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North Bay Nugget.—Some of those who were short-suited at bridge are now short-suited at the bathing beach.
 Huntingdon Gleaner.—Five-year-old Jack Farrell of Buffalo, N.Y., was not quite through with his stick of chewing gum when dinner was ready, so he jerked it in his ear while he ate. Doctors had to operate to get it out.
 Ottawa Journal.—There is an intimation that Clara Bow may be quietly dropped as a screen star, presumably because she has received unfavorable publicity. But if the magazines wish really to create a sensation they will drop some other star on the ground that as an actress she is terrible.

Intra-Imperial Trade in Mineral Products

An editorial article in The Mail and Empire last week says:—
 "The case for an interchange of mineral products within the Empire is ably presented in the annual special edition of the Northern Miner by Dr. Charles Camsell, Deputy-Minister of Mines, Ottawa. Owing to the geographical relationship of Canada to the United States the greater part of our surpluses of mineral products go to that country, while most of our deficiencies are made up by imports from or through it. But the gradual growth of barriers to Canadian materials entering the United States has naturally stimulated the idea of a greater measure of intra-Imperial trade in mineral as well as in other products. This idea was presented and approved at the Imperial Conference 1930.

"Recent studies indicate that as a single political unit the United States occupies a favourable position both as a consumer and as a producer of minerals of domestic origin. It is the greatest consumer as well as the greatest producer of minerals of any nation in the world. Even so, that country is deficient in adequate supplies of nineteen out of twenty-eight minerals listed as necessary for mineral independence. The position of the United Kingdom, when examined by itself, is much more unsatisfactory and its deficiencies are of a more serious character. Except coal and iron ore and limited supplies of lead and tin she lacks almost completely many important minerals. If, however, the British Empire is considered as a whole, including protectorates as well as colonies and dominions, a different picture is presented. In fact the mineral position of the British Empire proves to be infinitely better than that of any other nation. Actually, the Empire's only weakness lies in antimony, mercury, potash, sulphur and talc, minerals which perhaps are in most cases more important for purposes of war than of peace.

"Of the total annual value of mineral production of the Empire about 95 per cent. comes from six of its constituent parts, namely, United Kingdom, 47 per cent.; South Africa, 17 per cent.; Canada, 15 per cent.; Australia, six per cent.; India six per cent., and Federated Malay States, four per cent. The remaining five per cent. comes from other colonies and protectorates. Canada, therefore, stands third in her contribution to the total mineral production of the whole Empire. Our most serious deficiencies are in coal, iron ore and petroleum. These present a problem for which Dr. Camsell sees no immediate solution. But we can improve our position in others so as to make available greater surpluses for export.

"Canada's mineral industry has grown extraordinarily since the war. It is certain that no portion of the British Empire has contributed more than this country to increase the strength of the Empire's mineral position. In the main our surplus has gone to the United States, but with the growing height of the tariff walls of that country we have been forced to seek an outlet for our mineral products in many other countries. We have a capacity to supply a greater variety of mineral than any other part of the Empire. Dr. Camsell says there is no doubt that if the need arises that capacity could be increased in many directions. The idea approved at the Imperial Conference was to encourage the interchange of surplus between different parts of the Empire."

HERE IS A SCOTTISH STORY WITH DIAGRAM ATTACHED

A new Scottish story has been going the rounds of the press. The Advance noted it first in a Western newspaper, where it was coolly stated that it would appeal to even the dourst Scot and would be appreciated by everyone astute enough to understand it.

It may be noted that there are no "dour Scots," except those who are dour because they feel that other than Scottish blood makes them less than a match for their ain folks, which is enough to make even the Scotch dour.

The story as told by the Western paper aforesaid was in brief as follows:

A Scotchman went on a motor trip with his brother and as a result of the latter racing a Ford car an accident occurred in which his sister Alice was killed. Proceeding to the nearest telegraph office he discovered that he could send only ten words at the minimum rate and this is how he broke the news to his people at home:

"Sandy detained erased affort correct allot analysis hurt infectious dead."

Now, after all the Scottish people have chuckled over that one, The Advance appends herewith a diagram of that joke for the benefit of those who are not Scottish.

Evidently the telegrapher who took that message and sent it over the wire was not a Scot and so it went as written. The receiving telegrapher, however, was a Scotsman, and this is how he transcribed the message as he knew it was meant:—

Sandy detained. He raced a ford car. Wrecked a lot, and Alice is hurt; in fact, she's dead."

Simcoe Reformer.—For the time being it is necessary to lick both a two-cent and a one-cent stamp when mailing letters to outside points. Soon however, the new three-cent stamps will be available as the printing presses at Ottawa are beginning to turn them out by the million. The new stamp will be red in color.

ENCOURAGING FIGURES FROM THE LONDON LIFE CO.

There is an irreducible minimum of business which must be transacted in order for people to live, and while some lines have been severely hit, others show favourable reports.

There are quite a number of bright spots to cheer the optimist and refute the confirmed pessimist. Over-subscription of the Government Refunding Loan furnished a remarkable demonstration of the latent financial strength of the country. Recent statements of the amounts held in savings accounts were another indication. The moratorium on war debts proposed by President Hoover will doubtless have beneficial effects far-reaching in character. Life Insurance figures have particular significance, because they fairly represent the condition of the financing of a large proportion of the country's families.

When times are good, many people buy Life Insurance to add stability to their financing. In times of depression, it provides the easiest way to re-coup one's position, because it is possible to set up an estate of practically any size for a very small initial outlay possibly not over 3 p.c.

The volume of life insurance sales in Canada indicates that great masses of the people are not so badly off financially. One life insurance company, The London Life, has been publishing its figures of new business written week by week for the past two months. It is noteworthy that the figures during that time have shown a much greater average than that for the year 1930.

Another reassuring fact is that terminations of policies are considerably less. For this year to date they show an improvement of 7.8 p.c. with this company, with the greatest improvement taking place in June, when terminations were almost 11 p.c. less than in June 1930.

Inasmuch as The London Life is a purely Canadian company and the largest Life Insurance company confining its business to Canada, its figures are particularly significant at this period in the country's history.

Labour Battalions Will be Volunteers

Hon. Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labour in the Dominion Cabinet, Expresses his Views on the Proposed Labour Camps.

Accord with the views of Hon. George Henry, Premier of Ontario, in connection with the establishment of labour battalions in that province was expressed Friday by Hon. Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labour. The Minister, however, made it clear that no suggestion of compulsory work was associated with the method the Premier proposes to employ.

"Mr. Henry was here last Thursday" said Senator Robertson, "when we had a prolonged discussion as to the best method of meeting the situation this Fall and Winter. The views he had expressed are in accord with the discussions we had, except that it should be made clear that the terms of work, the Premier employed in the past has, to my knowledge, no bearing on our connection with any compulsory work service."

"I understand the Premier's intention is to encourage single men to move from urban centres, where large supplies of labour already exist, to rural districts where employment opportunities may be created largely through highway construction work. It is also expected that the many unattached people who have been moving about the country on freight trains and otherwise termed transients may be also absorbed into employment in a similar way, thereby relieving urban centres of caring for the transient and single unemployed men.

"This," said the Minister, "will enable the municipalities in co-operation with the provincial and Federal authorities adequately to provide for family relief as the necessity may appear. I am quite in accord with Mr. Henry's views, except, as I say, I wish no misunderstanding to arise as to what these labour battalions mean."

Montreal Gazette.—Labor members of the British House of Commons who physically sustained an offending colleague—Mr. J. McGovern, of Shetleston, Glasgow—in his unfitness, have made apologies to the Speaker, and duly received parliamentary absolution. Ottawa too, has experienced some unpleasant "incidents" lately, though none have been of the violent kind that recently disturbed Westminster. Perhaps the troubles can be traced to the heat; or is it that the parliamentarians are striving to work too hard? Though moratoriums are much in vogue just now, it may be too much to seek a moratorium for legislation; but an early holiday for the legislators, both here and in England, might be for the good of their health.

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Hope to Clear the Howey Mine of Debt

Costs are Down and Production for June Shows New High Record, Shareholders at the Annual Meeting are Told.

In view of the general interest in the Howey Gold Mine and the Red Lake country in general, there is more than passing attention being given to the annual meeting of the Howey Gold Mines, Limited, held last week at Toronto. Some 2,094,142 shares were represented at the meeting by person and proxy. After the company's annual report for 1930 had been accepted and other routine business cleared up, R. T. Birks, president, addressed the shareholders as follows:

"We believe that we have now definitely rounded the corner and are on the upward grade. During the month of June, the production was the highest in the history of the company and at the same time costs were substantially reduced. While all figures are not yet available, it is anticipated that the production for June will be sufficient to pay the operating costs, the interest charges, the depreciation and reproduction charges.

"Fraser D. Reid, manager of the mine, has recommended the immediate installation of equipment which will enable the mill to handle nine hundred tons of mine ore per day. The costs of this expansion are relatively small, and it is expected that the new equipment will be in complete operation before the end of the present year.

"With this increased production and the resultant diminished costs per ton, it is hoped that the entire obligation to W. S. Cherry (which amounts to something over \$600,000) will be retired before the end of 1932.

"The company has now established itself as the eighth largest gold producing company in Ontario, and, with the early installation of additional equipment, this position should be substantially improved.

J. E. Hammell was asked to speak, and stated that he thought Howey was coming "out of the woods" all right. It would take a little time to get things running smoothly, stated Hammell, but everything should be fine by the end of 1932.

F. D. Reid, mine manager, stated that when he first looked Howey over, he had doubts about the property, but further investigation had made him change his views. He stated the value of the ore ran between \$4 and \$4.50 per ton, while costs would be roughly between \$2.50 and \$3, indicating a fair profit. Costs in June ran around \$3.20 per ton, he said.

Reid stated that the present ore reserves would be worked out in about three years, but other zones should be encountered as the shafts are deepened.

In answer to a shareholder's question Reid stated that vein widths averaged about forty feet. Another shareholder asked if the refining process used by Howey was considered good, and Reid said it was "very excellent."

Directors were elected as follows: R. T. Birks, W. S. Cherry, J. E. Hammell, H. C. McCloskey and John A. Northway.

THOUGHT THAT THE BULL SHOWED POOR JUDGMENT

(From The New Liskeard Speaker) London, Ont., despatch.—"A bull angered by headlight, charged a motor car driven by Thomas Clarke, Komoka, on the Lobo-Caradoc town line last night damaging a front fender of the car and frightening the driver and occupants of the car."

The foregoing incident reminds us of a story told by a farmer when speaking as a representative at a banquet of miners at Cobalt a few years ago: He said the first train which commenced running to New Liskeard was called "The Muskeg." One day a native bull, while standing on the track, saw the train approaching and promptly assumed a fighting attitude by lowering his head, throwing dust over his back and muttering his contempt for red lights in general and railway engines in particular. In a moment the bull was lying with his back in the ditch and his feet in the air. A Scotchman, who was a witness to the encounter, said to the bull: I admire your nerve, but you showed very poor judgment."

GASOLINE EXPLOSION IS CAUSE OF INJURY AND LOSS

Fast work by the Rouyn Fire Department Thursday night prevented a serious conflagration when a tailor shop in the heart of the business district ignited from an explosion of gasoline, one man, Ernest Lapointe, being severely burned. Lapointe, owner of the business, was cleaning clothes when the gasoline he was using exploded, the inside of the building which is of frame construction becoming a mass of flames within two minutes. The absence of a wind prevented the fire spreading, although adjoining buildings were badly scorched. Damage is estimated at less than \$2,900. Lapointe was able to go home following medical treatment.

Huntingdon Gleaner.—For countless years the banks of the Grand and Speed Rivers in Preston, Ont., district resounded, in the summer, to the crooning of the bullfrog. This year Preston's unemployed, with a view either to satisfying their own appetites or fattening the family pocketbook, have scoured the banks for frogs. In other years the noise was a nuisance; today the sound of a frog is news.

MYSTERY GRAVE FOUND IN THE COBALT CEMETERY

A mystery has developed in regard to one of the graves in Silverland cemetery at Cobalt. The cemetery was formerly owned by a private company and one man who purchased a lot in the cemetery from the company for the interment of his father found a grave alongside his lot and encroaching on it this spring. Undertakers and caretakers of the cemetery do not know of anyone buried in this second lot. The mystery is to be investigated by the Cobalt council which has taken over the direction of the cemetery. There are said to be no records available to throw any light on the matter and the identity of the man buried on the lot adjoining that owned by the man making the complaint will apparently be difficult to determine.

Oshawa Times.—Automobiles very often stall on railway crossings, but unfortunately the oncoming train never does.



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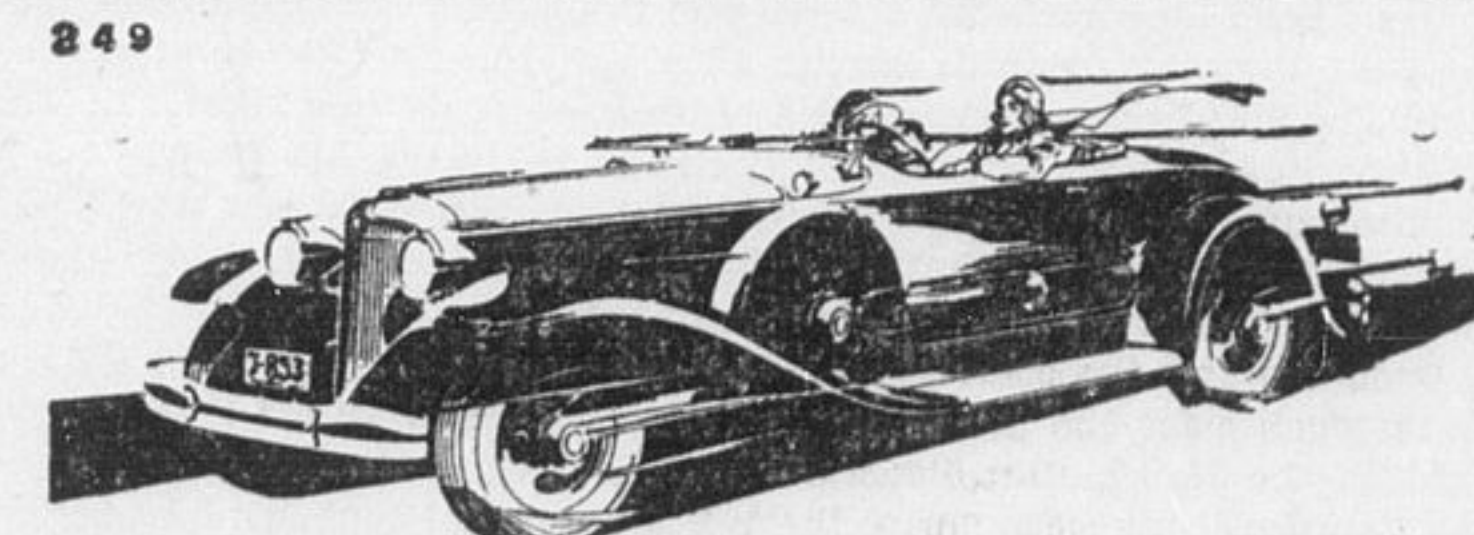
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