

RECENT FIRE ALARM CALLS IN THE TOWN OF TIMMINS

At the last minute the following reference to fires and fire alarms in Timmins was crowded out of The Advance last week.

In the week from April 13th to April 20th there were five fire alarms, none of which was a rather serious fire. The alarm for this latter fire came in at 8:25 p.m. on Thursday April 13th, from Box 53. The fire was at 79 Main avenue, owned by Arthur Goulet and occupied by Mrs. Mullin. Damage to the extent of about \$700.00 was done before the firemen were able to get the fire out, the blaze having quite a grip before it was discovered. The loss is covered by insurance of \$1,000.00. Another fire that caused about \$25.00 damage was at 180 Pine street, south, in the house owned by Mrs. Becklaw and occupied by S. Morda. The fire was in the shingle roof and evidently started by a spark from the chimney.

The other three calls were for two chimney fires and one where stovepipes were on fire. In none of these cases was any damage done. The first of these three calls was on April 18th, at 10 a.m., by phone, for 71 Kirby Avenue, chimney fire; no damage. The second was from Box 15, on April 19th, at 4:10 p.m., for 184 Maple street, North, chimney fire, no damage. The other fire call was on April 20th at 9:05 a.m., telephone, for 215 Cedar street, North, stovepipes on fire, no damage.

Haywire Finds New Use; But Not to be Encouraged

On several occasions The Advance has sung the praises of that flower of the North "haywire." Haywire has been held up as invaluable to the pioneer, the prospector, the lumberman, miner, merchant, even the printer. It can be used for picking teeth or mending watches; it is without peer as a handy help to everyman being his own harnessmaker. For suspenders for men, clothes lines for women, and for a thousand and one other uses haywire has no rival. Years ago in this North haywire came in so handy for repairing the old linotype that it won the heart of The Advance. As a result of the paucity of praise given to haywire in these columns a settler in the district named his homestead, "Haewyer Farm." The form of the name, of course, suggests aluminum paint and other trifles but at heart it is just "Haywire" after all. Once The Advance recorded scores of honest uses for haywire and then defied anyone to say a true word against good old haywire. It has taken years for that ill word to come, but here it is! Haywire may have saved the lives of literally thousands, but at least it is held responsible now for at least one death. That was the death of a cow. Shame on haywire! But in extenuation it may be said that haywire waited until cows were nearly as cheap as haywire. Holding a postmortem examination recently on a cow owned by Joseph Mantha, Widdifield Township farmer, to determine the cause of death, A. L. Rooks, veterinary surgeon, removed a piece of haywire, five inches in length, from the animal's heart. The wire had been swallowed apparently with food taken by the animal, and passed through the diaphragm and into the heart. The examination was made at the instigation of the owner, who suspected that the animal had been poisoned.

Alas! haywire, how could you? Maybe, after all these strenuous years of handy service to the people of the North, haywire has gone haywire!

Word from Kapuskasing is to the effect, that increased school accommodation is necessary in that town. It is said that accommodation must be provided next fall for 125 high school students. In the meantime the inspector has approved the use of three rooms in the public school and two in the separate school building for high school purposes.

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Ottawa Men Tell of Visit to the North

Say they Found Four Feet of Snow at Kapuskasing Last Week. Also Talk About Some of the Towns of the North "Flourishing."

Two Ottawa men recently visited the North and their impressions from the trip as given to The Ottawa Journal are interesting, if nothing else. Unfortunately, however, they were not long enough in Kirkland Lake to see the soup kitchen in operation with the long line five deep stretching to the road. Nor did they note the thousand odd out of work in Kirkland Lake nor the similar number workless in Timmins. These oversights leave the impressions of these Ottawa men as likely to give a wrong impression in the South and East. They will form the basis for Southern people telling their workless, "Well things are good in the North," while the truth is that the North already has more workless than it can handle and considerably more than a fair share of the unemployed from all over the world. Before reading what the Ottawa men seem to think, it is to be hoped that people in the South and East remember that there are too many in every line of business and in the professions, and fully a 1,000 out of work in Timmins alone, not to mention other towns in the North, and that there is no work here for newcomers, and neither sufficient work nor business for those already here.

With the above as a preface, the following is given from The Ottawa Journal:—

"Alderman George S. Sloan who with Controller George H. Dunbar went on a tour of northern Ontario to investigate the possibilities of settling Ottawa families on land there this Spring returned home yesterday to report that there is still four feet of snow in Kapuskasing and that he and Mr. Dunbar had to do much of their travelling around on sleighs.

"While not too optimistic in regard to the land settlement scheme, Mr. Sloan said much would depend on what Mr. Dunbar would find out in Toronto. They parted company at North Bay yesterday morning. Mr. Dunbar going on to Toronto to interview Government officials, while Mr. Sloan came on home. They left Ottawa a week ago to-day. The Ottawa emissaries visited Cochrane, Timmins, Kirkland Lake, Englehart, Connaught, Porquis Junction, Iroquois Falls, Matheson, Moonbeam and many other places and covered many miles over the country roads inspecting areas where hardy pioneers are making new livelihoods for themselves. Unfortunately it was found that many of the old established farmers in the northern area are on relief. The situation in Timmins and Kirkland Lake was reported by Mr. Sloan as "flourishing." In the large mines of the area full staffs were being employed with the mines operating just as in normal years. Wages had been maintained. When Mr. Dunbar returns to Ottawa, probably on Sunday he and Mr. Sloan will prepare their report for submission to Board of Control on Tuesday."

About the Legion at Hearst Cochrane and Kapuskasing

Members of the Canadian Legion in the camp as well as many others will be interested in the following paragraph from the last issue of The Northern Tribune:—"Comrade Frank Gardiner, vice-president of the Cochrane branch was a welcome visitor to the meeting of Canadian Legion Branch No. 85 at the Club on Tuesday night. He was invited to describe the very praiseworthy work being done by his branch to construct a war memorial in Cochrane under the chairmanship of Mr. E. R. Tucker. This is taking the form of a memorial park in the promontory of land jutting into Lake Commando, in the centre of the town. Brush has been cleaned away, low spots filled in, trees planted, and a start made on a bandstand in the centre. A rustic bridge is being built over a water gap, and the park will be well illuminated at night and band concerts given. Cochrane branch has worked hard on these details and has had generous help, one way and another from other citizens. Comrade Gardiner also recounted some of the things his branch had done for unemployed war veterans, of whom an unusual number had congregated at Cochrane. He was heartily thanked for his address. Later in the evening he mentioned that Zone Representative Austin Neame of Timmins planned to visit the Kapuskasing and Hearst branches when there was good motoring weather bringing with him a "degree team" schooled in putting on impressive initiation ceremonies. It is planned to again hold a zone picnic at Cochrane, with veterans from all parts of the zone converging in auto parties and having a big time."

DEATH ON APRIL 16TH OF FATHER OF CAMPBELL ANGUS

The North Bay Nugget on April 16th says:—"A pioneer of the Widdifield district, Malcolm Angus, aged 79 years, died on Sunday, April 16, at the home of Mrs. Robert McKinnon, 14 McLeod street. Mr. Angus had been ailing for some time and had been confined to bed for almost the past two months. He had farmed practically all his life, coming to Widdifield in 1888 from the township of Bromley, near Cobden. He was born in McNab township, County of Renfrew. He was also active in municipal affairs and served on the Widdifield Township Council for many years. He is survived by three sons, Roderick, Widdifield; Robert, Adanac, Sask.; and Campbell, Timmins; three brothers, John Cobden; James, Fort Frances, and George, Idaho, and one sister, Mrs. Alex, Spence, Cobden. His wife, formerly Miss Christina McLeod, died in August, 1919. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 14 McLeod street with Rev. P. C. Reed, of the First Baptist church, officiating. Interment was in the Union cemetery."

RECORD MADE IN STRINGING WIRE TO THE BEATTIE MINE

The Northern News last week says:—"Making what is believed to be a record in power line construction work, completion of the stretching of the 24.15 miles of wire from the Northern Quebec Power Company's sub-station at Noranda to the Beattie Gold Mine in less than two months, was finished on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and power was turned on for a test, with "fine results," according to D. Roy McPhee, who has been in charge of the wire work for the Beattie Mine. The actual work was started less than two months ago, after a contract for the cutting of right-of-way and erection of poles was awarded to Lang & Ross, of Sault Ste. Marie. Two small sub-stations have been erected between the power station at Noranda and the Beattie, and the transformers for these were installed on Tuesday of last week. Contract for the supply of power was signed with the Northern Quebec Power Company during the latter part of March."

Not Practical to Send Out State-Aided Prospectors

In the House of Commons some days ago the suggestion was made that the state aid those of the unemployed who wish to go out and prospect for gold. There are many who know nothing about prospecting or the North who may think that the plan has possibilities, but those who really know will discount the chances of having any sort of a successful and fair deal. It might be possible to win some success if the plan could be confined to expert prospectors on some sort of a grubstake method, but this would be a difficult thing to arrange with fairness and equal chance to both government and prospectors. The idea of the state aiding a general plan of prospecting to help relieve unemployment did not find favour with Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Mines. It was his considered opinion that the scheme was one which the state might well stay out of. The suggestion came from Hon. Ian A. Mackenzie, Liberal member for Vancouver Centre. Organization of prospecting parties from among the unemployed in the cities, he believed, would go far toward relieving these urban centres, and would supply the jobless with an opportunity for making an independent living. He proposed that parties be made up and sent out, each accompanied by an expert adviser from the Department of Mines, and if necessary by a government engineer. Some form of grubstake should be advanced to these men, he suggested. "Prospecting," said Mr. Gordon, "is not a job for the inexperienced man. I think I know as much about that work as any one in this House, and I know the hardships that a prospector has to face. They are hardships which defeat any but the most hardened and experienced. "I think that is something that the

THINKS JIG-SAW PUZZLES SIGN OF SOMETHING, MAYBE

(New York Times) —In January, 1931, the Department of Commerce reported that miniature golf had become a \$125,000,000 industry. Within a few months its magnets folded their imitation greens and quietly disappeared into the limbo of forgotten fads. In another year the nation's spare time was monopolized by a game called mah-jong. Soon this touch of neo-Orientalism was left to its handful of original devotees. Meanwhile, the cross-word puzzle no longer in the category of a craze, has become definitely established.

To-day millions of Americans are putting together jig-saw puzzles. How long this will go on is a question involving imponderables. Once it became suspected that there was a market for jig-saw puzzles, all the clairvoyant resourcefulness and ingenuity of American salesmanship was employed in their manufacture and sale. One could buy a different puzzle every week along with one's favourite magazine. "Mystery Jig" appeared accompanied by pamphlets telling a story the point of which could be learned by completing the puzzle. There were puzzles that solved riddles. Puzzles were made from the works of well-known cartoonists. Photographs of popular moving-picture and radio stars were "jigged" and sold with their biographies. Your own photograph or your baby's or your sweetheart's could be cut up into a jig-saw puzzle. There were even jig-saw puzzles which, when completed could be framed and hung on the walls as oil paintings.

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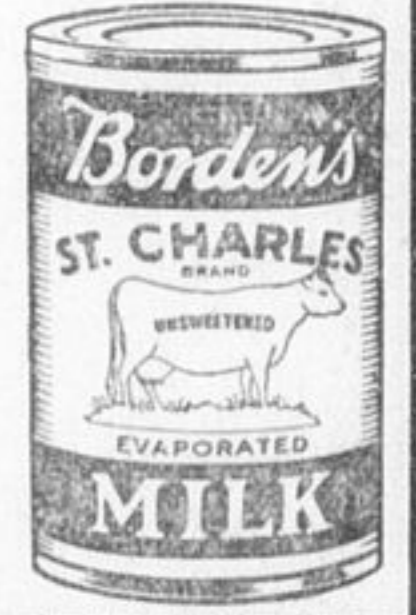
Mr. Mackenzie maintained that he was not suggesting that green men be taken out into the gold fields. His proposal was that the men be carefully picked, and he declared that there are many experienced prospectors unemployed in the cities, who would be glad of an opportunity to take up the trail again. His plan, he said, would further the campaign that is being waged to increase gold production, but the Minister would not even promise to consider it.

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