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Gold Mines Have Not Received Subsidies

Misconception of Affairs Spread by Certain Type of Politicians. Ottawa Simply Paying the Prevailing Price for Gold

Considerable discussion has been aroused by a despatch published one day last week in The Toronto Mail and Empire. This despatch suggested that some of the members of parliament at Ottawa were going to make protest on the floor of the House against what they termed the "subsidizing" of the gold mining industry. Of course, there has been no subsidizing of the industry. All that has happened has been that the Ottawa Government for the advantage of Canada and the protection of this country's finances has been paying at Ottawa the same price that the gold mines would receive at New York for the bullion from the mines. It is generally recognized that the gold mining industry has done more than any single factor to stabilize conditions in Canada during the present depression. In scores of public addresses the benefit of the gold mining industry to the Dominion has been emphasized, and rightly so. There have been people who felt that it would be good business at this time for Canada to actually subsidize the gold industry. The industry itself has not asked for such preferred treatment. Compared to other industries gold mining pays its share in taxation and in other ways and at the present time is valuable to the country and is of special importance. It would appear that the gold mining industry is one that in no way deserves any adverse criticism. The industry has maintained wage scales and increased staffs and in other ways been of material assistance in keeping conditions from being actually worse than they are. It seems unfair and ungrateful to single out the industry for attacks at this time.

However, it may not be out of place in view of the fact that The Mail and Empire published the despatch criticizing the so-called subsidizing of gold mines, to allow The Mail and Empire

to give the other side of the matter. In an editorial in The Mail and Empire on Wednesday of last week there is the following:—

Canadian Gold Mines Butress Canada's Position

In yesterday's Mail and Empire appeared a despatch from one of our Ottawa correspondents stating that some members of Parliament may raise objections to what they call the "subsidizing" of Canadian gold mines by the payment of a "premium" on the gold produced, while other industries are accepting their share of the depression. There is no measuring the extent of the ignorance which accumulates in the minds of some radical parliamentarians. Nor is there any possibility that the Government will pay much attention to any protests which they may make. The fact of the matter is that the gold mines of Canada have not been, and are not "subsidized," they have not received and they do not receive a Government "premium." The ill-informed politician, or man on the street, is very far astray when he entertains the idea that the Government, out of the goodness of its heart, is propping up the gold mining industry while other industries are prostrate from the depression.

The history of the case is just this: Gold being the only international medium of exchange, it pays to ship it from countries with depreciated currencies to countries whose currencies remain at par. When, after the fall of the pound, the Canadian dollar declined on the New York Exchange it became increasingly profitable for our mines and to send their product to the American Republic. In self-defence the Canadian Government intervened by passing an Order-in-Council prohibiting the export of gold except under license. The object was to prevent the depletion of Canada's gold reserves—to accumulate the new gold from Canada's mines in order that the Government might be in a position to take care of various international obligations payable in gold. The Government had to have the gold, and still has to have it. It has preferred to buy it in Canada, and it pays the market price as measured in American currency for what it buys. It is the difference between the values of the American and Canadian currencies which is being paid to Canadian gold producers, and which has given rise to the erroneous term "premium." As we have said, it is not a premium.

As a matter of fact, it is immaterial to the gold mines whether they sell their product to the Ottawa Government or to the United States. In either case they would get the world price for it. They would be in a position to adopt the latter recourse if the Government ceased paying the world price for the yellow metal. In that event the embargo on the export of gold would have to be lifted, and the mines would be in the same position as they are to-day, so far as income is concerned. It will, therefore be clear to everyone that it is the Government, or rather the country, and not the mines which benefits from the present arrangement. The Government requires the gold to meet obligations abroad, and particularly in the United States, and to provide an adequate basis for Canadian currency and credit.

We hope that this explanation will dissipate the wrong impression sought

Newspaper Shows its Stake in Community

Hits Back at Alderman who Carried on Persistent Criticism. Notes Number of Employees, Tax Payments and Support of other Industries.

There has a sort of tradition grown up in public affairs that newspapers may be criticized, with personalities thrown in, and the public men who do this can escape any come-back on the part of the newspapers. The Advance has no complaint in this line, because the Advance has no pacifist leanings, and believes that within reasonable lines criticism should be answered, provided it is worth answering. At the same time The Advance admits quite freely that the majority of public men are fair to the newspapers and do not attempt to shoulder off on the press any improper burdens of criticism. Public men are usually ready to accept the fact that newspapers are an important factor in the life of a community and that in addition the newspapers are equally important to the community from the standpoint of industry and business. It has been noted, however, that in some towns municipal fathers have a tendency to hit out at the newspapers to hide their own shortcomings and it is surprising how often they get away with it. Occasionally, however, there is a show-down and it seems good for the souls of all concerned. A case in point is that of a recent editorial in The North Bay Nugget. The editorial explains itself. It speaks for itself. It is well worth hearing. Here it is in full, heading and all:—

Just Plain Ignorance

"We are not much given to poetry, but a few lines of Shakespeare's came vividly to mind in thinking of A. J. Caselman's tirade against the Nugget at Monday night's council meeting. It runs something like this: "Most ignorant of what he's most assured," his glassy essence like an angry ape, plays such fantastic tricks before High Heaven, as make the angels weep." Mr. Caselman expressed the view that this paper had no stake in North Bay; that it was Sudbury-owned and really had no business taking any part in this city's business affairs. Before we go into what this paper may have in the way of a stake we might point out that Mr. Caselman's stake is a modest home and a government pension on which to live. He is not an employer of labour or a participant in any way in the industrial life of the city. We have borne rather patiently with his fulminations this year because we believed that he was sincere. However, the revelations at Monday night's meeting were rather too much for us. We find that he is the Alpha and the Omega of the city council, the beginning and the end. He didn't like ex-Mayor Rowe's explanation of the money he got from the city, so he didn't bother sending it on to the council to get their opinion. He thought Rowe ought to be sued, so he and Ald. A. T. Smith arranged with the city solicitor to do it without reference to the council. He didn't like the way the public works committee was doing its job, and he interfered, or so the chairman says and held up the work, and now the costs are appallingly high. When any member of the council or The Nugget presumes to criticize they are being obstructionists and haven't the interests of the city at heart. Only Mr. Caselman knows what is right, and has a stake in the city. The Nugget, which pays out in round figures some \$42,000 a year in payrolls, pays heavy taxes to the city; pays large amounts to the Hydro Electric Commission, the Bell Telephone Company and the telegraph companies has an investment of about \$200,000 in North Bay, has no stake in the city. At the present time The Nugget employs 29 men and women who with their dependents number 67. In addition 28 newsboys make an average of \$20 a month, which helps considerably in many homes and there are 20 correspondents in various parts of the district all making some part of their income out of this newspaper. We could go on but it is hardly necessary. There is scarcely an industry in this city, outside of the railways with the stake in community that The Nugget has, and remarks such as those made by Ald. Caselman indicate one of two things, plain ignorance or deliberate malice toward the newspaper."

Wants Roadwork Centred on Trans-Canada Highway

The Halleyburian last week had the following paragraph in its "Community News."

"Cobalt Board of Trade at a sparsely attended meeting on Tuesday night, went on record as urging the government to concentrate any road work that might be planned for the coming winter on Trans-Canada Highway, rather than on other roads. The motion was the development of a discussion which took place on a resolution submitted by the Ottawa Board of Trade, which had urged that several roads might be built in the Muskoka district, east from the Toronto-North Bay highway, rather than spend money on direct relief, a system the measure denounced. It was claimed these roads would be valuable in securing tourist traffic, and it was estimated that on a basis of paying and maintaining a man at \$1.40 per day, about \$12,000,000 would be needed for the four months ending April 30 next. The suggestion was that the men be fed and housed and given 20 cents per day, and that no direct relief would be given families unless the men took the work if offered. At the Cobalt meeting, one member took exception to the motion proposed, and urged that the motion passed be amended to include a living wage clause, but this idea was rejected on the ground it should be left to the Government. The meeting endorsed a resolution from the Union of Catholic farmers of Temiscamingue, who are seeking to utilize the Narrows at the Old Mission as a means of shortening the road from the Ville Marie district to this side of the lake. Cobalt will bring the matter to the attention of Hon. W. A. Gordon. The annual meeting of the board will be held on January 17 next, and will take the form of a supper. Arrangements have been left in the hands of the executive committee, who will announce the programme later."

Held Twelve Spades in Bridge Hand at Regina

Mrs. Don Grant nee Edna McParland, of Halleybury, held a bridge party in Regina, Sask., some days ago and made a grand slam, a Regina newspaper reports.

She was playing with three other women—Mrs. Jack Warren, Mrs. Ross Williams and Mrs. C. C. Clermont—and about the strangest distribution of cards on record was dealt out around the table. Mrs. Warren held 11 clubs, one spade and one diamond, and bid one club, Mrs. Clermont, who was Mrs. Grant's partner, held nine diamonds including the ace, and four hearts. She bid three diamonds, Mrs. Williams held nine hearts, two clubs and two diamonds, and bid three hearts. Mrs. Grant, with her 12 spades, including the ace, and one diamond, bid a small slam in spades—a bid that was practically sure, but could have been beaten if the single spade happened to be held by a player blank in the suit led.

Mrs. Warren bid a grand slam in clubs, and Mrs. Clermont promptly bid a grand slam in spades. Her partner, Mrs. Grant won easily.

Mrs. Grant, incidentally won the prize for the highest score during the day. The deal in the above mentioned hand was made in the usual way, after a deep cut.

Fire Insurance Rates and the North Country

In an address to the Kiwanis Club at Kirkland Lake last week, M. G. Hunt, reeve of Teck township, and president for 1933 of the Kirkland Lake Kiwanis Club, pointed out the analogous position of Kirkland Lake. He said the town with the past few years has been able to enjoy the smallest pro rata fire losses of any comparable community on the continent, but at the same time, property owners were paying the highest premium rate on insurance of any community of a like size. Some \$250,000 annually in insurance premiums was a figure the speaker cited in this respect, while this year, he said, the community's fire losses were only \$1,600.

Timmins has been in somewhat similar position, with the additional fact that this town is on its face a better fire risk than Kirkland Lake, on account of the general situation and plan of the town here. Timmins also has spent very freely to secure the best possible fire-fighting equipment and services. In his address Reeve Hunt asked for support for the by-law to provide a new fire hall for Kirkland Lake. Timmins in years past provided a good fire hall, with all sorts of the most approved and modern equipment, but the insurance rates did not go down following this. Rates still are high, but the town has the extra protection against fire given by the equipment bought and the fire brigade services secured. These protections in case of fire have been well worth all they have cost. Their direct returns have been of much value to the people of the town, but at the same time it is felt that there should have also been further returns in the way of still lower insurance rates.

D. B. LAWLEY PROVED TO BE GOOD MAN FOR SPIELING

The many who met D. B. Lawley, the organizer for the Canadian Institute for the Blind, on his recent visit to Timmins to oversee the campaign here to raise funds for the carrying on of the good work of the Institute for the Blind, will be interested to read the following paragraph in The Northern News, of Kirkland Lake, last week:—

"Don Lothian was in charge of one of the booths at the recent Canadian Legion carnival one night when D. B. Lawley, of Toronto, general organizer for the Blind, paid a visit to the big fun-fest. He was standing near Don's Booth, and happened to overhear the local newspaper man tell a friend that he needed some extra help to man the booth. "How about me?" asked the Blind Institute organizer. "Sure," replied Don. The assent was no sooner given than the Toronto man (who is himself blind as the result of a mine explosion) clambered over the counter and revealed himself as a ballyhoo man of no mean ability. Pretty soon the booth was doing a land office business, and the shekels began to roll in. There is no especial moral to this story, unless perhaps it shows the willingness of a man—handicapped by blindness—to lend his aid for a cause he believes to be worth while. And those who saw the incident went away with a new conception of the word fellowship."

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Outsiders Ordered to Keep Away from Kirkland

Kirkland Lake has a new Community Finance Committee to secure funds to carry on the relief work expected in the community this coming winter. Chas. W. Tressler, publisher of The Northern News, is the chairman; Dr. Cliffe McKee, vice-chairman, and Wm. Howes is secretary. The township treasury is to handle all the funds and in this way the community will be able to add approximately two-thirds of the amount spent by government grants. The suggestion is that everyone in the community donate a day's pay, or contribute \$1.00 a month. If this plan is followed out it is estimated that there will be sufficient funds to relieve all the cases of need in Kirkland Lake this winter.

At a recent meeting of the committee it was made very clear that the relief programme was only for bona fide residents of Teck township who are already registered as unemployed in the township. Outsiders who may go to Kirkland Lake now, will be told to move on. They will find the committee and authorities cold to all pleas, the meeting was assured, and the strict enforcement of all regulations for giving relief would mean that further transients need not hope for anything from Kirkland Lake.

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