

The "Father of Ramore" Shows Faith in North

B. David, of Timmins, Pioneer of Ramore Mining Field, Imbued with Spirit of North. Has Townsite at Ramore. Interested in New Properties.

(By R. S. Dening.)

The history of the development of the mining districts of Northern Ontario is closely linked with the history of those pioneers of the North who through their faith in the country expended both their money and energy to make it what it is to-day. A remarkable feature about the fortunes that have been made in the North is that those who have profited most by their foresight, are those who put their faith in the ground in the early days, and hung on through the disappointing days that are inevitable with any mining development. Few fortunes have been made, trying to follow the day-to-day fluctuations of stocks at a stock exchange.

Such a pioneer is Mr. B. David, well-known citizen of the town of Tim-

mins. His connection with the North dates back to the year 1910, when from Sully Southern France he landed in Cobalt, the famous silver town, which was the birthplace of many successful Northerners, in so far as their mining careers are concerned. It was here they got their first taste of blood.

In 1915, following the example set by the greatest pioneer of the North, Mr. N. A. Timmins, he hit the trail for the Porcupine camp, when it was just beginning to show signs of developing into the great camp it is to-day.

In 1917 another great camp, Kirkland Lake, was showing promising signs, and from 1917 to 1935 Mr. David's activities were closely associated with that camp. During these early years he was a substantial investor in what have since become the principal producers of Northern Ontario, developing an almost unerring knack of picking good ones such as Teck-Hughes, Lake Shore, Hollinger, Noranda, Dome, etc.

In 1926 Mr. David settled permanently in Timmins, and has become one of its best respected business men, through his ownership and management of the Windsor hotel, which enjoys the patronage of many prominent travelers and visitors to this North country.

To the writer, the outstanding characteristic of Mr. David is his continued faith in the mining possibilities of Northern Ontario. He continues to demonstrate this faith, by putting back into the ground a substantial portion of the profits made by his foresight in earlier years. As a friend of the genuine prospector and early developer, his record is almost unique in the North, and it is no secret that without such men willing to take the financial risks that prospecting entails, there would have been no Northern Ontario to give employment to thousands of miners and the merchants who supply their needs. It is also frankly acknowledged by all ranks of Canadians, that the mining industry has been the greatest contributing factor towards keeping the good ship "Canada" on an even keel, throughout the worst business storm the world has ever experienced.

Here again however, Mr. David's foresight and judgment is producing results. In the early summer of 1933 he was approached by one of his employees to look over a rock-strewn farm in the Township of Hislop owned by a farmer by the name of Edward Ross. In spite of the fact that the ground had been turned down by numerous mining men, he took a few samples from the rock outcrops visible. The results were such that Mr. David took a substantial interest in the property. Events followed quickly. Although he had an opportunity to sell out to important New York interests, he felt the interests of all concerned would be best served by giving an aggressive mining company in the North an opportunity to develop it, and by September 1933 the ground was taken over by the Hollinger. Under the experienced guidance of this company's engineers, remarkable results have been obtained. A complete mining plant has been installed, shaft sunk, and it is understood that on the first level an ore body of commercial grade 40 feet wide has been opened up, and a mill

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vice-president and Mr. J. P. Bartleman, both well known citizens of Timmins. While considerable surface work at the property and some diamond drilling has already been carried out, sufficient to indicate it has important possibilities, camps have been erected and it is understood an aggressive programme of development will commence shortly.

Mr. David's interest in the Hislop-Ramore mining district is not confined to the mining side of the picture, as when a mining camp is established, the next thing to be done is to provide accommodation for the miners and their families.

Mr. David therefore organized the Central Ramore Townsite, comprising about 60 acres of excellent farm land, already cleared and situated at the present village of Ramore. It is undoubtedly the logical location for the development of a town for this camp, as it is ideally located about half way between the two sections of the camp under active development. It is adjacent to the railway station of Ramore on the T. & N. O. Railway; the Ferguson highway passes alongside the townsite, and already the Village of Ramore has Catholic and Protestant Churches and schools, two hotels, several good stores, and the Imperial Bank recently opened a new branch to serve this growing district.

With the number of lots already sold and a steady demand for good locations, it may be that Ramore is another Timmins or Kirkland Lake in the making. Lanes in plenty have been provided for and the streets are of good width.

Should the Hislop-Ramore mining district in the years to come justify the hopes now held for it, it will owe a big debt of gratitude to Mr. David for his courage, foresight, and last but not least, "the sinews of war" supplied from his purse.

is now in course of erection. In these days of changing values, with the persistent "knocker" of all established institutions abroad in the land, it is a welcome change to hear how highly Mr. David speaks of the businesslike and courteous manner in which he was treated by the principal officials of the Hollinger company during the long negotiations necessary to complete this deal.

The latest development in the Ramore district with which Mr. David has become actively identified, is the Golden Arrow Mining Company which, like its promising neighbour Viny Gold Mines Limited, has been largely financed to date with Northern money. This development of Northern properties, by Northern people with Northern money is very significant and may well become an important factor in contributing towards continued and permanent prosperity in the North. Mr. David has accepted the office of president of the Company, and associated with him on the board of directors are Dr. O. J. Stahl, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., as

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Wedding on Monday at South Porcupine

Miss Jean Wilson Alexander and Geo. E. Humphreys United in Marriage. Other South Porcupine News.

South Porcupine, Ont., Oct. 2nd. Special to The Advance.

The wedding took place on Monday morning at 10.30 a.m. at St. Paul's Anglican church of Jean Wilson Alexander, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander, of Bruce avenue, South Porcupine, to George Edward Humphreys, of March Gold, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Humphreys, of Toronto, late of the Dome Mine. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Archdeacon Woodall and the little church was literally packed with friends and well-wishers of the young couple. The church was decorated with yellow and bronze chrysanthemums and a very beautiful arch of scarlet maples made a lovely setting for an autumn wedding. Mrs. Frank Reynolds officiated as organist, and Mrs. J. Christie gave a beautiful rendering of "On Promise Me." While the register was being signed, after the beautiful solemn words of the Anglican service were ended, the Archdeacon addressed the young couple as follows:—He likened their future life to that of a canoe which is manned by two people—the one in the front of the canoe who picks out and directs the course of the boat and the one behind who steers, the husband being the stronger, directing the course of the boat and the wife steering her craft safely through the many pitfalls and rapids of life. When both are steering for the same goal they can safely bring their craft through the rapids. But if one is directing one course and the other steering in another direction their craft will run on the rock of destruction and perish. Whilst both steer the same course their future lives cannot fail to bring the happiness we are all wishing for them.

The beautiful young bride looked very stately in her long white robe of transparent velvet, with its softly falling train. She wore a small swathed turban of the same material with white ostrich feather tips and a short white veil from the hat. She carried a beautiful bouquet of Talisman roses and lily-of-the-valley. Her bridesmaid was Miss Bess Hendry, who was perfectly lovely in her long pale green silk gown with its long rose velvet sash, her hat and long velvet gloves of the same material. She carried a bouquet of butterfly roses. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. J. Alexander and Mr. Ernie Jones was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride. There was a very large gathering of friends present. Among the out of town guests were Mrs. Rowe, of Toronto, (late of Dome Mines), and Mr. Alexander's sister, Mrs. Dean, of Chicago, her son Mr. W. Dean and two daughters, the Misses Doris and Rhona Dean.

There was a very large number of beautiful and useful wedding gifts from a large circle of admiring friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were among the very first settlers in South Porcupine and their daughter has spent all her young life amongst us all and we are very glad that she will still be with us on returning from her honeymoon.

The happy couple left for Toronto and Chicago. The bride's going away costume was of pique crepe, with a black hat. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Alexander will reside at the March Gold Mine. May we amongst their many friends wish them both happiness and prosperity in their future lives.

A meeting took place at the Scout hall on Monday evening, 30th, at which the parents of Scouts were invited to discuss the problem of raising funds to help them carry on this following winter. Owing to the weather only three mothers attended and talked over the problem with Scoutmaster Lommon and it was decided to give a "snapshot tea" at the Scout hall on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 28th, Thanksgiving day. The Scouts themselves will be in attendance and all friends and admirers of "Scouting" are heartily invited to attend. As this tea will be a novel one and as the proceeds will go to buy a new stove and wood for the winter, we hope as many as possible will give their patronage.

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JOS. A. BRADETTE

Joseph A. Bradette, present representative in the Dominion Parliament for the electoral district of Cochrane, is again the official nominee of the Liberal party. His nomination papers were accepted at Cochrane on Monday, "Joe" as hundreds of men and women all throughout the Cochrane Federal riding know him, is a real old-timer of the North. He came with his family when a child, to settle on one of the first farms near Cochrane. He left school at the age of 12, yet to-day, through home study, he is a third year law student and is aiming to be admitted to the bar. His early life clearing the farm was a hard one, yet he found time to teach himself all manner of things—in French. On leaving the farm he was for a time in the employ of other settlers and finally went into business with a partner in Cochrane in a general store. Here he learned to speak English and to-day is a fluent speaker in that language. A voracious reader, he has made an intensive study of political economy. In the town of Cochrane he soon became interested in municipal politics and was a member of the council there for many years. On the formation of a public utilities commission, he was one of the first members. He lost a close nomination in 1925, ran as an Independent Liberal candidate, and was defeated. In the 1926 election, he was the official choice of the party and was elected. Re-elected in 1930, he has since been a member of the House of Commons. He is unmarried.

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