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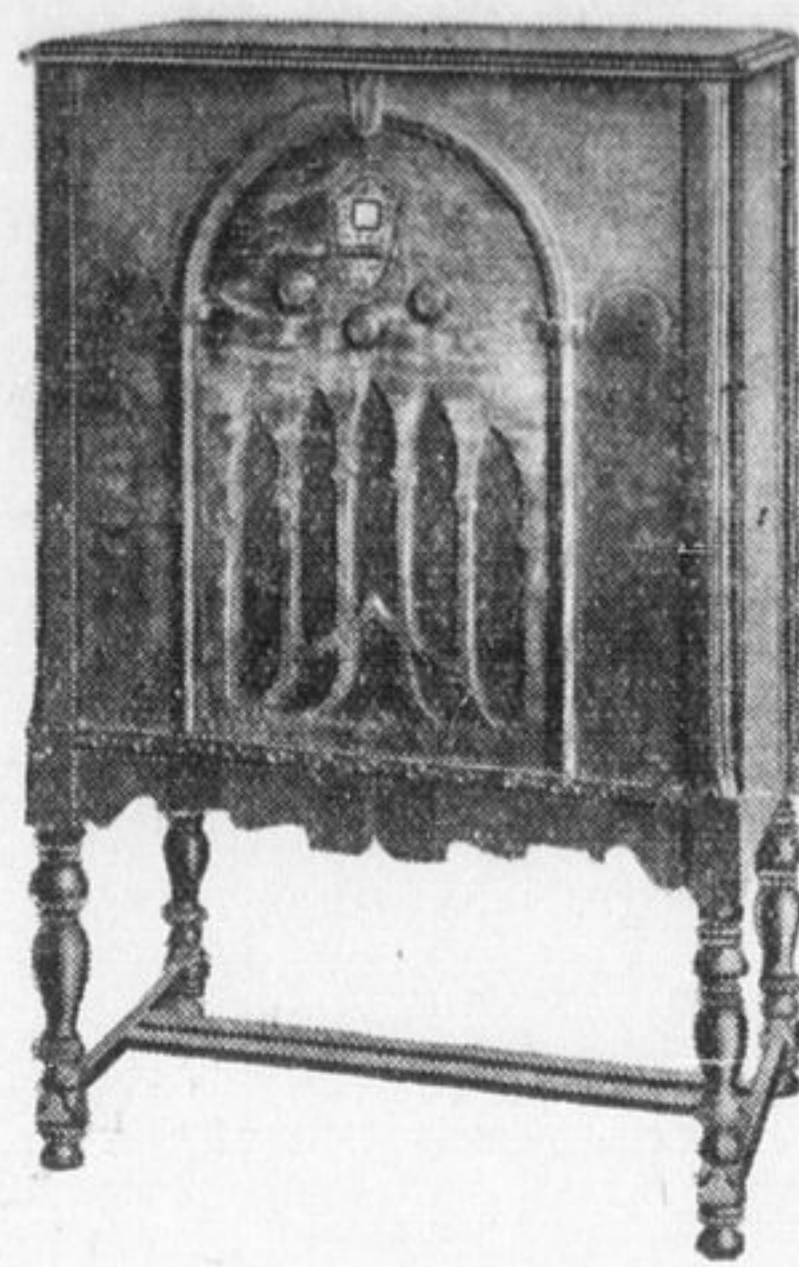
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Hon. Chas. McCrea Doing Great Work for Mining

The following is an editorial from The Northern Miner last week:—

"In the annual reports of Canadian banks, in the speeches of Canadian ministers, in the reports of great insurance and industrial companies there has appeared in recent weeks a note which should be highly reassuring to those directly or indirectly interested in the mining industry. It is pleasing to find repeated references to the value of mineral production to the country. It is cheering to note the recognition which has come to mining at a time when all other sources of national income are dwindling rapidly. It is particularly interesting to observe the change of heart which has in recent days come over officials who, only two years ago, were willing to listen to the voice of a disgruntled and disillusioned public and to condemn the whole mining industry for the sins of its hangers-on.

"Ontario has been blessed for years with a Minister of Mines who has been sympathetic to the industry, who has a practical knowledge of it and who has given battle in its cause on many occasions. Hon. Chas. McCrea has to our certain knowledge done good work in the interest of mining, pleading its cause in high places where at times there was lacking a sympathetic feeling. We have no hesitation in saying that when a premier can find such men as McCrea in Toronto and Gordon in Ottawa, to handle an important department he has in large measure solved his difficulties.

"On several occasions in the past few months we have had occasion to suggest to the Ontario Government that a re-examination of the Blue Sky legislation might result in the discovery of hampering and harmful clauses. Our plea has been based on the knowledge that mining promotion at work was being discouraged by regulations which tended to throw on the promoter, regardless of his record or intentions, the onus of bringing in a payable mine. The regulations, moreover, worked along lines which made legal officials of the government judges as to what prospects might become mines. We have pointed out that such provision was rather absurd and that it precluded a fore-knowledge which could not reasonably be expected. It is therefore with considerable satisfaction that we have noted the recent speech of Hon. Charles McCrea, in which he openly urged Ontario business men to risk their dollars in the development of the provincial mineral resources. Mr. McCrea has a good case before the bar of public opinion and he has presented it in a reasonable way. The final verdict should not be in doubt.

"It is reassuring also to note that Col. Drew with whom lies the responsibility for the enforcement and interpretation of the Securities Act, has also placed himself on record as favouring mining development along legitimate lines. In his announcement that the only aim of his department was to see that the mines and not the public were mined he has the support of the whole industry and certainly that of this publication."

Change the Play-off Dates for the Northern Teams

According to word sent out from North Bay this week, the playoffs between Kapuskasing and Iroquois Falls, bye-holders in the Northern Group of the N.O.H.A., announced on Wednesday, February 6 and 13, have been changed to February 13 and February 16 or 17, with the first game at Iroquois Falls. The survivors will qualify to meet the winners of the group for the right to enter the association play-downs. Timmins is leading the group, with Kirkland Lake in second place. A post-schedule series will determine the winners of these two leaders to meet the winners of Kapuskasing-Iroquois Falls series.

the added restrictions. For some years they were fairly beseeched to keep some sort of control over their dogs so that the free and easy methods of enforcing the dog by-law might continue. Some valued the latitude given, but others imposed on the leniency shown and allowed their dogs to become a nuisance. Accordingly, the matter had to be dealt with by rule and so good dogs and good dog-owners had to suffer for the sins of those not so good.

Mr. Woodbury encloses in his letter clippings from The New York Telegram in reference to the trouble between China and Japan. Also pictures from The New York Telegram and The New York Sun showing streets views of the parade of the Black Watch and Cameron Highlanders in New York. Mr. Woodbury saw the parade and says it blocked Fifth avenue for thirty minutes.

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Big Gold Rush on to the Island Lake Area

Airplanes and Dog Teams Racing from Many Points Carrying Prospectors to New Gold District.

There is an old-time gold rush on these days to the Island Lake area. Airplanes and dog teams, the new and the old type of travel for prospectors, are in use. Crowds of men are said to be going in to the new field. A despatch this week from The Pas, Manitoba, says:—"Newest of the North Land's treasure troves, Island Lake, is under assault today by the forces of the mining world. Movement of prospectors to the area which straddles the Manitoba-Ontario boundary has developed into one of the greatest gold rushes in many years, say mining men here.

"Airplanes and dog-teams are racing from several points toward the little-known district where valuable samples of ore were found late last fall. A blustery winter has had no power to keep back serious prospecting until spring.

"From Sioux Lookout, Ont., and Norway House and Wabowden, near here, groups of men are leaving daily for the island-dotted lake whose future as a gold field has quickened the pulse of the entire Canadian mining world. Diamond drilling equipment is being rushed to Wabowden, on the Hudson Bay Railway, and will be taken to Island Lake, 400 miles distant, by dog teams.

"Prospectors here plan an early invasion of the lake country in the spring immediately after break-up. They ridicule the idea of prospectors going into a strange area like the Island Lake country and staking claims without first obtaining any idea of the formation."

Plan Conciliation for All Disputes in Ontario Mines

The Toronto Mail and Empire on Tuesday of this week says:—"Compulsory submission of labour disputes in all Ontario mines and public utilities to boards of conciliation, and provision for optional use of the same machinery throughout the fabric of all other industry, is the intent of legislation to be introduced as a Government measure at the forthcoming session, it is understood.

"The measure is designed to bring Ontario up-to-date in the matter of taking advantage of the existing Federal legislation. It was explained that the Industrial Disputes Act was declared ultra vires in 1925 and that the Federal Government then amended it to make it intra vires," the paper says.

"Ontario, however, took no steps to set up enabling legislation to enable the province to utilize the machinery furnished by the Dominion and Ontario's old Trades Disputes Act was left upon the statute books to become virtually dormant. This provincial act has not been used since 1905. It is understood that Hon. J. D. Montell, Minister of Labour, is bringing down a measure to set up the necessary machinery in Ontario," says the Mail.

Port Arthur News.—Garonicle.—Mansaskaberta is suggested as the combination name for the three prairie provinces under one government as proposed. That should end the movement.



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Hockey at Highway Camps Emphasized

Hon. Mr. Finlayson Shows Personal Interest in Hockey Contests. Has Given a Cup for Competition.

Everyone will be pleased to know that Hon. Mr. Finlayson is personally so interested in the sports at the trans-Canada highway camps that he has donated a cup for competition. Where a number of men are gathered together as in these camps, there is no doubt but that sports have a splendid effect. They make life more worth living for the men, and they make the men more contented and so better workmen. Sports keep up the morale and the morals of the men and so are very valuable. Accordingly, there will be gratification because Hon. Mr. Finlayson is interested in the sports of the men at the highway camps. At the same time there is more to life than sport. It is little comfort to a man who is working at small pay and has a long distance to reach his home, to know when he is discharged or laid off that he saw some fair hockey anyway. It may be better than having to go without even the hockey, but it would be better still if the man felt that the Minister in charge was more interested in men than in sports. This line of thought is suggested by an article now going the rounds of the press, and reading as follows:—

"Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, and Northern Development, whose encouragement of sport is so well-known, has given a cup trophy for hockey, to be competed for by the camps of the North Bay-Pembroke section of the trans-Canada high-

way. "The hockey enthusiasts, of whom there are a few or many in every camp on the highway, have had their enthusiasm for the making of rinks somewhat dulled by the continuously mild weather that has been experienced.

"It will be understood that the leveling and building up of a rink on rough ground, which is the task of most of the camps, involves considerable work, and that when this has to be done after supper and a day's work, and in the dark, the process is slow. Naturally, in the long periods of mild, even rainy, weather that has elapsed, it has been difficult to keep the purpose to the fore.

"Only at the camps where access can be had to lake or pond has there been any skating. Yet even now a spell of cold weather would change the situation considerably, and there would certainly be keen competition for that cup.

"A hockey game between trans-Canada camps was played recently, Mattawa meeting Stonefield. Although the latter lost out, they put up a good showing, especially in view of the fact that owing to rink trouble they had had no practice.

"But if the weather has been unfavourable to outdoor sport the reverse has been the case with the work. Work has been carried on until now, of a nature that was not anticipated for this time of the year. Shallow grading work is still possible in places, and apart from the tops of hills and some other spots, the frost has not entered deeply. The frozen crust is in many places no more than a few inches deep, and then is of a more porous, spongy, nature than is usually the case in the winter.

"The highway operations in general have settled down to a steady routine and progress is very satisfactory. Not only has the work been advanced greatly by the open weather but much more pleasant working conditions have resulted for the men.

"The men in general are working well and are satisfied with their conditions. Some of a more restless nature may be tempted by the situation that they have now completed the necessary number of working days (nine), giving them the privilege of a reduced rate of railway fare back to the place from which they started. This is tempting a few here and there along the line to throw up their jobs. In so doing the loss is entirely their own as it causes no interference with the operations; making them, indeed, easier and more economical to handle.

"In camps fortunate enough to possess good organizers for entertainment, some very pleasant times are spent in the evenings and on Sundays. Concerts and sing-sings, card tournaments, etc.

"The camp services conducted by the representatives of three religious organizations in the field, namely, the United Church of Canada, the Church Army (Anglican), and the Salvation Army, are very well attended and appreciated by the men.

"There has been very little of serious sickness in the camps. Colds have been prevalent but no more than elsewhere. What accidents have occurred have been mostly of a minor character. Slight cuts and bruises, and injuries to feet from being caught in the handling of rock and boulders. Lack of manual experience and skill is responsible for many of these slight mishaps.

"There is close attention given to health by a medical authority who visits each camp at frequent intervals, attending to all cases of sickness, and keeping a check on sanitation and the quality and preparation of food. Sick men from different parts of the line are being taken care of in the hospitals at North Bay, Mattawa and Pembroke.

"In all, the highway construction undertaking may be said to be progressing steadily and favourably in all respects."

Results of the McIntyre Bowling League Last Week

In the McIntyre bowling league last week, Angrignon, Morandin and Cooke were the winners.

Cameron, of Cooke's team rolled high single score, 376, and high total, 841, for three games.

The following are the scores for the bowling last week:—
 Innes 666 918 1186 2770
 Angrignon 839 1001 1125 2965
 Angrignon won three points.
 Jenkins 813 847 877 2537
 Morandin 1062 1032 1112 3206
 Morandin won four points.
 Arnot 742 663 715 2120
 Cooke 971 806 752 2529
 Cooke won four points.

High-Grade Sampies from Week's Run of the Press

North Bay Nugget:—Judging from the prison riots in England the U.S. penetration in that country is becoming serious.

St. Mary's Journal-Argus:—Roger Babson, well-known statistician, says the worst is over and the depression is now "in retreat". We hope Roger knows.

Ottawa Journal:—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics points out that the general level of prices in Canada has decreased by 15 per cent. in the last two years. What about the argument that if you keep out foreign goods with tariffs domestic producers will send prices up? Mr. Bennett has been keeping out the foreign goods—as witness the decline in our imports—yet here are prices dropping by 15 per cent. Is this just one more economic theory gone wrong?

T. & N. O. Curlers Not Seeking Any Union

Report at Chapleau About an All-Northern Ontario Bonselpiel Apparently Nothing but a Hoax.

At the Northern Ontario Curling Association bonselpiel held at Chapleau last week there was a report to the effect that the T. & N. O. Curling Association or the North Bay Club or somebody somewhere was anxious for an All-Northern Ontario annual bonselpiel to be held at North Bay or Sudbury. The curlers gathered at Chapleau credited the report to such an extent that the bonselpiel programme for Thursday night was cancelled and preparations made for a conference that night with representatives from the T. & N. O. Curling Association, however, had given no thought whatever to the idea, being altogether too busy with the T. & N. O. bonselpiel at Timmins to have thought for anything else. When the matter was called to attention, it was remembered first of all that the plan of having a T. & N. O. bonselpiel has been remarkably successful, there having been two remarkably good bonselpiels already, one last year at New Liskeard and the one this year at Timmins. The old plan of taking in all Northern Ontario had been tried before and had not proved nearly as successful, to put it mildly. From the two years of its existence it would appear that the T. & N. O. Curling Association idea is working unusually well, and so far as can be learned no one concerned has thought of making a change. For instance, the only complaint against the bonselpiel at Timmins this year was that the event absorbed all thoughts of everything else, families, business, everything going by the boards for the week, but, of course, all this is a count in favour of the T. & N. O. bonselpiel.

There were nineteen visiting rinks at Timmins last week, while the Northern Curling Association bonselpiel at Chapleau last week had only six visiting rinks. The total number of rinks here was 38, while at Chapleau the total number of rinks entered was eighteen.

G. E. Nicholson, M.P., of Chapleau, is credited with having relayed the message to the curlers at Chapleau in regard to the supposed move from an amalgamation for a Northern Ontario Curling Association bonselpiel at North Bay or Sudbury each year. North Bay club officials denied all knowledge of the idea. It was absolute news to the T. & N. O. Curling Association. So there you are.

A report from Chapleau on the question as published by The North Bay Nugget reads as follows:—

"The consolidation of all Northern Ontario "for one large bonselpiel," as proposed by the North Bay Curling Association on Thursday seems to be more or less of a hoax according to a telegram received by R. Thrush, bonselpiel secretary. The message runs as follows: "Your message received. We have no committee on centralization and all we know about it is that a member of North Bay club exchanged some messages with Mr. Nicholson. He had no authority to speak for any one but himself and as our group now consists of 900 curlers in the district from North Bay to Kapuskasing and Noranda, neither the president, the president-elect or myself consider centralization a practical proposition but if you wish us to formally consider the matter at our next annual meeting I will be glad to place the question on the agenda." Signed R. W. Thompson, secretary T. & N. O. Curling Association."

St. Catharines Standard:—J. S. Woodworth, M.P., after his return from Russia declares he would not live there. As a matter of fact, he couldn't very long and insist on making the speeches he likes to make in Canada.

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