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H. A. Preston Writes on Many Things Mere or Less Related to the North Land and its Progress and Contentment.

The following letter from H. A. Preston was received this week, and deals with many matters of interest:—

Ramore, July 27th, 1931
To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—The Advance had an item about autos and that Canada is in fourth place for them. Well, what about the price of all these cars in Canada? I'll bet the country that is in second place did not pay the price that Canadians have. Just think how many farmers would still own their farms and others own their homes if we here in Canada, which is supposed to have been for Canadians, could have got their cars for half what they did cost, as other countries do get them. And, yes, Mr. City Man, I want to ask you who is more deserving to own an auto than the farmers who keep the men who make cars alive and everyone else? The farmer does not get much money for his long day's work and what he grows, but someone else running around in cars gets three times what the farmer gets for the stuff the farmer grows. If he wishes to buy farm implements he sure pays much more for them than farmers overseas do, or farmers living in countries where cars sell for half what they do here, and yet this machinery is made in

Canada. When I was six years old I used to ask Dad why the Yankee side of the river was so big and things so cheap. He said:—"My boy, Canada is a young country!" That's fifty years ago, and to-day we are called young. Well, if we don't wake up we will be young a hundred years from now. If we are going to build the T. & N. O. and Canadian National Railways and expect them to pay big returns without any roads or towns and settlements, and do everything to hurt them, how can we expect them to live here if they have to pay double for everything that our neighbours do across the line, even if the goods are made in Canada. There was a time when you could buy your ticket in the U.S.A. and travel in Canada for one cent a mile cheaper than if you bought it at home I used to do it at Niagara, many times going across to buy a ticket to Burks' Falls, Ont., and saving thus one cent a mile.

Not long ago I predicted that all this early hot weather means an early winter this year. I still say so and advise everyone to get ready so far as fuel is concerned. Outside of nearly all the towns in the North there are immense quantities of dead, dry timber that should be got out, and the Government should arrange so that anyone can go and take it (but not to sell) just for their own use. By thus getting it out it will burn in the stove and make comfort, but if it lies where it is it may catch fire some day and will be no use to anyone and likely to carry the fire to the green woods beyond. No one should have to pay to go and

get this wood. They say:—"File your slash and burn it." Yet, though this dead, dry wood is useful to poor people, they are strict about it. The winters are long up here and most people can't get coal. No doubt if coal is mined up here it will be shipped and sold down in Niagara cheaper than obtainable here. It is a good thing shad flies and other kinds of bugs are of no use because if they were, someone would get after the poor man if he caught them. How comes that this country is covered with blueberries and raspberries? Millions and billions of baskets of them! How did they get here? Yet there are some coated-tongue men who would like to tax the poor families for gathering them. If new taxes keep coming we will never get over this depression. Everything you do and every move you make, it is a case of taxes, taxes, taxes.

The North Bay Nugget says that the Trans-Canada truck is having trouble in the roadless region around Hearst. Cobalt, where The Nugget got its start, used to be in a roadless region also. That's another thing! There are too many people like The Nugget. They would like to get some of the gold up here and get rich and then get out and knock the country. Why even the Reds and the communists like this North yet we hear our own people and newspapers knocking it. What made North Bay the place it is now? Some day if there should be coal or something else important found around the roadless region of Hearst and west thereof, oh, my, won't the newspapers be quick to publish it. Perhaps, someone will start a newspaper there and build up a good business, then get out of the country just a little bit from the Gateway to the North. Can you tell me is the Gateway to the North at the south end of the town of North Bay, or is it at the north end? If it is at the north end, then North Bay must be in Old Ontario.

Yours very truly
H. A. PRESTON

Toronto Mail and Empire:—Anna Case, noted opera singer, now becomes the stepmother of Irving Berlin, noted composer, through the process of becoming the wife of Clarence Mackay. Some pleasant home musical evenings are plainly indicated, with an occasional discord provided by Mr. Mackay when he looks at his son-in-law.

Golf This Saturday Mine versus Town

Geo. N. Ross the Winner of Geo. Lake Golf Trophy This Year. Iroquois Falls to be Here This Week-end.

This week the feature at the Timmins Golf Club will be the match, Mine vs. Town. There will be dinner at the clubhouse after the event. All players matched according to handicaps and placed on the bulletin board.

This week-end Iroquois Falls is to be here for a friendly match.

Geo. N. Ross was the winner this year of the Geo. Lake shield and is receiving congratulations on the honour.

In the sweepstake last week the winners were W. S. Jamieson, Dr. C. E. Taylor and A. D. Campbell. The following are the scores:—

	T	H	N
J. R. Todd	112	28	84
Dr. C. E. Taylor	94	27	67
W. S. Jamieson	86	24	62
G. N. Ross	83	14	69
D. Eddy	106	25	81
K. Eyre	106	24	82
J. D. Brady	97	24	73
Father O'Gorman	115	32	83
G. Black		32	
H. W. Hooker		28	
G. S. Lowe	90	21	69
J. W. Fogg	97	21	76
V. Woodbury	110	30	80
D. Cuttill	116	32	84
W. Pritchard	112	25	87
Dr. Stahl	111	30	81
D. B. White	93	24	69
Geo. Lake	86	12	74
S. R. McCoy	90	20	70
H. Fuke	95	15	80
M. Galbraith		14	
A. V. Galbraith	80	10	70
G. S. Butler	96	22	74
J. Knox	98	25	73
Dr. Porter	101	26	75
A. D. Campbell	93	25	68

Pembroke Standard-Observer:—Solloway and Mills might ask for a rest and request that the attention of the public be directed towards the Beauharnois group.

Drumheller (Alberta) Mail:—Son: "Dad, what is bankruptcy?" Father: "Bankruptcy, my son, is when you put your money in your hip pocket and let your creditors take your coat."

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Scout Methods for Building of Fires

Map Making Being Studied by Local Boy Scouts. Other Items of Interest to Members of the Boy Scouts and Others.

(By The Scoutmaster)

On Wednesday of last week, we held our usual weekly meeting which was well attended, although there were quite a number of the boys away. Some of them are working and others are out of town on vacation.

Considerable work was done on map making. It is essential that the boys know how to draw and read maps, so they were all given paper and pencil and told to draw two towns which were to be connected by a railway with tunnels, cuttings, embankments and bridges. There was also a road partly fenced or well marked, also paths, swamps, woods, rivers and a lake; there were sign posts, churches with towers and spires, windmills and farms. Of course these things are not so very easy to draw at first but with practice one can make a very useful map.

Following the instruction on map making we had a few games, among them was "snatch the hat." We changed it around a bit though and made a more interesting game of it by using medicine balls and other objects and calling two sets of numbers instead of one. This game is played with two sides, any number can play. The boys are numbered. Between the two lines of players which are facing each other, is placed a number of hats usually about five. When the referee call out a number, both players having that number try to pick-up the hat and get it behind their own line before the other player tags him. The lines of players may be any distance apart, depending on the place where the game is being played. We usually have them about twenty feet apart with the hats halfway between.

However, the way we sometimes play it is to call two sets of numbers; then four players rush for the medicine ball or any object that is being used; a wrestling match usually follows and one player endeavours to hold two of his opponents while his partner takes the ball.

Now for a few words about camp fires. This will be of particular interest to Scouts of our troop as we will be doing some of this in another three or four weeks.

The ideal spot for a camp cooking fire would be a sand or gravel patch sheltered from the storm winds, and convenient to the dining shelter and tent, and the ideal form, a construction of flat stones which will not crack with the heat. Since the most desired site for the tent is sod, it usually happens that the kitchen fire must also be built on sod ground. During dry weather, grass and sod itself may become a fire hazard, and in consequence care should be taken in the construction of a fire place on sod ground. Whether a trench or surface fire is to be made, the sod should first be removed and laid aside, in order that it may be returned to its place when camp is cleared up for departure, Scout fashion.

Undoubtedly the most satisfactory cooking fireplace from all points of view is that built up of flat stones, the construction being four to six feet long, the sides about eight inches apart at the windward end and four at the other, and the interior trenched three or four inches. A suitable damper stone leaning against the windward end will control the fire.

Where suitable green logs may be cut, to give two lengths of five or six feet, the hunters kitchen is much used. The logs are placed approximately parallel or nearer at one end than the other, and the fire kindled between. The wider opening may be laid to the wind, or the logs may be placed across the wind, and several damper holes scooped in the ground beneath the windward log, clumps of sod or stones being used to control the fire. The cooking may be done on the logs, or the kettles hung from a billy bar supported by kno'ch sticks.

For a location where there is considerable wind the trench fire is the best; kind of kitchen fire. This is merely a trench some eight or ten inches wide and four or five inches deep at the windward end, narrowing to six or eight inches and deepening to eight or ten inches at the other end. The trench is covered by an old piece of sheet iron, or crossed by iron spikes, if available; or the pots are hung low

from a billy bar. This form of fireplace makes a good oven, with a flat stone placed on the bottom at the inner end, and a second stone or piece of iron over the top. Fire is built on the lower stone, burned to coals, the coals raked forward, and bannock or biscuits placed on the stone to cook.

Next week more will be mentioned about camp fires.

About the Road from Timmins to Sudbury

"Timmins Interested in Direct Link with Sudbury," Says The Sudbury Star. A. F. Brigham Makes Suggestion.

"Timmins interested in Direct Link with Sudbury," says a heading in the Sudbury Star last week. The fact is that Sudbury should be as much interested in the route as Timmins. Indeed, all the towns of the North have a greater interest than they seem to realize. For ten years or more The Advance has been urging this roadway, calling it usually "the belt line of roads for the North," this expressive title being given the road by H. A. Preston.

The Sudbury Star last week made the following reference to this road and to some other matters:

"The selection of routes for the Trans-Canada highway is of great importance to Timmins, connected as it is with the Ferguson Provincial highway by a good branch road from Porcupine Junction on the main line of the T. & N. O. Railway. Proposed routes have been the subject of great difference of opinion, but having regard for the Ferguson highway already constructed between North Bay and Cochrane, a westward route from that point is regarded by the northern mining camps as the logical one to best serve the interests of all, says the Financial Post.

"Recently a deputation waited on Hon. George S. Henry, premier of Ontario, recommending that a road be built from Sault Ste. Marie to White River and then on through to Nipigon. The resolution also called for a road to be built between Hearst through Hornepayne to White River. For every mile of road built between White River and Sault Ste. Marie there is to be equal mileage between Hearst and White River. A road was also asked from the above route to Chapleau. While there is a great divergence of opinion as to the proper location of the proposed Trans-Canada highway, any route except that from Cochrane west would make it necessary for Timmins citizens to travel to North Bay, a distance of approximately 225 miles, before they could start a westward journey.

"A route sponsored by A. F. Brigham of Hollinger mine, and one that carries a great deal of merit, is a projection of a road from Timmins to Sudbury. Such a route has the advantage that it would open up virgin territory for prospecting and would make a short route to Sudbury without materially altering the distance to Toronto. From Sudbury access westward would be possible if the north shore route from Sault Ste. Marie to Port Arthur was followed. The objection voiced against the north shore route by Timmins, Cochrane and the northern areas are that it is expensive to build and would permit American tourists to leave Canada without travelling great distances within its borders.

"A route under discussion, that would shorten travel from Timmins to North Bay and southward, is to improve over the present road southward from Connaught Station between Timmins and Porcupine Junction. Then south east to connect up with the road from Elk Lake now being extended to the heart of the Matachewan mining operations in argyle and Bannockburn townships."

Policeman (producing notebook)—"Name, please."
Motorist—"Aloysius—Alastair—Cyprian—"
Policeman (putting book away)—"Well, don't let me catch you again."
—Exchange

Huntingdon Gleaner:—It's an ill earthquake for golfers that doesn't make a hole-in-one. As a sharp earth tremor shook the East Lancaster countryside Sunday, a golfer on the Chorlton links, Manchester, England, drove to within a few inches of the hole. The earth rolled gently and the ball dropped in.

Interest Continues Matachewan Area

Mining Corporation Properties Sharing Notice with the Davidson Claims. Other Items of Interest from Elk Lake.

A correspondent writing this week from Elk Lake says:—"While the developments on the Ashley claims continue to attract the chief interest in Matachewan, prospectors are busy in other parts of that gold field, and reports reaching here tell of renewed activity in the district. Mining Corporation expects to cut the vein at the 250-foot level of its property to-morrow when General Manager M. F. Fairlie will be on hand, and the company also has sent a gang of men to explore the Jake Davidson claims in Hincks township, a short distance west of the Ashley property, where interesting discoveries are said to have been made.

"Recently, there was a mild rush to restake ground that fell open, but not many claims came under this head, it is stated, as the Department of Mines allowed a lot of leeway in assessment work, and there was no attempt to interfere with prospectors who has obtained the required permits before the date of expiry. Under an Order-in-Council, the ban on work of the Temagami Forest Reserve claims, that had been staked was lifted, and assessment duties had to be performed, as in other fields, and it had been expected much property would be open because of work not having been done.

"In the opinion of one veteran prospector, Matachewan is a difficult country to work in for men of his vocation, owing to its terrain being quite low-lying in many parts. Meantime, a steady stream of traffic continues to flow into the field by plane and by water from here. Arrangements are understood to have been made with regard to the townsite being laid out at Argyle Lake, and difficulties which had arisen there over timber rights are said to have been overcome satisfactorily."

Meaford Mirror:—Now that Lacrosse is played in a box, why can't bridge be played in a ten-acre field so that one can really deal with his partner properly.

HAS IT HAPPENED TO YOU?

by P.C.I.



Dundas Highway — 6.00 p.m. Sunday. Traffic heavy in both directions. . . and slow.

There's a bad curve about two miles west of Cooksville running onto a long, very steep, curving hill.

I was parked just off the exact centre of the curve at the top of the hill. A chap with a big, heavy car headed west hurried past me almost on two wheels and started down the hill on the wrong side of the white line. He saw me and tried to edge back into line, but the west traffic was bumper to bumper. He couldn't get in.

Halfway up the hill was a driver coming east at a good speed. Only one thing saved several lives. The man coming up the hill took to the ditch, fortunately a shallow one. He managed to hurdle it, went through a fence onto some plowed land, and came to a stop with lamps, bumper and radiator practically wrecked. Quickly I inspected the car and found that, luckily, no one was seriously hurt.

Then I took after the driver who caused the accident.

Two miles west I caught up with him.

The charge was reckless driving and failure to return to the scene of an accident.

The Moral is that a few minutes saved by cutting in and out of traffic may be very expensive in both actual money and human misery.

Everyone Will Be at Golden City SUNDAY, AUG. 2

Come and Bring the Family

See the Big Swim

Under the auspices of The Goldfield Drug Co. and The Timmins Branch, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

The Vi-Tone Representative disappointed us at the last moment, after promising us the Swimmers from Toronto. Nevertheless The Big Swim will be carried on. Eleven Entries are in now and more will follow. Last year's winners are among the starters. Come and see them.

Swim Will Commence at 2 p. m. Sharp

2-Mile Swim

Open to All

STARTS AT 2 P.M. SHARP

1st Prize—Silver Cup, by the Canadian Legion.
2nd Prize—Cup, by the Goldfield Drug Co.
3rd Prize—Cup, by the Goldfield Drug Co.

1-Mile Swim

Open to All

STARTS AT 3.15 P.M.

1st prize—Cup 2nd Prize—Cup
3rd Prize—Cup
All Donated by The Goldfield Drug Co.

1-Mile Swim

Ladies Only

STARTS AT 4 P.M. SHARP

1st Prize—Wrist Watch, valued at \$18.50
2nd Prize—Writing Portfolio
3rd Prize—Large Vase
Donated by The Goldfield Drug Co.

Speed Boat Race

4.30 P.M.—10 MILES—16 h.p. and under

Open to All

1st and 2nd Prizes, donated by Marshall-Ecclestone Limited, Timmins, Ont.
3rd Prize—Cup, donated by Chas. Pexton

Dr. Hudson and Dr. McInnis will be present in case of an emergency.

Duck Swim

AT 5 P.M. SHARP—OPEN TO ALL

10 geese will be set free in the lake, these are donated by Jack, proprietor of The Pavilion at Golden City—Catch a Goose and it's yours.

NOTICE—We would ask all Bathers to keep out of the water while the Big Swim is on.

Pigskin Peters

Scotty Wilson, the Barber, is giving a Cup for the Best Pigskin Peters. Come on you Pigskins. Make Your Entries Now.

All entering the Speed Boat Race must wear life preservers.

All Swimmers entering the 2-mile Race must be accompanied by a boat.

ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY SATURDAY. THE DAY BEFORE THE SWIM

Mr. Karl Eyre and Chas. Roach will be in charge of all swims, assisted by members of the Canadian Legion Prizes will be presented to the winners at the Skating Rink, on Monday, August 3rd at 9.00 p.m. sharp.