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**Southern Medical Men Prescribe Northern Woods**

One of the latest treatments prescribed by medical specialists for the tired business executive is an annual month's holiday trip in the big woods, according to E. G. Poole, Fish and Game representative of the Canadian National Railways, Montreal. Recently in New York he had met a number of corporation executive officers and they stated that doctors were now insisting that a long vacation in the Canadian fishing or hunting grounds was the best assurance of good health that could be secured. As a result of this, Mr. Poole declared that there would be a decided increase in long-time vacationists to Northern Ontario this year.

In discussing the general outlook for the fishing hunting travel this year, Mr. Poole stated that last year there was a 25 per cent. increase in non-resident licenses and for 1936 he prophesied an additional 25 per cent. increase. A large volume of inquiries already are being received and many reservations made.

There was also a particularly gratifying number of inquiries from Great Britain and the continent. These, however, were from big game hunters and were confined to the districts on the outer edge of Jasper National Park, Alberta, famed big game area.

**'Geyser' at Sudbury Throws Water Fifty Feet in the Air**

Last week Sudbury people thought they had struck a real geyser in the city. A stream of water was shooting 50 feet up in the air at the corner of two important streets in the city. The "geyser" proved to be a break in the water main some seven feet below the surface. The break occurred in a "dead-end" water line that had frozen, causing an 18-inch split in the pipe. The sudden warm weather released the "geyser," which burst through to the surface.

Sudbury Star.—Toronto's remarkable growth is illustrated by arrest of 89 Chinese in a single gambling raid.

**Mining Men Pleased Over Tax Exemption**

J. Y. Murdock, President of Noranda Mines, Issues Statement on Behalf Mining Association.

With regard to the mine taxation policy of the Dominion Government as outlined by Hon. C. A. Dunning, Minister of Finance, in his budget speech on Friday, James Y. Murdock, K.C., president of the Canadian Metal Mining Association, on behalf of the association has issued the following statement:

"We are satisfied that the present widespread interest in mining presents an opportunity by the encouragement of capital investment to promote a renewed and more vigorous activity which should have beneficial and far-reaching effects on the economic life of the whole Dominion.

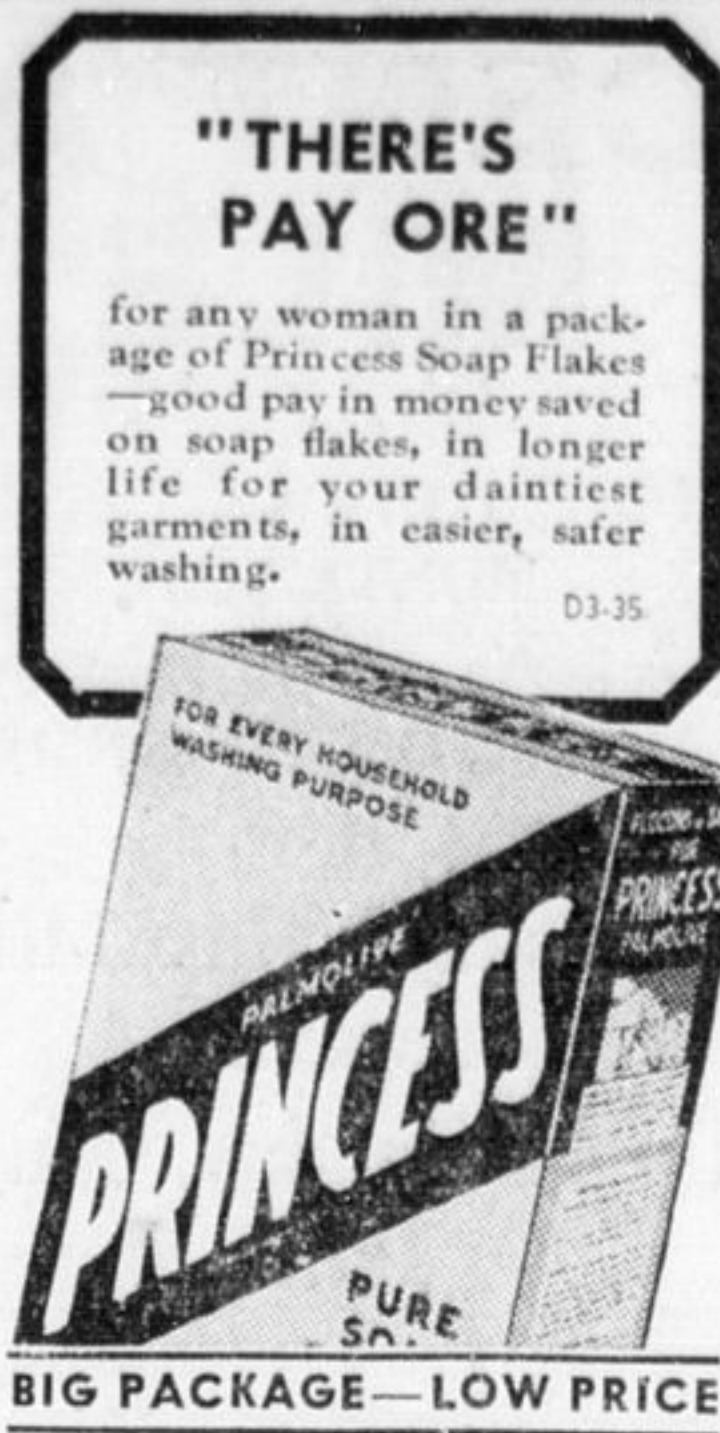
"The industry is naturally gratified that the Dominion Government has recognized the outstanding importance to the Dominion of mining development. The announcement of the principle of stability as outlined by Hon. Mr. Dunning is most reassuring. It will do much to promote the prospecting and development work so necessary to keep the business going and to increase employment and purchases.

"The principle involved in exempting new mines for a period will no doubt be helpful and will provide a certain degree of needed stimulation; the proposal would seem to require some further adjustment in matters of detail to give it practical effect.

"We are convinced, however, that in any plan for stimulating production with consequent increased employment it is essential to restore the rate of depletion allowances which up to last year were found necessary to compensate for the exhaustion of the orebodies, otherwise the development which is sought is bound to be seriously hampered. If this were done and combined with the minister's proposal and his announced assurance of stability the increase in direct employment and all the collateral advantages would, we are satisfied, very soon demonstrate the soundness of that policy."

**Future of Ontario Lies in Development of North**

In a front page editorial last week The New Liskard Speaker says:—"The announcement is made by Premier Hepburn that the Northern Development Branch will be a thing of the past when the arrangements now being made by the Ontario Government have been completed. The Premier stated that during the next two months, it will be found that the various departments covered by the Northern Development work will have been assigned to other Government departments. All matters relating to agricultural affairs and settlement are expected to be taken over by the minister of agriculture, Hon. Duncan Marshall, and we are sure the minister in charge of the Agricultural Department will be found most energetic in his endeavours to carry forward any measure for the betterment of settlers and markets in the great length of Northern Ontario. We are not so sure about matters pertaining to roads. The Premier says the Northern Development "has served its purpose." Maybe it has, at any rate the Hon. Peter Heenan stayed with it until the province was committed to the Trans-Canada Highway with all the financial benefits such an undertaking meant to his own riding and to his pals in the Soo. Many millions might have been saved Ontario and Canada had it been decided to partition the Northern Development Branch some time ago. In the meantime Northern Ontario wants road work, and wants it now. Are the members of all the Northern Districts going to sit tight while the question of Northern roads is passing over to a department where the building of roads is of an entirely different grade to that required in the



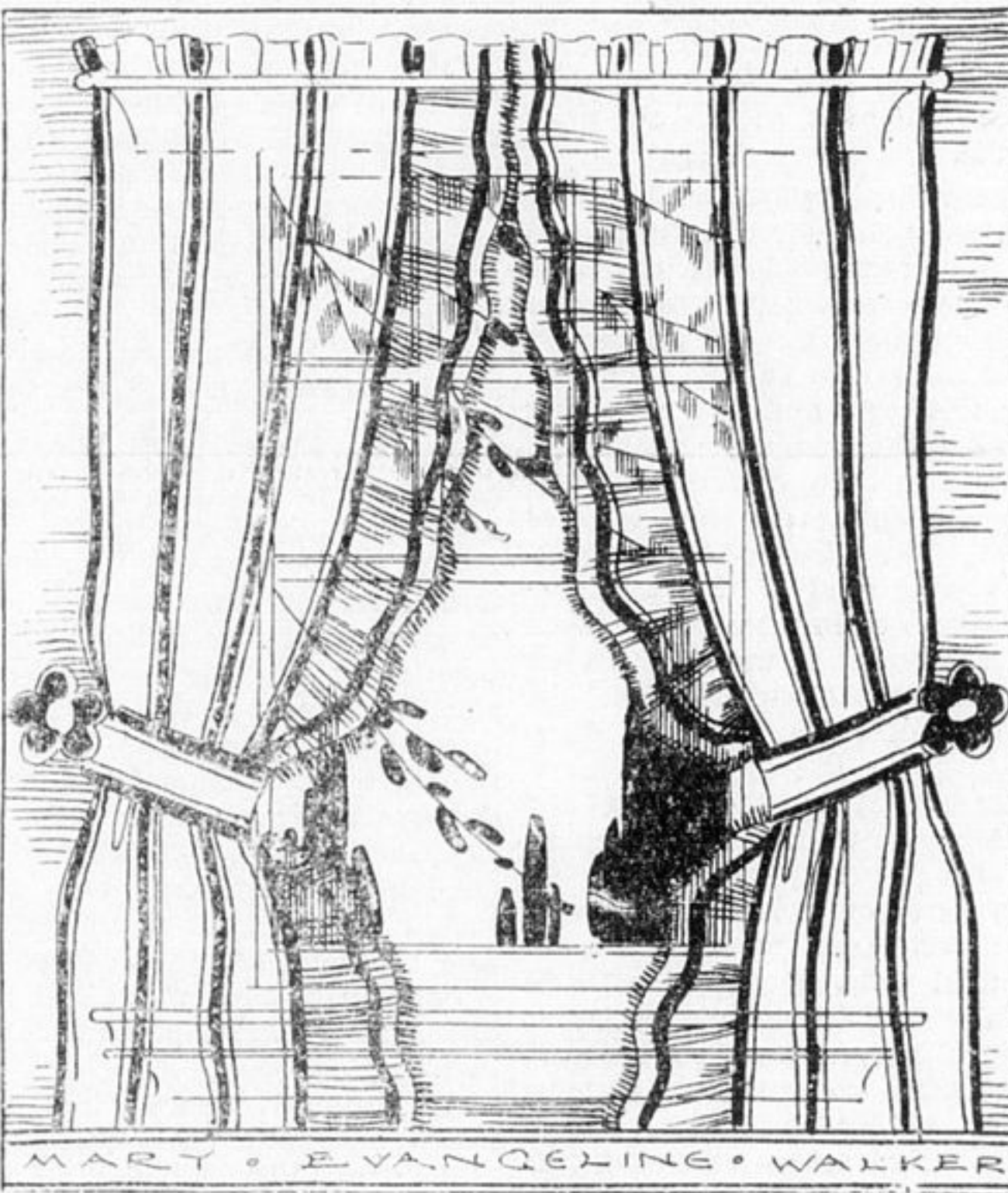
opening up and caring for roads such as are required in Northern Ontario? If the Northern Development Branch had been properly handled there could be no reason for claiming overlapping. On the other hand, if the new arrangements make it still more difficult for Northern Ontario to get roads, a step will have been taken which will result in ultimate loss to the entire province."

**GRANDFATHER TALKED TOO MUCH ABOUT OLD TIMES!**

(From New Yorker)  
 Arthur, aged six (who has been listening with breathless interest to one of grandpa's Bible stories): "And were you in the Ark grandpa, along o' Noah and all the rest of them?"  
 Grandfpa (indignantly): "No, certainly not!"  
 Arthur: "Then how is it you wasn't drowned?"

**The Household by Lydia Le Baron Walker**

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**Discussing Merger North Departments**

Some Favour Abolition of Northern Development Dept. Others Against Idea.

The announcement by Premier Hepburn that the Northern Development Dept. is to be abolished and the work taken over by the other various departments has created considerable discussion. Among the extended comments on the matter there is the following editorial article from The North Bay Nugget last week:—

"The merging of the Department of Northern Development with the Department of Highways will occasion protest and praise from Northern Ontario.

"Some are of the opinion that it will mean neglect of the North, while others consider this region will be better served under the highways department.

"The Department of Northern Development was established many years ago. One of the first works undertaken in this section was the cutting of a strip on both sides of the T. & N. O. Railway to near Cobalt to reduce the forest fire hazard caused by locomotives spitting sparks.

"From this the department programme led to the opening of roadways in all parts, the mining and agricultural industries being particularly well served. It afterwards developed that the department was entrusted with practically all development work in the North, and this embraced the building of highways... the Ferguson highway from Severn to Cochrane and beyond, being the first major road project undertaken. Later, the extension of the Trans-Canada highway through the North and the improvement of trunk roads were taken up to make the department's operations very extensive.

"All this required large expenditures annually, and the establishment of administrative staffs and maintenance forces in a number of centres. Yearly



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estimates of the department have been considerable and were approved without much question, until last year when the Hepburn Government determined that the straight department vote would have to be pared to offset relief outlays.

"Although Premier Hepburn intimated that the merger would mean loss of jobs for a large number, it is improbable that the staff reduction will be severe in the North. The principal curtailment will undoubtedly be at department headquarters with the highways department retaining key men and their assistants. The rank and file will likely be released as routine work can be taken up by the highways staff.

"Certainly Hon. Mr. McQueen cannot maintain Northern Development service, as promised by Premier Hepburn, if he dispenses with the branch staff at central points in the North. Administrative and maintenance staffs will be required to carry out new works and to service existing roads. This cannot be done from Toronto.

"Insofar as main roads are concerned, Northern Ontario will be better served by the Department of Highways, it is believed. It is ridiculous to have heavy travelled routes, such as the Ferguson and Trans-Canada highways and the North Bay-Sault Ste. Marie trunk road (soon to be rebuilt to Trans-Canada standard), dependent upon appropriations from funds apportioned for development throughout the extensive territory. These routes carry considerable traffic which pours many dollars each year into the highways department treasury in license fees and gasoline taxes. They are entitled to full highways department service, financed from highways departments funds.

"Until such time as the merger is actually effected and details of the rearrangement are announced, Northern Ontario will have to rely on Premier Hepburn's assurance that the North will be given the same, if not better, service at less cost to the province."

**Robins at Fort Erie Have Steam Heat and Lights**

Harry A. Preston, old-timer of the North, now living at South Porcupine, has sent The Advance the following clipping from a daily newspaper:—

"Fort Erie, April 30.—The two robins who made a lengthy and successful flight to build a nest last year beneath the window of the government offices on the Peace River bridge, have become parents of four robins. Their nest is on a wooden bracket, has the benefit of electric lights and steam heat from an open office window during cold spells. Commenting on the clipping the old-timer says:—"They must be the ten-

derfoot class or they are like the city guys on the unemployed gang and won't leave the city. They sure are not the hardy, healthy, fat robins that build their nests this far north, and up at James Bay. So you see the robins are like the people of Ontario. Some think Northern Ontario is a real dining room. Others think it is a sinkhole. Anyway, the robins that come north are welcomed and should be protected. Anyone knowing of any slaughter of these birds should report to the game warden. What's more cheerful after a cold winter than to get up in morning and to hear the robins singing? These robins that come so far north are the tourist kind that live on blueberries. Down south the birds are the kind that steal the cherries."



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