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COBALT CHILD SEVERELY BURNED IN ODD ACCIDENT

An odd accident caused severe injuries recently to the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosicki. The little girl was playing with a pet kitten, using a silk handkerchief in the play. The handkerchief came into contact with the open wires of an electric heater and took fire. The flame spread to the dress of the little girl and immediately she was enveloped in flames. Her screams brought her father who tore off the dress and beat out the flames with his hands. Before this could be done, however, the little girl was badly burned about the body, with the right arm being especially injured. The youngster is making good progress to recovery but skin grafting has been necessary to heal the burns in the arm.

Many Fliers Now at Elk Lake These Days

Elk Lake the Gathering Place for Number of Planes. One Flying Company Making Headquarters at Town.

A despatch last week from Elk Lake says:—"Elk Lake is quite a rendezvous this year for airmen, there being at present installed in the village six or seven aviators, who will likely be staying around here for a few days until they are sorted out and sent to their different posts. Jeff O'Brien is doing most of the flying at present. He is making regular trips to Matachewan, and Sunday made four trips to Whitefish Lake. Mr. O'Brien is well-known in aviation. He has made numerous flights over the continent and has written many articles in connection with flying. M. P. MacNamara is another who is at Elk Lake this year. He is likely to be a permanent fixture there, as he is going to keep the books for the aviation station. Superintendent Ross Baker will also be at Elk Lake a good part of the time and will go from one station to another, but stay in Elk Lake a great part of the time. Wilson Clarke, who did all the flying last year, and Mr. Langford, are away on a trip to Chapleau. Mrs. Langford is at Elk Lake, awaiting her husband's return. She is taking rooms in a house belonging to Don Connelly. Mr. Fisher, another employe of the General Airways Company, is domiciled at Gordon Porter's. Mr. Brown who is president of the company, is expected to arrive in Elk Lake before long, to allot the different posts to the fliers. Mr. Brown is the R.C.A.F. man who brought down the German ace Reichler during the Great War. The planes they have at present are a couple of Balances, a Moth, also a Fairchild. It is expected that Jeff O'Brien will be stationed at Amos, although it has not yet been definitely settled."

THE THREE WAYS THAT GOLD IS PRODUCED IN CANADA

It is pointed out by a mining and industrial edition of The Toronto Mail and Empire that the gold production of Canada is recovered by three methods. There is the sluicing or dredging of gold from the gravels of the rivers and streams, or what is called "alluvial gold mining;" the recovery of lode gold or auriferous quartz mining, and in the third place gold is often associated with other ores, particularly with deposits of copper. Of the 1930 output 1,782,375 fine ounces came from crude bullion recovered in gold mines. Alluvial gold accounted for 42,324 ounces. Fine gold in blister copper and base bullion made at Canadian smelters from Canadian ores totalled 172,642 fine ounces, while the estimated recovery of gold in ores, matte, slags and concentrates exported to foreign smelters was 104,227 fine ounces.

H. W. Sutcliffe was re-elected mayor of New Liskeard by acclamation. New Liskeard, as a result, is sure of safe and progressive municipal direction for 1932.

Spirit of Macaulay Still in Evidence

There were Pessimists in 1830, but the Great Essayist and Historian kept a Hopeful Spirit in Dark Days.

There are people to-day who believe the present depression is the worst that has ever visited the world. It is hard to convince the man who feels the pinch of hard times at present that the evil of the moment does not transcend all other evils of the past. There have been a number of newspapers, magazines, books and speeches of long ago to show that in years gone by there have been people who felt deeply that the ill times they lived in surpassed all other days for meanness and poor prospects. Perhaps, these extracts from people far in the past will give people to-day a more balanced picture of conditions in the world. The Advance believes that the world has advanced greatly, but there is still room for further progress. It would seem to be helpful to learn of evil days in the past and to remember that they passed and better days came—that man overcame their adversities—that hopefulness was surely justified in the past, and so may be considered to-day as equally warranted. In practically all of the quotations used in regard to past depressions only pessimistic recounting of the evil times has been featured. Last week The Acton Free Press went a desirable step further. The Acton Free Press went back a hundred years for a quotation, but the article breathed a fine faith and optimism. Anyone who has read history must admit that the optimist was right in this case. There used to be an old saying to the effect that everything would be all right in a hundred years. In the case of the 1830 depression everything became prosperous since then—several times. Business revived and the pessimists were shamed—several times. Here is the editorial article from The Acton Free Press:—

A Hundred Years Ago To many the closing of the present year of 1931 may seem to have been one of little progress and not have contained the brightest recollections. The other evening a young man in Acton who is not daunted by what may appear the cloudy side of things, gave us a little pamphlet with the query: "Do you want an editorial?" It was an extract from Macaulay's Essays, written in 1830—"The Tide is Coming In," and we reproduce the article just as given. Please remember it was written a hundred years ago. "The present moment is one of great distress. But how small will that distress appear when we think over the history of the last forty years; a war, compared with which all others sink into insignificance; taxation, such as the most heavily taxed people of former times could not have conceived; a debt larger than all the public debts that have ever existed in the world added together; the food of the people studiously rendered dear; the currency imprudently debased, and imprudently restored. Yet is the country poorer than in 1790? We firmly believe that in spite of all the misgovernment of her rulers, she has been almost constantly becoming richer and richer. Now and then there has been a stoppage, now and then a short retrogression; but as to the general tendency there can be no doubt. A single breaker may recede; but the tide is evidently coming in. If we were to prophesy that in the year 1930 a population of fifty millions, better fed, better clad and lodged than the English of our time, will cover these islands—that machines constructed on principles yet undiscovered will be in every house—that our vast debt as it seems to us, will appear trifling to our great-grandchildren, many peoples would think us insane. We prophesy nothing; but this we say: If any person had told the Parliament which met after the crash of 1720 that in 1830 the wealth of England would surpass their wildest dreams—that stage-coaches would run from London to York in twenty-four hours, that men would be in the habit of sailing without wind, and would be beginning to ride without horses, our ancestors would have given as much credit to the prediction as they gave to "Gulliver's Travels." We cannot absolutely prove that those are in error who tell us that society has reached a turning point, that we have seen our best days. But so said all who came before us, and with just as much apparent reason."

WHAT'S IN A NAME IN POLICE COURT IN THE NORTH LAND?

At a recent police court in Cobalt, Magistrate Atkinson might well have used that quotation from Shakespeare, "What's in a name?" Among those giving evidence at this session of police court, either as complainants, defendants or witnesses were people bearing the following names:—Rosicki, Stimowski, Stasiak, Represynski, Novisak, Swychuk, Menicz and Polinski. In the case of nearly every man entering the witness box it was necessary to ask that the name be spelled out. In some cases the witness had to write the name, and in some of these instances an expert was necessary to read the name after it was written. The fact that the names do not sound as they are spelled added to the difficulty. It is a fair bet and a safe one to wager that in most of the cases the names were not spelled right after all the trouble taken. The way of a former distinguished gentleman of Polish extraction who lived at Barry's Bay in Renfrew County has much to commend it. His name in its original form had great length and intricacy. It would have been a stumbling block and an offence to all English-speaking folk. So the gentleman translated it into easy English as "Adam Prince," and everybody was happy and Adam Prince was one of the most popular leaders in Renfrew County.



"MERCY KILLER" Rather than permit longer suffering of her invalid daughter, Mrs. Rosebud Harris (above) of Glendale, California, shot 20-year-old Helen to death, then ended her own life by inhaling gas. The frantic mother shot her daughter as the invalid lay asleep in their modest home.

MINING IS THE KEY TO ALL HUMAN PROGRESS

Writer Pictures a World With Mining Discontinued as One Gone Back from Civilization and All Chance of Advancement. Some time ago The Advance published an article on the value of the mining industry to civilization, to progress, and to the ease and comfort of mankind. In commenting upon this article a friend of The Advance asked what the world would be like if mining were to be completely discontinued. The question gives fine opportunity for the play of the imagination. The cessation of mining would appear to be impossible unless modern civilization is also to discontinue. This thought is touched upon in a letter in The Northern Miner last week. It is well worth reading by all. In this mining country people are often so close to mining and so busy with actual work about mining that they do not stop to consider all about mining. It is like the man who could not see the bush for the trees. Here is the letter appearing in The Northern Miner last week:— Editor, The Northern Miner: The mining of minerals, the great basic industry which has contributed more for the good of mankind than any other, without which most of the great inventions now so commonplace to us to-day would have been impossible, and the one endeavour which is still the most maligned by ill advised and unthinking people the world over. It seems very strange that such should be the case when one can easily find for himself that our present day civilization has been built to its high degree of perfection mainly through the discovery of minerals and their economic use in the scheme of affairs. Can anyone imagine what chaos would ensue should we suddenly be cut off from the finding and use of minerals? It would be a calamity that the world under its present mode of existence would be entirely unable to cope with. Every human endeavour would cease to operate, famine and epidemics would quickly destroy the population, and a state of individual war would begin in which even the strongest would hardly be able to survive. Our modern man would be utterly unable to conform to primitive ways of living and would thus be a prey to his own ineptness. Picture a world without gold, silver, copper, iron, coal, lead, zinc, radium, and the innumerable other economic minerals. What could we do without trains, steamships, telephones, telegraphs, cooking utensils, light, heat, power, bridges and the other conveniences of to-day? Look at it from another angle, visualize the countries which have risen from the ruck and you will find that it was their possession of minerals which was responsible. Take Great Britain with her coal, Germany with her iron, France with her coal and iron, Spain with her iron and copper, Russia with her diversified minerals, South Africa with her diamonds, gold, copper, United States with her gold, silver, copper, lead, etc., and finally the country which is showing the greatest resistance to the present day depression and which will lead the way back to recovery—Canada, with her great resources of gold, silver, copper, lead, radium and other minerals, and with the surface hardly scratched. Think of the great fortunes which have been built up through the medium of the mining industry and faith in its ultimate success; space is too short to put them down here but their name is legion. The industry of mining has its disadvantages just like any other branch of the commercial world but its rewards are much greater in proportion than in any other line of endeavour. It is not my purpose to evade the issue of unfair practices, minimize the risk of speculation, nor to conveniently omit any mention of the excesses of such speculation, but all these faults can be equally applied to any other industry or undertaking. Forget for the moment the lure and romance which has been built around mining, look at it in the cold light of reason, weigh it up in the balance of economic value and utility and what do we find? We find that mining is the Key to Human Progress. Canada has this most valuable key in her possession, let her use it to the greatest advantage and profit of all her people. Every ton of mineral raised from its hidden storehouse is new wealth which will add to her power and strength and the well being of her people. To those who seek to accomplish these fine things for us let us pay tribute, let us help them to accomplish their purpose, not only with moral but real substantial support, and soon this depression will be but a memory almost forgotten in the prosperous days which await us in the not far distant future. Montreal. J.M.

Kirkland Lake Kiwanis Club have a place for their weekly luncheons, having arranged to meet hereafter every week in the club rooms at Kirkland Lake. They held the first meeting of the new year in the elegant new quarters.

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INSURED? Fires occur usually when least expected. How would you fare if your property were destroyed? Fully protected or not?

THE FINANCIAL DEPRESSION AS REPORTED IN COBALT Heard in the Cobalt post office as reported in The Northern News last week:— First man (talking about another man and his money)—"Well, my money isn't worrying me." Second man—"By gosh, mine is. If I were to lose this dime, I'd be dead broke." Powassan News:—Leap Year should be a good omen. Business will go ahead in leaps—maybe.

LADIES' BOWLING LEAGUE FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 5TH

The following are the scores for the Ladies' Bowling League for January 5th, 1932:— Business Girls 644 590 671 1905 Ramblers 652 596 717 1965 Ramblers win four points. N.B.B.O. 698 962 944 2504 Trained Nurses 622 851 750 2223 N.B.B.O. win four points. Left Overs 768 841 874 2483 Y. P. L. 844 697 620 2161 Left Overs win three points. Moose 640 771 744 2155 Business Col. 754 746 711 2211 Each win two points. High Single Score—Mrs. E. Brennan—276 High Total Score—Mrs. E. Brennan—613.

Santa Claus Got to Red Lake by Plane

Airship Used so That Christmas Might be on Time at Northern Mining Camps. Hundred and Ninety-two Concerned.

A few weeks ago The Advance told how Santa Claus reached the South although there was no snow for sleighing this year—he simply got on the T. & N. O. at Moose Harbour. The Sudbury Star last week told another one—how Santa Claus got to Red Lake. He went by airplane. This is the full account as given by The Sudbury Star:—"Discarding his traditional reindeer for more modern means of travel, Santa Claus surprised residents of outlying mining camps this year by arriving literally on the wings of the wind, aboard a roaring, soaring aeroplane. "The story of how Christmas was 'saved' for 192 employees of the Howey Gold Mine and their families, including 74 kiddies, is related by G. R. 'Scotty' MacLaren, assistant superintendent of the Howey, who is spending a few days of the holiday in the Sudbury district. "The Howey mine, as those who know their mining geography are aware, is situated at Red Lake, about 120 miles north of Sioux Lookout on the Canadian National Transcontinental Railway. As in most mining camps preparations for Christmas were elaborate. A collection was taken, the men in the mine contributing from \$1 to \$5 apiece to net \$400 for a Christmas tree. Orders for the presents and general supplies were despatched to the railway in ample time for delivery by Christmas. Under normal weather conditions aeroplane service between Red Lake and the outside world is usually resumed by the middle of December. "This year the dread word filtered through that soft weather and other delays might prevent any supplies reaching the camp in time for the great event. A period of intense anxiety ensued, parents gradually willing under the accusing gaze of their children as Christmas drew near and no sign of the promised Santa, reindeer or gifts! Veiled hints that the old saint might have difficulty 'getting through' encountered a scornful reception. Altogether it looked like a doleful Christmas and parents were generally preparing to go into seclusion. "Within two days of Christmas a welcome cold snap set in and all eyes were strained toward the southern sky. At the eleventh hour came Santa himself, swooping down with a roar for a perfect 'three point' landing on the slush of Red Lake. Cheers arose. Three trips were required to land all the supplies on the Howey property, but the crisis had passed. Christmas was saved."

Sudbury Star:—"Hope springs eternal," writes E. G. "My wife says she will be satisfied if I get her for this Christmas a pair of stockings which I can put something in next Christmas."

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