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Work of Northern Development Dept.

Review of the Money Spent in Various Parts of Northern Ontario During the Past Year, with Some Comments.

There are so many stories told in regard to expenditures for Northern Development Department work that actual figures are of more than passing interest. It will be noted that in the figures given considerable sums of money are spent in sections not at all considered as part of Northern Ontario. Indeed, when people think of Northern Ontario the usual idea is of the section of country lying north of North Bay and west. With this idea in mind the figures will have a new significance.

The article below is from The New Liskeard Speaker, its figures being based on information gathered from The Sudbury Star. The comments by The Speaker are of special interest and importance. The Speaker's article in full, headed "Northern Development Work in New Ontario," is as follows:—"From the Sudbury Star we quote the following figures as representing the amount of money having been spent in various parts of the North by Northern Ontario Development Branch, a certain proportion of which was received from the Federal and Provincial special relief funds. From these figures it will be seen that "all the money spent" in Northern Ontario is not going into the Temiskaming mining and agricultural districts, although it has been the endeavour of speakers from the territory at each end of Lake Superior to make that a special plea when they "gang" Provincial Governments for anything they want. Taking the figures as presented in The Star, we give the following information:—"Total amount said to have been expended through the Northern Ontario Development Department is \$9,285,342.65. The Federal and Provincial relief contributed \$2,000,000 of the above amount.

"The grand total said to have been expended on the Ferguson highway from Washago to Cochrane, was \$1,163,916.81. Of this amount no less than \$658,173.62 was spent in the Huntsville section of the Ferguson highway. "The Pembroke-North Bay-Sault Ste. Marie highway was responsible for an expenditure of \$1,247,049.70. "Sudbury division received special attention from the Northern Development Branch, as we notice the immense sum of \$1,175,608.61 was spent on work in that district.

"Sault Ste. Marie district, that ill-treated part of Northern Ontario, where they encourage secessionists and talk of wrecking governments if their requests are not granted, received the sum of \$785,884.02 on various forms of government work. "New Liskeard division, which includes a wide area and considerable new road work, and considerable new road work, received a total of \$716,945.65. No less than \$312,079.58 of this amount went for extensive bridge and fill work along a considerable stretch of the Ferguson highway. \$29,158.00 was expended on the New Liskeard-Elk Lake highway; \$10,801.29 to open up the new road into the Matachewan mining territory and \$5,204.83 on work on the Elk Lake-Charlton road.

"Matheson division called for an expenditure of \$777,402.28, of which amount the Ferguson highway received \$135,840.00. "The amount of \$869,438.55 was spent in the immense and rapidly growing section known as Cochrane (district No. 7). \$19,358 of this amount went for Ferguson highway work and \$259,583 on the highway from Cochrane to Hearst. Rural roads and general relief work indicates that Cochrane district received a larger share of government funds for this class of work than any other community. The condition of Cochrane in relation to other government work placed them in a peculiar position, which was most embarrassing to the citizens and called for greater consideration at the hands of the government.

"The district of Fort William certainly has no kick coming, when compared with other sections of Northern Ontario. Fort William division had a grand total expenditure of \$1,105,085.52 which was received from the Northern Development Branch. "Kenora's quota was \$852,605, while the sum of \$473,235 was spent on the Kenora-Manitoba highway, being a link in the trans-Canada highway. "The smallest amount spent in any one division was received by the Fort Francis Division, which was \$376,258.09. "While we are very pleased to see that the Northern Ontario Development Branch has been able to expend such large amounts in the various parts of the North, we would suggest to our readers the advisability of holding these figures in memory, so that they will be able to repudiate the statements of some of the Western Northern Ontario speakers when they repeat absurd allegations that Temiskaming and Cochrane districts are receiving all the assistance given to Northern Ontario.

"In addition to its road work, the department spent \$10,434.38 for the purchase and distribution of seed grain

Writes Biography



COUNTESS OF OXFORD

Better known as Margot Asquith, who has just completed a new biography of the King which is expected to be a sensation. The Countess has lived in the inner circle of governing and social England for fifty years, and is noted for her fearless writings.

Mining is Canada's Leading Industry

Exceeds by Twenty Millions a Year the Pulp and Paper Output. Meat, Flour and Grist and Wheat Each Take Lower Place.

A thoughtful gentleman on the train the other day said that these days everybody should read the newspapers if they wanted to get along and survive. "Otherwise it is just too bad," he said. He urged a particularly careful reading of the advertisements. "When you miss an advertisement," he said, "you don't know what you may miss, but your pocketbook is likely to miss it." He made the further claim that ads. were well worth reading for the sake of the information they contained, if for no other reason.

Speaking of advertisements, one by K. A. Macphaden & Co., Toronto, last week contained the interesting information that mining to-day is Canada's chief industry. Many have felt this to be the case, but the facts and figures have not been emphasized. It has been a common thing to hear the remark that the mining industry was the one bright spot in Canada's immediate horizon. The K. A. Macphaden Co., members of the Standard Stock and Mining Exchange give the facts and figures.

Here are the leading individual industries listed in the order of the importance of their output from a money standpoint:—

Mining, \$279,873,578.00. Pulp and paper, \$234,970,761.00. Slaughtering and meat packing, \$185,842,902.00. Flour and grist, \$181,148,689.00. Wheat, \$160,856,559.00.

In referring to these figures and the inferences drawn from them the Macphaden Co. says:—"For generations Canadians have come to consider that wheat and farming represent the Dominion's basic industries, and that the future of the country depends entirely upon the wealth of the soil. Thus Jack Canuck has ever been cartooned as a farmer, with the hay-fork and hoe as symbols of his calling.

"That was the conception of yesterday, but it is no longer so to-day. Canada possesses another national heritage. Overspreading the northern limits of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba lie the great pre-Cambrian formations containing the vast resources of mineral wealth upon which is founded the mining industry that is rapidly bringing Canada to the fore as a world mineral producer. "So rapid has been the expansion of the mining industry that few Canadians realize that it has risen to the senior place amongst the Dominion's industries. Thus in the year 1931 our mines produced more wealth than any other industry, supplanting the time-honoured leadership of wheat, pulp and paper, and this remarkable performance may well foreshadow a future time when mining may be regarded as Canada's basic industry."

Orillia Sews-Letter:—"The popular age for an Ontario girl to marry is 21 and for men 24. So much can be gathered from the report of the Registrar-General, who lets us know that girls of 18 run a close second with 19 and 20 not far behind. From these ages up to 40, the choice of ages seems to be pretty much the same. Among men from 21 to 24 are the ages when they are mostly likely to tie up.

Attempt at Burglary at Swastika Station

Four Men Committed for Trial on Charge of Breaking and Entering the Express Office at Swastika.

Committed by Magistrate Atkinson when they appeared in Kirkland Lake police court, four men are held in the district jail at Halleybury awaiting trial on charges of breaking and entering the door into an alleged attempt to rob the express office in the freight shed at Swastika station.

The accused are Roland Larose, Alphonse Turcotte, Michael Dolan and Paul Dewar. It is alleged that two of the party had entered the freight shed through a window, two others remaining outside, but attempts to force open the door into the express office failed. According to the police, another man who came along was warned away from the station, and threatened if he told the authorities.

He is said to have notified the baggageman who, in turn, called the police. Chief Shane, of Teck township force, and Provincial Constables Gall and Evans responding. The quartet were rounded up near the water tank south of the T. & N. O. station at Swastika.

HOLLINGER REPORTED AS INTERESTED IN PASCALS

Reports current, though not official are to the effect that Hollinger is planning an extensive exploration programme on claims acquired in the Pascals area of Quebec. It is said that a number of men have gone into the Pascals claims and diamond drilling, the reports suggest, will be commenced shortly.

among farmers, \$12,901.72 for the purchase of cattle and other live stock for farmers, and \$131,355.19 was loaned to settlers. By special warrant \$264,433.55 was voted for unemployment relief on the trans-Canada highway."

Has Narrow Escape



ALFRED DUFF COOPER

Secretary to the British War Office, who had a narrow escape from a mauling at the hands of Communists in Trafalgar Square, London, when he stopped to listen to some "Red" speeches.

Decoration Awarded to Major McDougall

Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration and Long Service Medal Awarded to Major McDougall, "D" Company Algonquin Regt.

Recent militia orders show that Major H. A. McDougall, of "D" Company, Algonquin Regiment, has been awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration and Long Service Medal. This is an honour of considerable importance and one that is well won by Major McDougall whose long and active service to the militia in this part of the North has been of outstanding value.

Major McDougall's military service started with the Royal Scots Regt. of Montreal, now the Black Watch of Canada. He next served in the South African war for which he received the campaign medals. Next he joined up with the 159th Overseas Battalion under Lt.-Col. E. F. Armstrong and proceeded to France to the 38th Battalion of the Fourth Division.

On returning to Canada after his service overseas in the Great War, Major McDougall associated himself with the Algonquin Rifles, now called the Algonquin Regiment.

His military service covers over twenty years past in the ranks and the rest as a commissioned officer. It is a notable record and one of which the district is proud Major McDougall being popular with all for his fine citizenship as well as for his valuable services in military way.

AFTERNOON TEA AND SALE OF HOME BAKING, APRIL 2ND.

Saturday of this week, April 2nd, there will be an afternoon tea and sale of home baking to be held in W. Rinn's store, Pine street, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the United Church. The auspices under which the event is held is a guarantee that the occasion will be of interest and pleasing to all attending.

Legion Spent Over \$2,000 in Relief Work

Interesting Figures and Facts Given at Annual Meeting of Legion Monday. Unusually Large Attendance. Social Hour Afterwards.

The annual general meeting of Timmins Branch 88 of the Canadian Legion, was held on Monday, March 28th in the Oddfellows' hall. President Neame occupied the chair there being close to 200 members present. In fact it was the largest attended meeting ever held by the branch.

Interest centred around the financial statement which showed the books to be in splendid shape and although the balance to the general fund from which the relief is paid was very low, yet the reserve fund showed a good surplus. During the past six months nearly twice as much had been expended than had been received, this being due to the heavy calls during the winter months and to the fact that no effort had been made by the Legion to ask the public for assistance. Taking the total relief expenditures for the year, March 31st, 1931 to March 1st, 1932, the amount given exceeds \$2,000.00. There are 382 members in good standing with 30 in arrears thus making a total membership of 422. The auditors Messrs Odgers and Finchen, gave a very thorough report and received the thanks of the branch.

The elected officers are as follows:— President—Austin Neame 1st Vice-president—T. Parsons 2nd Vice-president—H. C. Garner Executive committee—J. Cowan, T. Rowe, W. Greaves, A. Bellamy.

Entertainment committee—C. Keates, McMillan, West, May, Johnson Ormiston, Russell, Grant, Starling, Jr.

There were five visitors from other branches of the North, all of whom were welcomed by the members. Four new members were admitted.

A letter was read from A. E. Mordimer, who is en route for South Africa, wishing to be remembered to all.

President Neame delivered a fine address, giving a concise outline of the work done during the past year. He said that the entertainment committee deserved the full praise for our relief work because it was their efforts and untiring work which secured the funds needed to carry on this work. Speaking of the two retiring members of the executive committee, W. A. Devine and Col. S. B. Scobell, the president said they had both given good service for the branch and that both had promised to help whenever called upon.

The bugle band, the sick-visiting committee and others who had assisted came in for well-chosen words of praise. All members elected for office gave their pledge to carry on the work as it had been in the past.

James Cowan told of the work of the entertainment committee and reported a 97 per cent attendance at all of their meetings. The Advance correspondent to the Legion column came in for some splendid tributes and promised to carry on for a time longer.

A pleasant social hour was spent with weiners and rolls, and served as an added attraction. The best meeting of the Timmins branch came to a close with the National Anthem at the midnight hour.

Murder Committed on Street in Noranda

Steve Olechuk Killed on Sunday Morning in Noranda. Several Arrests Made by Police in Noranda.

Monday morning of this week word was received in town of the murder of Steve Olechuk on street in Noranda, the crime taking place about four o'clock on Sunday morning. Few particulars of the crime were given the despatches simply stating that Olechuk had been killed by an unknown assailant, but it was not suggested whether he had been shot, stabbed, clubbed or otherwise dealt with. The despatches referred to Olechuk as being 40 years of age and having been employed at the mines for several years. He was on the working staff of the Noranda Mine. The murdered man is described as phenomenally strong and active, which would suggest that he was likely attacked by more than one man. In any event the Noranda police have made a number of arrests in connection with the case.

An autopsy was conducted this week by a medico-legal expert of the Attorney-General's Dept. of the province of Quebec.

There is no doubt but that Chief of Police Wilfred Perreault of Noranda will be a busy man these days and will leave no stone unturned to bring the guilty to punishment. Noranda has been free from major crime and Chief Perreault will be particularly anxious to keep it so, and he will follow the British idea that the way to discourage crime is by seeing that punishment for criminals is speedy and certain. Chief Perreault was for several years on the police force in Timmins and has wide circles of friends here who will follow his work on this case with much interest.

TIMMINS LODGE I.O.O.F. NO 459 Meets every Friday evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, Spruce St. North. Visiting brethren requested to attend. J. THOMAS, Noble Grand H. M. CAVANAGH, Rec.-Sec'y.

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