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Gains in Employment Noticed by Dominion

Advance as of August Exceeds Average for the Past Fourteen Years. Fifteen Hundred New Jobs.

Employment at the beginning of August showed an advance that considerably exceeded the average gain recorded on Aug. 1 for the past 14 years, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported one day last week.

On August 1st, 9,387 firms reported 949,940 persons at work, an increase of more than 15,000 or 1.6 per cent., compared with 934,630 on July 1. The moderately forward movement in employment has continued since the first of the year with but one exception, the only decline being a seasonal nature on April 1, says the report.

The increase in employment on Aug. 1, the report says, was largely in manufacturing, construction and maintenance and transportation, while mining, communications and services also showed improvement. On the other hand, logging and retail trade reported seasonal curtailment. Employment in all the main industrial groups, except logging and construction, was in greater volume than on the corresponding date last year. The falling off in the latter in this comparison was in work on highways, both building and railway way construction being more active.

By economic areas employment increased in Quebec, the prairie provinces and British Columbia. In the Maritime Provinces no general change occurred, while moderate reductions were shown in Ontario.

Industrial employment in Ontario showed a slight seasonal decline. The 4,116 firms co-operating on Aug. 1 have 392,517 employees, or 757 fewer than at July 1. The loss was smaller than that recorded on the average, in the years since 1920. Most of the reduction occurred in trade, construction and manufacturing; within the group of factory employment, iron and steel showed pronounced seasonal curtailment, and rubber, tobacco and beverage, chemical and miscellaneous manufacturing works were also slacker, while leather, fur, food, lumber, pulp and paper, electric current and electrical apparatus factories reported improvement. Logging, mining and transportation also indicated considerably heightened activity. Employment on Aug. 1, 1934, had shown a much greater decline as compared with the preceding month, but the index number was then higher, standing at 106.0, as compared with 102.4 at the latest date.

Not Satisfied With Radio Service in North Land

A front page editorial in the New Liskeard Speaker last week says:—"Notwithstanding the fact that the government has—and contrary to the expressed ideas of Premier Bennett—issued radio favours to newspapermen at Sudbury and Kirkland Lake (including Timmins), the majority of the people of the District of Temiskaming and Cochrane are still asked to pay two dollars a year for "nothing." As a matter of fact, the new thousand-watt station at Sudbury, which is said to have started operations over a wave of 780, has not, so far as we can ascertain, been definitely heard even in New Liskeard, a comparatively short distance from Sudbury. We have repeatedly made efforts to hear CKSO—at 780—but up to the present several American stations appear to have that wave monopolized. Sufficient has already been said about the programs and reception given by the other broadcasting units in the North.

"At the meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade held at North Bay on Friday last, the radio question was again brought up and criticism was, to say the least, not complimentary to the present service. The opinion was expressed that if the Federal Government "is too hard up" to give Northern Ontario one of the five or six broadcasting units which are to be placed across Canada, it might at least secure for CFRB—the best of Ontario's broadcasting stations, so far as we are concerned—a more favourable wave length and greater watt strength, so that it might be heard throughout the day as well as night, and be able to compete successfully with the big American plant at Cincinnati.

"It is said "keep on asking and ye shall receive," but the patience of the Northern radio owner is fast giving way."

J. M. Belanger Secretary
Timmins High School Board

Maurice Belanger took over the duties of secretary of the High School Board this week, following the retirement of Pat Murphy from the position. Mr. Murphy's recent appointment to the accountant's job at the town hall made it impossible to continue as the board's secretary.

Mr. Belanger has had long experience in similar positions to that he now occupies and will no doubt do the work well and efficiently. The board made the appointment following a number of applications made after an advertisement.

Vancouver Province:—A Scotsman left a tip for a waitress—he'd been eating asparagus.

Montreal Aldreds Win Dominion Soccer Championship



Montreal Aldreds (UPPER) defeated Nanaimo for the Dominion football championship at Carruthers Park, Winnipeg, winning final game by 1-0 score. A group photo of the new champions is shown ABOVE. Reading from LEFT to RIGHT, front row: G. White, C. Fitzpatrick, C. Bardell, L. Fitzpatrick, T. McInnis (trainer), P. Kehr (player-manager), R. Low, A. McLean.

McIntyre Options Group in Clearwater Lake Area

The Northern Miner last week had the following paragraph of local interest, the prospectors concerned, and especially Steve and Dan Berriigan, being among the best-known pioneers of the district:—

"A deal was completed on Friday, August 23rd, with the McIntyre Porcupine Mines Limited, by a group of four prospectors, Steve and Dan Berriigan, Gordon Calder and Dennis Clement, for the option to that company of eight claims at Clearwater Lake, in the Red Lake district, after an examination had been made by H. S. Robinson of the McIntyre. The option is for \$75,000 with 10 per cent. non-assessable interest and a substantial cash payment was made on the date of agreement. The property consisted of a quartz vein traced 1,800 feet with visible gold in many places and which pans freely. The work was carried on during the past year by Steve Berriigan, one of the pioneers of the Porcupine camp."

HAILEYBURY MEN WIN IN CANADIAN GLADIOL SHOW

Halleybury people won honour for themselves and for the North at the recent Canadian Gladiol Show held at the Royal Connaught hotel, Hamilton. Two Halleybury men were prize winners. A. J. Carson won first prize for three spikes, each of a different variety, and third prize for a basket of 10 spikes. These prizes were won in the amateur class.

Herb. Pickard won two firsts, one for three spikes, each of a different variety, and the other for three spikes, of one variety, of a smoky colour. These prizes were won in the open class.

THREE MONTHS TERM FOR KIRKLAND BICYCLE THIEF

At Kirkland Lake last week Roddie Gregorish was given 30 days in jail for theft of a bicycle. The police said they found Gregorish re-painting a bicycle owned by Louis Smirke. The sentence is expected to stop a regular epidemic of bicycle thefts in the Kirkland Lake district recently.

Continue Trips This Month to Moosonee

Popularity of Excursions to James Bay in July and August Results in September Trips

The T. & N. O. announce that due to the popularity of their cent-a-mile coach excursions to Moosonee during July and August, they have decided to continue them for the month of September.

These coach excursion tickets are good leaving T. & N. O.-N. C. R. points on Friday, arriving Moosonee 7:00 a.m. Saturday and returning leaving Moosonee early Monday morning, making connections at Cochrane the same day with their train 146-46.

Excursion tickets will be honoured in sleeping cars between Cochrane and Moosonee on payment of the regular sleeping car rate.

First class accommodation may be had at James Bay Inn.

Student at Kirkland Mine Winner of Medal and Prize

Clear and coherent expression is a very necessary part of an engineer's equipment. A badly-written report may frustrate work which in all other respects has been excellently done. Hence various technical associations encourage among their student members the attainment of reasonable proficiency in writing or speaking on engineering subjects.

The president's gold medal and first prize for a student paper was awarded by the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy this year to H. B. Megill, who has since graduated in mining from Queen's University. His prize-winning paper, entitled "Macassa Mines, Limited, Kirkland Lake," is published in the September issue of the institute's "Bulletin." Mr. Megill was employed during his vacation at this mine and his paper, illustrated by his own drawings, gives a comprehensive and clear-cut picture of the various mining and milling operations at that important mine.

Brantford Expositor: Flying ants have been disturbing the serenity of housewives in the suburbs of London, England. Very often it is visiting aunts who do the same thing.

Emperor Orders the Diseased and Beggars from Addis Ababa



Dispatches from Addis Ababa told of the Ethiopian emperor, Haile Selassie, personally directing a round-up of beggars, lepers, and "chained debtors" on the streets of the capital, and their removal to prevent offence to foreigners. The photograph (LEFT) is that of "chained" prisoners in the streets of Addis Ababa, and they are probably pictures of such "chained debtors" (though original captions with pictures do not specifically designate them as such). They do illustrate the manner in which debtor prisoners of Abyssinia have been chained and tethered to an existence that amounted to slavery, as they worked off their debts

Claims High-Grader Given 'Third Degree'

Kirkland Lake Young Man Had \$500 Worth of Gold Ore. Defence Says Just Collecting Samples

At Kirkland Lake last week Raymond Dagenais, a young man employed at the Lake Shore Mine, pleaded guilty to a charge of illegally having gold ore in his possession. He was sentenced by Magistrate Atkinson to not less than one year nor more than two years in the Ontario Reformatory Crown Attorney Pearlman is quoted as saying that Dagenais had in his possession 108 pounds of ore valued at \$524 when arrested.

According to the despatches one of the highlights of the trial was the suggestion by Albert Serre, defence counsel, that high officials of the Lake Shore Mine had threatened the accused with a stiff sentence unless he confessed. The defence lawyer is quoted as saying that "American third degree" methods had been used by mine officials to secure a full confession. Another highlight featured in despatches is the suggestion that Dagenais had simply done what 95 per cent. of the miners in town did—collect samples over a period of years.

Of course, all this brought strong objection from Gerald O'Meara, counsel for the Lake Shore Mine, who referred to the statement about "collecting samples" as a libel on half of the population of the camp. He asked for an exemplary sentence, the despatches say, "to deter others in this town where high-grading has become big business."

Magistrate Atkinson also took notice of the defence counsel suggestion "Mine managers have no control over sentences in this court," he said, adding that no effort should be made by anyone to make a deal with any accused person in any way. The magistrate, however, made it clear that no mine official had approached him in the matter and so far as the court was concerned there had been no attempt to interfere with the course of justice in any way.

In his plea for leniency defence counsel suggested that Dagenais was "the victim of a gang of professional high-graders."

Members Say New Parties Evading Responsibilities

Speaking on behalf of Walter Little, Liberal candidate for Temiskaming South, at a picnic last week at Charlton, Jos. A. Bradette, M.P., charged that both the Stevens party and the C.C.F. were seeking power without responsibility. "They are after the balance of power," he said, "a position where they can enjoy power without responsibility. They are theorists who cannot put their theories into practice." In answer to this Walter Hill, of Englehart, C.C.F. candidate for Temiskaming South, issued a challenge to debate economics with any Liberal. In turn this challenge was taken up by J. A. Habel, M.P.P. for Cochrane North who said he would be glad to meet Mr. Hill at any time in any schoolhouse in the riding. Other speakers at the picnic were Hon. Peter Heenan, New Liskeard, and Walter Little, the candidate. The latter's address was cut short by the rain. There were about 500 people at the picnic.

Ottawa Journal: It might be interesting to know where the majority of these trekkers worked before the depression, how long they worked in the same places, and the sort of workers they were.

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