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TO HELP THE SETTLERS

At the present time there is a series of articles running in Toronto "Saturday Night" in regard to the settlers of the North and the colonization of this country. The articles are by Nicholas Ignatieff and contrary to the majority of such articles they show not only a knowledge and grasp of the facts, but also the human sympathy and understanding without which all facts are useless in dealing with problems so intensely human as those of the settlers. This is not to say that The Advance agrees with all the findings in the articles published by Saturday Night to date. Some of the statements given as facts are open to question, at least, and the deductions made do not agree in some cases with the experience of 20 years of consideration of the situation of the settler. But it must be said, that Mr. Ignatieff has spent considerable time in the country; he has given generously of his effort and ability in studying the situation, and his sympathy and understanding alone entitle him to a patient hearing. In the main he puts the situation so clearly, so ably that his articles are sure to rouse interest and prove helpful in having something done in the matter.

In the first place Mr. Ignatieff appears to realize every fully that some different policy must be adopted in fairness to the country as well as to the settler. He comments on the number of settlers who are on relief and points out that the present relief plan threatens to demoralize the whole settlement of the country for years to come. He is on firm ground in his suggestion that successive governments have failed miserably in all their settlement plans, or lack of plans. Indeed, most people in the North will agree with his whole presentation of the case so far as it refers to past and present conditions. It is in the application of remedies that issue will be taken with Mr. Ignatieff by those who have given the matter special study. In one of Mr. Ignatieff's articles published in this issue of The Advance, the writer seems to pin his chief hope for betterment for the settler to an organized plan for marketing. He seems to be rather inclined to doubt the value of the land-clearing bonus. A canvass of settlers who desire above all else to avoid relief shows that these settlers have a different view. They see in the land bonus a plan whereby they would be able to obtain the cash that is indispensable to them during the time they are seeking to establish themselves. Unlike road work or the pulp business, this bonus would encourage them in their real work of building a farm and home, rather than distracting their attention from the work they have made their life work. Settlers have pointed out to The Advance that road work is necessary, because the roads are essential to their success, but that any road work must be reserved for those seasons that are ordinarily idle ones on the homesteads. In the opinion of The Advance the land-clearing bonus is vital to the success of the settlement of the North. Not only will it give the settler the cash help he needs, but it will also prove invaluable in weeding out the unfit and the unready among the settlers—the men who will be unable to make good no matter what help they may receive from governments. Scores of settlers—honest, industrious, intelligent men—have assured The Advance that the small amount of the land-clearing bonus would mean the difference between success and failure—that they could manage to go on if they only had such help.

Some days ago, after much active and intelligent effort by two or three settlers who have at least made sufficient success that they have kept off relief and established themselves in fair fashion, an association of settlers in Cochrane district was formed. They are studying the problem with inside knowledge of the whole situation. The Advance does not know what recommendations they will make, but ventures the opinion that these will be the chief things asked for, and about in this order:—

A land-clearing bonus system.
Roads for settlers
Organized marketing and grading facilities.
Further assistance to the present representative of the Dept. of Agriculture in this district.

These four requests, it would seem, must be granted before the settlers have a fair chance for success. It will be noted that the four needs are more or less interdependent. Even the land-clearing bonus will fail to establish the settlers if they are left without proper roads to reach their markets. Their markets will not be of full value until some form of grading and storing of products is adopted. Without the assistance of skilled and experienced expert advisers, like the district representative of agriculture, they will remain greatly handicapped. While the request about further agricultural representatives is placed last in the list it is difficult to believe it is the least important. D. J. Pomerleau, for many years the district representative of agriculture, has a territory stretching from the Quebec boundary to a couple of hundred miles west of that point and from around Swastika in the South to James Bay in the North. No man

could look after so immense a territory. At the sacrifice of time and strength Mr. Pomerleau has made a gallant effort, but no man could do it the way it should be done. There should be two, probably three, representatives for this great area. If the government wishes to make colonization in the North a success, then a new and better policy must be adopted, with the true interests of the settler and the country given first place, and politics and indifference and lack of knowledge cut out of the picture.

THREE TIMES AND OUT

This is an editorial with teeth in it, as the modern saying goes.

Ira Fell, 16 years of age, and living at Cameron, Ontario, some thirty miles northwest of Peterborough (Peterborough, in its turn, on the authority of loyal Cameron people, being some thirty miles from Cameron)—well, anyway, Ira Fell lost all his second set of teeth because he didn't read the funny papers and so learn to love spinach. The learned doctors told Ira when all his teeth fell out that he hadn't a tooth in his head. They said that the failure to eat spinach and other vegetables had resulted in a deficiency of calcium and other minerals in his system. Minerals are admittedly very necessary for any system, especially the mineral, gold. And as for calcium—it was the lack of calcium that made the Timmins streets so unhealthy and unpalatable this summer. Ira, no doubt, told the doctors to charge up the advice. He was out his teeth, his calcium and other minerals, and everything appeared to be gummed up. However, an empty mouth does not suit a boy of 16, so Ira paid a visit to a dentist with the idea of getting a set of false teeth. An X-ray examination by the dentist revealed the fact that the boy did not need false teeth, as there was another set of teeth just ready to emerge from the gums. Of course, the doctors will have excuses all ready to explain why the lack of calcium and other minerals affected the second set of teeth but didn't stop the third set from coming right along. And the dentist, not being able to sell the young man a set of false teeth, will probably be looking down in the mouth. It looks like a beautiful chance for some breakfast bacon firm or some food concern to advertise that while spinach is good for the first teeth and calcium and other minerals are vital to second sets of teeth, for a third set of teeth use this brand or that breakfast food and even your best friends won't tell you.

Ira has his third set of teeth anyhow. He's eating spinach and imbibing calcium now. But no doubt the lad has little satisfaction in his triplet teeth. On anything less than five these days the shadow of Callendar falls. It is a hard world, and even the Peterborough lad will admit that's a mouthful.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

All with the interests of the North at heart will be pleased to note that the settlers in this district are organizing with the purpose of bettering their conditions. Those who know the difficulties and discouragements under which the settlers have been struggling realize that a new policy is needed but that in some form or another governments must give assistance or the settlers will not be able to establish themselves in the proper degree of comfort and hope. At the same time it is equally true that the best help the settlers can receive will come from themselves. It will make the government assistance worth while and of greater effect. In addition it is worth noting that with the settlers organized and with able and thoughtful leaders, the government has a source from which it may obtain the most valuable information and suggestions as to the forms of assistance that will be the most effective and economical.

If the rains and winds continue, the objection will be to so much mud blowing around on the streets.

Members of the Toronto Board of Trade visiting Sudbury last week expressed themselves as "amazed at the progressiveness of the North." If they had come to the real North—to the Porcupine—to Timmins—they would have had something at which to be surprised.

A man at Columbus, Ohio, had his car stolen and duly reported the matter to the police. Shortly afterwards the gentleman received a telephone call saying that the car had been found and was waiting at a certain place for him. The gentleman and some officers of the law went to the address given. There was the car all right in charge of an 18-year-old young man. The gentleman gave the youth a suitable reward and then asked him how he knew the car was stolen, how he knew the owner, and how he waited apparently in the expectation of a reward. "Oh, that is easy!" was the reply. "I heard the police broadcast the information, and as I was walking along the street I saw the car and took possession of it, the thieves being frightened away." A great advertisement for the radio, eh? Well, maybe the radio is like that. However, as soon as the young man told his story, the car owner insisted upon having the reward money returned, and the police took the youth to headquarters where he was duly charged with the theft of the car. There had been no broadcast at all. It is true that sometimes the radio is very useful—if you don't use it.

A farmer living a few miles north of New Liskeard has presented A. E. Stephenson, of The New

Mines and Mining Paper Make New High Records

This Year Mine Production Likely to Total About \$350,000,000—A Million Dollars a Day New Wealth. Notable Effect on All Lines of Business and Industry. The Mining Newspaper, "The Northern Miner," Also Makes Some Records

Will The Northern Miner kindly have a heart? Or will it keep on keeping just a jump ahead of the mining industry which is forging ahead—becoming so great, so vital, so far-reaching in its effect that it leaves the average thoughtful man close to breathlessness when he studies its possibilities?

Last year The Advance waxed enthusiastic about the annual review number of The Northern Miner, dealing with the progress and development of mining in Canada during the year. The opinion was ventured that in material, in presentation of facts, in printing, in interest, in accuracy, in everything, The Northern Miner had done so good a job, so big a job that it would have difficulty in maintaining the standard in following years. Then this year The Northern Miner comes along with another and bigger record. This is all the more remarkable because The Miner is in a class by itself and it has only its own records to beat. But that's something! This year's annual review number of The Miner is just as good as last year in material, in printing, in illustrations, in everything. Only, like Canada's Mining Industry, it is so much bigger. Last year there were 136 wonderful pages. This year there are 168. So far as anyone here seems to know this sets a record for a mining number.

If The Northern Miner's special number makes a record in itself, it also records a number of records for mining.

For instance, in the first half of the present year the record shows that Canada's mineral production broke all previous records. The output of metallics advanced 21 per cent; fuels, 10 per cent; non-metallics other than fuels, 34 per cent, and structural materials 18 per cent. The second half of the year will surpass the first, The Northern Miner says.

The annual review number of The Northern Miner sums up Canada's record for the year about as follows:—Canada is now producing non-ferrous metals—nickel, copper, lead and zinc—at the rate of 126 pounds per capita annually. For every man, woman and child in the country there is an output of 42 pounds of copper, 36 pounds of lead, 16 pounds of nickel and 32 pounds of zinc. These are far higher figures than those prevailing for any other country in the world. If the United States had a similar per capita output the production of copper, for example, would reach the fantastic figure of 5,040,000,000 pounds annually in that country. The highest point ever reached

was when 1,061,432 short tons were produced in 1929.

Further, it is pointed out that the metallic production of Canada is now at the rate of \$250,000,000 annually, or at the level of \$23 per capita. The mine output, including all minerals, is at the rate of \$32.00 per person. Canada stands first in the world in the production of nickel and platinum, third in copper, zinc and silver, fourth in gold and lead. This is an extraordinary performance for a nation of eleven million people. It is, likewise, a portent of what may be expected in the future when the mineral areas are thoroughly opened up.

In the 168 attractive pages of the annual review number of The Northern Miner will be found a complete picture of mining in Canada to-day. The issue is profusely illustrated with striking photographs of mining scenes. The typography is a credit to Canadian art in this line, and as much may be said for the printing. The judicious use of colour adds to the effectiveness of the big issue.

Space will not permit of anything like an adequate review of the issue, but the following list of some of the articles should be of interest:—

"International Nickel Leads Canadian Mining." Over 9000 employees and expenditures of \$37,000,000 in current year.

"Relationship Between World Gold Production and World Wholesale Prices." A chart, with explanations.

"Canada Has 121 Gold Mills Running, 10 Being Built." Within a year, there should be 145 producing plants.

"Twenty-five Years of Metal Mining Progress," by C. G. Williams. Increase of 450 per cent, with tendency still upward.

"Successors to the Big Mines Are in the Making." New Hollingers, Lake Shores and Domes are on the way.

"Mining Fills Breach in Canada's Financial Front," by Hon. T. A. Crerar, Dominion Minister of Mines.

"Ontario Leads Canada in Metal Production," by Thos. W. Gibson, Consultant Ontario Dept. of Mines.

"Mining Purchasing Power a Million Dollars Daily," by S. H. Logan, president of Canadian Bankers' Association.

"Prospector Is Shock Trooper in Wilderness Battle."

"Geological Survey Blazes Trail for Prospector," by Dr. Chas. Camels, Deputy Minister of Mines, Ottawa.

"The Airways Vie With Ground Transportation," by W. A. Scott, of Canadian Airways.

"To the Arctic With the Hudson Bay Company."

"Mining Education and Its Value to the Individual," by Prof. Stanley Graham, Queen's University, Kingston.

"T. & N. O. Railway Prospers With Mining Industry," by Col. Malcolm Lang.

"Kirkland Lake Pioneer Describes First Gold Finds."

"Cobalt Rivalled Riches of Ancient Inca Cities."

"The Story of Temiskaming's First Mining Company."

"Facts About Silicosis in the Mining Industry," by G. C. Bateman, secretary Ontario Mining Association.

"Canadian Mines Have Output of \$6,357,261,507.00 in 50 Years."

"First Hollinger Find Like Drippings From Gold Candle," by E. D. Loney.

"World Production of Gold Since 1492."

"Fair Play for Investor Aim of Securities Commissioner."

"Mines Spend Millions Yearly in New Construction Work."

"Six of the Big Gold Mines of the World Are Canadian."

"Red Lake Boom Sees Scores of Active Mining Companies."

All the provinces in Canada, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, are represented in the review. In addition the usual generous supply of current mining news features the issue.

North Bay Nugget:—Eastern scientists declare if everybody would sing there'd be no crime. How about engaging singing teachers instead of policemen?

Kitchener Record:—There is to-day, even among the younger generation, a much greater longing for security than there is for adventure. Adventure has not been turning out well.

Government Sends Doctors to Far Northern Places

From widely separated parts of the Dominion, three members of the medical profession have gone into the far north as members of the medical service maintained by the Department of the Interior for the benefit of natives, half-breeds, and white men, dwelling along the Dominion's Arctic frontier. In the Eastern Arctic region Doctor T. J. Orford, Markham, Ontario, travelled with the Canadian government expedition on board the Hudson's Bay Company's steamship "Nascope" to Pangnirtung in southern Baffin Island and on September 19 he relieved Dr. A. G. MacKinnon, of Macgregor, Man., who had completed a two-year term at that point. During his stay Dr. MacKinnon had conducted medical patrols through the southern part of the island, visiting Frobisher Bay and other points during the early part of 1936.

A late boat out of Churchill, Hudson's Bay port, will carry Dr. Thomas Melling, of Coronation, Alberta, north to Chesterfield, where he will relieve Dr. L. D. Livingstone. Dr. Livingstone is one of the veteran members of the Department of the Interior medical service and he has been granted permission to come "outside" on leave.

From Aklavik, at the mouth of the Mackenzie River, a wireless report from Dr. J. A. Urquhart, medical officer, and Department of the Interior representative, informed Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of the interior, of the safe arrival at that point on September 8, of Dr. Geoffrey F. Homer, of Tisdale, Saskatchewan. Dr. Homer has been appointed assistant to Dr. Urquhart. The area under the jurisdiction of the medical officer at Aklavik extends eastward and westward along the coast and inland to Great Bear Lake. It will be ministering to the health needs of the natives and whites in this vast area that Dr. Homer will assist Dr. Urquhart.

In addition to the above-named doctors, the following other government medical officers are stationed in the Northwest Territories: Dr. J. M. Morrow, Fort Smith; Dr. J. E. Amyot, Resolution; Dr. W. A. M. Truesdell, Simpson; Dr. P. W. Head, Good Hope; and Dr. M. J. Thomson, Cameron Bay.

Dead Body of Transient Found in Engine Stoker

According to a despatch from Orillia this week, a transient believed to be E. Whittle, of Leamington, was crushed to death Monday when drawn into the automatic stoker on the tender of a Canadian National Railway train bound for Winnipeg from Toronto.

Before the train reached Orillia, 70 miles north of Toronto, the crew noticed the stoker was not functioning properly. From Orillia to Washago, 12 miles north, the fireman fed the engine by hand.

Upon arrival at Washago, the crew investigated and found the body of a man, the lower part terribly mangled.

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Liskeard Speaker, with a mushroom weighing nine pounds, three ounces. The mushroom is of the species known as puff balls, and is perfectly matured. It is believed to be a record mushroom for size and weight for this North Land, which likely means that it is a record for any place.

A group of groups of young people in the province of Quebec are reported as demanding the resignation of Lord Tweedsmuir as governor-general of Canada because they assert he is acting as the agent of financiers and the English marine. Walter Patrick O'Leary, president of La Jeunesse Patriote Canadienne-Francoise, is the only man mentioned by name in the despatches. One of the groups mentioned is the "National Workers." These facts throw some light on the odd resolution. It looks as if the funny resolution came from Russia via Ireland.

Fascists and communists have a more or less merry civil war in progress in Spain. There is simi-

lar trouble in France. Even London, England, has not escaped the same sort of thing. The moral for Canada seems to be plain. The re-enactment of Section 98 of the Criminal Code would help to keep down destructive and malicious organizations that make force and the threat of force their main features.

A noted opera singer is reported to have lost her voice. Oh well, it's too bad! She can still sing over the radio.

It's about time that the responsible ratepayers of Timmins were organizing to elect a capable mayor and council for Timmins for the year 1937. If the town had had as good a mayor this year as it had a council, it would have been a good year for the town.

There has been enough senseless and futile ill-will created this year in municipal circles to last the town another ten years.

Could Not Lift Arms Above Head

Owing to Painful Rheumatism

This woman suffered from rheumatism in her back, arms and legs. For two months, she endured this painful condition, then, like many another sufferer, she decided to try Kruschen Salts. Read her letter:— "About fifteen months ago I had rheumatism in my arms, back and legs. The pains in my arms and legs after getting warm in bed were almost unbearable. I was like that for two months, and could not reach above my head. I read so much about Kruschen Salts that I thought I would try them. I am so glad to say that for more than a year I have not had the slightest return of my rheumatism."—Mrs. J. H.E.

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He had been caught in the stoker, in the "worm" apparatus which breaks up coal and forces it into the firebox.

Constable Grand Woodward said the man was one of four who boarded the train at Parkdale station in the west end of Toronto. A second man, who gave his name as M. E. Howard, of Chatham, was located at Washago, but was released after questioning.

A third man, who said he was Lloyd Dellandrea, Toronto, was arrested at Washago and held after questioning. Dellandrea, according to police, said he boarded the train for no particular reason and intended returning to Toronto immediately.

Police were searching "hobo jungles" in the Orillia vicinity Monday for the fourth man.

The dead man appeared about 30 years of age and was of medium height and sturdy build. He was carrying a pack of the type favoured by transients.

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Supports Council in the Police Clothes Contract

Timmins, Ont., Oct. 7th, 1936

To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins. Dear Sir:—In an issue of another local paper there appeared a front-page write-up on what was called the unfair method of the council in placing the order for the police winter overcoats.

The general kick was the suggestion that there was only twenty-four hours' notice. Had the merchants been practical it seems that one hour's notice would have been ample time to send their estimates in. However, as there are only seven tailors in the town doing business, I am glad to know that the police commission used judgment in awarding the contract to W. T. Montgomery, a practical tailor.

Yours, An Old-Timer.

Mrs. M. P. Wilkinson sailed last week for a holiday at Bedford, England.