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### Comment on Promise for Better Roads in the North

In an editorial article last week The New Liskeard Speaker has the following:

"We are sure the people of the Temiskaming and Cochrane districts will give the Hon. T. B. McQuesten credit for his desire to see for himself the condition of the government highways north of North Bay. In order to do this the minister motored up from the Bay on Tuesday and now he is in a position to more carefully determine his policy regarding these roads. In conversation with the minister we arrived at the conclusion that he has finally discovered that the Ferguson highway, from North Bay to Latchford, is really in a worse and more dangerous condition than he had ever expected it to be. This is a fact which the Northern and all Temiskaming and Cochrane district newspapers have been endeavouring to impress upon the authorities at Queen's Park for the past several years, and now that the Hon. Mr. McQuesten has satisfied himself on this feature of Northern conditions we are hopeful that some active work will be undertaken by the department."

"At North Bay the Minister intimated that the North would soon have dustless roads, this, of course, meaning that paved roads could be looked forward to as being put down in the near future. Mr. McQuesten has a thorough grasp of what it means to the tourist to have dustless roads, and while the tourist has to be considered it is just as well to remember that there are thousands of motor cars owned by people in Tem-

iskaming, Cochrane and Quebec districts tributary to the Ferguson highway, who dislike travelling on roads as we have, quite as much as the summer tourist. Many of these men simply will not "motor out" owing to road conditions and the risks to be met with on the highway.

The Speaker is inclined to give Hon. Mr. McQuesten full credit for his evident desire to improve road conditions in this part of the North. Unfortunately neglected work on the Ferguson highway, and the failure of those in authority to remove the hundred and one small hills on the road, have apparently impressed the Minister with the fact that the highway between Latchford and North Bay is far from being in a condition for permanent paving. It is just possible the Minister may revise his opinion so far as that part of the highway between Latchford and Temagami and between Tilden Lake and North Bay is concerned.

Mr. McQuesten continued his trip North in the afternoon and we will all anxiously await a statement from the Department as to the improvements to be expected."

### About Canadians in London During Recent Vimy Trip

(London Overseas Mail)  
At Vernon House, St. James', recently each guest had pinned to corsage or buttonhole a little card naming the country whence she or he came. Strangers could talk to one another without introduction. Among those, returned from Vimy, were white-haired Sir Robert Borden, the first overseas minister to enter a British Cabinet; vivacious Lady Perley, whose husband, Sir George, was High Commissioner here in 1917-22; and Archdeacon Frederick George Scott of Quebec. He is famous for his dash into no-man's land, when wounded himself, to recover his son's body.

Sir Robert Borden is turned 80. His enthusiasm keeps him young. When tribute was paid to his war services he replied that in those dreary, weary days one was thankful to be able to give something of one's energy and strength.

Referring to the nice things that had been said about him, he recalled Oliver Wendell Holmes, who wrote to the effect that when young, one is content to have praise in teaspoonsfuls; as one reaches middle age it is very acceptable by the tablespoonful—but when one is old one likes it ladled!

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#### Purple Lightning

The thunder-storm that accompanied the 55-degree change in temperature was one of the most remarkable seen here. Lightning was in brilliant hues—bright purple predominating. It zig-zagged down from the clouds to the earth in beautiful strings of light, but so far as could be learned this morning, did no damage. It was a four-hour display of nature's most sensational type, beginning at 3:45 and continuing until 7:45 in this district.

Then the northwest winds swept down out of the north, bringing cold and snow to replace the mid-summer heat of yesterday.

## South Will Soon Sit Up and Take Notice of North

Old-Timer Refers to Notable Growth of the North and Sees Still Greater Progress in the Near Future. Thinks Ottawa Board of Trade Made Bad Mistake in Leaving Porcupine Out of Itinerary.

South Porcupine, Sept. 19th, 1936  
To the Editor of  
The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Editor: I have read about the Ottawa Board of Trade planning a trip to the North to see the country and the mines. The plan does not include the Porcupine, just like some others who pass up the Porcupine on their trips north. Well, I say let them go to it. The Porcupine won't miss them but I'll bet in the next two years they will be more anxious to visit Porcupine than any other mining camp, for we sure have the goods already and with lots of gold three miles north of Timmins and five miles north of Pampers and lots of it south a greater distance, and lots in between the big mines. I am sure with all the diamond drilling now going on that the old Porcupine is shortly going to make the Ottawa and other boards of trade sit up and think. Do they not yet know that it was Porcupine's discovery of Dome and Scottish Ontario mines that started all this PROFITABLE gold mining now going on. Thirty years ago the only place where one could find a crowd of men with faith in them that there were big gold mines in the North was at what is now called Matheson, Ont. The nearest place south was Englehart and there south.

H. A. Preston.

### Summer Yesterday Snow This Morning

Hottest and Coldest Weather of Month All Within 12 Hours.

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ward it was all silver talk. Some of those at Matheson and westward and eastward who were more interested in gold than silver were the Monohan Bros., the Boyds, the Abates, the Kennedys, Gardiners, and several others, and at Nighthawk Lake was our friend, Charles M. Auer, and at Porcupine was Wilson, Bannerman, Prsnt, Geddes, Burns, Campbell, and Rhaul. Lorne Howey and some friends were the Lightning River prospectors. When Porcupine was let loose, that resulted in Hollinger, Gillies, McIntyre and thousands of other names of men rushing to the new northern parts.

This resulted in the discovery of Kirkland Lake, Rouyn, and the country has been gold booming ever since. When it started there was about one person in the area to every hundred there is today and the place to start it has grown to be the biggest place and will be double as big in a few years, even if we don't get paved roads. That place is Porcupine, and she is now getting ready to surprise a lot of boards of trade who will be only too glad to pay her a visit. The only township in the North with big bodies of gold and mines at every corner of it is Tisdale township, in which is Timmins town and two other good size towns besides.

H. A. Preston.

### Church Directory

**St. Matthew's Church**

Rector: Rev. Canon Cushing, B.A., L.Th.

Sunday Services

10:00 a.m.—Adult Bible Class

11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m.—Sunday School

4:15 p.m.—Baptisms

7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

Holy Communion on 1st Sunday of month, at 11 a.m.; on 3rd Sunday, at 8:30 a.m.

**The United Church, Timmins**

(Cor Fourth and Cedar Aves.)

Minister—Rev. Bruce Millar, B.A., B.D.

11 a.m.—Morning Worship.

2:30 p.m.—Sunday School.

7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the morning service Sunday, October 4th

We cordially invite you to worship with us.

**Trinity United Church**

Schumacher

Rev. Murray C. Tait, M.A., B.D.

Minister

Residence 83 First Ave. Phone 1087-W

Services Sunday, Sept. 27th, 1936

At 11 a.m. Morning Service.

At 2 p.m. Sunday School.

At 7 p.m. Evening Service.

Monday Evening: Young People's Open

ing Banquet at 6:30 o'clock.

Thursday Evening at 7:30—Men's Club

The House of Friendship

United Church

South Porcupine, Ont.

11:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Adult

Bible Class.

2:15 p.m.—Dome Sunday School.

7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.

There will be a service held in the Golden City schoolhouse Sunday afternoon at 2:15 p.m.

**Finnish United Church**

South Porcupine

Rev. A. I. Heinonen, Minister

Res. 16 Elm St. North, Timmins.

2 p.m.—Public Worship in Finnish

language first and third Sundays of

the month in South Porcupine United

Church, Bloor Ave.

Thursday: Free English Language

School for Finnish adults at 2 p.m.

and 7 p.m. in the church building every

week.

Finnish Ladies' Aid Sewing Circle

meeting at 8 p.m. Thursdays following

first and third Sunday of each

month.

A cordial welcome to all.

**Timmins**

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Corner Elm Street and Sixth Avenue

Rev. A. I. Heinonen, Minister

Residence 16 Elm St. North,

Sunday, September 27th, 1936

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.

6:30 p.m.—Communicants' Class.

7:00 p.m.—Public Worship in Fin-

nish language. Subject: "Love An-

alyzed." (Third in series, "The Great-

est Thing in the World."

Athens by Junior Girls' Choir and

Senior Church Choir.

Tuesday and Friday: Free English

Language School at 10:30 a.m. and 2

p.m. at the Manse; at 7 p.m. in the

church building.

Wednesday: Ladies' Aid Sewing Circle

meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Church Par-

lor. Junior Girls' Choir practice at

7 p.m.; Handicraft Classes for Girls and

Young Ladies at 7:30 p.m.; Senior

Church Choir practice at 8 p.m.—Free

Reading Room open to all 7 to 10 p.m.

A cordial welcome to all.

**Golden City**

United Church Service at

Golden City School House

2:30 p.m.—Service conducted by Mr.

Samuel Vatcher of Montreal United

Church College.

## Northern Pioneer Passes in Toronto

W. E. Simpson, M.E., Well Known in Timmins, Dies at Age of 64.

After an illness extending over some years, W. E. Simpson, for many years resident at Swastika and also for some years at Kenogami, died last week at Toronto. He was well-known in Timmins and district, in past years being a frequent visitor here, both in his professional capacity as a mining engineer and also as a delegate to meetings of the Associated Boards of Trade. He was for many years active and enthusiastic in regard to board of trade activity.

The late Mr. Simpson's health first gave way in 1931. A few weeks ago it was found necessary to take him to Toronto for treatment. He died at Toronto on Thursday last. He is survived by his widow, two sons, William, of Birmingham, England, and Jack, at home. The funeral was held in Toronto on Saturday last, interment being made at the Prospect cemetery. Mrs. Simpson and family, it is understood, will continue to reside at Swastika.

The late W. E. Simpson was born in England, and after graduating from the Royal School of Mining, London University, he started on a career that involved much travelling in new parts of the world. He went to Australia in 1894, living there for some twelve years. He was manager of the Lakeview Consolidated Gold Mine, Kalgoorlie, West Australia. From there he went to New South Wales, later going to North Queensland. He was manager of a mine in Mexico when that country had its revolution during 1910 and 1911. He was brought out of Mexico aboard a United States warship and in 1913 he came to Canada, where he spent practically the rest of his life in the North. He was at first special representative for the North for the Cassel Cyanide Co. In 1922 he became manager of the Miller-Independence Mine at Boston Creek. He the North, and on one of these he erected a big log cabin for a home. In 1925 staked a number of mining properties he went to Swastika to live. The late Mr. Simpson was a member of the Masonic Order, of the Shriners and of the Knights Templar.