; Annie Crotonnick and Donald Pecore, equal. Jr. III—Louis Actis, Mary Curtis, Buddy Spjuth, Margaret Edwards, Betty Michell, Lee Lawry, Jack Burke Albert Keates, Buddy Robertson, Basil Libby, Gordon Orr, Lloyd Doran, Johnnie Shumliak. Sr. II—Patsy Oren, Reggie Libby, Bobby Chevier, Richard Christie, Walter Baker, Jimmie Murphy, Bobby Rickward, Ollie Dixon, Henry McClary, Kenneth Harvey. Room 2—A. M. Pace, teacher—Jr. II—Ralph Michell, Marjorie Spiers, Laura Millions, Marion Jordan, Tony Procopio, Reggie Butler, Elsie Parsons, Clayton McClary, June Philbin, Tom Brown, Kenneth Thomas, Iris Webb, Billie Murphy. (Doris Woods absent) Sr. I—Thelma Brown, Jean Stringer, Teddy Spjuth, Agnes Robertson. (Stewart, McGinn, Mary Donnyuk, Violet Hedges, Elizabeth Bonastuk, absent). Jr. I—Jimmy Procopio, Jim Curtis, Billie Richardson, Alice Robertson, Fernleigh Uren, Bobbie Millions, Donald Lightbody, Maryland Therrien, Estella McClary, Ronald Moyle. (Doris McGinn, Celia Donnyuk, absent). Primary Room—V. Morris, teacher—Sr. Primer—Louise Kelly, Maureen Thomas, Gracie Pirie, Hubert Butler, June Countryman Robert Richmond, Mildred Rickward, Dorothy Andrews, Edna Tripp, Larson Chevier, Frances Harvey, Clarice Curtis, Doris Spjuth, Reni Therrien. Jr. Primer—Nellie Bartasevich, Bobbie Doran, Leontina Didone, Viola Londe, Shirley Burke, Grace Richmond, Selvanus Chevier, Jack Hoeking.

Fr. C.—Joyce Eames, Mike Baker, Elsie McDonnell, Billie Farrell, Nick Reegan, Albert Bartasevich, Elmer McLary, Nanette Christie, Clarence Chevier, Gladys Kellow, Gino Campagnola, Gerald Orr, Benny Curtis, Dina Pelliz.

Harold Lloyd the Big Christmas Week Event

For Christmas Day and the two days following the Goldfields theatre has certainly provided a very popular feature—no less than Harold Lloyd in a new talkie comedy, "Feet First." This picture had a big run in the cities. Harold Lloyd seldom fails to please, and this talkie is said to be one of the most amusing and interesting that he has figured in for many a day.

Harold Lloyd will appear in "Feet First" at the Goldfields theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 25th, 26th and 27th. One of the reviews of "Feet First," says:—"When better thrills are made, Harold Lloyd makes them in "Feet First," his latest talkie. For Harold was thinking of "Safety Last" when he made "Feet First."

"Safety Last" was the greatest thriller that the spectacular genius of mirth-and-gasps ever made. In it he was seen climbing about, falling, and catching himself just in time on the roof-edges and corners of sky-scrapers. "Feet First" has thrills in it just like that, only more so.

"Harold is seen as an ambitious young apprentice shoe clerk who, in his effort to make good with his employer gets into all kinds of humorous situations—putting gun-boat sized shoes on the cute tootsies of his employer's wife; crashing a society ball in order to impress a young lady he falls in love with; finding himself aboard a trans-Pacific steamer without a ticket; hiding in a mail bag only to be picked up and carried with the mail on a ship-to-shore airplane, and finally landing on a painter's scaffolding in midair, wrapped up in the mail-bag.

"Then follow these hair-raising thrills which are so typically Lloyd. He wriggles free from the bag, locks about him, and realizes with horror that a slight jolt will catapult him hundreds of feet to the ground below. He almost loses his grip in one screaming lurch after another, but finally makes a safe descent to terra firma.

"Needless to say he wins the girl—and he deserves to, after such a hazardous experience.

"The girl is Barbara Kent, the petite charmer who was Harold's leading lady in "Welcome Danger" his first talkie, which pleased thousands of patrons of this theatre when it ran here about a year ago.

"Others in the cast of this super-special are Robert McWade, Alec Francis, and Lillian Leighton."

Miss Pearl Hart returned last week to her home at Cannington, Ont., after visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. S. Drew, in town.

MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS Here's to a Christmas Day so happy as to cast a beam of sunlight over your entire year. J. T. HEFFERNAN 46 Third Avenue Timmins

REPORT S. S. NO. 1A TISDALE FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

Standing of the Pupils in the Various Classes at the South Porcupine School for the Month of December, 1930.

The following is the report for December for S. S. No. 1A Tisdale:—Sr. IV—B. M. C. Shaw, principal—Betty Gallagher, Annie Michaluk, Mary Frumkin, Milmer Pera, Pat Cunningham, Eino Luhta, Madeline De Rosa, Sylvia Parkko, Eleanor Cunningham, Paul Mercier, Muriel Miller, Wanda Bezalko, Edna Dillon, Kenneth Myres, Sirikka Wuori, Muriel Wilson, Lily Niemi, Frances St. Paul, Violet Burke, Celia Spitz, Nick Zaitz. Junior IV—B. Pashler, teacher—Fred Andrews, Rauha Vallenius, Robert Gallagher, Hildreth Childs, Elna Wuori, Mike Kastynyk, Beulah Rayner, Tessie Keesesky, Phyllis Mack, Gladys Foster, Newsham Haneberry, Dora Dillon, Florence Lloyd, Nellie Eyre, Beatrice Smith, Edith Rapsey, Helen Zaitz, Ruth Verner, Lillian Huot, Margaret Richards, Katie Miller, George Young, Irene Deacon, Louis Dagenais, Marion Myers, Evelyn Mack, Mike Capyk. Sr. III—M. L. Thorpe, teacher—Vieno Kautto, Rudolph Bezalko, Leonel Clusiau, Arne Manner, Billy Webster, Preston Hamilton, Alice Mercer, Ina Rintimaki, Robert Purnis, Irene Varker, Omer Clusiau, Natalie Kostynyk, Aino Rintimaki, Josephine Cecconi and Dorothy Farrell, equal; Jean Gallai, Stella Brown; Marjory Smith and Irene Cosco, equal; Harold Helmer, Stella Stefanski; Johnny Mortensen and Lilla McKay, equal; Vivian Miller. Jr. III—Mary E. McNab, teacher—Bessie Verner, Pat LaForest, Steve Capyk, Marjory Jamieson; Ralph Dy-sart and Royce White, equal; Billy Jamieson, Dora Keesesky, George Doque, Harry Pyke, Eileen White, Veikko Tornioinen, Nellie Shukinskie, Roy Richards, Audrey Bennett, Lewis Pyke, Billy McNnis, Charlie Giovenella, Toivo Saari. Second Class—O. Walker, teacher—Isabel Rapsey, Jean Andrews, Jessie Hamilton, Teresa Cosco, Irene Disher, Willis Maki, Eileen Lowry, Joan Smith, Eino Kautto, Billy Dagenais, Dorothy Michaluk, Pentti Kuitvisto, Lillian Kaufman, Mario Giovenella, Aura Vallenius, Jack Pecore, Elen Mahon. Promoted from Sr. I to Jr. II—Honours—Irja Luhta, Myra Cantor, Elaine Digue, Fern Helmer, Aili Huhta, Elaine Dillon, Shirley Ewing, Irene Eyre, Bobby Pearce, Ernest Niemi, Ray Lefurgy, Betty Mitchell. Pass—Lilla Janakko. Pass on terms work—Audrey Bowes, Stephen Evans, Bill Turner. Jr. I to Sr. I—Honours—John Vesala, Clayton Kavanagh, Ronald Walker, Stanley Fellar, Juliet Strange, Esko Walli, Garry Clarke. Pass—Kaarlo Tiola, Lawrence Mahon, Keith Bennett, Kathleen Hill, Billy Miller, Annie Rintimaki, Jennie Zaitz. Pass on terms work—Evelene Spadafore.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS at the DOMINION STORES To You and Yours... A Very Merry Christmas Where Quality Counts. Stores will remain closed all day Thursday, Dec. 25, and until 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26. NEW NAVEL ORANGES 35c BRIGHT Golden Fruit, Seedless, and Full of Sweet, Health-Giving Juice. LARGE SIZE. Raisins 3 lbs. 25c MAYFIELD BRAND Selected Side, Thinly Sliced 1 lb. 31c Good Quality New Pack No. 1 Tin 5c BRAESIDE BRAND The finest obtainable Sweet Creamery 1 lb. 32c Selected Cookers 5 lbs 25c Apples Fresh and Tasty 1 lb. 10c Mincemeat 25c Biscuits Weston's Patience 1-LB. Assorted PKG. 25c Dates New Golden Fresh, Clean Stock 2 lbs. 17c NEW CROP NUTS CHOICE Mixed .....lb. 23c LARGE Brazils .....lb. 25c THIN SHELL Walnuts .....lb. 23c SICILY Filberts .....lb. 19c TARRAGONA Almonds .....lb. 23c FRESH ROASTED Peanuts .....lb. 19c FANCY TABLE Raisins . . .1-lb. Pkg. 29c NEW Table Figs . . .lb. 19c CRABAPPLE Jelly .....Bot. 25c FRESH Horseradish ...Bot. 14c TASTY ALMOND Icing . . .1-lb. Pkg. 29c KEEN'S Mustard .4-oz. Tin 29c RICHMELLO Coffee . . .1-lb. Tin 49c CHOICE PURE CANDIES DU BARRY'S Chocolates in Fancy Box 39c 1-lb. DAINTY Creams .....lb. 23c OLD-TIME Humbugs .....lb. 19c ASSORTED Jelly Beans . . .lb. 19c LICORICE Allsorts .....lb. 25c C. & B. Catsup .....Bot. 25c QUALITY MEATS AT 26 Third Avenue PHONE 798 17 Wilson Avenue PHONE 710 TIMMINS Trimmed Loins of Pork For Roasting, per lb. 21c Fresh Hams of Pork For Roasting, per lb. 19c Rolled Prime Ribs of Beef per lb. 29c Finest Quality Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Chickens at Reasonable Prices Fresh Fish Fresh Smelts per lb. 15c Fresh Salmon per lb. 19c A large assortment of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for the Christmas dinner.