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Reforestation is Urged for Ontario

Speaker at Rotary Club in Bowmanville Shows Value of the Bush Lot to the ordinary Farm.

An interesting and instructive address was recently delivered by G. M. Linton, of the Provincial Forest Station, Orono, Ont., before the Rotary Club in Bowmanville, Ont. He spoke on reforestation in the province and said in part: "It is not many years since we heard the orator declaiming upon the inexhaustible forest wealth of our Dominion. But—no longer do we hear those words. As the limits at present held are cut over there are no new areas to be picked up in the next township. The cream of the logging has been skimmed and the lumberman must go deeper and deeper into the wilderness and make logs of more and more inferior quality. The last of the white pine areas are being tapped and the Norway pine is nearing exhaustion—balsam, hemlock are being cut in increasing quantities to make up the shortage—but to make up that shortage with inferior material. The lumberman on the West Coast is being forced to cut by heavy interest charges. This has resulted in over-production which has caused a serious slump reacting disastrously on our lumbermen of the East. But from the best information which I can obtain thirty to forty years is placed as the limit for the huge timber areas of the West coast at the present rate of cut. Truly the condition of our forest resources is a matter which merits the gravest consideration."

"In Ontario a beginning was made in reforestation in 1909, when the Provincial Forest Station at St. Williams in Norfolk County was organized. For a number of years the work progressed slowly an average of 250,000 to 300,000 trees being distributed each year. After the war, however, a greatly added impetus was given reforestation and, as a result the stock produced for distribution rapidly increased until by 1922, 3,000,000 trees were available each year. Still the demand far exceeded the supply and in that year two other areas were purchased—one at Midhurst in Simcoe County, the other at Orono in Durham County. Since these nurseries have come into production we have been able to keep pace with the rapidly increasing demand and maintain a small surplus for planting on crown lands."

"To the farmer the woodlot is a source of real value. In the first place wood and timber are now becoming regarded in the same way as any other crop on the farm. Farms with woodlots are more readily marketable being more quickly bought by purchasers who consider the aesthetic value of the trees as well as by those who view only the liquid asset which is furnished. Run down woodlots respond readily to care and improved methods of management by greatly increased growth not only of volume but also of quality. They permit the use of and furnish an income from lands which would in many cases be only a liability. Through periods of depression when wood prices are low the timber remains a liquid asset which may be cashed in on if necessary for the general financing of the farm."

TECK TOWNSHIP NOW HAS AN EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES

An epidemic of measles is reported from the township of Teck. According to the reports from Kirkland Lake the disease first broke out in the Separate school. Teck township officials are making determined efforts to check the spread of the disease and believe that they have it now under control with the chance of further cases much minimized. One day last week there were said to be 21 cases of common measles and 2 cases of German measles. Eleven cases had developed the week before. It appears as if reporting of all cases and enforcement of quarantine would lessen the epidemic form of such diseases. In this the public has to give whole-hearted cooperation, or stringent measures, like those in regard to the throat disease at Kirkland Lake a couple of years ago have to be adopted.

WELL-KNOWN KIRKLAND LAKE FOOTBALL PLAYER KILLED

The Northern News, of Kirkland Lake, last week says:—"The finding of the remains of a human body, mangled beyond recognition, was the experience of a crew of a North bound freight at 2 a.m. on Wednesday morning at Swastika. The torso was located near the water tank and fragments of his body were found as far as the station. He was identified as Alex. Walkinshaw, well known football player, by a name on his inside pocket and by a photograph in one of his pockets. An inquest has been ordered for the evening of March 16th. Walkinshaw has not had steady employment for some weeks. It is learned that he had intended to go to South Porcupine where he had an opportunity to secure work at the Dome Mines. On Tuesday evening about five o'clock he had visited friends at 86 Second street and went to the West House, Kirkland street, where he boarded for supper. About eight o'clock he left for Swastika with the intention of riding a freight to Porcupine. The deceased was about 32 years of age and was well and favourably known among a wide circle of friends in Kirkland Lake. Through his connection with the Lake Shore Football team, in which he was a star back field player, he was a familiar figure to many. He was born in Scotland where his wife is now visiting."

The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine

By Timmins Branch Correspondent.

Army Cook Wanted
Owing to the fact that the Vimy Banquet hash slinger for the past three years has left the camp, the entertainment committee are now seeking another cook. The common or garden variety of "Mulligan" will not do. One with officers' mess experience is desired. It would not do to sit down to bully and hard tack, so a special menu will be provided, consisting of roast beef, roast pork, cooked ham, and special trimmings in the way of salads, etc. The cook that was on deck for the last three events of this nature, was an expert and all attending voiced high opinion of his catering, now he has gone and another must be secured to fill the position of "Maitre de Cook House." All applicants should state experience and method of serving the Easts and address them to the chairman of the entertainment committee, Jas. Cowan, Canadian Legion, Timmins. Note:—No "Mulligan or Pork and Bean artist" need apply. Also it may be programmed that talent is needed for the above comrade and your request will no doubt be granted. This is the biggest night of the year, so let's all get the 18-pounder into position so that it will go off with a big bang. The date for this event is Saturday, April 9th, and the hour of commencement, 7.30 p.m.

Gold Mining in England
There is a gold rush on in the Old Country. We wonder if it's to get back on the Gold Standard and pay the Imperials in Canada their full pension or is it to stop discussion of this question at the coming Economic conference. Anyway the rush is on, rich and poor alike, are selling gold articles. It is reported that one baronet recently at Manchester went and sold his "bally coronet, by jove." Then there was the dear old society lady who went and sold her gold toaster fork.—"A family heirloom, my dear, but no use now; I have an electric toaster." Last, but by no means the least, is the East Londoner who "went and got rid of 'is blooming munchers," so that the government could have the gold fillings. Nevertheless the whole thing shows one point and that is that the Englishman is trying hard to fight depression and making sacrifices to reach the goal. It would be a good thing for Canada if such a scheme as the above was commenced and all the unemployed and the ex-servicemen re-established with the proceeds gathered in.

Ottawa Branch Doing Great Work

A recent communication from Ottawa tells of the relief work being done in that city. Ottawa at the present time is the hub for ex-servicemen who think they have a remote chance for pension. From north, south, east and west they come, the result being that Ottawa finds itself overrun with men for whom there is no work. The Ottawa branch of the Legion quickly realized the situation and enlisted citizens and business men to seek a solution. The result has been gratifying indeed. Three hostels are maintained, the men given bed and board. Rigid rules are maintained and discipline is essential; this has helped the scheme, and in consequence no trouble of any kind has been experienced. In February over 34,000 meals were served and around 390 beds occupied each night. The government has also assisted in the work by providing buildings and equipment. While Ottawa can boast of what it is doing, the Timmins branch need not take a back seat. Since the end of November last year over \$600.00 has been expended in relief work, with hundreds of meals given to men who were unable to purchase same. Taking the Legion as a whole throughout the Dominion, it will be found that during

this period of unemployment and depression it has helped thousands to secure the necessities of life, thereby living up to its aims and objects of assisting those who cannot help themselves. Have You Voted Yet? There is only two more weeks before the annual general meeting, and it is essential that your ballot be in before that date, Monday, March 28th. It is hoped to have a record attendance and the business which is to be transacted will be of interest to all. Make an effort to be present if only to pay your dues for 1932. If you have marked your ballot, post it now. —W. A. Devine

How Ontario Plans to Balance Budget

Increase in Gasoline Tax, Tax on Liquors and Wines, Further Tax on Amusements, Other Features of the 1932 Budget.

Following are the highlights of the budget brought down in the Ontario Legislature on Friday:
Gasoline tax increased 1 cent, making the tax 6 cents instead of 5 cents.
Emergency tax of 10 cents a bottle on all imported spirituous liquors.
Emergency tax of 25 cents a gallon on domestic wines.
All exemptions from amusement tax abolished, except for religious, charitable, patriotic or philanthropic organizations.
Increase in law stamp tax.
Increase in corporation tax.
New taxes to increase revenue by \$4,210,000.
Reduction of \$4,500,000 in expenditures.
Estimated revenue for 1932 is \$56,000,000.
Estimated expenditure for 1932 is \$55,640,000.
Estimated surplus for 1932 is \$360,000.
Deficit in 1931 was \$456,902.
Capital expenditure to be kept at low level.
Balance sheets show assets of province exceed liabilities by over \$31,000,000.
Existing taxation less than 34 per cent. of total revenue.
Salaries and grants have been reduced and services curtailed to effect economy and every department has expended money to cover actual necessities.
Will consider cut in civil servants' salaries after October 31, when the situation is to be considered as future developments may indicate.

This Just About Settles the Whole Bear Problem

There has been a lot of serious discussion about the bear recently, so it may be well to touch a lighter note in regard to old Bruin. As might be expected this lighter note is struck by the old reliable "Grab Samples" column in The Northern Miner. Here it is, and read it all—
"Mining company officials and prospectors who have in the past tried to operate in privately owned timber limits and who have encountered the regulations which call for payment for all timber used will sympathize with the beaver of Timagami Reserve. Whispering Bill Smith reports that the beaver have all disappeared. Upon inquiry it develops, says Bill, that they objected to paying the stumpage dues. But you know how truthful Bill is.
"He tells another story about Bishop Anderson, the Cochrane clergyman who has a vast diocese in the hinterland. It appears that his reverence in the course of his extraordinary duties helped out a trapper financially and the latter occasionally made a call upon him when he was out of the bush. On one occasion he brought in a chunk of rock, showed it to his lordship, who, being no mineral expert, threw the sample to one side. Some time later the bishop entertained a prospector, friend who spotted the rock, examined casually and then became visibly interested. He took it out to the kitchen, wet it in the orthodox manner and then became quite excited as he studied it under the glass. He pressed the clergyman for details of the when and wherefore and upon learning that in an unformed trapper had brought it as a curiosity without realizing its value he got on the trail.
"The sequel, is detailed by Whispering Bill, runs like this. The prospector found the trapper who had trapped late one spring while following his trap line in the Swayze district he spotted a bear. Unlimbering the artillery he fired and wounded the animal which continued, however, to make speed up a steep and rocky hill alongside the trail. A second shot found its target and the bear, falling down, scrambled around, pawing away in a desperate effort to climb the hill. In its struggle the bear tore up some loose rocks which rolled down the hill. It was one of the chunks which the trapper had taken to the bishop. Now, says Bill, the prospectors of the Swayze district are eagerly searching for a steep rock slide, marked with bear claw scratches. It's something to talk about around the camp fire anyhow."

COCHRANE MAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL ON THEFT CHARGE

J. B. Moore, former tax collector at Cochrane, was committed for trial at the next assizes, when he appeared last week before Magistrate E. R. Tucker on a charge of theft. The accused was arrested in connection with alleged defalcations involving funds of the town of Cochrane. Mr. Moore conducted his own case last week. At his request Mayor Mitchell took the stand and was questioned by the accused regarding what Mr. Moore referred to as "some difficulty experienced last June." Moore said that he had paid over to the town at that time over \$400.00 in order to straighten out the books. Asked if the town council was satisfied then that nothing was wrong, Mayor Mitchell replied that they must have been. Mr. Moore objected to a question asked Auditor Ross as to how the shortage occurred, and the objection was sustained by the magistrate. "If the roll had been properly checked, I would not be standing here to-day," Moore said. Auditor Ross said he had taken up with the town council the question of checking the collector's roll but that he was not given authority to proceed. After some evidence had been heard in the case the accused was committed for trial as noted above.

EXPECT MOOSONEE TO BE A GREAT SHIPPING PORT

(From The Northern Tribune)
The T. & N. O. is now in full possession of the townsite of Moosonee, and can proceed with plans for its development. A weekly train is now being run there from Cochrane and return, which service will be made more frequent, no doubt, when the erection of buildings commences. Before spring is over there will be a public sale of town lots, which will attract much attention; and this will be followed by a trek of tourists ever on the hunt for new nooks and corners for pleasure sojourns. The Dominion government has put a very modest amount in the 1932 estimates to build a wharf at Moosonee. This can only be regarded as a tentative move toward doing the right thing for Ontario's first seaport. When it is made clear that export shipments can be successfully made through Moosonee, and that import cargoes can be lightered economically at the new port, there will be need for more extensive harbor works.

Huntingdon Gleaser:—Negro Robin Hood was arrested in Detroit and charged with keeping a common gambling establishment. The Negro, Frank Loftus, said he used most of the proceeds from his games to provide two meals a day for about 200 persons who would otherwise be dependent upon the city. Ninety-nine other Negroes accused of frequenting the gaming establishment said that they were recipients of his charity. The judge permitted him to fix his own fine. Loftus said he thought \$25 would be about right if his co-defendants were liberated.

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