

### Boy "Surgeon" Only Scratched Blister

Wonderful Story Fades in Magnificence Before the Light of Truth. In the Meantime Philanthropist Talks of Educating Boy as a Doctor

Some weeks ago a thrilling story came from Sudbury. The story was to the effect that Steve Osachuk, a thirteen-year-old boy, living on a farm some miles from Sudbury, had performed a heroic operation on his mother to save her life during an attack of pleurisy. Using a razor as a surgical knife, the story said the boy had bravely operated on his mother's back to drain off the fluid that was endangering her life. Some of the newspapers made a great noise about the story. It can be imagined how much joy such a story would create in the simple minds and hearts of a certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper, the minds being simpler even than the hearts. The provincial police went out to investigate the story but the officers were not nearly so excited or enthusiastic as the newspapers. The doctors were still more doubtful. Indeed, some of the medical men went so far as to suggest that the story bore its own refutation on its face. The doctors felt the impression that pleurisy could not be relieved in the way indicated by the despatches. In other words the story did not ring true. Of course, no one wants to spoil a good yarn, but the truth eventually comes out even in newspapers. The medical men called into the case said that the gallant surgical work of the boy had only taken place in the despatches, and not in reality. Confirming the finding of the medical men, Steve Osachuk, last week admitted to the Sudbury Star that he had not performed the operation credited to him, but that he had merely scratched a blister on her back. The cut, he said, was barely as long as his finger nails. And he had short nails.

In the meantime, however, reports of the "operation," as appearing in the newspapers, had reached Texas, and a philanthropist in the city of Dallas in that state, was so much impressed with the heroism, skill, coolness, daring—and you know all the other words—of the "surgeon" that he wrote the Canadian Medical Association offering to pay all the costs of a medical or surgical education for that bright boy up North. Word from Toronto is to the effect that this kind offer will not be accepted, this decision being reached after an investigation into the case by Dr. T. E. Routley, secretary of the Canadian Medical Association.

"All that the boy did was to let out a little water blister that had formed on his mother's back as the result of a hot poultice she had applied for lumbago," stated Dr. Routley. "There was nothing in the story. We investigated it thoroughly. There was nothing in the report that the boy operated to draw off fluid from his mother's lung. The Texas man thought that if the boy was as brilliant as that he ought to have the chance to become a great surgeon. We went into the case very thoroughly, and I have sent a letter directly to Texas."

Then to make the matter still more glaringly different from the despatches, it is now stated in other despatches from reliable sources, that Steve Osachuk's mother, Mrs. Mike Smigel, came into the Sudbury hospital some days ago complaining of a sore back. She was examined by Dr. W. Dales and Dr. S. S. Pollock. "There was no sign even of a blister," Dr. Dales is quoted as stating. If there had been a blister it must have been a very small one, according to Dr. Dales.

Asked why Mrs. Smigel had gone to the hospital Dr. Dales is quoted as saying:—"I do not know. There was no earthly reason so far as I could see."

And so endeth another of those high yarns that seem to break around some newspaper offices on days otherwise dull with news or sensation!

### LATE JOSEPH BRULE HAD SISTER LIVING IN TIMMINS

A despatch dated from Mattawa on March 29th and appearing in The North Bay Nugget last week was as follows:—

"A sad death took place in the General Hospital here on Monday night when Joseph Brule, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Narcisse Brule, passed to his eternal reward. The deceased young man was thirty years of age and was the victim of an accident which occurred last week when he fell from a load of hay and broke his right leg above the knee. He was removed to the hospital where amputation was found necessary, but he failed to rally from the effects. When only twelve years of age he had a fall in which he hurt the leg, resulting in a tubercular bone, for which he spent two years in an American Hospital, where operations were performed. The young man suffered intense pain at various times but continued to work, though urged by his family not to do so. He was a true hero in his sufferings, and in his passing, the family has sustained a loss which cannot be overcome. Being the eldest son in a large family he was a father as well as a brother to his younger brothers and sisters and was ever devoted to his parents. Nine brothers and sisters are left in Mattawa and a married sister in Timmins. His father and mother are also left to mourn the loss of their beloved son and to them is extended the sympathy of all citizens."

Monterey California, Peninsula.—Contrary to a report published yesterday, it was Mrs. H. L. Watson and not "Miss Eleanor Watson" of Carmel whose car skidded into a pole at Munras avenue and Cass street, and the mishap occurred at noon Sunday, instead of midnight, while the car instead of being demolished, was not badly damaged. Otherwise the account was entirely correct.

### TO BUILD MORE OF THE ROAD BETWEEN SUDBURY AND HERE

An item in The North Bay Nugget last week says:—"The Ontario government has decided to meet long standing demands of prospectors, claim-owners and others who are interested in the area lying between Matachewan and Shiningtree by cutting an extension of the Westree-Shiningtree road into the scene of activity in Tyrell and Knight townships. Mort Moore who has been engaged for several months in cutting winter roads through the Three Duck Lake area left Sudbury to take charge of the proposed new road construction. Present plans provide for an eight mile extension, which will connect the Tough-Regan and McNeely-Matachewan groups with Shiningtree and will give easy access to the field from Westree station on the Canadian National Railways. The area to be tapped is recognized as one of the most promising undeveloped sections of the province and includes geology similar to that in which the recent important discoveries were made in Swayze and Chester townships. Active development work is in progress on at least two groups of claims and indications are that with easier transportation conditions a new lease of life will be given several other properties this Summer"

Barrie Examiner:—The Minister of Education announces that school grants are to be revised with the object of securing more economical administration of schools. This will be a marked contrast to the policy which has been pursued by the Department of education for years its grants and regulations have been such as to encourage—almost force—trustees to extravagances in buildings, equipment and salaries.

### Much Money Spent on Ferguson Road

The Ferguson Highway was the Chief Road in the North for Expenditures Last Year. Fort William did Well.

More money was spent by the Department of Northern Development last year on the Ferguson highway than on any other road in Northern Ontario, the public accounts blue book for the year ending October 31, 1932, shows according to The Sudbury Star. A total of \$641,269.61 was expended on the road between Huntsville and Cochrane. The Sault-Sudbury-North Bay-Mattawa road came next with \$441,563.47.

While the department spent only \$369,269.45 on the trans-Canada highway, the provincial unemployment relief fund spent \$3,047,242.15, and the Federal unemployment relief fund \$2,022,951.46, a total of \$6,439,463.06.

More money was spent in Fort William district than in any of the 10 Northern Development Branch areas, a total of \$638,499.86. Huntsville district came second with \$557,289.76 and Sudbury district third with \$523,067. The Sudbury district extends from Hagar in the east to west of Espanola, and includes Manitoulin Island.

An additional \$553,423.17 was spent in Sudbury district as unemployment relief, administered by the department, bringing the total expenditure on roads in the Sudbury area to \$1,076,490. Unemployment relief was largely on settlers' roads and rock removal.

The North Bay-Sault road in Sudbury district received \$184,234.03, and an additional \$65,027 from the unemployment relief fund.

On settlers' roads, general maintenance and sundry expenditures, the

Northern Development Branch spent \$175,793.62 in this district, while on settlers' roads the unemployment relief fund spent \$206,159.

Last year the Espanola-Little Current road received \$27,143 Northern Development funds and \$46,791 relief funds; the Sudbury-Levack road received \$19,401 Northern Development money, and \$32,694 relief money; the Sudbury-Milnet road received \$11,020 Northern Development money and \$39,803 relief money.

The Chapleau-Devon road received \$9,757 Northern Development money and \$30,490 relief; Sudbury-Burwash road \$4,212 from the Northern Development and \$1,294 from the relief; Sudbury-Massey Bay road, Northern Development \$11,898, relief money \$3,803.

Roads built entirely by Northern Development funds are: Chelmsford-Bleazard-Capreol road, \$9,515; Sudbury-Long Lake road, \$2,383; and Copper Cliff-Creighton road, \$1,714. Roads built entirely by relief money are Cartier-Levack road, \$18,249; Capreol-Ella Lake road, \$8,212; Shining Tree road, \$6,568.

On Manitoulin Island the branch spent \$46,382 on eight roads, and the relief fund spent \$91,115 on seven.

In District No. 1, Huntsville, the relief fund expended \$1,027,695 in addition to the Northern Development fund of \$557,289. The Ferguson highway received the lion's share, \$278,584, of the Northern Development money, while the Bracebridge-Baysville-Dorset road received the biggest share, \$217,560, of the relief money. The Parry Sound-Nobel road, which will ultimately be part of the Parry Sound-Sudbury road, received \$3,544 Northern Development money.

In District No. 2, North Bay, \$434,552 was spent out of the Northern Development fund and \$500,055 out of the re-

lief fund. Trans-Canada highway, Sudbury highway and Sturgeon Falls-Field road benefited the most. The Warren-Rutter road received \$53,500.

In District No. 4, Sault Ste. Marie, \$406,038 was spent by Northern Development and \$864,836 by relief fund. The North Bay-Sault road received \$174,066 Northern Development money, and \$279,357 relief money. The Sault-Batchawana road received about \$100,000 and the Sault-Searchmont road about \$68,000. On the "Hornepayne" road \$1,152 was spent.

In District No. 5, New Liskeard, \$533,256 was spent by Northern Development, and \$234,438 by the relief department. The Ferguson highway, the Elk Lake road, the Gowganda-Shining Tree road, and settlers' roads received the greater part of the money.

In District No. 6, Matheson, \$447,417 was spent by Northern Development and \$302,025 by relief. The Ferguson highway received a total of \$184,779 and the Kirkland Lake-Cheminis road a total of \$112,813. The Porquis Junction-Timmis road received \$101,138, and settlers' roads about \$150,000.

In District No. 7, Cochrane settlers' roads took \$273,388, the largest sum spent on settlers' roads in any district except Sudbury. The Cochrane-Hearst road absorbed \$134,624 and the Ferguson highway \$55,425. A total of \$309,241 was spent by the Department of Northern Development and \$236,140 by the relief fund on roads.

District No. 8, Fort William, spent \$638,499 Northern Development money and \$326,288 unemployment relief money on roads. Most money, \$338,359 was spent on the International high-

way and second, \$140,791, on the trans-Canada highway. Settlers' roads accounted for \$180,644.

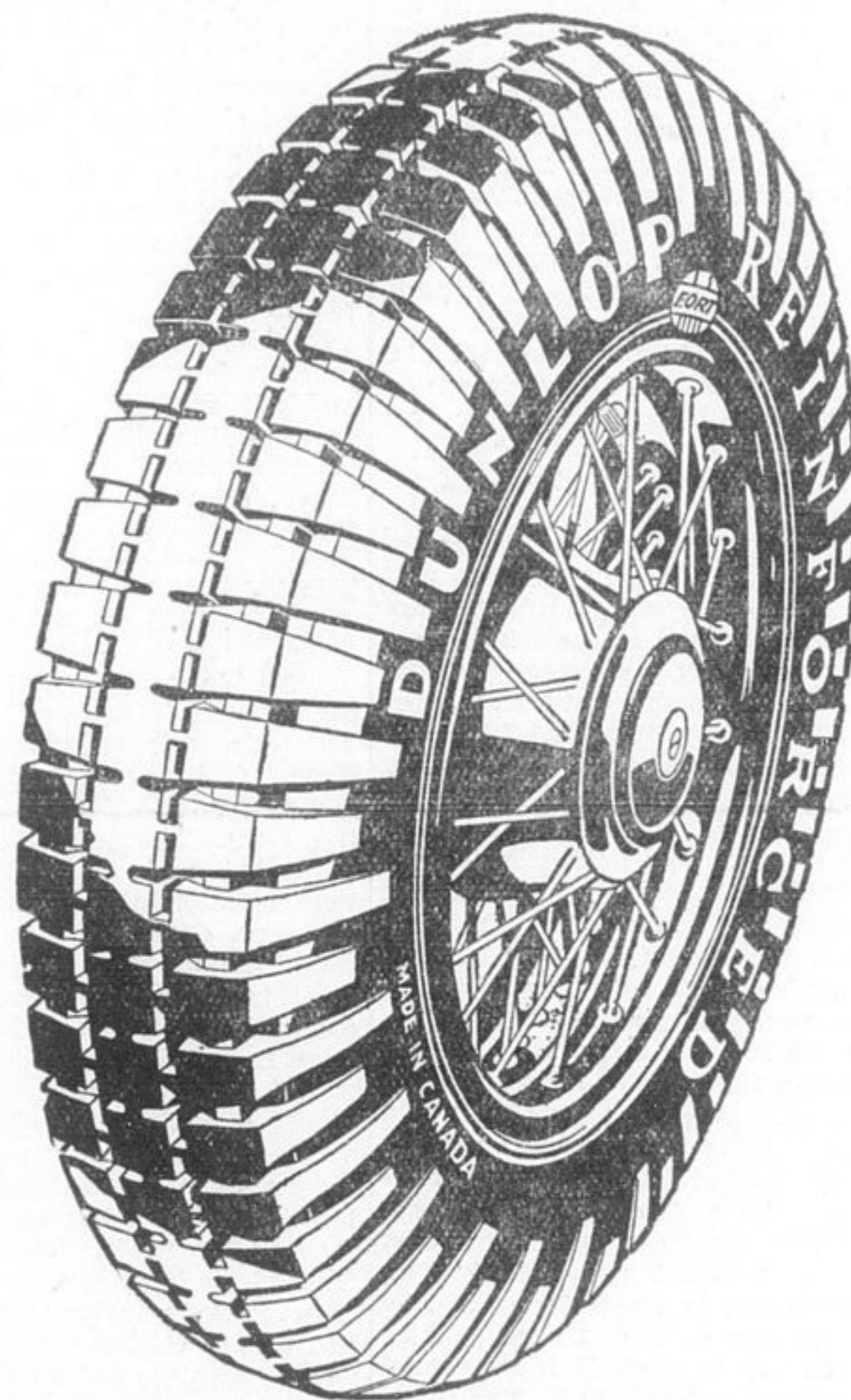
District No. 9, Kenora, utilized administered by a special organization. The Kenora-Fort Frances highway took \$90,064 and the Sioux Lookout-Dinorwic road \$62,517.

District No. 10, Fort Frances, spent \$131,565 Northern Development money and \$131,068 relief money. The Fort Francis-Rainy River road absorbed \$43,747.

More than 22 pages of the blue book are required to list the general accounts of the unemployment relief fund amounting to \$959,313.49.

By special warrants \$2,400 was spent on the Chapleau-Iron Bridge road and \$2,715 on the Levack-Cartier road, and \$6,093 in wages on the Sultan-Swayze township road.

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