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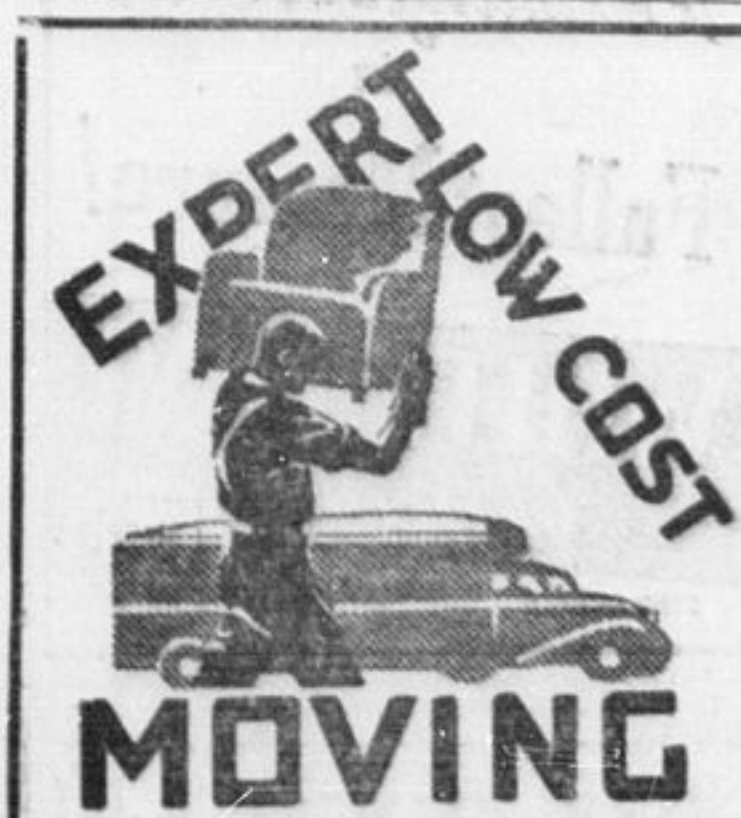
Says Timber Leases to Make Millionaires

Hon. Leopold Macaulay and Hon. Peter Heenan Clash on Recent Leases.

Debate on Ontario's recently adopted policy of permitting the export of pulpwood to the United States brought stern censure from the Conservatives in the debate on the subject, by Hon. Leopold Macaulay (C., South York).

Mr. Macaulay censured recently-negotiated contracts between the Lands and Forests Department and the Sulphide Supply Company and the Lake Sulphide Supply Company, for timber leases in Northern Ontario. He estimated the latter company for an expenditure of \$60,000,000 would have produced worth \$250,000,000 after processing in United States.

"These are the most improvident contracts ever made by the Province of Ontario under any government," he said. "If prices go up there may be a brand new crop of millionaires in the United States."



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Does Russia Set the Pace for Gold Mining

Some Estimates and Figures and Comments on the Same.

(Globe and Mail)

The foreign editor of "Business Week," a New York publication, cables from Moscow that Russia's gold mines and production are far greater than estimates published in the United States, and adds that "high Soviet officials, when interviewed," confirmed the statement.

"Gold output here last year exceeded 10,000,000 ounces," he writes. "This means that the Soviet is crowding South Africa for first place as the world's leading producer, as predicted in 1934. The Soviet's 1936 output of gold was almost as great as South Africa's 1935 figure, but the Transvaal's production of 11,389,411 ounces last year kept it in the lead. Russia's amazing jump from the last published figure is due to a record output by new fields. The 1937 programme plans a 35 per cent. increase."

A 35 per cent. increase for 1937, if it comes through, would mean approximately 14,310,000 ounces. It would make Russia an easy leader among world producers; for there does not seem to be any hope that South Africa can speed up production on such a scale.

The foreign editor, mentioned above, goes on to point out that Russia has become the dark horse in the world's gold race, that Russian reserves exceed \$7,000,000,000, compared with American gold holdings of \$11,500,000,000 and that, as a result of being able to purchase war supplies for gold, the Soviet is in an ideal position to take the hides off Messrs. Hitler and Mussolini if they ever force a real showdown. Soviet officials are said to be considering the question of granting to the foreign editor of "Business Week" the privilege of viewing the huge gold reserves.

Perhaps it is propaganda. Much of the "information" which comes out of Russia has to be accepted with a grain of salt. But since Germany and Italy look like the two bad spots on the European horizon at the moment, and since they are both supposed to be fairly well cleaned of their gold, it might not be a bad move if they could be convinced that gold is more important in warfare than cannon. At least, over the long run.

Is Russian Mining Superior to Canadian

From the Canadian angle, the chief point which sticks out of the above figures is the suggestion that Russia knows a lot more about gold mining than Canada. The speed with which Russia overtook Canadian gold production makes it look like a two-way race, with Russia moving forward and Canada going backward.

A chart published by the Ontario Department of Mines a year or so ago showed that, while Russia was an early dabbler in gold production, its output fell to practically zero in 1920. At that time, Canadian production was about 750,000 ounces. So taking 1920 as the starting point, the gold race has gone something like this, according to the government chart: In 1925 Russia, 500,000 ounces; Canada 1,750,000 ounces. In 1930, Russia 1,300,000 ounces; Canada 2,100,000 ounces. In 1935, Russia 5,500,000 ounces; Canada 3,100,000 ounces. The guesswork for 1937—not attributed to the government—is: Russia 14,310,000 ounces; Canada 3,500,000 ounces.

Why? We know a lot about Canada's democratic system of gold production. We have read something about Russian methods; and, making no allowance for the fact that propaganda may be playing a big hand in the gold game, the system seems to be that the Soviet herds up large gangs of workers, sends them into gold areas, and tells them to work while the government provides the concentrated direction of their activities.

Russia is understood to have some huge dredging operations. Canada has had some; though some which could be mentioned, took public funds a few years ago, and later folded up. There was no government direction in that.

Canada's system, apart from the big operators, roughly is this: It throws open fields to any person who can scrape up enough money for a pick and shovel and a grubstake. Then, if he thinks he has found anything, and can induce somebody to put up the money, he goes ahead until he produces the making of a mine or until he goes broke. There has been much more going broke, on the percentage basis, than mine-making. Canadian activity and finances—that is, apart from the big operators—are dissipated over a great variety of properties, good and bad. The Soviet system is concentration of activity.

Chances are the foreign editor of "Business Week" has not told the whole story. It would doubtless serve a useful purpose to know if gold mining in Russia is a much simpler process than in Canada, or if Russia's rapid out-distancing of Canada is a reflection on the democratic method of pushing the industry. All of which is suggested as a new topic for our private debating society.

Daffodils Growing Now in Kapuskasing Garden

The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing, says—"Mr. and Mrs. E. Malkin have a welcome harbinger of spring in their yard—a budding daffodil within two feet of a solidly packed ice bank over 24 inches high. This one plant is a little more forward than some of its companions, but soon there will be a bevy of brave yellow blooms laughing defiance at Jack Frost's "storm" troops, and incidentally gladdening the eyes of passers-by who are wistful for spring."

By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them, is the Text

A Kapuskasing girl asked by her domestic science teacher if her fruit was much food value in dates, replied that it depended on whom they were with. A Timmings young man says that he once made a date with a peach from Kapuskasing but she ate so much that he wouldn't give a fig for another date. He told her she had proved a lemon, but she gave him the raspberry.

Work Started on Building \$300,000 Hotel in Sudbury

Initial steps in the erection of a handsome new hotel for Sudbury commenced last week, when a big steam shovel arrived from Ottawa to be used in the work of clearing the lot for the handsome and modern hotel. It is to replace the building recently destroyed by fire. The new building will be four storeys high and will include business places, stores, offices, as well as the hotel proper.

North is Better for Mining than South

Even the Temperature is Against Mining Work in the South.

(From Globe and Mail)

Miners of Arizona and Nevada have a pronounced habit of plying their brothers in the North, believing that the country is one great sheet of ice-covered territory, presenting rigors of which they happily know nothing. Little do they know, as a general rule, about the facts, nor do they realize that it is in winter the greatest activity is possible in Canada's mineral empire. No flies, safe landing for planes, far more economical hauling conditions especially now the tractor has come into general use.

There is another advantage the North possesses over the South and that re-

lates to the difference in temperatures as depth is reached in the mines. Some of the difference is doubtless due to the character of ores, whether quartz or sulphide, but that is not sufficient to make up for the terrific heat some of the mines of Nevada and Arizona have encountered at depths far less than have been reached, for instance, at Sudbury, Kirkland Lake and Porcupine.

Take the Magna Mine, of Newmont Mining Corporation, at Superior, Arizona, for instance. Heat is so unbearable at the 3600-foot level that arrangements have had to be made for installation of the first refrigeration system in any mine of the continent, while at the Teck-Hughes Mines, Kirkland Lake district, Ontario, the temperature at 6100-foot level—almost twice the depth—is officially given to the writer at from 79 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit—a comfortable working level.

Years ago, about ten, I was down the Magna shaft to depth of 1903 feet, then the bottom level, and was taken into a blind crosscut, where a wide body of copper sulphide ore had recently been cut. The heat was simply terrific and quite beyond working conditions except for very short periods. And, by the way, my companion on that visit was Ralph L. Healy, now assistant manager of Wright-Hargreaves at Kirkland Lake.

Another experience of the same kind, about the same time and with the same companion, was at the great United States Verde mine at Jerome, Arizona. There the mine had been on fire since the 800 level for thirty years and the workings above that horizon were a

perfect inferno. Just one whiff as the steel door was opened on that level was enough for any man.

Canada's climate may have some drawbacks in spots, but certainly none militate against economical and comfortable development of mines. Plenty of water versus alkaline pools; plenty of electric power almost everywhere; plenty of warm clothes for wintry blasts and, what is most important, plenty of pay over a territory nothing less than an empire.

Boy Struck by Car but Not Badly Hurt

Ran in Front of Car. Driver of Car Took Him to the Doctor.

Mike Balesk, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Balesk, 72 Elm street north, knocked down by a car Tuesday night near his home when he ran across the road without looking for traffic is reported to-day as almost completely recovered from his experience.

The driver of the car, noticing the lad, but being unable to stop in time, took the lad to a doctor immediately. No bones were broken, it was found and he suffered only minor facial cuts. No charges were laid by police who investigated.

Ottawa Journal.—It's surprising how many friends you have when they need you.

Legion Here to Sell Coronation Buttons

Attractive Souvenirs for the Coronation. Also Vetracraft Decorations Available.

Preparations for the celebration of Coronation Day in Timmings are going ahead rapidly under the direction of the celebration committee. Austin Neame, president of the Legion, said yesterday.

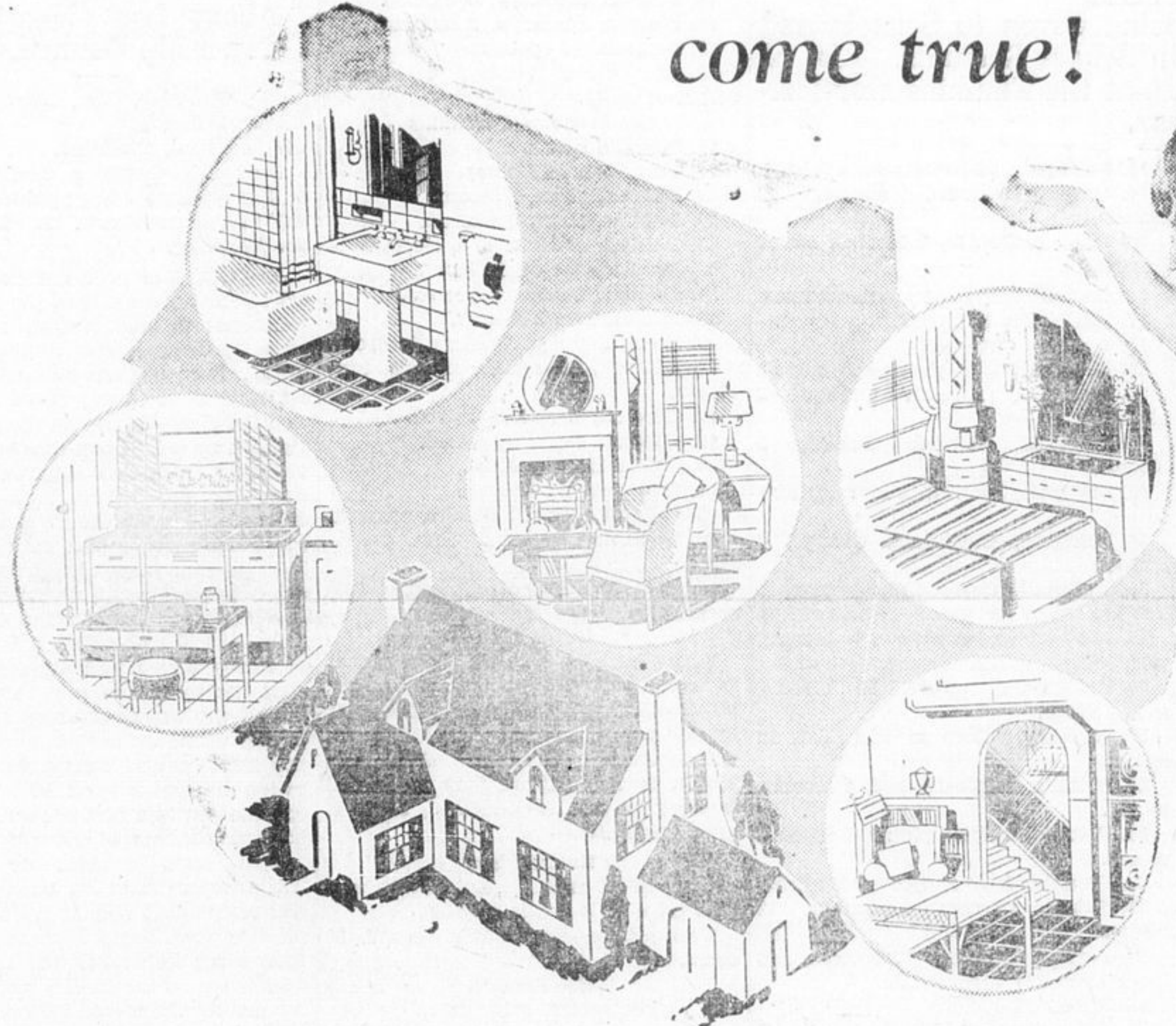
Coronation buttons, to be sold by the Legion on May 12th, have arrived, 5000 of them. They have portraits of their majesties and are decked with a tri-color ribbon.

Samples of Vetracraft decorations, including special flags, strings of flags and shields for decorating homes, have arrived and may be seen at the Mines Rescue Station by anyone interested. These may be used not only for Coronation Day, but also for Old Home Week and for the convention in Timmings this summer of the provincial command of the Legion. Mr. Neame pointed out. Citizens are asked to pay particular attention to the decoration of homes and business places on Coronation Day.

Globe and Mail.—We get perhaps some inkling of relativity when we read that the last-minute stand of the Conservatives in the Legislature held up prorogation for two hours.

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