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KIRKLAND LAKE KITCHEN BACK TO ONE MEAL A DAY

The soup kitchen at Kirkland Lake is back to one meal a day. During part of December and all of the first two months of this year the Kirkland Lake soup kitchen has been giving two meals a day...

Powassan News:—North Bay police are clamping the lid on tight on Sunday selling, in fact a little too tight to suit the majority of the citizens...

Favours Sending the Unemployed to Mine

J. Lorne McDougall, of Ottawa, suggests using 1000 Ottawa Unemployed for Prospecting. Hon. Chas. McCrea Makes Answer.

Painting an alluring word picture of the immense fortunes wrested in the past from the richly mineralized North Country, J. Lorne McDougall, Ottawa barrister and well-known for his connection with mining enterprises...

There have been few occasions at board meetings when the members have been so enticed by a proposition placed before them. Mr. McDougall had written a letter which was read and was presented personally to discuss his scheme...

Mr. McDougall has suggested that the Ontario Legislature be petitioned for special authority which would permit the city to enlist men for the gold-seeking trek to the North under the present joint direct relief arrangement.

There is a large area extending across the height of land in Northern Ontario and Quebec from the Quebec-Ontario boundary eastward for about 100 miles and westward to beyond the Ontario-Manitoba boundary that has been definitely proven to be gold-bearing and is recognized as the best gold-bearing section in America.

My suggestion is that at the present time this country should be thoroughly examined. What it requires is that all the claims that have any possibilities should be examined to find out if there is any outcrop on the surface. This requires a lot of work...

Mayor Allen thought the idea was one for Dominion or Provincial Government consideration, but Mr. McDougall said the Governments were ready to help towards the cost of relief, but wanted municipalities to look after the disposition of the men.

You have 1,000 men unemployed here, you are feeding and clothing them. Take a chance and send them north," Mr. McDougall urged.

Controllor Dunbar, who knows the North Country, having been a merchant in the South Porcupine district for years, thought Mr. McDougall's scheme might better appeal to the municipalities of Halleybury, New Liskeard, North Bay, Cochrane, Sudbury and other places where they had many men out of work, amongst them mining men.

It would be a wonderful thing if the unemployed discovered a good gold mine," Mr. Dunbar added, with a far-away expression in his eyes.

The board promised Mr. McDougall they would give his suggestion every consideration, reminding him that there were physical difficulties to overcome.

Mr. McDougall's suggestion may be startling, but it is by no means new or original. It is only a couple of weeks ago that The Advance was pointing out that the proposal to take over all the gold mines in Ontario, or to have a limitless number of prospectors out seeking for new gold mines, or both, was not the simple and easily-worked plan some might appear to imagine.

It would be just as brilliant to suggest that Canada should take over all inventions, for example. It is a well-known fact that some inventions have made fortunes for their owners. Of course, there are other inventions that have been no more than a dead loss to their inventors.

The mining industry is surrounded by more hazards than ordinary industries," declared Hon. Charles McCrea, Ontario Minister of Mines, in discussing a proposal made to the Ottawa Board of Control whereby 1,000 unemployed would be sent to Northern Ontario to search for gold.

Were a government to embark upon a scheme of searching for and developing mining prospects at the expense of the taxpayer there would be, and rightly so, tremendous opposition. Canada realizes the cost of a Government-owned railway system where the known factors resulted in more expenditures than are justified," said the Minister.

Basic Factors More Perilous "The problems of the Dominion embarking on the hazardous scheme of mining, with its attendant risks and the public 'holding the bag' would be,

to my judgment more dangerous than the Government-owned railway, since the basic factors are more perilous.

Each year, private enterprise invests millions in the search for gold. This money does not obligate the Government to repay and if private capital finds a new mine which is a profitable enterprise it contributes out of its profits to the state—both provincial and Federal.

Should Not Take Risk "Careful consideration has been given by the Government to the problem of embarking on large expenditures of money to develop prospects and carry on mining. In my judgment, it is a risk the Government should not undertake.

The Ontario Department of Mines always stands ready to afford the opportunity to assist in the development of our great mineral resources and it is commonly agreed its attitude has been distinctly helpful to such development."

When There Were 489 Cases at Timmins Police Court

Four hundred and eighty-nine cases at one session of the Timmins police court! This is the suggestion made last week by the "Roving Reporter" of The Northern Miner. He thinks this constitutes a record for police court work in the North, and that no one but the present police magistrate, S. Atkinson, would be able to handle such an immense docket and dispose of them all fairly and justly in one sitting.

In one way of speaking the "Roving Reporter" was right, except that there were more than 489 cases, some of the men concerned having two or three cases.

In another way of speaking, there were not 489 police court cases, as they were really cases of appeals to be allowed to take delivery of liquor sent in to town, some of it legally purchased, and some not so much so.

It all happened at Christmas time in 1915 when the Ontario Temperance Act was the chief law of the land. Inspector Rowell, of the provincial police, whether of his own desire or because of orders from higher up, acted on one provision of the law and seized every case of liquor coming into the district. Under the O.T.A., it was then incumbent on every person who had liquor seized and wished to have the same, to apply to the magistrate for release of the liquor, showing that it was legally purchased and that the owner had a right to receive it.

From this came the 489 cases. Most of them were instances where liquor had been seized on Inspector Rowell's orders. In those days there were always a lot of colds and similar diseases prevalent, especially around the Christmas holidays, and so it was necessary to bring in quite a quantity of liquor. Some of it came in as a preventive measure, as many were sure that they would feel pretty sick if they couldn't have a drink for Christmas.

In those days the provincial police looked after their duties, just as they do to-day, but they were human and had a heart, also as to-day. Consequently, at Christmas time they usually were not too meddlesome or inquisitive about the odd shipment going to good citizens. That Christmas of 1915 was an exception, and few there were who very sincerely wished Inspector Rowell a merry Christmas. However, the cases were disposed of with justice and despatch, and though the magistrate saw to it that there were no serious breaches of the law, he worked through till morning so that all who were lawfully entitled to receive their shipments of "Oh-be-joyful" were able to do so in time for the Christmas coughs and colds.

NO BASIS FOR REPORT THAT C.P.R. TO EXTEND IN QUEBEC

A couple of weeks ago The Advance printed a denial of the report that the T. & N.O. was planning to extend its line all through Northwestern Quebec to serve the new mining fields there.

Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. replied to questions regarding the truth of the rumours by saying the matter had not been considered by the commission. There was nothing to that rumour. Immediately, however, another rumour was started, to the effect that the Canadian Pacific Railway intended to extend its lines up through Northwestern Quebec, building the line from Maniwaki, thus giving a direct line from Noranda area to Montreal.

This rumour has also been contradicted. Officials of the C.P.R. say they know nothing about it, so unless somebody intends to extend the C.P.R. without the knowledge of the company there can be nothing in the rumour. At the present time there is not much chance of railways or other big corporations going into expenditures on large scale on capital account.

While the rumours may be explained by the fact that lots of good people would like to see the railway extensions in Northwestern Quebec and so are quite anxious to believe what they hope on the other hand railways are looking for ways and means to cut down expenditures, rather than to extend, and it would be difficult to make them see money even in a gold country at the present moment. Accordingly, any rumours about railway extensions may be discounted before they are fairly started.

Hollinger's First Work at Young Davidson Promising

The Northern Miner last week has the following in reference to the Hollinger's work at the Young-Davidson work in the Matachewan area:—

"Hollinger Consolidated is tackling its investigation of the Young-Davidson property in Matachewan in a most comprehensive way. A Diesel-driven compressor arid a five-ton sampling mill are being installed at once to not only speed up surface sampling of the big gold outcrop, but also to give bulk tests. It has been found that ordinary sampling methods are not very satisfactory because of the erratic character of the gold occurrence so A. P. Brigham, Hollinger consulting engineer, decided upon the installation of a Nutt mill. Careful check will be made of both recovery and tailings.

"It is expected that Hollinger will pretty well determine its intentions toward Young-Davidson by the middle of May. Under the terms of the deal made by the Porcupine mine, a declaration is in order by that time.

Should results be as anticipated, Hollinger will go ahead with putting the Young-Davidson on a producing basis as quickly as possible, Mr. Brigham informed The Northern Miner. Plans are to construct an initial milling unit of at least 500 tons a day capacity. As the grade of the ore is low, compared to the average of Ontario gold mines, a 500-ton unit would be just a starter as much larger operations would naturally develop if the property is to be worked to full advantage.

"Hollinger officials have in mind the mining of the orebody as a large quarry. Electric shovels would be used and full advantage taken of the size of the orebody to produce the cheapest possible mining costs.

If a decision is made to go ahead, electric power will be brought in immediately. There are two sources available, The Northern Canada Power Corporation's system, three and a half miles distant and the Sudbury line of the Hydro, 30 miles away.

"While the work now in hand is to determine the average grade of the deposit, and Mr. Brigham intimated that investigation has clearly shown that it was useless to attempt selective mining of higher grade sections of the orebody, it is understood that a test shipment indicated grade of around \$3.40 a ton. This is somewhat higher than the returns made after the diamond drilling and underground work of some years ago on the property, but it is the result of bulk sampling, and probably closer to the actual average.

"Tests to determine the best milling practice are being carried on at the Ottawa Department of Mines plant. Experiments so far have been very satisfactory, giving no intimation of anything but a simple process being required to give satisfactory gold recovery."

About the Proposal to Set Unemployed at Work

(From The Ottawa Journal) It was an entrancing picture drawn by Mr. J. Lorne McDougall for the Ottawa Board of Control—gold mines in Northern Ontario owned by the city, helping pay the city's obligations, providing work for a thousand of our unemployed.

Mr. McDougall would have the municipality purchase promising claims and put its men to work in the hope of developing producing mines. "Alluring," the mayor called the suggestion, and no other word is quite so appropriate. It is, of course, one of the things we like to dream about, like finding a diamond mine or an oil well in our back yard, and probably about as practical, but even the discussion was a relief to a board ordinarily concerned with such solid and material subjects as garbage, wages and taxes.

A correspondent of the Ontario Minister of Mines, seized with a similar vision, not long ago wrote Mr. McCrea proposing nothing less than relief from our financial burdens on a provincial scale through its gold mines. His scheme was that the Ontario Government should purchase all the gold mines in the province, acquire all the properties where gold reasonably might be sought, hire all the unemployed, and send them out to dig, prospect, and explore. There would be, he said, many important discoveries, a prodigious increase in production and a great flow of wealth to the provincial treasury. Meanwhile there would be work for everybody, prosperity for all.

McCrea is more modest in his proposition, but no less optimistic.

NORANDA HOCKEY PLAYERS TRAVELLED BY AEROPLANE

Noranda recently made history for the Kiwanis Club by staging an interclub visit with Timmins, the members making the trip from Noranda by aeroplane. Last week Noranda made further use of the aeroplane in unusual way, the services of the air fleet being used to transfer hockey players and fans from Noranda to Amos for a match between Noranda and Amos teams. Six planes were used in the transportation of Noranda players and fans, about sixty taking in the air trip. The game resulted in a win for Amos with the score standing 2 to 1.

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Toronto Star:—The Ottawa Journal has discovered a fine recipe to avoid banging the fingers with a hammer. "Hold the hammer in both hands," suggests The Journal, but does not add the obvious advice that in such a case the risk of holding the nail devolves upon Friend Wife.

North Bay Nugget:—If all the ballyhoo broadcast from the inauguration of the new president of the United States were placed end to end it would still be ballyhoo.



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