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To Survey Another Road Route from Matachewan

There seems to be lots of chance for Matachewan camp to have road facilities unless there are as many road routes pressed on the Government that it is decided to sidetrack them all. Of course, there is one road that can not be sidetracked and that is the one already built and in use from Elk Lake to Matachewan. The delegation from the Timmins town council recently asked for a road from the Porcupine to Matachewan. A couple of weeks ago a delegation from Kirkland Lake asked for a road to be built from Matachewan to Kirkland Lake. The same request was made before to the Government by Kirkland Lake. Then for years the Timmins board of trade has been urging a connecting road between Porcupine and Sudbury, this road to pass through the Matachewan camp, touching at the Ashley as well as Matachewan townsite where the Hollinger claims are located and where there is a big mine in the making. The Timmins board of trade had a survey made of the Porcupine to Sudbury road. The Government promises the town council delegation to make a survey this spring of a road from Porcupine to Matachewan. There has been a survey of a road between Kirkland Lake and Matachewan; indeed, the Kirkland Lake board of trade financed the cutting out of a winter road from Kirkland to Matachewan camp. Now, there is the proposal made by the Government to survey a road from Matachewan to Kenogami Lake this spring. Some believe that this would be a cheaper and better route than direct to Kirkland as it would make direct connection with the Ferguson highway. When the Kirkland Lake delegation was in Toronto recently Hon. Wm. Finlayson told them that the road they proposed would cost \$337,000.00. "That is a lot of money these days," was the comment of Reeve O'Meara last week when the delegation reported the results of its trip to Toronto. The town solicitor, H. Lillico, felt that this amount was based on the cost of a road from Kirkland Lake to Matachewan, and he said that the province is to carry out a new survey in the spring on a route from Kenogami Lake to Matachewan. The Advance confesses that the number of surveys does not add to the probability of another road to Matachewan. At the present time it seems as if the only route that has a chance of being the one proposed by the Timmins board of trade—a road that The Advance has been urging for some fourteen years or so—the road to connect Sudbury and Porcupine and passing through Matachewan on the route. This road would bind together all the centres of the north; it would provide needed road facilities for Matachewan in connection with the two largest centres in the North—Sudbury and Timmins; it would open up a wonderful new country to the south of Timmins, adding access to a tourists' paradise with fish and game very plentiful and scenery the best in the North; it would multiply many times the tourist trade to the North, making it possible to come North by one route and return by another; it would mean the opening of rich mineral country and timber lands. Through the National Construction Council, the Dominion Government has been interested in this road as a general advantage to the country and also a means of providing employment. If Timmins and Sudbury working together can secure the starting of work on this proposed road it will prove of the greatest benefit and advantage to the whole North and indirectly to the province in general. It appears as if the number of proposed roads will stop the provincial authorities from attempting to build any of them. It would be a splendid thing if the Dominion Government would place the Sudbury to Porcupine road on its list.

Provincial Police Now in the Matachewan Camp

Constable Stewart Young in charge, a new post is being opened in the Matachewan area by the provincial police, it is announced at district headquarters of the force at Haileybury. Constable Young, who has been stationed at headquarters for some time past, is leaving for his new location in a few days. The post will be at Moyneur's Landing, on the road between Elk Lake and the Ashley mine section of Matachewan.

PROGRESS ON O'CONNELL PROPERTY IN MATACHEWAN

J. J. Hollinger, in charge of operations at the O'Connell Gold property, in Matachewan, reports that the last two holes on the north claims cut two quartz veins. The second hole is down below 625 feet and reported to be in favourable conditions. A find on the south claims is unofficially reported. The same source states that claims to the south have been secured.

Mining Companies Not Opposing Bill

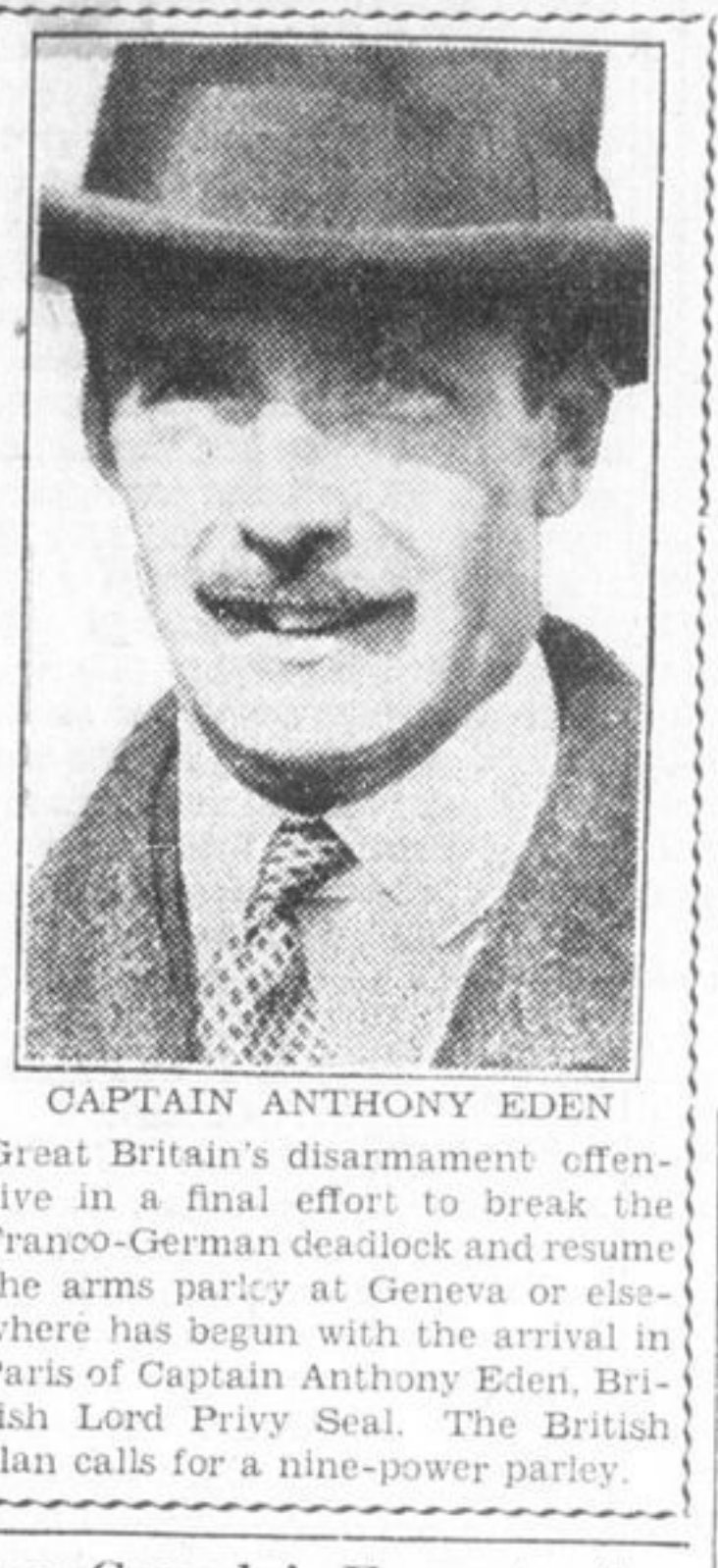
Report that Mines Against New Central Bank Legislation Not in Accord with Facts. Does Not Affect the Mines. There has been a suggestion made in some quarters that the mining concerns in Canada are opposed to the Central Bank legislation introduced by Premier Bennett at Ottawa last week, or that some opposition to the proposed Central Bank might be expected from the mining industry. Like so many of the reports circulated recently, there does not seem to be any real foundation for this rumour. The mining industry is not at all concerned in any special way in regard to this new legislation so far as can be learned. In the mining circles there are opinions for and against the Central Bank, just as there is difference of opinion in the matter in other circles. But to say that the mines are particularly concerned is to misrepresent the situation. The fact that the proposed legislation at Ottawa will mean that the government will take over all gold reserves does not apply, of course, to gold stocks of producing mines. There is nothing in the legislation touching on newly-mined gold. Gold held in reserve by the banks was purchased at the old price of \$20.67 per ounce, as since the premium on gold has been so heavy there has been no purchase of gold except by the government. A despatch from Toronto last week-end says:—"The Canadian gold mining companies feel no concern over the details of the Canadian Bank Bill which provides for the turning over of all gold stocks in the Dominion to the new institution. The bill is clear, they say, that only gold reserves will be taken at the old standard price of \$20.67 an ounce and that all newly-mined gold will continue to command the world price which at present is around \$35 an ounce. An official of McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Limited, discussing this matter said the mining companies would not be barred, under the provisions of the bill, from accumulating stocks of yellow metal for reasonable periods if they desired. Any accumulation now is in Federal possession, he said, and not at the mines."

TRANSFERRED FROM ELK LAKE TO PARISH AT WHITE RIVER

The Haileybury last week says:—"Rev. Norman H. Thornton, for the past few years in charge of the Anglican church at Elk Lake and well known in Haileybury, has been transferred to White River, Ont., where he went last week to take up his new duties. Previous to his departure from Elk Lake, he was the guest of honour at a farewell card party in the Orange hall, when he was presented with a well filled purse, as a token of appreciation of his services in that community. The presentation was made, on behalf of the gathering, by Rev. J. B. Moore, United Church pastor, who spoke of the fine work done by Rev. Thornton among the young people and the regret that was felt at his departure."

North Bay Nugget:—The best cure for the depression we've seen for many a day is the new 1934 car models. They'd make anybody dig down in the old sock.

Starts Offensive



CAPTAIN ANTHONY EDEN

Great Britain's disarmament offensive in a final effort to break the Franco-German deadlock and resume the arms parity at Geneva or elsewhere has begun with the arrival in Paris of Captain Anthony Eden, British Lord Privy Seal. The British plan calls for a nine-power parity.

How Canada's Exports of Lumber Grows in Volume

(From Canada Lumberman) Canada nearly doubled her exports of planks and boards during the past year as compared with 1932. In the year just ended, Canada exported slightly over one billion feet of planks and boards valued at \$17,421,415 as compared with 674 million feet valued at \$12,597,666 the preceding year. These went to 42 countries. In addition, shipments of logs increased from 203 million feet to 283 million feet and those of square timber from 116 million feet to 132 million feet. These went to 13 and 19 countries respectively. Total exports of all unmanufactured woods which also include poles, timber props, shooks, shingles, staves, and pulpwood were valued at \$33,055,091 as compared with \$26,862,584. The feature of the increase in exports of planks and boards has been the extensive development of the British market which took 450,706 feet in 1933 as compared with 172,462,000 feet in 1932. The United States, which in 1932 still held the position of Canada's best customer, had to take second place with 296,393,000 feet and China which only took 39,073,000 feet in 1932 jumped to third place with 100,762,000 feet displacing Australia which came fourth with 95,675,000 feet. Decided increases are also shown in shipments to British South Africa, the Irish Free State, Fiji, New Zealand, and South American countries. An increase was also shown to Continental Europe but decreases were recorded in the movement to the British and foreign West Indies and also Japan. The United States was Canada's best customer for logs with Japan coming second and Australia third. In square timber, Japan was Canada's best market with Great Britain second and Australia third.

Over 6000 Phones in Use in North Land

Northern Telephone Lines have 5,905 Phones in Use. Other Phones will Run the Total Well Over the 6,000 Mark. The report of the president of the Northern Telephone Company as submitted to the annual meeting of the company held on Monday of this week at New Liskeard shows that there must be well over 6,000 telephones in use in this North Land. In 1933 there were 5,905 telephones in the Northern Telephone Co's service, so that with the T. & N. O. telephones and other lines the total number of phones will be well over the 6,000 mark. The following is the statement given by the president of the Northern Telephone Company (T. McCamus), as presented last week in advance by The New Liskeard Speaker:—"Your directors beg to submit herewith the Twenty-Ninth Annual Report of the company for the year 1933. The gross income was \$214,488.07, which is an increase of \$12,592.61 over that of 1932. The total number of telephones in use on December 31st, 1933, was 5,905 as compared to 5,488 at the close of 1932. This is an increase of 417 telephones in the year. The principal increases in telephones were made in the following exchanges:—Kirkland Lake and Swastika 193, Noranda and Rouyn 193, Timmins and Schumacher 127. A comparative statement included in this report shows the continued steady growth of the Company's business with the growth and development of the North Country. The purchase of the Telephone System at Amos has proved to be a profitable investment and the business there continues to grow. Your company during the year leased a circuit from the Canadian National Railway from Amos to Senneterre and installed 13 local telephones in Senneterre. The long distance line from Noranda to the Beattie Mines has been changed from a temporary grounded iron line to a permanent metallic copper circuit. A small switchboard was installed at Moyneur's in the Matachewan mining district and your company is receiving a fair revenue from long distance calls there besides rentals for local service from a number of subscribers. No bonds were sold during the year and only 300 shares of stock were sold, the books being closed to stock subscriptions early in January, 1933. Earnings for the year enabled the company to pay dividends of 7 1/2 per cent for 1933. The Directors look forward to another satisfactory year in 1934."

EASY DEATH FOR CATS AND DOGS AT NEW LISKEARD

A new method of destroying dogs and cats, which has passed their time of usefulness, has been put into service at the fire hall at New Liskeard. Instead of using a rifle, which was the old method, they are placed in an air-tight box. A tube is then attached to the exhaust pipe of the fire truck and placed through a hole in the box. The truck engine is then started and two puffs of the deadly carbon monoxide are sufficient to snuff out life. The inventors claim this method is most satisfactory.

Chance for the North in Old Land Lumber Trade

An editorial in The Sudbury Star last week says:—"Despite the fact that the Maritimes and the province of British Columbia, more strategically located near the seaboard, are expected to benefit most from the effects of the 1932 economic conference held at Ottawa, as a result of which the United Kingdom has reduced the number of standards of timber it will buy this year from the Soviet Republic, Northern Ontario is apparently to derive some advantages. "Ever since the Ottawa agreements, as they affect the lumber industry, were made, negotiations have been conducted, principally through Mr. Geo. B. Nicholson, M.P. for East Algoma, who, by the way, was chairman of the committee dealing with the question at the conference—to secure the export of Northern Ontario lumber through the port of Little Current. Now, it is understood, contracts have at last been executed which provide for the shipment of two cargoes of lumber from the Manitowish port direct to Liverpool, the first one to leave as soon as navigation opens in the spring. "There seems to be good reason for hoping that the arrangements made for these two shipments may finally result in an extensive trade with the mother country. The North Land can supply a large quantity of jackpine, the port of Little Current is convenient for loading, and advances are to the effect that this wood meets the requirements of the British Isles as a substitute for Northern Red in the building trade. "When the Ottawa agreements were made in 1932, after days of negotiation during which, at intervals, it seemed almost impossible that any understanding could be reached, it was not anticipated that immediate benefits would follow to the Canadian lumber operators. The interests of many British importers were, to some extent, still tied up with the Russian producers, and for a time appearances were against exporters of this country cutting into the trade. With the decision of the British government this year, however, by which the maximum imports from the Soviet Republic were considerably reduced, Canada's lumber was given the opportunity that was desired. "The possibility of developing a gradually increasing business for Northern Ontario lumber in the United Kingdom now presents itself, and it is taken for granted that the operators in this district will lose no opportunity of further sponsoring this trade. It will mean much, not only to the companies concerned, but to the workers and North Country business in many other lines."

Governments Should Give More Attention to North

The following is an extract from "Gold," the magazine of the North:—"The premiers of all Canadian provinces met at Ottawa recently to confer with the Dominion Government. They laboured and brought forth a public building and farm loan programme involving the expenditure of \$250,000,000 based on a revaluation of gold reserves. "If the crying needs of Northern Canada were mentioned, or even thought of, at this conference, we failed to find any record of it. Not a single premier dissented from the proposed programme for finer buildings and offices for civil servants; yet we believe a single national Northern road intersecting new and old mining areas and linking up provinces would mean more than all new public buildings. "The North has a minor voting strength. Northern representatives are largely inarticulate, and the industrial and farming communities dictate public policy in the interests of the "selfish fringe" along the international border. Plans for the hastening of Northern development have no significance with the so-called leaders who left Canada in four years of depression until recently proposing a "constructive" policy. They may have had plenty of vision; but hard-boiled business must have taken it out of them. "Ontario and Quebec are giving more and more attention to mining roads. We expect to see Sudbury and Timmins joined as well as areas like Gowganda and Shining Tree. Quebec is thrusting through 400 miles of mining roads from Mount Laurier to Amos, transecting several important areas and putting new mines on the main highway. "But because of a lack of pressure of public opinion, statesmen ignore the North when settling national and inter-provincial policy. One of these days watch the Northern fall wag the Canadian dog, or the dog become a Northern husky rather than a city poodle or a farm sheep dog. "As real Canadians supposed to know the realities of the North, most of our politicians are the Greatest Minus Marks of Creation. Let's get some leaders, real leaders!"

UNDERCOVER COP DROPPED FROM KIRKLAND POLICE

Kirkland Lake police committee recently engaged a plainclothes officer on trial for a month at a salary of \$135.00 per month. When the month was up he had made no showing that had any appeal for the police committee, there being no case to his credit and nothing of any importance that seemed to be accomplished. So when the month was through so was the plainclothes man at Kirkland Lake.

Quebec Dog Derby Thrills



Names to conjure with in the dog sled derby world are now on the lists of drivers who will contend for the premier honors of the Quebec Dog Sled Derby to be staged in the Ancient Capital, February 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Emile St. Godard, mighty musher from Le Pas, Man., will again match dogs, stamina and wits against his great rival Leonhard Seppala, the Alaskan whose feats on the trails are known the world over. St. Godard and Seppala, who are now training at Laconia, N. H., will both meet strenuous competition from such famous mushers as Jack Defalen, of Ottawa, Fred Wheeler, of St. Jovite, Que., and Raymond Ritsi, of Orient, Ont. It is expected that the total entries will run well over 20 teams. The 120 mile classic is famous the world over, and followers of the great hearted dogs and gallant drivers are arranging to make their headquarters at the Canadian Pacific Railway's "Chateau Frontenac," where special music, dancing and lighthearted gaiety will feature each evening during Dog Sled Derby Week. Winter sport enthusiasts from European, United States and Canadian centers are this year more than ever before making Quebec their winter playground. Ski-ing, tobogganing, curling and skating are among the popular activities under the direction of Jack Strathdee, winter sports director at the Chateau Frontenac.

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