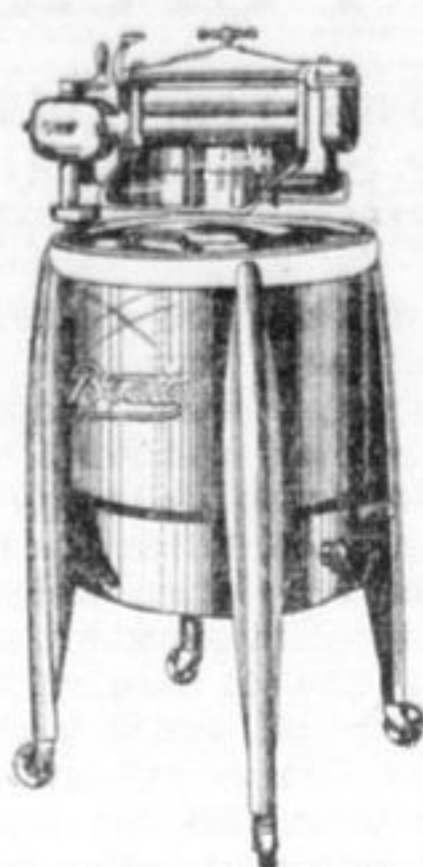


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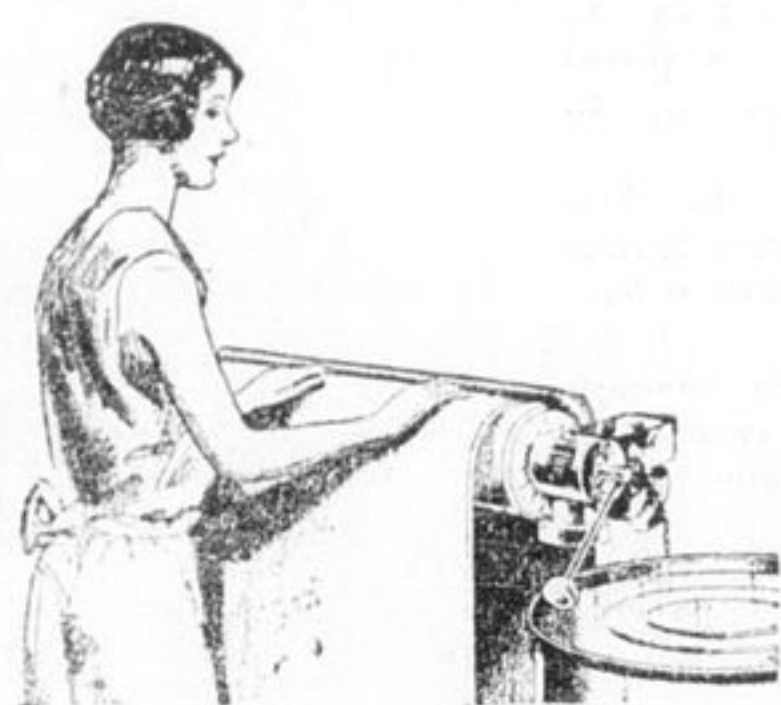
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Northern Sky Black with Plane Traffic

Food, Freight, Prisoners, Patients, Transported in North.

(By Ken W. MacTaggart) (Staff Writer, The Globe and Mail) Noranda, April 13.—To the left the thin, white streak of the power line stretched straight as an arrow through the bush. To the right lay the curving white ribbon of the future railroad. The white smoke from Noranda's giant 442-foot chimney hung along the earth as far as the eye could reach.

Twenty-five minutes had elapsed when the plane dangled across the ice of Lac Dubuisson and taxied up to the dock at Siscoe. In two minutes the seats were folded up and the pale-faced patient on the stretcher was slid into the craft. Thirty minutes later the ambulance was heading away from the airbase at Noranda to the hospital a few hundred yards distant.

And so, within two short hours, two phases of northern flying had been seen: police transportation of prisoners to Ville Marie, and ambulance flights. During the next five days four more stretcher cases came in from the mines, patients brought fifty and sixty miles to hospital within an hour of receipt of the emergency call at General Airways office in Rouyn. And each call meant a round trip of 100 to 120 miles for the plane.

Kelly Edmison's plane passed a half-dozen other aircraft during that trip. A few minutes after his return to the base he went out on the east run; the regular scheduled trip to Sullivan, winter terminal point for passengers to Val d'Or and Barlaque and the numerous mines that surround these twin towns that have suddenly grown up in a wilderness.

There is no railway and there are only casual road routes to these towns. Yet there are three motion picture theatres, one with air-conditioning and the finest upholstered chairs. There is a \$90,000 hotel, with the appointments of any city hotel. For sewers and water mains \$325,000 has been earmarked this year. There is a newspaper, published weekly.

Within ten minutes, while waiting at Sullivan, six planes arrived with passengers and freight. One was Stewart Hill, coming in from Amos, J. G. Twist, otherwise known as Pat of G. Ginsberg, and Curt Bogart of General, and Sprad Spradbrowe of Dominion Airways, were among others.

To the northeast at Oskelaneo, Bernard "Bun" Page of Genesee and Dave Emory, J. H. "Red" Lymburner (of Lincoln Ellsworth's Polar dashes) and Nick Carter of Canadian Airways were trying to beat the break-up with their last loads into the Chibougamau country.

All on Radio Hookups

All these pilots operated on radio hookups. Every trip east the General Airways pilots contacted their station at Lac Bousquet, thirty miles east of Rouyn. They also reported to the home base every fifteen minutes. On trips north and further east they contacted stations manned by their own men at Rese Lake, Opemiska, Oskelaneo, On exploration trips further north, they freight in a complete radio station, set it up and leave an operator who keeps in contact with the ship during all its operations; reports to the home base three times a day its every movement.

And they land in and hop off from fields that would strike terror into the heart of a balloonist. Many mines are distant from water, unlike Northwest-ern Canada with its myriad lakes and rivers. So the mine companies have out a handkerchief-sized field from the bush and expect plane service. A civil aviation department inspector would probably blacklist two out of three of the fields. Yet the northern pilots hop in and out of them like sparrows.

Yet they take no chances. For instance one forenoon several pilots were sitting in the dispatcher's office of General's Noranda base. Pete Casey answered the telephone, swung to consult the zoned map on the wall. He quoted figures on freight rates to the customer on the line. Then he turned to Kelly Edmison, named the shipper and the destination of the freight.

Kelly shook his head. He glanced at the other pilots, and they shrugged their shoulders, nodded at Kelly, who spoke up.

Business Turned Down

"Tell him we're sorry to disappoint him," said Kelly. "But it's too risky at this time of year. Landing conditions are bad in there. We can't take the business."

But at 7 o'clock next morning Kelly Edmison, with The Globe and Mail representative as passenger, picked up a complete exploration crew of three

men and six weeks' food supplies and dropped them at a remote lake straight north of Rouyn. Earl Hickson accompanied Kelly with another plane, carrying two more men and a canoe strapped to the fuselage of the plane.

Until aviation revolutionized transportation in this country, that crew would have stayed in civilization until early June, after the spring break-up. And then it would have cost more to get to the scene of their operations because of the long trips with comparatively small loads, in canoes, and the numerous portages.

Commission Issues Report on Gold Shore

Evidence Discloses Five Possible Reasons for Decline in Stock.

Ontario Securities Commission has issued a report on its inquiry into the affairs of Red Lake Gold Shore Mines, the main issue being determination of the question: "Why did the market value of Red Lake Gold Shore stock drop from about \$240 per share in September, 1935, to 80 cents and lower in February and March, 1937?"

The evidence disclosed five possible reasons. First, spreading of unfounded rumors that an official of the company had absconded. Second, the report that some directors were selling their own stock. Third, the fact that first gold brick produced was not of the value anticipated. Fourth, the fear that the pool of vendors' stock would not be extended beyond April 1, 1937. Fifth, the misstatement of Robert W. Breuls, President, in a written report for use in a yearly handbook that ore reserves were approximately 200,000 tons of average grade of .663 ounce per ton.

The rumor that the President of the company had absconded was, of course, untrue, but says the report, "it is impossible to believe that such a rumor could have a really serious or prolonged effect on the market unless there were other real and legitimate reasons."

The report that directors were selling their own stock was proved true, insofar as two directors—Charles St. Paul and Charles V. Gallagher—were concerned. The former sold 13,000 shares through his nominee Snythe, an officer of the Trusts and Guarantee Co. Presumably, says the report, Mr. St. Paul used Mr. Snythe to effect his sales, so that it would not be realized by brokers that it was his stock. Mr. Gallagher, between Sept. 10, 1936 and March 8, 1937, purchased 1,000 shares and sold 55,900 shares.

As far as Dr. Breuls, Harry Newman and Ira Hough, other directors, were concerned, it is quite clear they did not sell any substantial quantities of stock during the period in question. On the contrary, they purchased blocks at very high prices. However, several of Ira Hough's relatives sold stock of their own. C. W. Hough, a brother of Ira Hough, between October, 1936, and March, 1937, purchased about 6,000 shares and sold about 15,000 shares. He explained that he sold because of the disappointing news concerning the value of first gold brick and actual ore reserves.

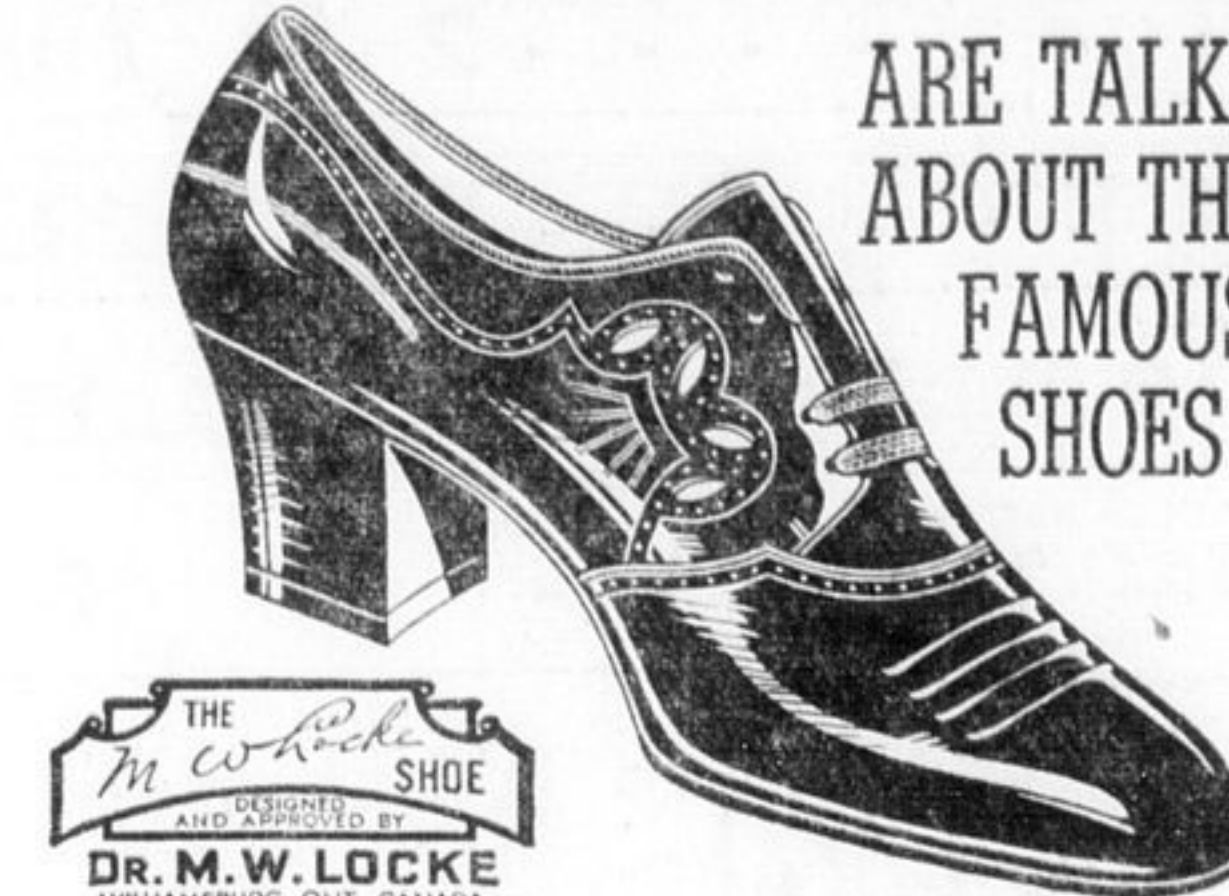
Regarding the third reason, it had been announced by directors that it was expected the first gold brick would be worth between \$30,000 and \$35,000. However, it was worth only \$24,000. Robert C. Gamble, prominent broker explained that he advised his clients to sell Red Lake Gold Shore for that reason and because ore reserves were not what they were stated to be.

Dr. Breuls did not personally profit by trading in the market when the stock rose to its high figure, the report reveals. Dr. Breuls, on promotion of the company, acquired 70,000 shares and purchased an additional 40,000 shares in 1935 and early 1936, giving him total purchases of 110,000 shares. He sold only 10,000 shares in the summer of 1936.

From Aug. 29, 1936 to January, 1937, he purchased 23,950 additional shares at prices ranging from current prices in January to \$2.40 in September, 1936. During this period he sold only 400 shares. At the present time Dr. Breuls holds approximately 400,000 shares, it is reported.

Figure on ore reserves given out at 200,000 tons averaging .633 oz. per ton by Dr. Breuls was a mere personal calculation. Unfortunately, he did not state that this figure was his own mental calculation, or guess, nor did he state he had not consulted the company's experts concerning the matter, but gave the information as an official pronouncement of the company. The information was wrong and there was no justification for the information in any of Mine Manager W. P. Mackle's written reports.

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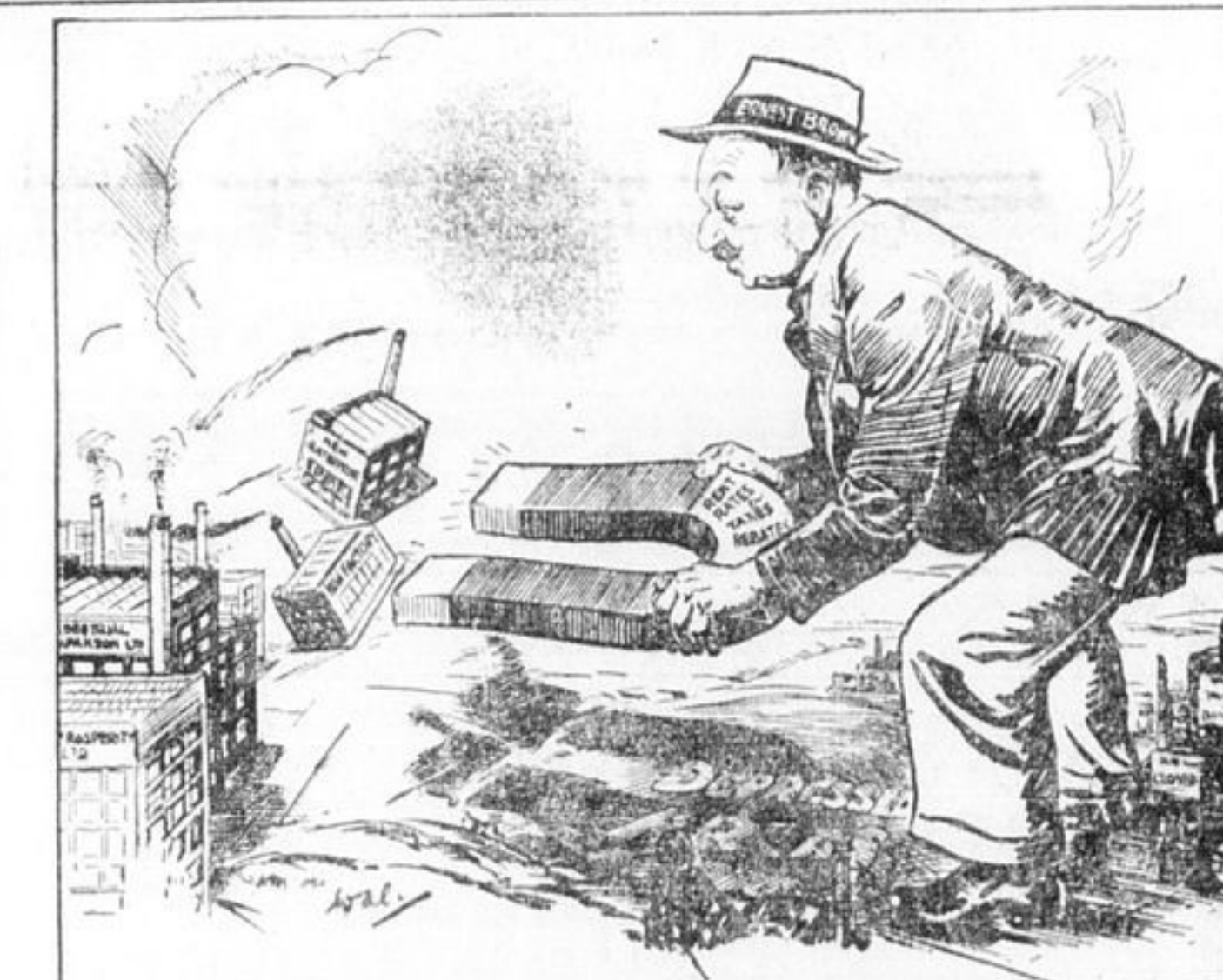
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In conclusion, the report adds that no criticism can possibly be directed against Mr. Mackle, who appears to have been very careful in his written reports. However, as to the conduct of the directors of the company, it is deemed by the investigator that his duty was to find the facts as they appear from the evidence without expressing any opinion, either favourable or unfavourable.

North Bay Nugget: The Detroit News reports the visit to that city of a general store proprietor of a northern tourist resort to look over toothbrushes and other summer novelties.

Miami Herald: A committee recommends \$14,545,000 for promotion of air safety. Another method would be to see that all the gadgets are working properly before the plane hops off.



"THE MAGNETIC 'FLUENCE'"

The British Ministry of Labour is making strenuous efforts to induce new industries to open up in the depressed areas in England and Wales. —News of the World.

Out on Parole but Returned to Prison

Cobalt Young Man Does Not Profit from Leniency.

Halleybury, April 13.—Out on parole from a sentence passed in Kirkland Lake on him a little over a year ago for several charges of breaking and entering, James Watts, a young man still apparently under 20 years of age, pleaded guilty to three charges of breaking and entering at Enchehart in court here on Friday last and was sent back to the Ontario reformatory for a term of two years less one day. Watts, when asked by Magistrate Atkinson why he had done it told the court that he wanted to get money to get back home to his mother.

Moonshine whiskey with a 46 per cent. alcoholic content was responsible for Mendoza Blanchard getting a fine of \$100 and costs or three months. On a raid made by Sergeant V. Reid and Constable R. O. Stromberg the "beehive" was located by the officers in three different places in the house of the accused at North Cobalt. There was also a bottle of beer that was not accounted for to the satisfaction of the officers. The occupants of the house explained that the moonshine had been brought to the house by a son of the family shortly before the raid when he had come back from a lumber camp on the Montreal River while a daughter had brought the beer for the use of the mother when she was sick.

Another charge of theft against the accused was dismissed. He had been charged with taking some storm windows from a house belonging to the housing commission of the Township of Bucke. But the house that he occupied was also the property of that organization, and the windows were on the house and so the case fell flat.

Joseph Stevenson hailed his former employer H. Meltzer into court on a non-payment of wages charge and, in great detail proceeded to tell the court about it. He claims \$73.50, being a balance of wages due as he stated at the rate of \$15 a month since last September less some payments. The defence contended and he did not hire the complainant for more than one month at this rate giving him his board in return for his services for the remainder of the time.

The contention of the plaintiff was upheld by Magistrate S. Atkinson who did not quite see eye to eye with the principle of keeping a man to do work around a farm for his board alone and the claim was allowed.

Ottawa Journal: The more checks a spendthrift has the faster he goes.

River Dragged at Elk Lake This Week

But No Trace Yet Found of the Missing Mrs. Nolan.

A despatch from Elk Lake on Tuesday of this week says:—"Police investigation into the mysterious disappearance twenty-three days ago of Mrs. Frank Dolan from her home here to-day led to a clearance two blocks from the Dolan home and to the Montreal River, where dragging operations will be undertaken."

"Authorities received information today that fresh tracks in the snow leading to and away from the clearance northeast of the village had been seen the morning following Mrs. Dolan's disappearance. The clearance is covered with piles of second-growth underbrush."

"Yesterday police discovered several holes in the river ice in a secluded spot directly behind a shack on the water's edge, which had been broken into. The shack is directly across the river from the Dolan home."

"Police said today it would take an organized band of twenty-five men at least three days to cover every inch of the ground in the clearance."

"Meanwhile Frank Dolan, the missing woman's husband, is in custody, having been remanded on a non-support charge preferred by the two eldest of the six Dolan children. He left Elk Lake around the time his wife disappeared. Provincial Police found him in Northern Quebec and brought him back to face the non-support charge."

High-grade Samples from Week's Run of the Press

North Bay Nugget: Both the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System ban the use of the words "damn" and "hell." There's enough of that on the receiving end.

Troy Record: Al Capone will probably be shocked to learn that in Illinois the common crow is now rated as public enemy No. 1.

Huntsville Forester—A Saskatchewan man has succeeded in raising some exceptionally fine lemons; but Alberta still holds the record among western provinces as a lemon producer.

Globe and Mail: The law is again the rackets until she demands alimony or he wants to garnish your wages.

St. Catharines Standard: Mention of a 30 hour week has junior worried. If they keep cutting it down, it will soon mean a bath a day.

Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph: It's all right to use friendship as a drawing account, but don't forget your deposits.

GIRL GUIDES IN TIMMINS



TIMMINS GIRL GUIDES The 51st I.O.D.E. Co. of Girl Guides held their regular meeting on Friday evening. In the absence of Captain Morris the meeting was taken by Helen Landers and Kathleen Wilkinson. The attendance and inspection were taken Horseshoe was formed and the colours broken. The Guide Prayer was repeated.

The standing of the patrols to the end of March is as follows: Blue Bell Patrol 590 Orchid Patrol 563 Purple Heather Patrol 535 Forget-Me-Not Patrol 521 Pimpernel Patrol 501 Poppy Patrol 487

The Blue Bell Patrol will hold the trophy for the next three months. A few games were played and then the Guides went to their Patrol Corners for Second Class work. Kathleen Wilkinson passed Joyce Lalonde in the First Aid for the First Class. Dorothy Habib, Kathleen Starling, Christine Brown, Elsie Clathworthy and Jean Cowan were passed in most of the service for the First Class Badge by Helene Landers.

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