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### More About High-Grading Schemes in Days Gone By

Last week The Advance published an article referring to high-grading tricks and schemes, chiefly dealing with the early days of Cobalt. At the same time it was indicated that high-grading occurred in the gold camps as well as in the silver ones. As a matter of fact high-grading operations in the gold camps are known to mean a serious loss to the mines. Some of the mines suffer more than others, but they all lose a certain amount through the operations of the high-grader. To the general public some of the tricks and schemes of the high-grader are amusing, but the mine owners can scarcely be expected to see the humour in a practice that costs them material losses each year.

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### Hon. W. A. Gordon on Questions of To-day

"Minister from the North," Deals with the Situation in Canada and Elsewhere and the Prospects Ahead.

At the annual meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association at Kirkland Lake some days ago, Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Mines, Minister of Labour and Minister of Immigration and Colonization, delivered an address that many who heard it pronounce as one of the most inspiring and helpful they have heard in recent years. Some Kirkland Lake friends of The Advance suggested last week that a summary of the address would be of special interest to Timmings and district where Hon. Mr. Gordon has innumerable friends and admirers. He is considered "the Minister from the North" and all in the North take pride and pleasure in the high place he has won in national esteem and still more in the efficiency and notable talent with which he has carried through unusually arduous duties. In this connection it may be noted that some weeks ago a Timmings citizen was irritated at the remarks of a C. C. F. speaker in one of the Toronto parks. This C. C. F. fellow could not attack Hon. Mr. Gordon on the charge of inefficiency or lack of public spirit, so he took another tack. This boiling orator referred to the several portfolios held by Hon. Mr. Gordon, and he said—Gordon may be clever, but see how he is lining his pockets, all the jobs he is carrying and the several salaries he is getting." The Timmings man was sure this idea was false and malicious but he hesitated to directly deny the suggestion. He thought:—"Well, that C. C. F. speaker is in position to know. He would hardly make a statement like that without some foundation." That Timmings man did not know his C. C. F. If the orator confined themselves to the truth they would have little to say. In any event there is nothing they could say against Hon. W. A. Gordon. As a matter of fact Hon. Mr. Gordon conducts "three and a half departments," as he phrases it, but he only gets pay for one, and that one salary is reduced at that. This point was touched upon by Hon. Mr. Gordon in his address at Kirkland Lake and there were many other matters of equal interest that he referred to. The whole address was worthy of special notice and because of this, The Advance is giving a summary of it, chiefly as presented by The Northern News last week.

**Hon. Mr. Gordon's Address**  
 "The problems of your government since 1930," he candidly observed, "have been associated with almost insuperable difficulties—almost, but not quite. We as a government have been assailed and criticized and at times I have no doubt that the criticism has been justified in a measure." He pointed out, however, that the Dominion Government had worked wholeheartedly for the best interests of Canada and that the most serious consideration had been given in every line to the problems pressing for solution.

**To the Business of Canada**  
 In so far, as he was concerned, the minister of mines went on, he proposed to devote his time without reservation to the business of Canada to the best of his ability, and without fear or favour.

Reference was made by Mr. Gordon to the recent depression, which "hit us all," and he went on to recall that during the period from 1924 to 1929 everybody, perhaps, was making money he didn't earn. The whole world was speculation-crazy, and it had to come to an end. And when it did it affected the entire world—not only individuals and governments.

"What was the Federal Government confronted with?" asked Mr. Gordon. "Our predecessors in the election year and the year just before the depression committed this country to more than \$200,000,000 of public expenditures. The Canadian National Railways committed the country to a greater sum, even, than that in contracts for us to carry out."

**Recalls Western Canada Drought**  
 Mr. Gordon recalled, in addition, that nine Canadian provinces were placed in the position of admitting their inability to discharge their constitutional burden to the people within their own boundaries, and thus a huge added burden was thrust upon the Dominion treasury.

Then there was the situation in Western Canada in 1931 and 1932, and because of the drought in the prairie areas the federal state was called upon to feed more than 300,000 people who hadn't any crop return for three successive years.

Mr. Gordon elaborated briefly on what the Dominion government had done to meet these problems, and he told his hearers, candidly, that if they felt that the government had not done the just and proper thing under the circumstances—why, "just turn us out and put in somebody else!"

**"Oceans of Economists"**  
 The depression had brought with it, he recalled, "oceans of economists." "In fact," he smiled, "this had been the economists' field day. The odd part of it is that the farther away you get from home you find the economist speaking with greater assurance even though conditions in his own country are worse than in any place else."

Mr. Gordon apparently was referring to the clamour of certain folk that the United States was progressing back to normalcy faster than the Dominion, and he proceeded to dispute that, in a simple explanation of the N.R.A., and to show that such was not the case.

But the guest of the evening did not, in so much as a hint, cast any disparagement on the efforts now being made by President Roosevelt to carry the United States back to prosperity.

"I Hope It Succeeds"  
 "We find our great and friendly neighbour to the South," explained Mr. Gordon, "trying a great experiment. I

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### This Man Looks Like the Real Man They Couldn't Kill

In nearly every section of country there is some man who has the name of being the kind to survive anything or everything. Cities have boasted of "the man they couldn't kill," but that has simply been because there are more people and so more ventures and dangers than where there are less people. In new sections the people who may be classed as "survivors" are numerous. It is a common enough experience to run across a man who came more or less safely through conditions that meant death for others. But for the record in surviving the slings, arrows and bludgeons of fate and accident, an Iowa man seems to have all the world beaten. If there is another man anywhere who has come through more misadventures, more accidents and incidents than this Iowa man, he should take one more chance and hurry forward. Here is the story as told by The Huntingdon Gleaner in its "Chronicle News Bits":—

"Hand the palm for durability to Hank Shafer, who lives in a little house on the edge of Eldorado, Iowa, doing odd jobs. Years ago, when it began to be said that he couldn't be killed, his fellow townsmen looked on the statement as an exaggeration. But now they are convinced. Hank is eighty-two years old, and has survived sixteen assorted "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," any one of which was lethal enough for all practical purposes. Hank's hair-breadth escapes began when he was eight years old, according to a St. Louis statement. He was saved from drowning after he had gone down the third time and was unconscious. The rest of his adventures may be tabulated thus: Struck by lightning three times. Buried in a coal mine disaster. Fell from a high trestle. Blown into the air by a cannon explosion, suffering the loss of an arm and an eye. Crushed under 5,000 pounds of potter's clay. Fell twenty-five feet over a cliff. Thrown from a horse in a runaway and dragged through a barbed-wire fence. Suffered three broken ribs and a collar-bone when kicked by a horse. Thrown on his head from a bob-sled, skull fractured. Survived double pneumonia at the age of 80. Survived a paralytic stroke at eighty-one. Seriously injured when run over by a horse and wagon. Suffered new wounds and reopening of old ones in an automobile accident at eighty-two, last fall."

**ANOTHER GOLD DISTRICT IN SUDBURY AREA REPORTED**  
 Heavy staking is reported on the Dore and Rush Rivers in the unsurveyed territory north of Newton and Dale townships, in the Horwood Lake section, Ontario. Already more than 100 claims have been recorded at Sudbury and a large number of claims have been staked but are yet to be registered. The rush finds several interesting-looking gold veins, details of which are not yet available. Geological formation is similar to that in which the Swayze-Halcrow and Denyes township discoveries were made.

sincerely hope it succeeds. And the reason is that the success or failure of our big neighbour is bound to have some effect on our own country. And I trust it will succeed, because since President Roosevelt has inaugurated his plan men have come to me, representing considerable thought in Canada, and have said: "You are the director of relief for Canada, do what the United States are doing!" But let us look at our own efforts towards recovery and you will find that since March of this year through natural processes Canada has put back to work and into regular wage-paying occupations more than 100,000 heads of families.

"The best United States figures," continued Mr. Gordon, "show that they have not done as well as the Canadian people in spite of huge expenditures and the Blue Eagle."

Mr. Gordon did not belittle in any way the U.S. effort. On the contrary he praised the efforts of President Roosevelt and his advisors.

**U. S. Policy Is Hit**  
 Next he went back beyond 1930 and pictured in simple, easily understandable language, how it came about that world trading had been paralyzed. It used to be, he recalled, that Great Britain was the great creditor nation of the world. Her years of experience in this role was such that she willingly permitted and encouraged the debtor nations to redeem their obligations in goods or service.

Then the post-war period came along and reversed things in this respect. The United States became the creditor nation of the world. She found herself in a new role, and lacked the experience so necessary to such a position. With huge stocks of gold in her vaults she demanded world payments in terms of contracts—gold—instead of in goods, and found herself utterly lost, Mr. Gordon explained. She raised huge tariffs which prevented the world from trading with her.

"We in Canada," continued the guest speaker, "wanted to trade with the United States. But by raising her tariffs against us she forced us to say: 'We want to trade with you but you won't let us. We don't propose to stay under your heel. You force us to turn to the British Empire and to put trade on a firm foundation.'"

**To Canada's Advantage**  
 "And thus, Mr. Gordon recalled the Imperial Conference came into being and Canada threw in her lot with the British Empire—and to her growing advantage."

"What are the results of these British contracts?" asked Mr. Gordon. "Our trade within the empire is going up at the rate of millions and millions a month! And the British Empire, cemented as it is, will be an object lesson to the world. The old British Empire is going to lead the world out of its difficulties, and is showing the world how to restore the easy, natural flow of produce between markets."

**One Salary For Three Jobs.**  
 The minister of mines subsequently paused for a moment to humorously recall that it had come to his notice that some people were parading the belief that he was managing three government departments and getting \$10,000 a year from each of them! He assured his hearers with a smile, that such was not the case. It was true that he was administering three and one-half departments, but he was receiving pay only for one and this with a pay-cut reduction of 10 per cent!

The North Temiskaming M.P., declared that the Conservative party stood for "the maintenance of this grand old British Empire and the states within the empire on a firm basis and with such protection against those who would destroy it."

Mr. Gordon counselled the members of the association not to drift away from the principles of democracy. He pointed out that the government simply represented the people, and explained that the government—must necessarily impose taxes. The question for the Canadian citizen, he thought, was how far could he relieve the State of the problem which the individual should take care of himself.

**"Each One Has Job To Do"**  
 The minister of mines, in reference to things of a more personal nature, felt that his deepest satisfaction from the standpoint of public service was gained from his thought that he would always be able to "give back to my constituents the escutcheon you handed me without a stain and without one single splash of mud on it!"

"Each one of us has a job to do," Mr. Gordon remarked, in conclusion. "I have an abiding faith in the men and women of Canada. I know they will prove true Canadians. After all, our job is not for us as much as it is for those who are coming after us. The people of Canada will not fall in this world crisis because they are the kind of people who feel they have a duty to perform for the younger generation, and will take comfort from the thought that they will leave Canada a better country in the years to come."

An interesting feature of the meeting was the number pressing forward to thank Hon. Mr. Gordon for his able and effective address. One of these was Mrs. Rosy Brown, a well-known lady of Kirkland Lake, who has been prominent there in certain circles since the early days of the camp. Mrs. Rosy Brown presented Hon. Mr. Gordon with a Kirkland Lake grown rose for his coat lapel.

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### TIMMINS IS NOT THE ONLY PLACE HAVING ROBBERIES

Timmings is not the only place having robberies these days, and it is worthy of note that the robberies in other places are along similar type to those here. In most cases it is not necessities but luxuries that are stolen. As an example, the case of the breaking into the Dominion Stores at Halleybury may be noted. Few articles were taken and even these were in the luxury lines. Apparently it was money that was sought, but the thieves were disappointed in regard to this as all money was safely locked away in the safe. The recent robbery at the Dominion Stores in Halleybury was a poor speculation for the thieves. Entry was gained from the rear of the store where the window and the glass in a door were broken to allow for the reaching in and withdrawing of bolts. In this connection it may be noted that stores could assist materially in their own protection by guards of one kind and another on doors and windows. Bars and stout screens will be found to help a lot. Indeed, in many cases, thieves have confessed to the police on occasion that they did not bother trying to enter such and such a place because it looked so well protected while the apparently careless condition in which other places were left tempted to attempted entry. The leaving of lights burning at strategic points is one of the best forms of protection. If business men and police co-operate earnestly the danger of burglary can be reduced. It is necessary, however, that they work together.

**PUBLIC INVITED TO ROAD OPENING ON OCTOBER 7TH**  
 On behalf of the two provinces of Ontario and Quebec the Noranda and Kirkland Lake Kiwanis Clubs are extending a cordial invitation to the general public to attend the formal opening of the new Kirkland-Noranda highway on Saturday, October 7. The ceremonies will be held at the interprovincial boundary, Cheminis, at 3.30 o'clock, and Hon. William Finlayson and Hon. J. E. Perrault, respectively, will represent the two provinces. Representatives of the three municipalities—Rouyn, Noranda and Kirkland—will be on hand for the occasion and possibly the local members.

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