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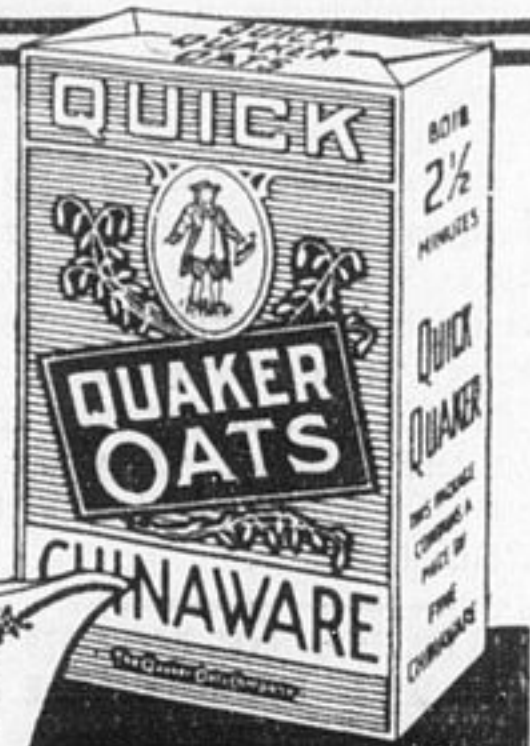
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Plan Does Not Seem to be Practical One

Essex Gentlemen Propose Back-to-Farm Movement as Solution to the Unemployment Situation. Plan Appears Not Practical.

The Advance has received a letter from H. Martynse, Essex, Ontario, submitting a plan that he and some others believe would help the unemployment situation. The plan has been submitted to the Ontario Legislature and may be discussed by that body.

As a suggestion that settlers and others on farms should be given concrete help from the Government, the plan may have some little merit. Even from this standpoint, however, the Advance is of the opinion that the resolution of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade suggests the better form of remedy.

With this preface The Advance herewith gives the letter from Mr. Martynse:—

farm, they would be unwilling and uninterested workers and would stay no longer than could be avoided. Though it were possible thus to solve the unemployment problem. If there were levels that a still more difficult situation would be created. Indeed, The Advance is of the opinion that the plan is absolutely useless and worse than useless as a solution of the unemployment problem.

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Essex, Ontario, February 14th, 1931

Dear Editor:—The enclosed summary has been sent to all members of the Legislative Assembly, and I have a fair assurance that this plan, for the relief of unemployment in Ontario, will be thoroughly discussed.

In order that the people reached by your paper may be able to understand the suggested plan, I am forwarding it to you for use as you may see fit.

The letter submitted to the Legislature by Mr. Martynse is as follows:—

Honoured Sirs:—The following plan for unemployment relief has been discussed by a small group of citizens, and I have been asked to have it forwarded to you for consideration.

Public work done years ahead of actual need, in order to furnish employment to men, is going to prove a burden in taxation, due to interest and depreciation. At best, this relief is only temporary. Whereas, if the same sum of money were spent in placing men on vacant agricultural spaces, it would be permanent and become an asset to the country.

If 10,000 of the unemployed citizens of Ontario (of at least one year's residence) were placed on land with additional money as a loan to tide them over a three year period, they would arrive at independence and be in a position to repay the Government for its initial outlay.

The Government undertakes to furnish the Settler with:— (1) 100 acres of land, five acres of

it cleared and stumped. (2) One house 18 x 20 feet, either frame or log structure. (3) One barn 12 x 12 feet, either frame or log structure. (4) A road to the nearest railway station. (5) \$100 worth of implements for farming. (6) Transportation to the farm for the family. (7) 120 days work the first year at \$2.50 per day. (8) 80 days work the second year at \$2.50 per day. (9) 40 days work the third year at \$2.50 per day.

The farms are to be sold to the settler for \$1,200. No payments are to be made during the first three years, the settler agrees to pay the \$1,200 to the cost of the farm and interest is paid. During these first three years, the settler agrees to clear one acre each year.

As a guarantee, the Government will take out a life insurance policy to the extent of the balance on the farm. If the unemployed in Ontario were placed on farms under this plan, the Government would provide interest bearing mortgages at the rate of \$1,200 per settler; and, at the end of three years begin to recover all expenditures. These settlers would furnish a market for manufactured goods, which means restored prosperity.

May I hear the result of your deliberations. Yours sincerely, H. MARTYNSE

Good Showings in Macklem Township

Considerable Work Done in Macklem This Winter. Haileybury Prospectors Among Those With Specially Promising Prospects.

The Advance has repeatedly voiced the opinion that while it is all right to give attention to new gold finds that catch public attention, it is the fact that in the established belts the chances of discovering new mines is even better than in the new areas that may be opened. A prospector recently said a whole lot in a few words when he remarked that gold was likely to be found where the mines are. That is why the Porcupine and Kirkland Lake camps are likely to continue to be important producers long after most of the people now here are gone.

For this reason it should not be forgotten that it will be a long time before any of the new gold areas will be able to eclipse the old-fashioned ones. Recently The Advance has been urging the desirability of interest and attention to townships south of Timmins such as Ogden, Deloro, Shaw, McArthur, Bartlett and others. Work done in these townships would indicate excellent chances for a new gold field in this established gold area of Porcupine.

Last week The Advance received a letter from an old friend of this newspaper, calling special attention to the townships east of Timmins. He specifically deals with Macklem township which is about 18 miles due east from here. Timmins was once part of what is now the township of Tisdale and the townships to the immediate east of Tisdale are as follows, in order: Whitney, Cody, Macklem, Bond and Currie, with Murphy to the north of Tisdale and Hoyle, Matheson, German, Stock and Taylor to the north of the townships mentioned on the east. The friend in question, who now resides at Kirkland Lake, writes The Advance as follows in regard to the prospects in Macklem township:—

"I have been a subscriber to your valuable paper since a number of years and have read with interest your reports from time to time in regard to new discoveries that have been made in this province, and I think the one I am going to mention is as good or even better than any of them. I have had the opportunity of visiting the township of Macklem where there has been considerable work going on quietly this winter by three well-known old-time prospectors, the McNab brothers, of Haileybury, known in the North Country as honest, upright men. What I have seen on my recent visit to this property shows that they have a far better-looking showing than Bannockburn or any of these late discoveries. They have several veins in their group of claims. One vein that I was very much interested in has a width of 25 feet, and traceable over 1,000 feet, showing visible gold. Also there are three other veins well defined and traceable for a long distance. There are several prospectors in the township now. I think this big vein of porphyry that is running south-east will continue to Kirkland Lake."

Farmer's Advocate—Farmers readily admit to-day that their sons have got to be a whole lot smarter than their dads ever were. That necessitates special training and study. There will henceforth be a lot of head-work employed in successful farming.

McIntyre Recreation Hall Ten Years Old

Schumacher Hall Completed in 1921 and was Then Considered as One of the Best Halls in the North Land.

The McIntyre Recreation hall at Schumacher is ten years old and during the past decade it has given fine service to the people of Schumacher and the Porcupine camp. It has been directed with care and with the accommodation of the public kept in view. I. A. Solomon having been in charge and looking after the public interests.

It will be interesting to read now what The Advance said about this hall ten years ago when it was first completed. At that time The Advance said:— "Schumacher people are pleased with and very proud of the new McIntyre Recreation hall. This fine building, situated in the centre of the town of Schumacher, supplies a long-felt want and makes a convenient and pleasant centre for the social life of the community. The building which is well-heated, well-lighted, clean, comfortable, attractive and up-to-date throughout, includes billiard and poolrooms, bowling alleys, a reading room, a dance hall, ladies' and gentlemen's cloak rooms, refreshment room, etc. The billiard and poolroom and bowling alleys are on the ground floor with both front and side entrance. There are two tables for English billiards, two pool tables and two bowling alleys. Every Thursday afternoon the use of the bowling alleys is specially reserved for ladies. On the second floor there is one of the finest dance halls in the North Land. The dancing floor is 70 x 44 feet and is one of the most perfect of finished surfaces. It is of hardwood of the most desirable type and is practically perfect in its smoothness and evenness. A ladies' cloak room and a gentlemen's cloak room are also a special feature of the accommodation for dancers. There is also a special room for the preparation of lunches, etc., for the social events. The lighting and general equipment of all these rooms could scarcely be improved upon. On this second floor is a well-appointed reading room for the pleasure and advantage of the McIntyre employees. Here newspapers and magazines may be found, and McIntyre employees may use this room at any time. Access to the reading room may be secured by the side entrance, or through the pool and billiard room. A library may be added later. The new McIntyre Recreation hall is steam heated throughout. It is open all the time to McIntyre employees. The dance hall, along with the rest of the building is for the use of the McIntyre employees. At present it is the intention to have a regular weekly dance, with occasional specials. The people of Schumacher look upon the new Recreation hall as a decided acquisition to the town, and this further evidence of the interest of the McIntyre-Porcupine Mines in its employees is much appreciated."

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"A banking magnate rode to work in a beautiful automobile, driven by a uniformed chauffeur. Pleasant morning thoughts were dispelled by a scream from a child who had darted out in front of the car, which quickly stopped. The chauffeur and the banker tenderly carried the injured youngster into the car and delivered her promptly to the hospital where the banker remained to learn the extent of the damage. He was finally told that a blood transfusion would be required and, feeling his responsibility, quickly volunteered for the service and was accepted. In the afternoon he called up the hospital inquiring for progress for the patient. He was informed that the child had died; frozen to death, said the doctor."

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Teachers' Bowling Scores For Week of February 18

Table showing bowling scores for various teams (A, B, C, D, SUB) and individuals (J. Bogle, O. Ramsay, G. Rogers, etc.) for the week of February 18th.

Toronto Mall and Empire.—The Ontario Government saves about \$1,250 in its grant to the schools of Toronto because they were open only 192 days instead of 198. And the schools are full of pupils who would be ready to show the Government how it could make real money through the same system.

Meaford Mirror.—The spirit of the race hasn't deteriorated much when a young woman will drive 13 miles every morning and back again every night for a month on all conditions of roads in January to attend a short course in household science in Meaford. That was what Miss Mary Martin, of Bogno did. Moreover she took first prize in her class.

SWAPPING GOOD STORIES WITH THE NORTHERN MINER

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TEMISKAMING AND NORTHERN ONTARIO RAILWAY TRAIN SERVICE

The Continental Limited, Trains Nos. 1 and 2, between Montreal and Vancouver, daily, operating through sleeper between Cochrane and Toronto. These trains use Canadian National Railways Station at North Bay.

Trains Nos. 46 and 47—Through service daily, between Toronto and Timmins, also, to Rouyn and Noranda, Que., operating ParLOUR Cafe Car Service between North Bay and Swastika. Through sleepers operated between Toronto and Timmins, also between Toronto and Rouyn and Noranda, Que. These trains use Canadian National Railways Station at North Bay.

Trains Nos. 17 and 18—Daily, except Sunday Service between North Bay and Cochrane, operating through sleeper between Timmins and Montreal. These trains use Canadian Pacific Railway Station at North Bay.

Local service between Cobalt, Fournival Falls and Silver Centre, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Connections at Earleton Jct., for Elk Lake, daily except Sunday. Connections at Englehart for Charlton, daily except Sunday. Connections at Swastika, daily, with The Nipissing Central Railway for Kirkland Lake, Larder Lake, Cheminis, Rouyn and Noranda, Que., and intermediate points. Connections at Porquus Junction daily for Iroquois Falls.

Improved service on the Porcupine Branch making close connections at Porquus Junction with trains Nos. 1, 2, 17 and 18 for points east, west, north and south. This service will be in addition to trains Nos. 46 and 47 and will provide three trains each way on Sundays. The establishment of this service will enable those desiring to conveniently make round trip from Timmins to Cochrane on Sundays. Mixed Service daily except Sunday, between Cochrane, Island Falls, Jct., Fraserdale and Coral Rapids. Northbound, leave Cochrane 8.30 a.m., arrive Coral Rapids, 2.55 p.m. Southbound leave Coral Rapids 8.30 a.m., arrive Cochrane 2.30 p.m. See current timetable or apply to any T. & N. O. Railway agent for full particulars. A. J. PARR, General Freight and Passenger Agent North Bay, Ont.

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