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THE MAGIC OF NAMES

There is a member of The Advance staff who believes that any editor worth his salt should be able to write an editorial about anything, or nothing. "Now, take that new telephone directory for instance," he says, "there should be lots of material in that for an editorial."

Maybe, the gentleman is right. A thoughtful person can find nearly anything in a telephone directory—except, perhaps, the right phone number.

A telephone directory is full of names and there is nothing more interesting than names, unless it be the people who bear them. The Scottish poet, Campbell said there was a magic in names. The English poet, Cowper, called it a fascination. Neither of the poor fellows lived to see a Northern Telephone Company directory clearly and neatly printed by The New Liskeard Speaker.

The fascination about names is in wondering whether the names fit the people who bear them. In the Timmins section of the new directory there are nearly 1600 names, most of them different. Do the names signify the men and women? Scarcely so! For instance, there's a Baker who is a hostman; a Forrester who is the secretary of the Canadian Legion; a Cook who is a labourer; a Barber who is a miner; a Brewer who is a ball-firer; a Fowler who is an auditor; a Millar who is a preacher; a Butler who is a banker; and a couple of Taylors who are doctors. There are three Kings but only one Prince. In real life the cops are after the crooks, but in the book Crook follows Cops. The list gives only one Bird and yet there are two Starlings and a couple of Pigeons.

Of course, the list isn't altogether at cross purposes. There are a lot that pair off nicely. For example—Reid and Wright; Cole and Ash; Farr and Neary; Archer and Bows; both a Booth and a Stahl; Church and Parsons; Fogg and Horne; Silver and Golden; Sharpe and Keene; Hall and Kitchen and Howse; Hill and Heath and Sky.

On the other hand there are:—Adams but no Eves; Ball but no Chane; Bacon but no Eggs; Cain but no Abel; Burns but no Scalds; Cousins but no Unkels; Last but not Furst; Masters but no Servants; Page but no Book; Monk but not a Nun; Richer but no Poorer; Guest but not Host; Duff without the Plum; Young but not Oide; Hitch but not Huyek; Good but not Bad; Honey but no Bread; Rice but no Weddins; Dafee, but no Quintuplets. There is a Gabriel that is not an angel but a dentist. There is a Gentile, and others who appear to be otherwise.

If it is colour you want, try the new telephone directory! Black, White, Brown, Gray! They are all in the list.

This directory even inspires to poetry. You will find it all in the directory. Here it is:—

O'er Moore and Penn
O'er Craig and Torrence
Till the Knight is Dunn
And with the Moran
Those angel faces Smiley,
Which we have loved Lang since
And lost a Wyley.

IS THIS REASONABLE?

Practically every president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade has urged upon the various member boards at some time or another the desirability of avoiding passing resolutions that are unreasonable or that ask governments or others for expenditures that cannot be justified. The point is well taken because every unfair or unreasonable request leaves the Associated Boards with less certain standing with the authorities. "It will do no harm to ask?" is after all a poor principle and one not founded on fact. Sometimes it weakens prestige considerably to ask for something that is not reasonable.

The resolution presented by one of the boards of trade for discussion at the meeting of the Associated Boards to-morrow seems to be in the class of requests not reasonable. It asks the Government to provide a wire service from North Bay to the North for the profit of private enterprise. The plea that such a wire service would be of benefit to

Three Charges Against Couple in Three Towns

Gordon Williams and Victor Lepine Given Two and a Half Years for Theft of Car with Violence. Other Charges.

Last Monday night at 9:30 p.m., the store of J. L. Kerr, 45 1-2 Wilson avenue was broken into and clothing and hardware stolen. At 11 o'clock the next morning two boys, Victor Lepine, 17, 159 Pine street north, and Gordon Williams, of Matheson, were picked up by provincial and Kirkland Lake police at Sesekinika bridge, north of Swastika. They will be charged with breaking and entry to-morrow at police court here.

The story of their short escapade includes appearances at three police courts in the district. At Ansonville on Friday they were convicted of the armed robbery of one of Dwyer's taxis. On Tuesday they face a charge of breaking and entry by night and on Thursday at Kirkland Lake they will be charged with illegal possession of weapons.

The weapons referred to are a part of the loot from the Kerr store. Two revolvers, one a .22 and the other a number 410, have been positively identified by the owner. A quantity of clothing, sweater, windbreakers, shirts, socks, underwear, two watches, 12 boxes of ammunition, a flashlight and a small amount of cash also said to be part of the stolen goods have been recovered by police.

When Lennon Thomas, Dwyer taxi driver, reported the theft of his car at Ansonville, police here immediately suspected that the men were the ones wanted here for the Kerr robbery. Chief Paul went to the trial at Ansonville when Magistrate Tucker sentenced them to two years and six months on the charge of armed robbery and brought them here together with the stolen goods.

Thomas, the taxi driver, did not lose

owners of radios is not a sound one. It is primarily for the profit of private capital.

Probably a still greater objection to the proposal is that, if granted, it would still further fasten upon the North the inadequate radio service of the present. When the first radio station was established north of North Bay it was very distinctly understood that it was only a temporary measure until such time as the Government could provide for the North in its chain of stations across the continent. As soon as a privately-owned station was installed, however, the original plans were apparently forgotten. The people of the North will make a serious mistake if they fasten the idea of privately-owned stations on the country and do not continue to urge instead an adequate Government station to serve the radio needs of the North.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Some newspapers are continually suggesting that if certain other newspapers would only cease condemning the communists these ultra radicals would simply fade away. The answer to that suggestion is this:—If certain newspapers would only cease condoning and upholding the communists the vicious reds would certainly stand a better chance of dying off for want of helpful notice.

The Toronto Star is authority for the statement that a recently-issued government bulletin shows that Toronto's chief industry is slaughtering and meat-packing. The meat-packing may be questioned but certainly there has been a big business in slaughtering in Toronto since the change of government in the province.

Premier Hepburn is away on a month's holiday. Certainly everybody else needs the rest.

Is The Ottawa Journal becoming forgetful? The Journal has forgotten to point out that only so few votes were cast at the municipal election this place or that for communist candidates, thus proving that the communist cause is not growing, despite the fact that some newspapers and public men have continually condemned it.

There appears to be a general opinion in the North that the new T. & N. O. Commission will prove valuable and useful to the North. It seems absurd in such a case to suggest that the members of the Commission should be asked to give their services free. There should be fair and reasonable salaries paid to each and all of the commissioners. Unless they are paid for their services the country has no moral right to expect anything from them. The labourer is worthy of his hire.

A great many towns and cities in Ontario have been more or less handicapped by the number of unnecessary candidates offering themselves for municipal honours in recent years. In several municipalities this year there were three and four candidates for every office open. Some of the candidates knew they had no earthly chance of being elected. Others ran anyway, thinking that whether elected or not they would be able to get some publicity for themselves or their peculiar views. This sort of thing is a costly disadvantage to municipalities, from some of whom come plans for deposits and other methods to discourage unnecessary candidature.

For years The Advance has advocated the use of the Ferguson highway and the building of the road west from Hearst as the only practical and economical route for the Trans-Canada highway through this part of the North. The other proposal—that the route follow the rocky north shore of Lake Superior—seems impractical and prohibitive in cost. The alleged "compromise" route originating in Sault Ste. Marie was not a compromise. It simply meant the approval by this part of the North of the rocky shore route. Although Sault Ste. Marie organized intensively to secure the route it desired, and comparatively little was done in this section, the question of the route of the Trans-Canada highway has dragged along without definite decision. Recently, however, Sault Ste. Marie influence seemed to have its way, and announcement was made that the route would be along the rocky shore. For reasons of economy and usefulness, this is being opposed by Hon. W. A. Gordon and others at Ottawa. As The New Liskeard Speaker said last week all in this part of the North should give the most earnest support to Hon. Mr. Gordon in his fight for a fair deal. The New Liskeard Speaker probably strikes the secret of the fury for the impractical north shore route. "It will be a contractors' paradise." Forget politics and other considerations, except the good of the country as a whole, is the advice of The Speaker, and good advice it is. The North in this case should be solidly behind Hon. W. A. Gordon and those supporting his stand.

Second Edition Issued of the Prospectors' Guide

Some time ago The Advance gave considerable space to reference to the "Prospectors' Guide to Ontario Mining Fields," a combined map and booklet on the mining fields of the province, with a large amount of very valuable information in regard to prospecting and mining matters. A feature of the "Guide" was the helpful advice presented for those just starting in the game. The Advance found so much of interest in the booklet that during the course of a few weeks it was reproduced in these columns for the benefit of readers interested. At the same time The Advance urged the securing of one of the booklets from the Department of Mines. The booklet was first issued by the Dept. of Mines when Hon. Chas. McCrea was Minister of Mines and the same care and attention given to every detail of his office was given to this booklet prepared by the able and experienced man on his staff. A second edition of the "Prospectors' Guide," has now been issued by the Dept. of Mines. The information presented is for the benefit of beginners in prospecting, for it outlines the financing of the venture, gives details of the equipment necessary, give tables of supplies, kind and quantities required by two men and the cost of same, points out most favorable areas, gives information on field methods of prospecting, panning and sampling, valuable advice on staking recording requirements, fees, advice on gold rushes and on forest fire protection.

The information on this might well be seen and appreciated by any experienced prospector, for it is compiled from the practical experiences of others and deals in frank, and interesting manner with the things that mean most in prospecting. Copies may be secured from the Department of Mines, Queen's Park, Toronto.

Preside Philosopher:—Work is substance; money is shadow.

Tropical Alaska, More Radical

"BY SHAKES"

In Alaska they mine gold with huge hoses, washing away the overburden to reach the gold-bearing bed rock. Millions of tons of frozen muck are taken away by the "glants."

But placer mining in Alaska has more than just the thrill of gold. They find other things in their stripping that to the world of science are of as much value as the gold itself and which are a great deal more interesting, even if not as profitable.

"Ivory," as the bones of prehistoric animals are called by the miners, has come to light in many sections of the mining country and those bones mean to some people that Alaska was once a tropical country, for there are evidences that lush vegetation covered the country and strange animals, the descendants of which now live in equatorial regions. Bones of mammoths, tiny horses' hoofs, super bison heads, an enormous elk antler, extinct bear skeletons, rare mastodon tusks and the skull of an African type of lion are just a few of the treasures placer mining has disclosed to a wondering world.

When a find is made, the paleontologists are called at once. "Here we are, Bone boys," the mine employees grin, "take a look at this ante-Adam ensemble." And the whole settlement turns out to work under the experts' direction. Few places in the world can boast of such co-operation.

Why should the largest ivory tusk on record be found in cold Alaska? When did a lion ever live so close to the Arctic circle? And if Alaska were once the habitat of a large number of animals, where did the jungle in which they lived go? What has made the earth seem so suddenly topsy-turvy?

Those questions will take years to answer. Perhaps the world will never know the strange mystery of the old tropical Arctic country.

They weren't small animals—these that roamed the country, how many millions of years ago? Well, the mastodon and the mammoth, two animals of the elephant family, are supposed to have appeared on earth 15,000,000 years back from our own age and may have been by early man.

Certainly they lived there before the glacial world period. If they did, does that mean that when and if the ice-caps disappear from the polar regions of the earth, the whole of the far north will once again blossom out in verdant foliage? Just think what an advantage that would be to Timmins, a few million years from now!

It has been estimated that the prehistoric animals mentioned left Alaska 100,000 years before the appearance of man on the earth. Glaciers once covered the place where the town of Timmins is now—the same type of glacier covered Alaska. Man lives in both places now in comparative comfort, where it would have been impossible to exist in the ice age.

Yet life survived, probably in the warmer tropical regions which may not have been so hot at that time, and now life is going farther and farther northward—again!

Warsaw despatches to the London, England, Express says that on Thursday last, red terror ran riot in Russia, with more than 200 persons, including women and children, summarily shot within a few hours.

The despatch said the sound of shooting was heard every few minutes in the law courts; and that among those executed was the assassin, Leonid Nicolai, who slew the Communist leader Sergei Kiroff, Nicolai's wife, sons, two daughters, and 85-year-old mother.

Fourteen officials of the Moscow O.G.P.U., the Union State political administration, also were executed according to the Warsaw report.

Joseph Stalin was reported ruthlessly purging the country because of the slaying of Kiroff. Having discovered a serious split in the ranks of the OGPU, he dismissed Chief Yagoda, and ordered widespread arrests and executions, and called in the Red army to protect himself and the Government.

Finding disaffection in the Leningrad OGPU, he sent members of the Moscow OGPU, to arrest the Commissioners in Leningrad, the despatch continued, and as the men from Moscow entered the building the Leningrad OGPU members fired at them and a desperate battle followed.

War Commissioner Klement Vorshiloff, who was then in Leningrad, the despatch said, sent out troops to rush the OGPU Building with machine-guns and hand grenades, and arrested the entire staff. It was said ten members of the OGPU were killed in the fighting.

Learning of the incidents, Stalin lost all confidence in the OGPU, the despatch said, and ordered the arrest of fourteen members of the Moscow group who were promptly shot.

The execution of all persons connected with the arrested OGPU chiefs then began, the despatch said, continuing that Stalin now trusts the Red army alone, and that since his return to Moscow for Kiroff's funeral the city has become a vast camp of soldiers rushed by a special train from all parts of the country.

Kincardine Review:—Speaking of grammatical errors, or, to satisfy the purists, errors in grammar, Lord Morley once said: "Neither you nor I am entirely ourselves." His solecism was picked up by "Punch," who inquired, "Then who else am we?"

Gold Mining Strong Factor for Recovery

Hon. Chas. McCrea Makes Able Review of Value of Mining and Progress Made.

Few men in Canada have done more to make the value of the mining industry known and to popularize interest in the industry which responds in large measure to general popularity, than Hon. Chas. McCrea. During the time he was Minister of Mines for Ontario he made innumerable addresses and wrote countless articles all of them giving facts and figures that could not fail to rouse interest and inspiration that could not fail to have effect. He is still at the good work, though no longer Minister of Mines.

At Toronto last week Hon. Mr. McCrea spoke before the Overseas Company Club of the University of Toronto. He sketched a glowing picture of the strides made in the mining industry of Canada and of Ontario in particular, and the still better prospects before the industry.

In introducing the speaker of the evening, Prof. W. S. Dwyer, geologist of the Dept. of Mines, Ontario, spoke of the notable record of Hon. Mr. McCrea as Minister of Mines, and the great progress made in mining under the able and enthusiastic direction and consideration of Hon. Mr. McCrea.

In opening his address Hon. Mr. McCrea pointed out that the prosperity of the individual varies with the progress of the country. He remarked how lucky were the Canadians with such an abundance of natural resources. Prosperity said the speaker, depends upon the gross value of the basic industries and when these are great so is the country prosperous. In illustration of this point, it was noted how in 1929 Canada had a surplus of 300,000,000 bushels of wheat. With each drop of 50 cents per bushel in the price of wheat there was direct loss to Canada of \$150,000,000.

Lumbering and other industries all contributed to the loss in purchasing power of the Canadian people. The base metal division of mining was also affected and at one time the International Nickel Company was operating at as low as 25 p.c. of capacity. Gold production has, of course, steadily increased and during the past year Inco has approached capacity production.

Hon. Mr. McCrea noted that not until 1911 was any gold production recorded in Ontario and then only the nominal sum of \$68,000. By 1921 this had grown to \$11,000,000, to 35 millions in 1930, and to an estimated 73 millions in 1934. Up until last month Ontario gold production had reached the impressive figure of \$568,000,000.

Hon. Mr. McCrea said that the \$136,000,000 estimated mineral production for Ontario this year is the greatest in the history of the province. This is expected to exceed the gross value of the field crops of the province which this year amounted to \$124,000,000. Ontario's mineral production last year was

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somewhat smaller than the value of her field crops but even at that exceed the value of the field crops of any of the other provinces.

This great increase in the wealth crop of the country is what Mr. McCrea believes more than anything else is helping to put Canada back on the road to recovery. As evidence of how other industries are affected by mining activity figures were presented to show how the lumber industry alone has benefited. The three camps of Kirkland Lake, Timmins and Sudbury were using \$2,500,000 worth of timber products in 1934.

The growth during the past 33 years is remarkable, but there are 340,000 square miles in Northern Ontario which to use a hurried but still potent phrase has only been scratched. However that scratching has seen some \$250,000,000 of silver come out of Cobalt, \$300,000,000 and \$140,000,000 in gold from Porcupine and Kirkland Lake, respectively. One mine alone, the Hollinger has returned \$70,000,000 in dividends.

Many people, thought the speaker, feel that a good deal more money is put into prospecting and other forms of

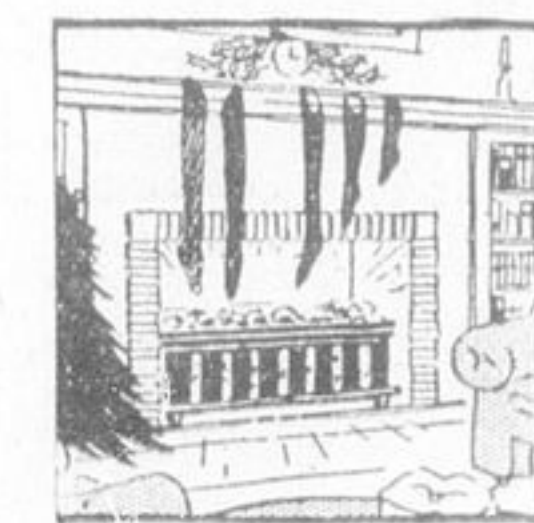
mining development than is taken out. One glance at the impressive figures of mineral production will dispel this idea, and in addition it must be remembered that the money that fails to produce a mine is not lost but merely changes hands.

The contributing part played by railways and cheap power was outlined by Mr. McCrea. Quoting Mr. Gaby, former chief engineer of the Hydro, it was stated that the new power development on the Abitibi would pay for itself in 1935. Already this project is helping to service four major mining districts. Concluding with the note of optimism which pervaded his whole talk Mr. McCrea prophesied that the remarkable role already played by the mines was only the beginning of a greater achievement.

In Oakland, Calif., aroused from a nap by firemen who told her the house was on fire, old Mrs. Nettie Nelson advised them to put it out, dropped off to sleep.

In Groton, Mass., members of the Groton Hunt Club complained that all autumn they have been riding after a fox which, as soon as it is cornered, turns and chases their hounds.

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