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Romance of Place
Names in the North

Porcupine Quill Gives Origin of Some of the Names of Places in the North Land.

Several interesting articles from The Porcupine Quill, the Timmins High and Vocational School annual magazine, have been published in The Advance and may well be taken as proof of the interest and value of this year's High School publication. In a recent issue The Advance gave a list of the contents of The Porcupine Quill, and when this table of contents is considered along with the sample articles published, it does seem that the result should be a desire on the part of all to secure a copy of the booklet with so much of interest and value. Herewith is published one of the specially attractive articles in The Porcupine Quill:

Romance of Place Names in Northern Ontario

(By Valerie Morley)

It is fascinating to speculate on the origin of place-names, especially those of Northern Ontario. The names given to our towns of Northern Ontario are romantic and interesting. Some of these towns assumed their names from Indian lore; others show that those who gave them, loved dearly the homes they had left; still others were christened by circumstance. Do you know how many of the towns in Northern Ontario got their names? You do not! Then I'll tell you.

The Indians were the first people in Northern Ontario and they had their settlements named before the white men came. Some of these names have been retained. This part of Ontario was

called Porcupine because of the many porcupines the Indians found here. Some people dispute this little tale and say that when some prospectors were travelling over this part of the country in 1909 they caught sight of the lake in the distance. They could see that in shape it somewhat resembled an immense porcupine, and the surrounding country adopted the name.

Iroquois Falls was also named by the Indians. The first part of Iroquois means "I have spoken;" the latter means "short joy" or "long sorrow." This place must often have been frequented by enemy tribes. It has a falls on the Abitibi River.

Another interesting name is Kapuskasing. Kapuskasing, which was a German internment camp during the Great War, takes its name from the river upon which it is situated. Kapuskasing means "shooting waters."

Most of the towns of the North are named after men who were important at the time of the springing up of the settlements. In the year 1905, Mr. Geo. Bannerman of Golden City and Mr. J. P. Geddes of Timmins were two of the first men in the camp. They reported gold in these localities; then the rush started. In 1909, Mr. A. Gillies and Mr. Ben Hollinger staked the Hollinger claims. Messrs. L. H. and Noah Timmins, brothers, financed the Hollinger and the settlement which sprang up was called after them.

Pottsville was named after a fine old lady by the name of Mrs. Potts, who was called "Ma Potts" by the men. She kept one of the first hotels in Porcupine.

Hoyle was named after an undertaker, Mr. W. W. Hoyle, at that time a speaker of the Legislature.

Drinkwater Pit was named after Mr. Drinkwater, a former roadmaster of the T. & N. O. Its official name is Dugwall.

Dugwall owes its name to the two Nicholson brothers, Douglas and Wallace, who were early settlers there. The first syllables of their Christian names are united to form "Dugwall."

Connaught was named after the Duke of Connaught who was Governor-General at that time.

Ansonville perpetuates the memory of Mr. Anson, president of the Abitibi Paper Company. Mr. Anson died about four years ago and a monument to his memory has been erected in Ansonville.

Cochrane owes its name to Hon. F. Cochrane, member for this riding in the Provincial and Dominion Houses.

Kirkland Lake was named after Miss Kirkland, an employee in the mining recorder's office.

For Mr. Englehart, chairman of the T. & N. O. at the time when the railway was being built through, Englehart was named.

Northern Ontario has not many towns which bear names given to them for sentimental reasons. However it has a few which are very interesting. Canusa was named by joining the short form for Canada to the short form for United States of America (U.S.A.) to make Canusa.

Mr. C. C. Farr, editor of the "Halleyburian" gave Halleybury its name, after his old college in England, and New Liskeard was named after an old country town in England called Liskeard.

Other towns in Northern Ontario have been named by circumstance. About 1909 the Dcme mine was discovered. It was called Dome because of the peculiar shape of the gold-bearing deposit.

Mr. Hunter, about 1909, discovered what is now called the Hunter mine. The people living around this mine named the settlement "City of Gold," and then shortened it to "Golden City."

Porcupine Junction is a railway junction for trains from Iroquois Falls and Porcupine. The name Porcupine is made by adding the first syllable of "Porcupine" to the last part of "Iroquois."

Swastika, the home of the Lucky Cross mine, was named after the lucky swastika cross.

The name "Cobalt" suggests the mineral. When the T. & N. O. was being built through Cobalt, a blacksmith, Mr. LaRose, threw his hammer at the rocks. A piece was chipped off, exposing the cobalt. Cobalt is used to give blue colour to glass, glazes and enamels, and to correct objectionable yellow and orange tints.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D., Toronto

The First Three Months of Life Most Important for Growth and Development

We are naturally proud of the fact that the life span of man has been doubled within the past century. What we fail to remember sometimes is that the man of middle-age is not likely to live any longer than did the man of middle-age one hundred years ago.

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Haileybury Lawyer Loses Expensive Fishing Rod

A despatch from Haileybury this week says that Acting Crown Attorney Ed. Pearlman has found out that a lawyer cannot be efficient at both law and sport... and his discovery was more or less expensive.

While fishing on a recent holiday trip, Mr. Pearlman was doing some beautiful fly casting with his \$25.00 rod when suddenly his grip relaxed. As he sorrowfully watched the rod disappear from sight into 25 feet of water, he casually remarked that he had never heard of a lawyer letting money slip out of his hands that easily before.

Sudbury Star.—Illustrating how far the thing has gone: a shopper purchased a roll of cellophane Saturday and it was wrapped in cellophane.

BE BEAUTIFUL
By ELSIE PIERCE
FAMOUS BEAUTY EXPERT



The costume NANCY CARROLL wears would not be suitable for an afternoon tea or formal call. But it is an ideal sport costume with its colourful checked tweed skirt and matching scarf on mannish shirt.

APPROPRIATE DRESS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN FEMINE LOVELINESS

Improvised furniture is just the sort to have when an essential article cannot be bought at the present moment. The cost is reduced to a minimum, the labour is not great, and the utility is assured. Also some of this type of furniture is very attractive and decorative. For summer shacks, the sturdy sort, minus frills, suits the architecture—If one can use so pronounced a word for such a simple dwelling place. The improvised furniture is also well-suited to cottages, and it may be used effectively in city and country houses.

No Definite Type

There is no definite decorative style to improvised furniture. It may be constructed for lawn, or inside the house, or porch furnishings. I have enjoyed a comfortable seat in a hammock made from the staves of a barrel. Two holes were drilled near the ends of each stave. Through them clothesline was run, and knotted between staves. The shape was in accord with the contour of the staves and was

further accentuated by giving the hammock an upward turn at the ends, for added comfort.

Color and Cushions

The hammock was painted tile red. In it were Turkey red cushions. What more can be desired for a seat under the trees, a seat that lends gaiety to the surroundings, and which will weather any storm without detriment. Even the cushions will not suffer when they are covered with waterproof material.

Dainty Dresser

It is a far cry from this piece of lawn or porch furniture to the dainty boudoir dresser contrived from three boxes. Each box is stood on its side, the centre one with the width toward the front, while at ends the boxes have the width at the sides which makes them project at side front. All boxes are on a line at the back, and are secured together with screws. Pieces of boards resting on screw eyes form shelves. This is the construction. Now

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Dresser and Mirror

With a mirror above this dressing table, the furniture is a genuine addition to chamber furnishings. Frequently such a dresser is made to order by a cabinetmaker for a special room, being done by a decorator. Nevertheless, it is an improvised furnishing.

A Timely Hint

Further pieces of improvised furniture will be described if letters are received from readers expressing a wish to know of them. Now is the time to make the furniture to have it in readiness for the summer homes.

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Given Six Months for Injuring Worker on Road

On a charge of criminal negligence laid following an automobile accident in the township of Pedley on Dec. 8th, 1934, in which William Britton sustained serious injuries, Gilles Sequin, of Field, was sentenced last week by Judge Thomas F. Battle in district court at North Bay to six months' definite and six months' indefinite in the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph. In view of the fact that the judge considered it necessary to impose a prison term it would appear to be equally necessary to let the public know that jail terms may result from automobile accidents where the driver seems to be at fault in serious way.

Britton was walking east when the accident occurred, and was struck in such a manner that he was thrown bodily into the air and landed on the hood of the car. His injuries were such that he was for some time a patient in St. Jean Brebeuf hospital, Field. Defended by J. H. McDonald, K.C., North Bay, Sequin took the stand in his own defence during the trial and through an interpreter gave his version of the accident which resulted in injuries to Britton, one of a group of several men working on the road. Crown Attorney T. E. McKee prosecuted.

PROVINCIAL CONSTABLE IS AWAY ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Provincial Constable R. O. Stromberg, stationed at Cobalt, is away at present on leave of absence of two weeks and is at Toronto for medical examination and to take specialist's treatment. Since being injured while on duty some time ago Constable Stromberg has not been in good health. He was formerly chief of police at Cobalt but resigned that post to return to the provincial police force.



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