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Bread from Wood is Claim of Scientist

German Professor Alleged to have Method of Utilizing Wood for Food. Believe it or Not. Here is the Story.

Years ago scientists made quite a furore by announcing that alcohol could be made from ordinary wood at comparatively low cost. Some people had visions of getting out of the old buck-saw and soon having a jag of wood and another little jag all at the one operation. But nothing came of it. No doubt the scientists were right, but the ordinary man being less gifted and ingenious has been content to get his alkali from the stores or from the legal or illegal dealers or making it by the old-fashioned plan of brewing or distilling grains, with liberal doses of raisins, sugar and other old friends.

Now the scientists are forward with a plan whereby good bread may be made from wood. In a country of forests like the North this should make a big hit. Under normal conditions one might expect even more wood dealers than there are at present. But likely there is a catch in it somewhere! Few will hope that they can buy a few cords of wood and eat well as well as feed well from the one source. Of course, the men who objected to cutting and hauling the wood for his own fuel, will likely think it a hardship that he should have to cut wood and haul it for the making of bread. For the benefit for this sort of man The Advance would give him face this trip, that he can put up a good argument against the use of wood for bread along the line that it would be against the general interests of the country as it would give an awful wallop to the wheat industry of Canada. Between the wheat pool fellows and the Soviet slave-drivers the wheat industry has about all the wallops it can stand in this country. It would seem too bad to put the wood to wheat at this stage of the game.

However in this Northern bush country it is at least interesting to speculate on the idea that man by his

own effort in the forest can supply food for himself as well as fuel by taking it out of the trees. The Canada Lumberman at least toys with the idea of making bread from wood. In a recent issue The Canada Lumberman has the following:—

Scientists Can Now Make Bread from Wood Bread made from wood is the latest achievement of Professor Friedrich Bergius, German scientist and winner of the Nobel prize for chemistry in 1921, a co-worker of Bergius said recently. In future warfare a naval blockade could not succeed in starving Germany out, as in the World War, it was claimed. The Germans will now have bread from wood, cheaper and surpassing in nutritive value bread made from wheat it was stated.

Professor Bergius has succeeded in working out a chemical process for transforming ordinary lumber into a high-grade protein constituent of bread. Dr. Otto Jellinek, chief chemist of the Bergius Laboratories stated. Dr. Jellinek said:—

"Biscuits made from wood, which we now are able to produce for human consumption on a large scale, are composed of 40 percent protein and 60 percent carbohydrates. Their nutritive and caloric value is much greater than that of wheat bread," it is ably contended.

Jellinek pointed out that Germany's annual production of wood is 50,000,000 cubic yards. Of this 27,000,000 cubic yards go to sawmills and 23,000,000 cubic yards are burned. He added:—

"If these 23,000,000 cubic yards of wood were transformed into protein by the Bergius process they would be more than sufficient to replace the nation's present imports of foodstuffs."

"Under the Bergius process, sugar is extracted from wood and dissolved with mixed nitrogen salts made from air as well as phosphoric salts and yeast. After fermentation, the mixture resembles a thick paste. It is then pressed into biscuits."

He said one of these biscuits has a nutritive value approximating that of a ham sandwich. The Bergius process, Jellinek said, is not more expensive than bread making. A local citizen to whom reference was made in regard to the above article about bread being made from wood, says that in famine years, the peasants of Finland, Norway and Sweden have been in the habit of adding a quantity of spruce sawdust to the flour used in making bread. The peasants claim that the spruce sawdust has a nutritive value, and that so long as a large proportion of the sawdust is not used the spruce adds to the flavour and value of the bread.

VANDALS DAMAGE HOME OF COBALTER IN HIS ABSENCE

Some time during his absence in Swastika where he had gone to spend the winter, thieves and worse broke into the residence of Adolph Kreiser, of Cobalt and not only stole many articles of value but also did much senseless damage. When Mr. Kreiser returned to Cobalt he found his house in a terrible condition. Trunks and cases had been broken into and the contents scattered all over where they had not been carried off. Blankets and tools were stolen as well as many other articles of value. The damage and thefts were reported to the police who are busy searching for clues. Despatches referring to the thefts and damage done in this case suggest that it looks like the work of boys. The circumstances of the case, however, do not lead to any conclusion but that the "boys" must have been twenty years old or more. The type of goods stolen and the form of damage done suggests that the "boy" burglars and "boy" vandals were of an age not usually considered as youthful in this country. The idea that it was "boys" that did this mean damage is just another of those cases of "blaming it on the kids."

Toronto Globe:—A general mental attitude of many foreigners who are fabled of Canadian law is the fear of deportation to their own countries. These men know when they have found a better land, but not all of them know how to appreciate their good fortune.



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Five Species Give Most of Lumber Cut

Douglas Fir Heads the List of Most Used Woods in Canada. Spruce Comes Next, White Pine, Hemlock and Cedar Following.

Information given recently by The Canada Lumberman shows that Canadian forests rank second only to agriculture in their contribution to Dominion production, and they provide a fourth of the net production of Canadian manufactures. Five tree species are the source of over 90 per cent of the lumber cut of the Dominion. They are Douglas fir, spruce, white pine, hemlock and cedar. There are in Canada approximately 160 different species or varieties of plants reaching tree size, of which 31 are conifers and form 80 per cent of the standing timber. Of the 90 species of hardwood the most important are birch and maple.

The Douglas fir of the Pacific coast probably yields more lumber annually than any other single species in America. This tree is not found in Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, the greater part of lumber being produced in the coast region of British Columbia. This is Canada's biggest tree and from it larger structural timbers can be obtained than from any other in America. It is chiefly used for structural purposes but on account of its attractive appearance it is also extensively used for interior finish. The wood is also important in Canada as a material for railway ties and mining timbers.

The five native spruce species are all of commercial importance, providing nearly one-third of the total production of lumber. Spruce pulpwood is used in preference to all others, and forms over two-thirds of the total quantity of pulpwood used in Canadian pulp mills and exported in the raw or unmanufactured state. Spruce is also used for railway ties, poles, coeprage and mining timbers. White spruce is the most abundant. With black spruce it ranges from Labrador to Alaska, extending northward almost to the limit of tree growth and southward into the United States. The red spruce is confined to the Province of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Its wood is considered to be of greater technical value than of any other spruce species. The Western species, Engelmann and Sitka spruce, are confined to the interior and coastal regions of British Columbia respectively, and the trees attain great size in this region.

ANOTHER TRIBUTE TO THE LATE D. O'CONNOR, CONNAUGHT

(From The Northern Miner) Daniel O'Connor a North Country pioneer, second mayor of Sudbury, founder of Timagami, hotel man, prospector, mine developer and believer in the future of the country, passed away at Timmins on March 29th victim of pneumonia.

Mr. O'Connor went to Sudbury in the late eighties operated the White House, engaged in lumbering, ran the old Comstock mine at Wahnipitae and was interested in many other mining properties. With the pushing north of the T. & N. O. Railway he was early on the scene in the mining areas but his first attraction was for the summer resort of Timagami, which he can be said to have discovered and gave its initial development. The Ronnoo Hotel and the Lady Evelyn will bring back to many Northerners memories of an earlier and more spacious day. In this region he discovered large bodies of iron ore.

Pioneering instinct sent Mr. O'Connor farther north, to the Porcupine area, before the railway. Eventually he acquired a number of properties, one of which he developed into the Ronnoo Gold Mines, upon which he worked until a few months ago. But it was as a man of large heart and abundant sympathies that Daniel O'Connor was best known. He had thousands of friends amongst all classes, from the Indians with whom he was highly sympathetic, to government dignitaries.

Objects to Closing of Cochrane Office

Agricultural Representatives for the Cochrane District Should be Retained in the Interest of this Area and Real Economy

Some weeks ago The Advance published a letter from a friend at Cochrane saying that the Ontario Government intended to close the office of the agricultural representative at Cochrane in the supposed interests of economy. The Advance at the time confessed that it could not conceive of the Government displaying so shortsighted a policy—a policy that was sure to prove the poorest of false economy. As The Advance pointed out what was really needed here was the appointment of a second representative for agriculture, so that the immense territory concerned might be properly served. Some progress is being made with settlement and farming in parts of this section of the North. The value of the agricultural representatives can not be over-emphasized. The need for such service is specially apparent in this part of the north at the present time with two hundred new settlers being placed on the land, most of them without too much experience in farming and so particularly requiring the advice and assistance that the agricultural representatives make it their business to give as part of their daily work. When The Advance received the letter referred to the two thoughts that were uppermost were:—first, the Government surely would not forsake the North at this moment by dropping the agricultural representative here; and, second, instead of dropping the one representative, what the Government ought to do is to appoint a second representative so that the territory may be properly and fully served. From this position The Advance can see no reason for receding. It must be admitted, however, that the writer of the letter in question had his facts correctly in regard to the Government's intentions to close the Cochrane office of the district representative of agriculture. It is to be hoped that the government will reconsider this move and give the North a fair deal in this matter. In commenting on the letter referred to and the comments made on that letter and the question in general, The Cochrane Northern Post last week had the following editorial reference:—

"That we have not dealt editorially with this particular matter before this has been due to the fact that nothing definite has as yet been announced in connection with the matter. Now that our Timmins contemporary has broken the ice, as it were, we have no hesitation in wholeheartedly seconding its remarks on the subject. While nothing official is yet available, information has come to us that it may be the government's intention to close the office here, though retaining the services of the local representative, Mr. Pomerleau, though in what capacity is uncertain. But even that is not enough. What the people of the town of Cochrane and the settlers in the surrounding district must fight for is the retention of the office here in Cochrane. The town of Cochrane is the centre of a growing agricultural development, which needs all the assistance which an Agricultural Representative's office can offer. As a measure of economy, the proposed closing of this office here is nothing but plain foolishness, unworthy of serious consideration. It literally costs nothing to keep the office itself, it being located in the Government's own building. And it is inconceivable that the Government would be so short sighted as to dispense altogether with the services of an Agricultural Representative for this district. In fact, we have pointed out on previous occasions, there is need for at least one more representative to anything like adequately cover the large territory. With the advent of numbers of new settlers, many without practical farming experience, the work of the Agricultural Representative was never more needed than at the present time. And so far as the present representative is concerned, we do not believe that a better man could be found. Mr. Pomerleau has spared neither time nor effort in trying to make his work of use to the settlers of the district. On many occasions the suggestion has been put forward locally that the officials at Queen's Park seemed to be bent on throwing every possible obstacle in the path of the genuine settler of the North, and with a view to turning the country back into pulp wood. If this particular office is closed here, and the present incumbent removed it will be a strong indication that there is something in the above suggestion. The province as a whole can better afford to dispense with the services of a lot of deputy ministers and political hangers-on at Toronto, than the North can afford to lose the services of such an able man as Mr. Pomerleau."

Noranda Kiwanis Club Still Pays Flying Visits

Some weeks ago the Noranda Kiwanis Club paid a "flying visit" to the Timmins club, coming here by aeroplane. The Noranda Kiwanis are keeping up their "flying visits," last week going to Cobalt by three planes to visit the Kiwanis Club there. There were eleven members of the Noranada Kiwanis Club in the delegation visiting the Cobalt Kiwanis Club and the visit to Cobalt proved a most enjoyable success, just as the trip to Timmins did. The Noranda Kiwanis Club is planning other trips by plane and bid fair to earn the name of the "flying Kiwanis." They fly but do not flee! The Noranda Kiwanis are demonstrating in very effective way that the North Land finds the aeroplane an ideal form of transportation in this country of immense distances and where the people are too busy to care to waste unnecessary time in travelling.

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None who enjoy the odd and the curious will miss reading the "Chronicle News Bits" in The Huntington Gleaner if they have opportunity. In this original feature column of the Huntington paper there is always that odd and interesting touch that pleases the lovers of the curious. One of the items of the "Chronicle News Bits" last week was the following:— "Clad only in a flimsy nightshirt a patient escaped from McKeller hospital at Fort William, Ont., and dashed for a mile through the main streets of the city, where thermometers hovered around 32-degrees below zero mark. The man whose identity is not divulged finally was run to earth in the centre of the business section and removed to a hotel, where it was found that his legs had been frost-bitten in his wild charge from the hospital. Later, he was taken back to the hospital. Authorities would not state the patient's malady nor what caused him to break from a warm hospital cot and brave the frigid blasts practically nude." This item will remind many-in Timmins of two cases of somewhat similar type that occurred in Timmins several years ago. One was at the time of the "flu" epidemic years ago. A man suf-

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