

CLAIMS PRESS REPORTS OF EPIDEMIC EXAGGERATED

Reeve Evoy, of Kirkland Lake, Gives Out Statement in Regard to the Outbreak of Sore Throat at Kirkland Lake Recently.

At Kirkland Lake last week a leading business man was asked in regard to the facts about the epidemic there and his reply was:—"Well, the most we know about the epidemic is what we read in the newspapers." He went on to say that business had not suffered particularly. He had had one of the best Christmas business seasons in his history and he heard of others who were similarly situated. He did not complain about any of the newspaper reports, but he did leave the impression that the situation could scarcely be as bad as printed in some of the newspapers or the people of Kirkland Lake would have been more fully aware of it and see it more clearly. Reeve Norman Evoy, reeve for 1930 of the municipality of the township of Teek, in which the town of Kirkland Lake is situated, goes further than the business man referred to. Reeve Evoy suggests that the newspapers, or at least some of them, have greatly exaggerated in referring to the epidemic at Kirkland Lake. In a letter sent to the press last week, Reeve Evoy says:—

"So many wildly exaggerated statements regarding the health conditions in Kirkland Lake have been published in the public press during the past 10 days that I feel it my duty as reeve of the municipality to make public certain information which may correct some very erroneous impressions which the general public has obtained from press reports.

"A statement published regarding deaths from the so-called epidemic here spoke of at least five deaths resulting from the disease, and the impression would be gathered from the articles published that many of the people of this place were in imminent danger of death from the sore throat which is the chief symptom of the epidemic. At the time this report was published only two deaths had occurred where the cause of death was given as septicaemia, and since that time one death has occurred where cause was given as septic sore throat, with another serious contributing cause.

"Much has been said about the source of the epidemic having been traced to the milk supply, and there has been much public questioning by the residents of the municipality as to how definitely this source has been identified.

"In September, 1929, the municipal council appointed a sanitary inspector, who was chosen and recommended by the Chief Provincial Sanitary Inspector, and there has been on duty here a public health nurse whose name was suggested by an official of the Provincial Board of Health. This local sanitary inspector, under the supervision of the Provincial Sanitary Inspector, had had full supervision over the milk supplied to the residents of this place and over the herds of cattle from which the milk was supplied, and the reports to the council have been to the effect that

ALL ABOARD FOR SOUTH AMERICA



THE first passenger ship ever to leave a Canadian port for South America—the new Canadian National liner Prince Robert—sails from Halifax on March 2 with a party of Canadian trade delegates, their wives and others pleasure bound. The Canadians will visit several Latin-American countries. Special attention will be paid to Buenos Aires, capital of the Argentine, where the Prince of Wales will open the British Empire Fair which will spread over 25 acres of ground and which will include a handsome Canadian pavilion and seven other Empire show buildings. Pictured here are Angus McLean, president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, pointing to the Prince Robert's chief port of call, and Elmer Davis, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. These two organizations and the Canadian Government are responsible for Canada's part at the fair, one of the largest of its kind ever held in the world. Both Mr. Davis and Mr. McLean and their wives will make the trip.

every phase of the supply of milk was in proper order. Dr. W. E. George of North Bay, District Health Officer, has from time to time made official visits to Kirkland Lake, and has even inspected the stables from which milk was supplied, and on those occasions expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with the existing conditions. The public health nurse has never reported conditions along this line to be unsatisfactory.

"An inquiry today to the head of the local board of health as to the number of cases of sickness suspected of being the septic sore throat, as the sickness is referred to, brought the reply that there are 200 cases under observation at the present time.

"I do not hesitate to say that there have not been any conditions in Kirkland Lake which at any time justified the spreading, through the press, of statements drawing the sensational headlines which we have seen, and giving the impression to the outside public that this place had health conditions tending to make it unsafe to live here or even visit the locality, and the proper authorities, in fairness, should make a public statement correcting the wrong impression which has gone abroad and

publish a statement giving more nearly the correct state of affairs.

"Other populous centres of the North have their public markets where the farmers' cream is sold direct to the residents, and have milk supplies which are not pasteurized, but are inspected in a manner similar to that which has been the practice in the Kirkland Lake vicinity. If the conditions which have existed here form a menace to the health of the residents, one would think that the Provincial Health Department should forthwith become exceedingly active in enforcing in other places similar regulations to those which they are now insisting on in this municipality.

"I feel that the Provincial health authorities should by a public statement correct the exaggerated impression which the public has acquired regarding the epidemic of sore throats in Kirkland Lake, and the proper representatives of the Provincial Health Department should officially meet the municipal council and lay before these representatives of the people full details of what has actually been ascertained regarding the source of the epidemic, and, if such can be done, point out where the local sanitary inspector has heretofore failed, and give the council the benefit of any helpful suggestions which the officials may have to offer."

G. R. SOUTHEE ASSISTANT TO THE VICE-PRESIDENT

The many friends in this district who knew G. R. Southee ("Reg") when he was stationed here for the Ingersoll-Rand Co., will be interested and pleased to learn of his recent promotion in the Ingersoll-Rand organization to assistant to the vice-president, with headquarters at Montreal. He has been with the company for a great many years and has won his promotion on merit. He was manager of the Timmins office for some time in the early days of the camp and was later at other points in the North, also being stationed at Toronto for the Ingersoll-Rand Co.

TRANS-CANADA MOTORIST NOW NEARING PORT ARTHUR

A recent issue of The Automotive World makes the following reference to the Trans-Canada motor trip of H. F. Needham, whose progress west of Cochrane, with Gus McManus, of Hearst, as guide, counsellor and friend, has been noted from time to time in The Advance:—

"Healy Needham continues to push onward in his trail-blazing motor trip across the Dominion. Aided by favourable weather, which in his case means below zero temperatures, he has driven his McLaughlin-Buick Eight through the dangerous bush and muskeg country of the Thunder Bay district and is now striking out for Port Arthur. He paid a brief visit recently to Nakina, frontier town of the North, for added supplies and inspection of his car. The citizens turned out en masse to give him one of the greatest receptions in Nakina's history. Needham found his motor to be in perfect running order, in spite of the strain it has been put to in the 2,000 miles already travelled from the Atlantic coast. In going to Port Arthur, Needham hopes to cut short the journey by a 72-mile dash across Lake Nipigon instead of travelling around the shore line. This will be the most hazardous part of his transcontinental trip, the success of which depends entirely upon continuing temperatures of from 10 to 30 degrees below zero."

Toronto Mail and Empire:—Sir Robert Borden's comment upon the possibility that he might become governor-general of Canada was almost as emphatic as that of the American statesman who, when his friends were insisting upon nominating him for the presidency, said: "If nominated I will not stand; if elected I will not serve."

KIRKLAND LAKE MILK NOW BEING PASTEURIZED AT BAY

At first on the advice of the medical health officer at North Bay the plan to pasteurize milk from Kirkland Lake at North Bay, was refused at North Bay because it was feared that the scheme might prejudice the safety of the people of North Bay. Later last week, however, arrangements were made for the pasteurization of the Kirkland Lake milk at North Bay without danger to the people of that city. The first shipment of the pasteurized milk was returned to Kirkland Lake on Thursday last. The greatest precautions have been taken to prevent any possible chance of the North Bay milk supply being injured by the pasteurizing of the Kirkland Lake supply. The cans that the milk is shipped in to the Bay are all thoroughly sterilized before receiving the milk. There is also a thorough sterilization of the plants at North Bay before and after each pasteurization is conducted under the supervision of experts appointed by the provincial health authorities. It is said that Kirkland Lake has what is probably the best milk supply in the North Land now. All the cows used in the Kirkland Lake dairies are tested for tubercular traits and all found in the slightest degree affected are promptly weeded from the herds. Other similar tests are used for other possible defects, and the care and attention now being given the Kirkland Lake supply of milk assures the very best in the way of pure milk. Kirkland Lake has made something out of its recent troubles, when several hundred people were sufferers in Kirkland Lake camp from an epidemic of sore throats. The malady at Kirkland Lake may best be described as blood-poisoning in the throat. It originated with one cow in one dairy in Kirkland Lake and proved the most widespread epidemic of its kind ever in Canada. It was not responsible for many deaths, however, only a total of five cases of fatal illness being charged against it. The epidemic is now over. During the holiday season most of the business men of the town found business as usual.

Sudbury Star:—Few economic questions are being more keenly discussed throughout the world today than that of the supply of gold for monetary use. In this subject Canada has a double interest—her interest as a gold-producing country, and also as a trading nation vitally concerned with anything and everything that is fundamental to world prosperity.

CANADIAN NATIONAL LEADS IN RADIO BROADCASTING

Canadian National Railways First Railway in World to Make Radio Broadcasting Part of Its Service to the Public Years Ago.

The first railway in the world to make radio broadcasting part of its service to the public, to install equipment on its trains for picking up programmes for travellers en route and to establish a chain of broadcasting stations of its own, the Canadian National Railways system continues to keep to the forefront in the science. The most important developments in England, which stands high in the radio world, if not at the top, have to do with the putting of plays on the air, and E. A. Weir, director of radio for the railway, recently made a trip to Great Britain to study the technique and to bring back for the production of broadcast plays in Canada one of the best qualified radio drama producers of the day, Tyrone Guthrie.

"We cannot rest ours," Mr. Weir said in an interview today. "To study broadcasting in Europe is to realize that, far as we have gone, Canada has much to learn about the art. The technique of the radio drama is improving rapidly. Such famous plays as 'R-U-R,' Galsworthy's 'Strife,' a dramatization of Conrad's 'Romance,' and even Shakespeare are sent forth by the B. C. regularly, and more important than these, perhaps, from the strictly radio standpoint, are the plays which have been written purposely for broadcast. The best of these have been done by Mr. Tyrone Guthrie and Mr. L. du Gardie Peach."

To keep abreast of the times and at the same time to give its listeners programmes essentially Canadian, the Canadian National radio department has taken a stride forward in arranging for the production by Mr. Guthrie of a series of 25 short dramas around the colourful aspects of Canadian history by Merrill Denison, who is today Canada's most significant playwright. They will begin early in the New Year.

Kapuskasing will receive \$5,000.00 of the unemployment relief fund money, and will give an equal amount, the \$10,000.00 to be used chiefly to clear bush from the vicinity of the townsite. As most of the streets in Kapuskasing are paved, there is little roadwork to be done this winter.

Home and Home Life Now Coming Into Their Own

At the opening of a new year it is well to face facts as they are. In the past few years there has been a general fear that modern conditions were destroying the home, yet the facts are that the home is beginning again to show its strength. Indeed, there are those who feel sure that the home is coming back stronger than ever as a power and influence in the land and that modern conditions are going to help to this desired end, as matters adjust themselves.

Lecturers and magazine writers who have been holding funerals for the home ever since automobiles and jazz entered the social picture are due for a surprise. Homelife is not dead. It isn't even dying. These professional mourners are so busy with the obsequies they overlook the fact that the home is readjusting itself to new conditions and is coming through stronger than ever.

Science and industry give families more leisure. Luxuries that once were for the few are now enjoyed by multitudes. Home drudgery has gone out as the vacuum cleaner and electric dish washer have come in. The automobiles that take families away from home also bring them back to listen to the radio. And with time to practise puts and drives, mother and sister have joined father and brother on the golf links.

"Don't think the home is standing still," writes Elmer Peterson in the Rotarian Magazine for December. "It has learned the lessons of progress and invention and is now running neck and neck with the outside elements. The home will win out, for it has attractions the outside can't possibly duplicate."

"There is the private garden, the joy of the family circle, the pride of possession, the gratification of home cookery, the companionship of pet animals and birds—and the countless things that make home the happiest place in earth."

"For thousands of years the home was unaccustomed to such rivalry. It was not to be wondered at that the past twenty-five years of suddenly accelerated competition should at first find it unprepared. Now the home has caught its breath and is responding vigorously to the new challenge."

Ingrained into human nature is a fondness for a gathering place of the group that perpetuates the race—and this is the home. Home and family in the last analysis, are synonymous. Whatever furor may arise over birth

TRAGIC DEATHS IN COBALT HOSPITAL ON THURSDAY

Christmas time saw two tragic deaths in the mines hospital at Cobalt. On Christmas Day, Eva Gertin, aged 17 years, died as a result of poison taken. The other case was that of Leonard Kujanpas, a Finlander living on the east side of Cobalt Lake and who is believed to have died as a result of drinking wood alcohol which he is reported to have mistaken for grain alcohol.

Miss Gertin, who was visiting with relatives in Cobalt came downstairs on Christmas morning and to some friends who were just about to leave the house, she made the startling statement that she had taken a dose of strychnine. Dr. G. A. Schmidt was hastily summoned and he advised her removal to the hospital. At the hospital all possible was done for the unfortunate young lady but all efforts were without avail and she passed away on Christmas Day. Her own words suggest that she took the strychnine while in a depressed state of mind, but further than this there is nothing known to point to any motive.

Leonard Kujanpas is understood to have been in Canada only a short time, and to have had few relatives or friends in this country. He is reported to have had a wife surviving him in Austria. He and a partner lived in a house on the east side of Cobalt Lake. On Monday his partner left the house for a time but before he went he had talked with Kujanpas and the latter had seemed in the best of health and spirits. On returning to the shack later, the partner found that Kujanpas had evidently taken the poison by mistake. It is thought that he mistook the wood alcohol for grain alcohol. He was blinded by the effects of the poison, and Kujanpas died at the Cobalt mines hospital on Christmas Day. He passed away a few hours after he was taken to the hospital. Inquests were duly held into the two deaths.

control or the shrinking family, or the emergencies of the business and professional woman as contrasted with the home-maker, it is a foregone conclusion that nature will fight fiercely to preserve that which preserves the human race.

Barrie Examiner:—Prof. Geo. M. Wrong has defined a leader in politics as "a man who sits on the fence with his ear to the ground and his nose to the grindstone." This kind of political leader, and there are too many of them, would be a long time in securing recognition as a statesman.

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