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**Who Were the Real Discoverers Here?**

H. A. Preston, One of the Original Pioneers of This District Answers the Question in Interesting Manner in Letter.

The following letter received this week from H. A. Preston, one of the real old-timers of the Porcupine, deals in interesting way with matters of vital interest in regard to the Porcupine.

Schumacher, Ont., April 29th, 1933  
To the Editor of  
The Advance, Timmins

Dear Sir:—This week's Advance has a story recalling the late Capt. H. C. Anchor, and told by the late W. S. Edwards. Being one of the Edwards party and still here at Porcupine, I wish to say a few things about this write-up of Capt. Anchor. It sure is the truth with the exception of two or three little points.

First, it states that Dome was staked on Sept. 22nd, 1909, but it does not mention when and how it came to be discovered. I do know, and can prove it. It also states that Jack Wilson, of Massey, Ont., was in charge of the party who discovered Porcupine, and after that people migrated to the camp like rats to cheese. I was one of Wilson's men and I want the people of Porcupine to know that my own party did NOT discover Porcupine any more than George Bannerman or Tom Geddes. I have mentioned before that there were only two parties in the Porcupine all the summer of 1909—my own and George and Tom. It was George Bannerman who took the first samples of gold to Haileybury and that is what started the rush. Then when the gang came in and saw the great gold show-

ings at the Dome, and the news leaked outside, then they sure did migrate to the camp like rats to cheese.

The article last week states that Dome was the original discovery of the Porcupine camp. It was in one way, and there are only three men who knew it, and one is dead, and another is right here at Porcupine. It was George Bannerman's claims, called the "Scottish Ontario Mines," now known as the "Canusa," that started the rush, so it must be said in the right sense that the Scottish Ontario was the original discovery. I am sure that ten to one of the old-timers who were first to come in the rush will tell you that they heard of Bannerman's find before they saw the Dome. I have always believed in telling the truth and giving credit to those to whom it may belong. I would also state that very few men knew that dear old Tom Geddes, who was George Bannerman's partner, was here in 1908—the year before the rush came. He was burned in the fire of 1911.

(Signed) Harry Aldridge Preston.

(One of the Dome Party)

To this letter Mr. Preston adds the interesting note that when the late Capt. H. C. Anchor was in charge of the Dome Extension property, H. A. Preston happened to be the second largest shareholder in that property, having one hundred and forty thousand shares, then valued at \$98,000.00 par value. Mr. Edwards was the largest shareholder in the Dome Extension at that time.

North Bay Nugget:—One advantage the Liberal party in Ontario enjoys in the political arena just now, is that it is so long since the Liberals were in power that their wrong-doings are largely forgotten.

**SHERIFF'S SALE OF LANDS**

District of Cochrane

TO WIT:

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of a Writ of Execution issued out of the Supreme Court of Ontario, and to me directed against the lands and tenements of Porcupine United Gold Mines Limited, in the action of the Corporation of the Township of Tisdale vs. Porcupine United Gold Mines Limited, I have seized and will offer for sale by public auction at the Township Hall, South Porcupine, in the District of Cochrane, on Thursday, the 29th day of June, 1933, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title, interest and equity of redemption of the above named defendant, Porcupine United Gold Mines Limited, in, to and out of the following described lands and tenements, viz:—

**TOWNSHIP OF TISDALE**

No.	Parcel	Register	Description	Lot	Con.
1.	1721	Sudbury North Division	S. E. 1 of S. 1	8	5
2.	905	Sudbury North Division	Land under Gillies Lake	10	3
3.	933	Sudbury North Division	N. E. 1 of S. 1	4	5
4.	940	Sudbury North Division	S. E. 1 of S. 1	4	5
5.	759	Whitney and Tisdale	Pt. of S. E. Pt.	11	3
6.	1499	Sudbury North Division	S. E. 1 of S. 1	1	4
7.	1498	Sudbury North Division	N. W. 1 of N. 1	6	1
8.	1497	Sudbury North Division	N. W. 1 of N. 1	7	2
9.	1628	Sudbury North Division	S. E. 1 of S. 1	4	4
10.	1608	Sudbury North Division	N. W. 1 of S. 1	2	3
11.	1657	Sudbury North Division	N. E. 1 of S. 1	12	1
12.	1656	Sudbury North Division	S. W. Pt. of S. Pt.	1	6
13.	1513	Sudbury North Division	S. E. 1 of N. 1	9	5
14.	1514	Sudbury North Division	N. E. 1 of S. 1	9	5
15.	1515	Sudbury North Division	N. E. 1 of S. 1	1	4
16.	1567	Sudbury North Division	N. E. 1 of S. 1	3	3
17.	1600	Sudbury North Division	S. E. 1 of S. 1	7	4
18.	1702	Sudbury North Division	N. W. Pt. of S. Pt.	1	2
19.	1690	Sudbury North Division	N. E. 1 of N. 1	8	5
20.	1689	Sudbury North Division	S. E. 1 of N. 1	8	5
21.	1688	Sudbury North Division	N. W. 1 of S. 1	8	5
22.	1687	Sudbury North Division	S. W. 1 of N. 1	8	5
23.	1686	Sudbury North Division	S. W. 1 of S. 1	8	5
24.	1661	Sudbury North Division	N. W. Pt. of S. Pt.	12	2
25.	1685	Sudbury North Division	S. E. 1 of N. 1	4	3
26.	1684	Sudbury North Division	N. E. 1 of N. 1	4	3
27.	1660	Sudbury North Division	S. E. Pt. of S. Pt.	1	6
28.	1659	Sudbury North Division	N. W. Pt. of S. Pt.	1	6
29.	1701	Sudbury North Division	S. W. Pt. of S. Pt.	1	2
30.	4549	Sudbury West Section	Broken Part of	11	3
31.	4554	Sudbury West Section	N. W. Pt. broken Lot	11	2
32.	4555	Sudbury West Section	S. E. Pt. broken Lot	11	3
33.	4556	Sudbury West Section	S. W. Pt. broken Lot	11	3
34.	1887	Sudbury North Division	N. W. 1 of N. 1	4	6
35.	1886	Sudbury North Division	N. W. Pt. of N. Pt.	6	6
36.	1726	Sudbury North Division	N. E. 1 of N. 1	8	4
37.	1757	Sudbury North Division	S. E. 1 of N. 1	9	4
38.	1727	Sudbury North Division	N. E. 1 of S. 1	8	5
39.	1720	Sudbury North Division	N. E. 1 of S. 1	7	5
40.	1722	Sudbury North Division	S. E. 1 of N. 1	7	5
41.	1690	Whitney and Tisdale	S. W. Pt. of S. Pt.	12	2
42.	1691	Whitney and Tisdale	Pt. of broken Lot	1	2

Dated at Cochrane this 22nd day of March, A.D. 1933

JOHN D. MACKAY,  
Sheriff, District of Cochrane

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**New Settlers Leave the Matheson Area**

Several "Back-to-the-Land" Families Return to Homes in South. Say Cannot Get Along in North. Crown Land Agent Lays Blame on Them.

Last year The Advance took occasion to question some of the arrangements and regulations in regard to the Ontario method of dealing with the "back-to-the-land" scheme of the Dominion Government. It was pointed out that only those experienced in farm work—with emphasis on the "work"—should be placed under this plan. Otherwise, there was no hope of anything but failure.

There was objection taken by The Advance to placing the families on the land in the fall or winter unless there was surety of them being able to secure work on the roads to help out until they were able to raise their first crop. Other points were raised not with any idea of criticizing the plan in destructive way but with the hope of guarding what might be a very helpful scheme from absolute failure. Hon. Wm. Finlayson took occasion to write The Advance in regard to references in these columns. Hon. Mr. Finlayson claimed that all points had been fully covered by the working of the regulations and that the plan was working smoothly. The reply to The Advance to Hon. Mr. Finlayson was to the effect that it was to be hoped that he was right, but that it was too early yet to state definitely whether the plan was working successfully or not. Also, it was pointed out that much of the success of the venture would depend on whether there was roadwork to help out the new settlers until they had built up farms that would provide a livelihood for themselves and their families. The force of this point was illustrated last week when five St. Catharines families, who had gone "back to the land" in the Matheson area, left again for the South not pleased with the North and likely to give some energy to cursing this country. Of course, there is another side to the question. The trouble may be all with the families and not with the plan, as is suggested by J. A. Hough, crown lands agent at Matheson. There is, however, the interesting feature that the giving up in despair by these families is coincident with the announcement that all roadwork is to be stopped in the North. Without roads kept in repair the settlers in the North are sadly handicapped. This will be admitted by anyone knowing the country. Then, of course, the work on the roads certainly does help out the settlers to a large extent in a financial way.

However, here are the two sides of the case, as covered by The Northern News last week:—

**Back-to-the-Land Families are Moving South.**

Several "back-to-the-land" families from the Matheson area passed through Kirkland Lake on Monday en route to their former homes in St. Catharines, Ontario.

They were travelling in three motor cars, and appeared disgruntled and dissatisfied, complaining that the \$10 a month food allowance granted to families wasn't sufficient to live on. "We've said good-bye to Northern Ontario for good," explained Arthur Ford, one of the men in the party. "We can't subsist on the \$10 a month allowance. And besides, there's no road work available."

**Tells a Different Story**

But an altogether different picture of the land settlement scheme in Currie township, west of Matheson—where the St. Catharines families had settled—was forthcoming from J. A. Hough, crown lands agent at Matheson who was queried on the subject by The Northern News by long-distance telephone.

"The trouble with these people," said Mr. Hough, "is that they aren't adaptable to farming and homesteading in the North. In the beginning none of them should have come here. They seemed to look on the jaunt north as a picnic. None of them has cleared a foot of land since they've been up here, and I am under the impression that they seemed to think that since St. Catharines sent them here all they had to do was take things easy and the city of St. Catharines would care for them indefinitely."

**Nothing Wrong With Land Scheme**

"That's not what the land settlement proposal is for. These men wouldn't work. They were unfamiliar with bush work, and they wouldn't clear any land. I went out of my way to do all I could to assist them—and it cost the department a lot more money than it should have just on their account."

"There's nothing wrong with the land settlement scheme," the crown lands agent went on. "The scheme is all right, and the majority of those families who have come here are making a good flat of things. There are families here who wouldn't go back to Old Ontario on a bet. They like it here and

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**April Honour Roll Schumacher School**

Standing of the Pupils in the Various Classes of the Schumacher Public School for the Month of April, 1933.

The following is the April honour roll for Schumacher school:—  
Sr. IV—A. E. Murphy, teacher—Kathleen Christopher, John Todhunter, Harry Harris, Eric Arnott, Cecil Hoffman, Francesco Iannarelli, Mariam Laine, Earl Lampkin.

Junior Fourth—William K. Wylie, teacher—Katherine Buchar, Malsie Elbridge, William Cripps, Jessie Bell, Mable Howe, Walter Zadorozny.

Sr. III—Girls—A. U. Coleman, teacher—Nina Cioei, Katie MacMillan, Muriel Fulton, Betty Philliban, Mildred Mirokovich, Ann Jacksie, Nellie Harris, Laura Wardley, Annie Butkovich, Nancy Hepplewhite, Jennie Wallace, Phyllis Gregulski.

Room 7—Sr. III—W. B. Sparks, teacher—John McDonald, Allan Cripps and James Waite, equal; Fred McNaughton, Arthur Gray, Alastair McNaughton, Leslie Halliwell, Stanley Robson, Nick Popovitch, Joe Iannarelli, Allen Keeley, Gordon Hammond, Walter McQuarrie, Billy Flynn, Bobby Quine, Arthur Quine.

Sr. III—Laura B. Small, teacher—Emile Drahuta, Leonard Taylor, Donald Weber, Hugh Wharton, Ronald Montgomery, Burnett McDonald, Douglas Denny, Hilliard Greer, Felix Sheculski, Leslie Hall, Carle Cowden, George Holgevac, Mike Muzdeka, Hector Bombardier, Angus Sangster.

Jr. III—Catherine McDonald, teacher—Jean McGrath, Irene Slezak, Marguerite Keizer, Peggy Sutherland, Edna Fraser, Mary Urbanic, Mary Zadorozny, Anne Miller.

Class II—M. G. Bristow, teacher—Clara Butkovich, Doreen Wills, Billy Fairhurst, Louise Delich, Margaret Innes, John Sikis, Sadie Brooker, Billy Welt, Dorothy Hoffman, Ethel Fowler, Willie Hunter, Ellen McCain, Alfred Summerell, Doric Turcott, June Crengies, Frances Cencich, Lillian Cummings, Jean Laughren, Ethel Pest, Bobby Boyce, Boyd Prentice, Ruby Nilsson, Paul Laine, Steve Potocny, Beverly Kaitchen, Edward Brown, Vance Rafuse, Eva Moller.

Junior Second—H. M. Lee, teacher—Jean McWhinney, Amy Prentice, Olga Marchori, Lawrence Tomlinson, Barbara Sangster, Rosa Bojtos.

Class—Jean Bruce, teacher—Kirby Joyner, Jean Lafferty, Inez Williams, Eda Battigelli, Alta Fisher, Lena Cousineau, Lois Phillips, Elizabeth Sandal, Remeigo Pizache, Robyn Keller, Inez Fregonese, Rachel Pietila, Ladislav Katushion, Laura Bombardier, Ruth Matson.

Book I—M. Aileen Curran, teacher—Katie Pecanic, Vera Jenkins, John Gjarec, Katie Kovich, Catherine Byrom, Delia Iannarelli, Norma Halliwell, Geo. Deficce, Mildred Gerovac, Freddie Monk Lucille Tisdale.

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**Takes Child's Body South**

The Fords—a family of seven, including five children—arrived in Kirkland en route to the South Monday morning. In his car was John Walsh, another St. Catharines man, who was conveying to St. Catharines the body of one of his children—a little girl—for burial there. She had died of burns caused by a scalding. Ford's occupation in Old Ontario was that of a cement man.

"I sold all my furniture so I could scrape up enough money to take my family out," he explained. He and his family and the Walshes were travelling in a car that looked to be moderately new.

Henry Clarke, with a family of six, was in one of the other cars, and E. Haslem and his family in the third car. They have been up in the Matheson area for six months—long enough to use up the \$600 allowances granted them by the city of St. Catharines, the Provincial Government and the Federal Government.

**Five Families are Remaining**

Apparently, with spring in the air, all experienced a change of heart about life in Northern Ontario.

"Settlers who are managing to keep going," explained Ford, "are those who Ontario. If we could get some road work it might have helped us out, but we can't live on \$10 a month."

It was learned from Crown Lands Agent Hough that five of the ten St. Catharines families have left Currie township for their old homes where they will probably go on relief. The five others are remaining, it was said.

**Report that Placer Gold Discovered in Quebec**

(Quebec Mining News)

Rumors of a placer gold find in the far north of Quebec have reached Amos and while little credence is placed in the stories, presented in circulation, by local mining men, The Quebec Mining News following investigations carried on quietly for the past few weeks, is of the opinion that a new placer field may be opened up during the present prospecting season.

These rumors gained momentum following the arrival of two trappers at a point on the C. N. R. Transcontinental line, some 70 miles east of Amos, who reported panning gold from the creek beds of a stream some 600 miles north of the steel last fall. While the scene of the new find is at present veiled in mystery, important disclosures may be available in a few days. The alleged discoverers, it is now understood, are now in Montreal arranging for the financing of an extended trip to the country in which the discovery was made. Upon completion of this financing, it is planned to charter a plane to transport the men to the scene.

While information as to the probable destination of the trappers is not available for publication at this time, at least, the Quebec Mining News has reason for the belief that the new placer field, providing there develops some substantiation for the rumor, is located somewhere on the Kaniapiska River, north of Lake Misstassin.

**BERT DEMPSEY ADDS ONE MORE TO HIS LIST OF WINS**

In the recent boxing programme put on at Rouyn recently under the management of Henry Bussineau, Bert Dempsey added another win to his list. In referring to the card The Northern News last week says:—

**Timmins Boy Shows Stuff**

"Bert Dempsey, middleweight champion of Timmins, had little difficulty in taking the decision from Neil Beaton, former middleweight of Detroit, Mich., in the scheduled main event of the evening. Beaton had the edge on Dempsey in the matter of weight, tipping the scales at 149 pounds to Dempsey's 140 pounds.

"Beaton started off strong, but the first round had not been completed before it was seen that the Timmins boy was the better of the pair. From then on Dempsey led the way, gaining more points in each successive round. The judges had no alternative but to award the decision to Dempsey.

"Bert Tasse of Noranda and Kid Legault of Rouyn, matched at 136 pounds, was another outstanding bout of the evening. They fought three two-minute rounds. The Tasse-Legault encounter was the most evenly matched pair of the evening, with but little showing between them."

On a previous occasion Dempsey won from Tasse.

Huntingdon Gleaner:—This is the inevitable story about the calm telephone girl in the crisis. As the first reports of the California earthquake were being received in New York City a woman, who declined to give her name, called the news department of the New York Times. "You might be interested," she said, "in knowing that I have just tried to communicate with Los Angeles by telephone. When I had made connection with the Los Angeles operator, the girl's voice, calm and unharmed, came over the wire: 'Sorry, I cannot connect you. We are having an earthquake.'"



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**RUSSIAN SUGGESTION FOR RELIEF CASES IN CANADA**

(New York Herald-Tribune.)  
Ella Winter—Lincoln Steffens' English wife—gives in "Red Virtue" an enthusiastic picture of the way men and women, and children, live and love and work and think in Soviet Russia. She tells the story of an alimony payer under the new marital freedom. The proletarian court ordered a young father to pay a third of his salary as alimony to the divorced mother of his latest child.

"I can't," he said, "I'm already paying that to my first wife."  
"Pay the second third, then," said the magistrate.

It developed that his entire salary went, in three sections, as alimony to three former wives.

"What do you mean?" asked the judge. "You are paying all your wages in alimony? What do you live on?"

"Oh," said the much-married man, "I live on the alimony my new wife gets from her five previous husbands."

North Bay Nugget:—Pacific coast ball team is trying out a Chinese outfielder this season named Lee Gum Hong. He ought to stick.

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