

### Exchanging Men on Northern Road Work

Another Gang of 46 Went from Timmins on Saturday to Replace Group of Same Number Brought Back.

Another gang of men left Timmins by motor truck to work at Northern Development work at the Devonshire camp. There were 46 men in the group and they simply re-placed another 46 who had been brought back from the work. The gathering of the men around the employment office on Saturday to take the truck trip to Devonshire created quite a bit of interest, but the pleasure in seeing this group of men secure work was dampened by the fact that it also meant that an equal number were to be laid off. This plan of giving one group of men employment for a few weeks and then re-placing them by another group apparently has been adopted by the Ontario Government on this work. Perhaps, it helps out the situation, but there is no doubt that if more work were provided the situation would be much improved. With this half-time work life must certainly be a struggle, though, of course, it will generally be considered better than nothing. There are a number of other public works, such as the road to connect up Sudbury, Elk Lake, Matachewan and Timmins and other mining centres, and if such works had been undertaken in time, there would have been employment for all.

There are some lumbering operations in the district that have helped out a little recently in the matter of employment, a number of men going from here to work in the Bigelow camps. The cleaning of the river between Sandy Falls and Sturgeon is also giving work at present to some 50 or 60 men. The town of Timmins on its work programme has also been employing 60 or 70 men right along. With the latter men, the town has followed the practice of changing the men, so as to give some employment to as many as possible. In this, the town is in different condition to the Government, the town's programme of work being naturally restricted for many reasons, while the Government has full power to open up any of the new works that may be necessary to relieve unemployment which, in its present situation is more a provincial and Dominion responsibility than a municipal one.

### DIVIDENDS PAID BY THE HOLLINGER DURING YEAR

The Toronto Globe says:—Declaration has just been made by the directors of Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, of the thirteenth 5-cents-per-share regular four-weekly dividend for 1931 fiscal year. In addition to this 5-cent payment to be made Dec. 31 to stock record on the tenth it may be recalled that, with the twelfth regular payment made on Dec. 2, the board also included a 5-cents-per-share bonus, thus giving to the shareholders a participation of the premium on gold shipped and realized by the company in the period. Thus is rounded out Hollinger's 1931 dividend record, which amounts to thirteen payments of 5 cents each (disbursed every four weeks), making 65 cents regular and one bonus of 5 cents per share, bringing the year's total payment to the shareholders up to 70 cents per share, exactly equivalent to the total disbursement on regular and extra account for the year 1930.

### GOOD WORK BY KAPUSKASING COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF

Recently a committee was formed in Kapuskasing to care not only for the needy in the town but also in the immediate district. From reports from Kapuskasing and from visitors to that town it would seem that unusually effective and valuable work is being done by the committee. The work has been very ably organized not only to avoid any duplication or imposture, but also to make the very most and best of the money and goods received. Ample quarters for the work of giving out clothing, etc., and for generally handling the relief work have been opened in the town hall building. To this office the applicant for relief may go for help. Clothing and other gifts may be taken to this office. A house to house canvass for clothing has been made in Kapuskasing with good results. Visitors who have noticed the work carried on by the committee speak in high terms of the system, efficiency and scope covered. The committee in charge is a particularly strong one, the best people of the town voluntarily serving on the committee.

The Kapuskasing Northern Tribune last week says:—"Mrs. E. S. Noble held a very dainty tea on Wednesday afternoon, the dining table being prettily decorated in green and yellow. Mrs. M. Hawkins poured tea and Mrs. J. P. S. Ballantyne poured coffee."

### Death of Mother of Local Business Man

Mrs. Joseph Heffernan, Mother of J. T. Heffernan, of Timmins, Passed Away at Toronto Last Week. Formerly Well Known Resident of Guelph.

Friends in the district will extend sympathy to J. T. Heffernan, of Timmins, in the death last week of his mother, Mrs. Joseph Heffernan, who passed away at Toronto. The late Mrs. Heffernan was formerly a well-known and highly-esteemed resident of Guelph and The Guelph Mercury of Thursday last, Dec. 10th, makes the following reference to the death:—"Following a few days' illness, Mrs. Joseph Heffernan died yesterday at her late residence, 84 Jameson avenue, Toronto. She was the widow of the late Joseph Heffernan, C.P.R. agent at Guelph. Mrs. Heffernan went to Toronto twelve years ago and was a member of the Holy Family Church. Surviving are four sons, Joseph T., of Timmins; William S. of Mirror Lake, B.C.; Harry A. of Windsor; Gerald A. of Toronto; and four daughters, Mrs. E. M. Carroll, wife of E. M. Carroll of the Carls-Rite Hotel; Miss Helen, superintendent of the St. Elizabeth Nursing Sisters; Miss Stella of Toronto; and Miss Mildred of Niagara Falls, N.Y. The late Mrs. Heffernan was widely known in Guelph, and a host of friends here learned with deep regret of her passing. Of a bright and loving disposition, her death removes one who was regarded with deep affection by all with whom she came in contact. She was surrounded by her family when she passed away. The funeral was held on Friday morning, from the Church of Our Lady, Guelph, to Marymount Cemetery."

Orilla News-Letter:—Wonderful how tough they do get in some small towns. Here we have tidings from Goderich, Ont., to the effect that the natives have been caught weighing themselves on the Sabbath on the automatic machines distributed throughout the town. The Chief of Police, acting under pressure from the Lord's Day Alliance is insisting that those responsible for the machines lock them up on Sundays and temptation to riotous living will thus be removed.

### C.N.R. TELLS OF A CHURCH BUILT THROUGH CURSING

There are lots of churches built on prayers. The C.N.R., however, tells of one built on cursing.

In a Guayra, principal port of Venezuela which can be conveniently visited by passengers arriving at Trinidad aboard Canadian National liners, there is a church called the "Iglesia de la Santisima Carramba." This, upon translation becomes the "Church of the Most Holy Damn."

The Venezuelan church was paid for from funds gathered by a local priest who fined his parishioners for swearing.

### CANDY FIRM SHOULD SUE UNIVERSITY FOR DAMAGES

(From The Simcoe Reformer)  
It is reported that the University of Toronto librarian has deleted the story of Laura Secord from the new public and high school histories, because he believes it to be of an entirely spurious nature. No less an authority than Fitzgibbon, the Canadian commander at Beaver Dam, gave credit in writing to Laura Secord for saving his force from utter annihilation. Years afterward she was tendered a gift by the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) in honour of her heroism. To the great discredit of the Canadian Government her epic bravery has gone unrecognized to this day. Just recently her life story has been told in "Laura the Undaunted," a biographical sketch by Prince-Brown. We are not informed on what evidence her story is being taken from the text books and if any exists, the Department of Education should hasten to furnish it to an expectant public.

### Sees Development in Coming Season

Lightning River Area is Expected to Show Developments of Importance, According to Opinion of Prospector.

There is a general opinion among the old-time prospectors that enough attention is not being given to Porcupine in the matter of mineral development at the present time. The tendency to centre on distant fields has been more or less discounted by results. On the other hand the most important find of recent years in the gold line seems to be the Matachewan strike which is between the two well-known established gold areas of Porcupine and Kirkland Lake. As Harry Preston has phrased it, "the place to look for gold is where the big mines are." It does seem reasonable to expect that in the neighbourhood of the big mines like those of the Porcupine, there will be found other gold properties of worth on the same line of strike. This would appear to be particularly true in view of the fact that the district has been scarcely scratched as yet. South of Timmins there is every reason to expect big developments in the near future if work is carried on in the townships between here and Matachewan. Indeed, reports from the country south of her suggests that there is likelihood of better properties than any in Matachewan if work is only carried along to develop them.

In the same way there may be expected good news from the area east of here. Recently there has been talk about the Lightning River area, where for years past prospectors have had more than passing interest. Many old-time prospectors have great faith in the Lightning River area.

Predicting an early revival of prospecting and development activity in the Lightning River district, and noting the development of the Beattie prospect in Duparquet township, Quebec, in the same belt, geological described as the easterly extension of the Porcupine gold area, Russell Cryderman, the well known prospector, has forwarded a progress report to unit holders of the Ontario Cryderman Syndicate in which he states:

"By developing her own resources Canada can pull herself out of the present depression. The next most logical place to carry out development on the Porcupine belt would seem to be the Lightning River gold area, and I believe there will be renewed activity in these sections again."

Recalling the history of the Lightning River area it is noted that prospectors have been more or less attracted since 1907 when Severn Ferland and Dan Winks were among the first to prospect the area. In 1908 Joe Lauson, Bill Dillabough, Bill Cooper, Sam Nicholson, Will Woodney and Russ Cryderman visited the field. In 1917 Bill Couchener, Lorne and Ray Howey and Dan Williams made a rich discovery. Five years later W. Seagers and R. S. Manwell made a find on what is now known as the Teddy Bear Valley Mines property. Among others who became interested were I. W. C. Solloway, Harvey Mills, Austin Campbell and D. S. Patterson. In 1923 the Howey brothers made the discovery that led to the development of the Howey Gold Mine. Although closed down and dismantled, the development of this property disclosed interesting ore conditions and at 1,000 feet produced some of the most spectacular gold found in the North Country.

The Ontario Cryderman claims, located a mile north of the Harker break, were staked in the fall of 1923, and the following spring prospectors picked up the main mineralized break, work on which has been concentrated at intervals since. At the present time the property consists of ten patented claims. A further programme of development work is contemplated next year.

### Development on the Ashley Progressing

Work Going Forward on the Original Discovery in the Matachewan Area. Shaft Completed to the 500-ft. Level.

A despatch from Elk Lake last week says:—"A shaft has been completed to 500 feet at the Ashley Gold Mines in Bannockburn township. A crosscut is now being pushed on that level to the vein. Once the vein is cut on this level work will start on the 375-foot level, where so far nothing has been done but just a station."

"With the coming of electric power and it is expected that it will be available by the middle of January, there will be a speeding up of Ashley development. Electrically-driven mining equipment is being taken in and the number of drills operated will be about doubled. Drifts will be continued on the 125 and 250-foot levels as well as the development of the new 375 and 500 levels."

"A large gang is working on the road from Elk Lake, the plan of the Ontario government being to make available next summer a road suitable for trucking."

"The power transmission line, which connects the Ashley with the Quince power line at High Falls, ten miles distant, is going ahead rapidly. One of the biggest tasks in connection with it will be the taking in of the transformers. These weigh about 18 tons each and have to be kept in an upright position."

"It is hoped that by next spring work will be sufficiently advanced on the four levels to permit the reaching of a

decision on a mill. It is understood that a mill is likely to be operating there next summer, but its size will depend on what is disclosed by underground development work in the meantime. Officials are well satisfied with the disclosures by drifting on the 125 and 250-foot levels as well as indications of diamond drilling. The latest drill hole cut two vein sections north of the shaft at 700-odd feet. This hole was from surface and while the ore width was less than the five feet reported unofficially, values were high and indicate good commercial grade across a workable width.

"Mining Corporation of Canada owns practically all the outstanding capitalization of Ashley, small blocks being held by the members of the syndicate making the discovery and Queimont owning a block purchased from the corporation."

### Schools Close Dec. 22 and Re-open on Jan. 4th

The public, separate, and high and vocational schools in Timmins will close on Tuesday of next week, Dec. 22nd, for the Christmas holidays, and will re-open after the vacation, on Monday morning, Jan. 4th. It may be noted that the Ontario Dept. of Education regulations govern the dates for the opening and closing of schools, and any change from the dates thus set have to be made by school boards on their own responsibility. The dates for this year as laid down by the department are Dec. 22nd to Jan. 4th, for the Christmas holidays. This makes the Christmas vacation a matter of about ten days. In some other years the schools here were closed at Christmas time for two weeks or more, the ex-

tension being made on account of the fact that many of the teachers here live in distant parts of the province and it would take them two or three days or more to reach their homes for Christmas, the actual holiday thus being short enough. In some recent years ratenayers have found fault with the extension of time for holidays and perhaps for this reason there is now a tendency on the part of the school boards to more strictly conform to the regulations as laid down by the department.

### RECOUNT ASKED FOR IN THE ELECTION AT COCHRANE

In the municipal election contest at Cochrane last week there was a surprisingly large vote polled in view of the inclement weather. The contest was a very keen one though there was no bitterness or ill-will of any kind. The vote was quite close for the six members for council, the lowest man elected, Laflamme, having 397, while the next highest, in the unsuccessful candidates, A. E. Wicks, well known in Timmins on account of being president of the Hawk Lake Lumber Co., received 395 votes. Many citizens asked for a recount, alleging unsatisfactory conditions at one poll. Two votes will be considered few to make up so the sixth member of the council may be changed. It is understood that according to the wishes of many pressing him to do so, Mr. Wicks has formally asked for a recount. The Cochrane councillors as elected last week were:—Messrs Owens, Carter, O'Malley, Duranceau, Hobson and Laflamme.

New York Life:—Men will wear brown this winter, says a stylist. They will if they did last winter.

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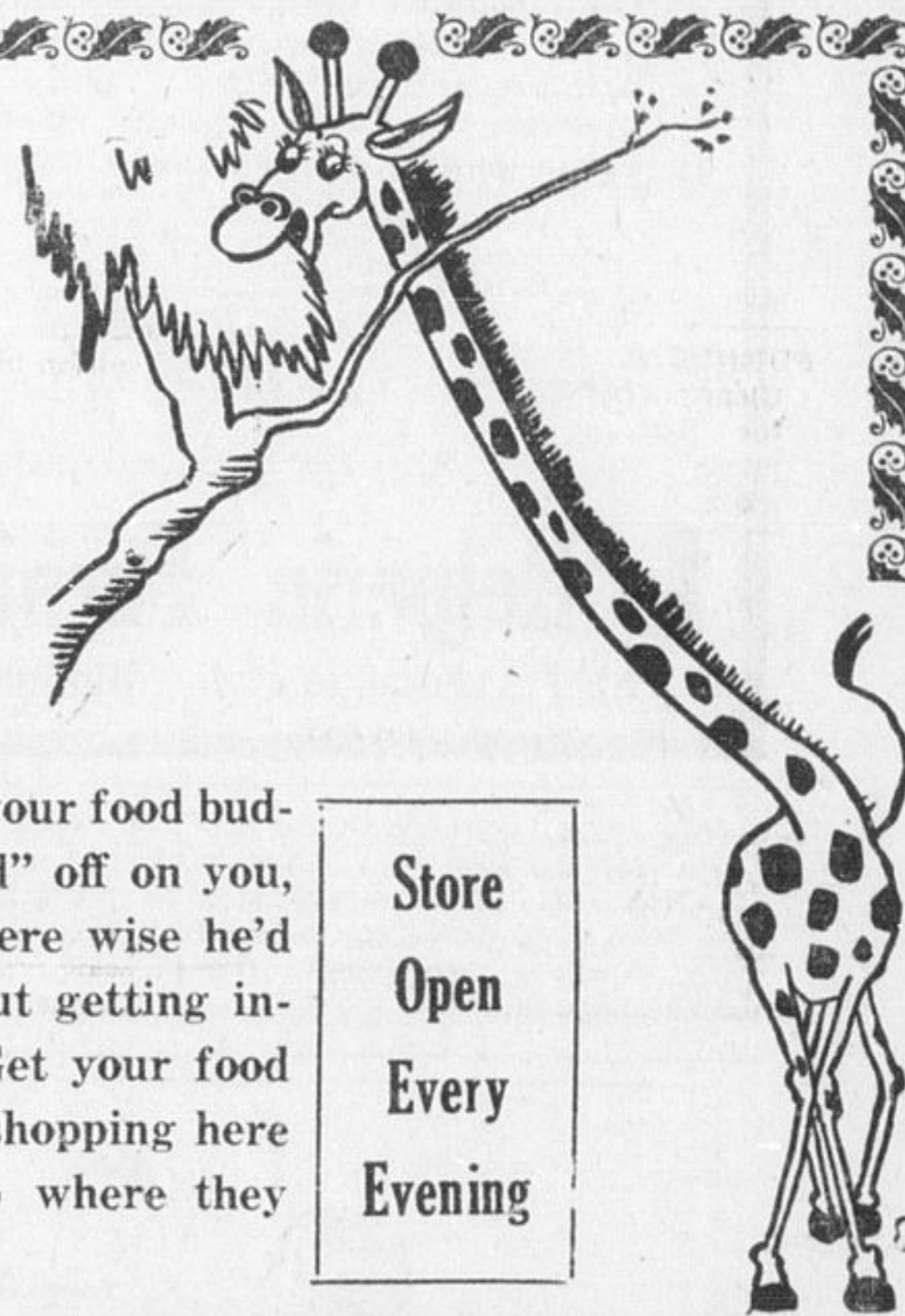
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