

# Consumers Co-operative Has Over 500 Members

### Over 1,000 Families Benefitted by Service Given by Co-operative Store. Some Notes on the History and Expansion of the Co-operative Movement Here and Throughout the World.

The celebration of the fifth anniversary of the Consumers Co-operative Society, Ltd., Aug. 16th to 18th gives special timeliness to some notes on the co-operative movement in general.

The history of the Consumers Co-operative Society of Timmins is a brilliant example of the value of these principles in practice. Commencing with only 51 members it has grown to a society of over 500 members and has extended its operations to the main centres of the Porcupine district. At present the Consumers Co-operative Society stores help over 1,000 families to procure their every-day necessities.

The Consumers Co-operative, Ltd., of the Porcupine, young though it is, is part of a movement that extends to practically every country of the civilized earth. It was born in Great Britain. Twenty-eight working men and women in Rochdale started the first co-operative store that was designed to give birth to this world-wide movement. Their idea was to supply their household needs through their own store, in other words buy and sell to themselves and that if any savings were made out of the year's business

(dairying, milling and its allied industries, to the importation of all kinds of staple products. They own many thousand acres of plantations in the Far East and are ranked among the greatest flour importers in the British Isles. The importance of the co-operative movement of Great Britain to Canada is easily understood, when it is mentioned that out of every \$16 worth of goods sold by Canada to Britain \$1 worth is handled by the C.W.S.

A good start in consumer co-operation in Northern Ontario has been made by the Consumers Co-operative Society, now about to celebrate its fifth anniversary.

#### Linked With International Movement

The Consumers Co-operative Society, Ltd., of Timmins, Schumacher and Sealed Scotch, is not an individual isolated concern. It belongs to the family of co-operatives joined in the Co-operative Union of Canada, which in turn is affiliated with the International Co-operative Alliance, to which also belongs the consumers co-operatives of Great Britain. Main principles of this world-wide

# Man of Many Names Sentenced at Rouyn

### Had Spectacular Career in Fraud and Many Previous Convictions.

At magistrate's court in Rouyn last week Rene Aumais was given a term of three years in penitentiary for passing worthless cheques and other frauds and for impersonating police officers. Aumais is said to have used a long string of aliases including Robert Oumet, Robt. Martinez, Robert Citroen, Paul Boucher, Rene Grignon, Paul Piton La-tour and Joseph Paul Emile Panet. In the fall of 1933 he impersonated Robert Citroen, son of the famous French automobile manufacturer, and in that capacity was entertained by the Fords and others and attended banquets with these distinguished persons, responding to toasts and so on. He is also said to have posed as other distinguished French citizens of Paris and other French cities as well as to have impersonated distinguished people on this continent. Before coming North he had a record of ten previous convictions for various offences, including the theft of automobiles. He is also said to have served four and half years in the Bordeaux hospital for the criminal insane. With stolen automobiles he is said to have visited various United States cities, living in luxurious style, and though comparatively illiterate, being able to separate many distinguished people from comparatively large sums of money. When he struck Rouyn recently he met his just deserts and for what amounted to little more than petty frauds and thefts has been sent to penitentiary for as long a term as was given him for some of the crimes across the line that netted him many thousands of dollars.

# Urges Use of Schools for Community Events

### Questions Decision of School Boards on Use of School Buildings. Believes More Co-operative Education is Needed. Suggests School Halls be Made Available for Community Advantage.

Timmins, Ont., Aug. 8th, 1936  
To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—In Timmins, South Porcupine and Schumacher we have Public School and High School buildings we can show with pride to visitors. They provide the best of facilities for giving our children and youth a good start in their education. They may not be sufficient, in every way, to handle the needs of our fast-growing population, but what we have is good indeed.

Besides ordinary class rooms the High Schools are furnished with spacious gymnasiums and auditoriums, which are an asset to the community. Previously the practise has been to grant the use of these halls to local clubs and societies for charitable and educational purposes. After all the schools and buildings are institutions of the community, upheld and cared for by the residents and ratepayers of the district, and the use of the buildings, by the associations of these ratepayers, provided it does not in any way interfere with school work, should be quite in order.

Of course the School Boards, now and then, find themselves in an awkward position, when the question is to decide just what organizations are deserving enough to be given this privilege, but with a measure of good common sense judgment can be made

and decisions arrived at so that the "kernels can be separated from the chaff," and checked that use of the schools is not overdone by any one society.

The criterion, upon which decision might be made, could be: "is it of benefit to the community?" Here we would like to present a question to our School Boards:

Do they consider the co-operative movement such as coming under this heading of being beneficial to the community? If so, why then has the High School Board of Tisdale, denied to rent the South Porcupine High School auditorium to the Consumers Co-operative Society for the celebration of its fifth anniversary, scheduled Aug. 18th?

Perhaps some members of the Board may take the standpoint that the above society is only a business concern like any private business. If that is the case, those members—according to the opinion of over 1000 local consumers affiliated with the Consumers Co-operative Society—are very much in need of enlightening in regard to the principles and functions of a consumers co-operative society. The consumers co-operative movement, the world over, is built on the basis of mutual benefit and self aid for the consumers and whole community and not to derive private gain to any individuals. It has a philosophy and principles recognized in all



civilized countries, which differentiates it from privately conducted business and commerce and for that reason even here in Canada, where the movement is not yet developed to such an extent as for instance, in Great Britain, special stipulations have been enacted in law for the benefit of co-operatives, a reservation among others, that purchase dividends returned to members and customers are not considered as profit coming under the federal income tax.

We note that in some communities co-operation is taught in schools and universities, because it is considered as an important factor in all human progress and development.

Therefore we would like to believe that the unfortunate decision of the above Board, in all respects, is due from lack of knowledge in regard to the importance of co-operation, its beneficial effect on our community, and not influenced by private interests. If,

however, the latter should be the case, it is up to the co-operative minded residents and ratepayers of this district to see that correction is effected where it is needed.

In conclusion it might be proper to mention that members of the Consumers Co-operative Society are school supporters and many are parents with sons and daughters attending High School and furthermore that previous experience in regard to educational functions arranged by the Society, among others at the South Porcupine High School, has proved these occasions to be of exceptionally high educational value. The writer has heard that the Society had no intentions of charging admission to this celebration, but it was to be an educational and musical event, open to the whole community.

Yours sincerely,  
A. Consumer.

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## CELEBRATING FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



One of the fine-appearing and most modern stores of the North is that of the Consumers Co-operative Society, Ltd., celebrating its fifth anniversary August 16-18th. This store on Fourth avenue, Timmins, is one of the Society's three up-to-date stores in the Porcupine camp.

this was to be returned to each member according to the amount of purchases each one had rendered. The fullest possible democracy prevailed. Each member had one vote at the meetings of the society regardless of the number of shares possessed. Thus the co-operative differed from ordinary stock companies, which are controlled by capital. The motive of the founders of the movement was self aid and that is still one of the corner-stones of consumers co-operation.

#### One-Third Co-operators

One-third of the population of Great Britain are associated with the co-operative movement. Hardly a village without its co-operative store. It forms a great society within society, a "state within the state," and it has an immense beneficial influence on the whole economical life of the country.

Linked up with their wholesale societies, the C.W.S. and the S.C.W.S. they participate in over 50 industries, ranging from the production of boots, shoes, clothing, foodstuffs, furniture,

movement is open and voluntary membership without discrimination of colour, race or creed. The Co-operative Society should therefore observe political and religious neutrality towards all applicants of membership.

Another principle is democratic control. "One Man One Vote" is the foundation of the co-operative constitution, which is exercised without any limitation in regard to sex.

The third principle "Dividend on Purchase," is a method by which the profit making motive of industry and commerce is eliminated. It substitutes the service of the community for the profit of the individual, and gives substantial benefit to the consumer. Over \$40,000 has been distributed as purchase dividends during the last four years by the Consumers Co-operative Society.

The International Co-operative Alliance is the greatest organization of the consumers in the world. It extends to 40 countries and includes over 100,000,000 people, mainly heads of families.

## INTERIOR OF CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE



This is a view of the interior of the Consumers Co-operative Store at Timmins. This store is one of the most modern in the North. Its service has kept pace with the remarkable increase of the business of the Store, which is celebrating its fifth anniversary August 16-18th.

## Hon. Earl Rowe to Pay Two Visits to Northern Ontario

Hon. Earl Rowe will open his Northern Ontario speaking tour at Little Current on August 18. His second engagement will be in North Bay, the following day, August 19, it was announced last week at Toronto at Conservative headquarters.

Mr. Rowe will return south then until the end of September when he will begin an extensive campaign through the north. Sudbury will be one of the first points visited on the Conservative leader's second visit North.

The tour, which starts about the end of September, will be divided into two parts. One part will be up the T. and N. O. as far as Cochrane and including almost every important city and town in Temiskaming and Cochrane.

The second part of the route will include Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, Schreiber and out west as far as Port Arthur and Fort William. At many of Mr. Rowe's meetings, nominations will take

place for the Conservative candidacy in the riding.

#### To Probe Accounts

The Conservative leader, it is reported, has delayed his main visit to the north pending publication of the public accounts for the province. He intends, it is said, to discuss expenditures by the government and prefers to have the official record of the administration to quote from.

The accounts Premier Hepburn promised to release shortly after close of the fiscal year. The coming public accounts will disclose the first full year's business of the government since it was elected to office.

The accounts for 1934 only included four months of the present administration's spending. At the first session of the legislature, Premier Hepburn changed the fiscal year-end from October 31 to March 31.

Because of this, the last accounts were only for a five-month period, and could not be compared with similar expenditures by previous government which were for the full year.

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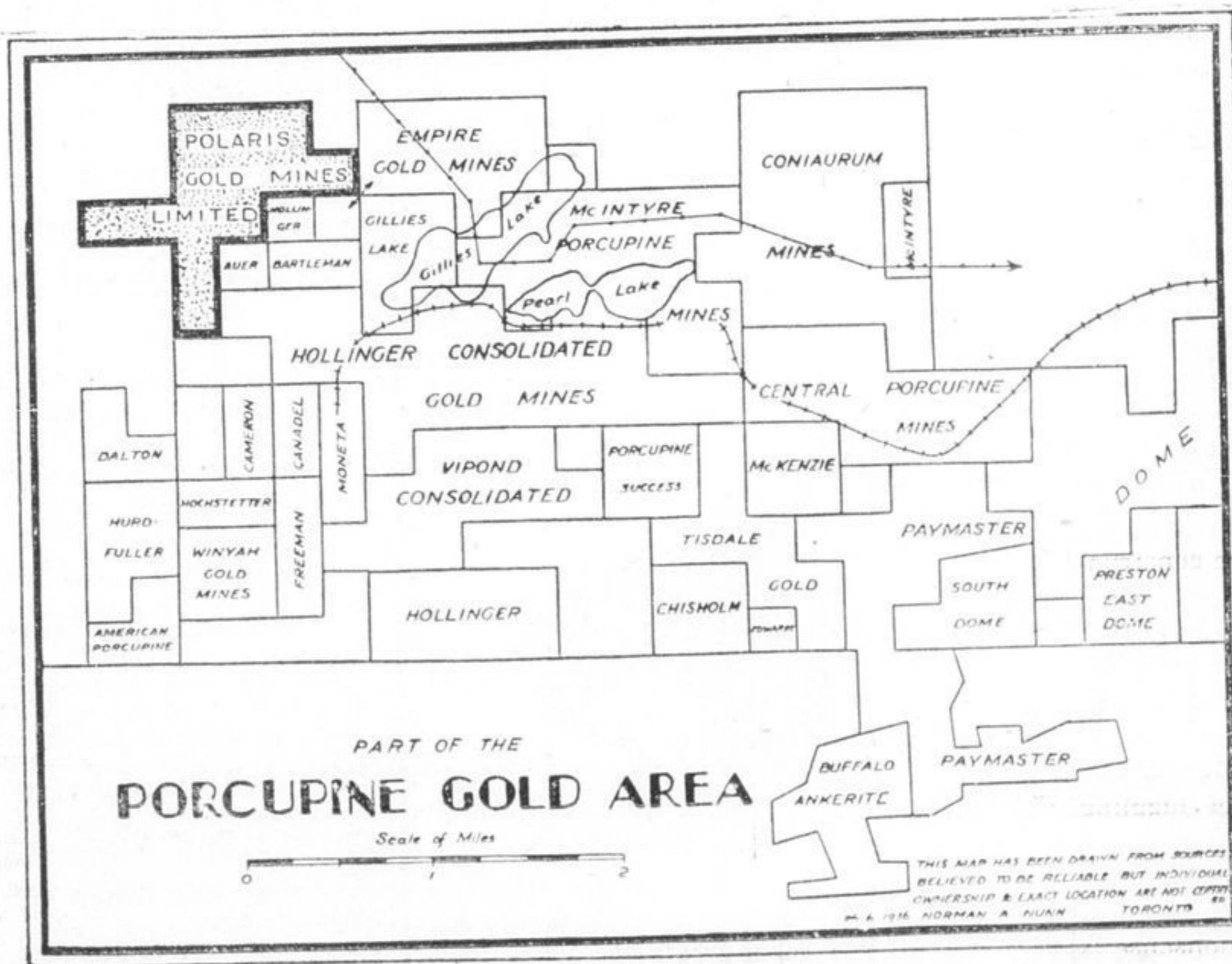
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Extract from a report by Peter MacLaren, M.E.:—

"... We have here on the Polaris property several good points in its favour. It is good, favourable geology and geology similar to its great neighbors, the Hollinger, the McIntyre, etc. We have the porphyry dykes, shear zones and diabase dykes, all in Keewatin, exactly as in the case with the big mines."

Extract from recent report by Harry McMaster, M.E., in charge of geological work:—

"From surface examination, I find the geological conditions are ideal for the deposition of gold as has been proven in the producing mines in the Porcupine Camp. One strong body of porphyry outcrops for a distance of 600 feet and a second body has been cut by the diamond drill, the extent of which it is impossible to estimate at the present time. In connection with the porphyry which is outcropping, a strong mineralized dyke is running in contact with it in the south-east side. This is highly mineralized with iron pyrites. If any quartz veins or stringers can be found in this dyke, which is probable, we can expect to find values down below. This has been found by other producing companies in this camp. At 3.30 p.m., July 22nd, the drill was in 1257 feet and had cut numerous stringers and veins up to 11 feet in width. In addition, practically all the core obtained so far has been highly silicified. Repairs and alterations to plant have been pushed in order to commence dewatering when required."

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