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Pleasing Practical Help for Settlers

Noranda Lady Sponsors Giving of Fly-Proof Screens for Doors and Windows for Farm Homes

All who admire courage and the pioneering spirit show desire to help the settlers in the North Land, even though it takes no mere material form than sympathy and a word in season. A Noranda lady, however, has translated this sympathy into a practical form of help that will make special appeal to those who understand the life of the settlers. This Noranda lady, Mrs. A. Burwash, though of the idea of protecting the settlers' wives and families from the summer curse of flies, mosquitoes, and so on. These pests must form a special hardship in the settlers' homes, and Mrs. Burwash last year started a form of material help that might well be copied by others in the North who wish to make the life of the settlers' families a little easier. Mrs. Burwash makes up green material for doors and windows and furnishes this to the settlers. Details of the plan and its success in the past year are given in the following editorial from The Royn-Noranda Press last week:—

"Anyone who has lived for any length of time in the North Country knows something of the physical torments which are inflicted from May until August by flies and mosquitoes and of the suffering endured by the settlers particularly during practically all of the summer season. Last year Mrs. A. Burwash, of Noranda, who lived for many years on the shores of Lake Temiskamingue and knows from personal experience what those who dwell in the country districts must endure during the trying months of summer, started a movement towards supplying the settlers with fly-proof material for doors and windows and affording them some protection from the attacking armies of invaders infesting the North during the spring and summer months.

"Last year Mrs. Burwash and those associated with her accomplished what was really a humane work for the settlers by supplying them with protective material, and it is desired this year to extend the work and provide the material for a much larger number of homes in the various colonies in the district. The undertaking is a most commendable one and we feel sure will meet with sympathetic endorsement and support by the people of Royn and Noranda. Thousands of yards of these cloth will be required and any who desire to have a part in providing this comfort and protection for the people of the surrounding townships are invited to send their contribution to Mrs. Burwash or to Rev. J. M. Pelchat, Noranda, feeling assured that they are assisting in helping a worthy cause and assisting in making life more bearable for those who must spend the summer in the swampy, fly-infested country settlements.

New York Post: They say Mussolini made the trains run on time. In Spain the Loyalists have done the same for his soldiers.

Globe and Mail: By way of preparation for a ring contest Jim Braddock, champion pugilist, is chopping down the trees about his training camp in Wisconsin. This form of exercise may have been all right for Gladstone and the ex-Kaiser in this day; but, with forest conservation a live issue now, something should be done about this boxer's activities.

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This Judge Knew Exactly When a Man is Really Drunk

Tom Bailey, charged with drunkenness, told Police Judge A. A. Hatch of Tulsa, Oklahoma, he didn't know whether he had been stewed or not, that he had never been drunk before.

"Did everything sort of wave up and down like this?" the Judge asked. "And did you feel mighty happy and grand and love everyone in the whole world clearly? And did you also feel like you could just whip the pants off any mother's son alive?"

"Yeah," sighed the prisoner, "that's it."

"You were drunk," pronounced Hatch. "Five dollars and costs."

Important Part in Canadian Industry

Sketch of R. A. McInnis, Formerly Manager of Abitibi Co. at Iroquois Falls.

In The Ottawa Journal on Monday of this week there was a reference to R. A. McInnis, now head of the Anglo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Co., but years ago manager of the Abitibi Power and Paper Co. at Iroquois Falls before that company went into amalgamations that made it unwieldy. Mr. McInnis, as manager of the Abitibi Co., built up that enterprise until it was an outstanding example of what a corporation should be. Mr. McInnis was noted for his effective intelligence in the treatment of employees. At the same time, despite the multiplicity of his duties and interests, he found occasion to give much valuable service in public and semi-public enterprises. For several years Mr. McInnis was president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and in that capacity did notable work in the interests of the North.

The following is the sketch of Mr. McInnis, as appearing in The Journal on Monday:—

"Recently honoured by re-election as president of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, R. A. McInnis, general manager of the Anglo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Mills, Limited, has played an important part in the steady return to prosperity being made by one of Canada's greatest industries.

"Mr. McInnis stands out as one of the best-informed men in the pulp and paper industry on the North American continent. Born at Gravenhurst, Ont., only 53 years ago, he entered the employ of Edward Lloyd, Ltd., New York and Montreal, at the age of 16, in the sales division.

"In seven years his services were in demand. He accepted an offer from the Beigo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Company in 1907, remaining with that concern until 1914 when he joined the service of the Abitibi Power and Paper Company as assistant to the president. In 1917 he was appointed manager of the great Abitibi plant at Iroquois Falls. He proved himself a real leader in Northern Ontario, heading many community enterprises. He was president of the Northern Ontario Boards of Trade from 1922 to 1924, and vice-president of the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade from 1924 to 1926.

"In 1927 Mr. McInnis was appointed general manager of the Anglo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Mills, and in that position he has been an unqualified success. He is one of the most active and enterprising figures in the pulp and paper industry in Canada."

New Sheriff Appointed for County of Pontiac

(Royn-Noranda Press)

The political axe has fallen on Dominic Sloan, for the past five years sheriff of Pontiac county, announced being removed from office, and Charles Belec, ex-M.P., named to succeed him. Mr. Sloan is one of the most popular residents of the lower section of Pontiac, his home being at the village of Yinton. Always active in politics as a Liberal, he was appointed sheriff by the Taschereau government in 1932. It is perhaps not surprising that the present government should make a change in the office, and this was probably expected by Mr. Sloan himself. The new sheriff, Charles Belec, who operates a fine farm near Fort Coulonge, was Conservative representative of the constituency during the term of the Bennett government, being elected in a three-cornered contest against the late Frank Cahill, Liberal, and J. P. Cote, of Royn, Independent Liberal, in 1930, on a minority vote. Both the former sheriff and his successor are well known and well regarded in the North.

Sudbury Eating Places Boost the Price of Meals

Claiming that the increased cost of foodstuffs make it absolutely necessary, Sudbury cafes and restaurants have boosted prices of meals five to ten cents. In the cafes catering to the cheaper trade with meals at 25 cents the price has been put up to 35 cents. The 35 cent cafes are now charging 40 cents.

British Scientists Hope for Flu Vaccine

Substantial Progress in Research Reported by British Medical Men.

Years of work by the British National Institute for Medical Research have resulted in "substantial progress" toward finding a preventive vaccine for influenza but, like the common cold, the flu is still a major medical enigma.

The 1935-36 report of the institute relates progress made, and the aid given the scientists by the sneeze of a ferret. It was after a ferret with the flu sneezed in Dr. Stuart Harris' face that the scientists were able to transmit flu from a ferret to a human being "providing the important link completing the chain of evidence for the identity of the virus maintained and studied for over two years in ferrets as the cause of influenza."

But much remains to be discovered. The report stated that substantial progress had been made by Dr. Christopher Howard Andrews and Dr. Wilson Smith of the institute "toward the production of a vaccine of sufficient potency and purity to be tested for its value in immunizing the human subject."

Mice Transmit Virus

By successive passages through mice, a virus of such potency has been obtained that the filtrate from the lungs of infected mice is able to infect another mouse in a solution of one in 10,000,000. The doctors have found that this virus can be made completely non-infective without appreciable loss of antigenic value, by treatment with very weak formaldehyde.

Such inactivation is necessary if prevention of the flu in human beings is ultimately obtained by aid of a killed virus. The report stated that it would be "dangerously premature" as yet to attempt to estimate the probability of the success of such methods in practical preventive treatment of human beings.

The reason: Experiments on immunizing properties of virus from ferrets when injected into mice, and vice versa, have indicated that the virus is less effective in immunizing animals of other species than that from which the material has been obtained. It is obvious that the virus used in preparing a successful vaccine for use in human medicine must be obtained by growth in non-human tissue, and the degree of immunity to be expected under these conditions is still a matter of doubt.

It has been demonstrated, however, that virus from an infected mouse-lung, or from a culture on chicken embryo, will newly evoke the specific neutralizing antibody in the blood of a human subject, or produce an increase of this antibody if it is already present. But the doctors do not know yet whether the amount of circulating antibody thus produced will confer a sufficient degree of resistance to naturally acquired infection. Even if the use of the vaccine should be found to produce such resistance as an immediate effect, further evidence as to the duration of the protective action will be required for any assessment of the practical value of the method.

The report on influenza research concludes:

"But, while caution is necessary with regard to the immediate prospect, there is ample justification for new hope of the future. The discovery that influenza is due to a virus, transmissible to

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lower animals and thus available for experimental study, has already promoted such a rapid and accelerating growth of knowledge concerning its nature as to justify hope that the means for the protection of mankind eventually may be forthcoming."

Problem of Children Outlined to Rotary

Inspector McCracken, of Haileybury, Suggests Advisory Committee Similar to One Started in Timmins

Haileybury, April 15—(Special to The Advance)—Illustrating his remarks with three problems culled from recent experiences, John R. McCracken, inspector of the Children's Aid Society for Temiskaming, on Monday outlined to the members of Haileybury Rotary club something of the difficulties attendant upon the work of that organization. Incidentally, Mr. McCracken appealed to his audience to assist in the formation of a committee chosen from the service clubs of the district who would act in a probationary capacity, and to whom cases from the juvenile courts could report instead of having to go to the police as at present.

Mr. McCracken told of one case which had come under his notice, and in which a woman of 46 years of age, the mother of eighteen children, had been deserted twice by her husband. The man was brought back from Sudbury once, but left again and has not been located, and his wife is now in hospital at Toronto for an operation. Seventeen of her children are living and the eleven who are under 16 years of age have been taken over by the society. The girls are at the shelter and homes have been found for the boys. The mother, before going to hospital, had said to him, Mr. McCracken declared, "If I should die, will you take care of the children?" He promised and now the problem is to get the family re-established when the mother is well again. Mr. McCracken is trying to get the mother's allowance for her, but there are difficulties, he said.

Another case cited was of a different nature, in that in this instance the mother of seven children is at present held in custody following her conviction in court. The father is in charge, but the task has proved too much for his abilities, but fortunately a Good Samaritan came to the rescue temporarily and assisted in cleaning up the family. Homes have been found for all of the youngsters except the baby, who is suffering from a skin disease, the speaker said. Now, Mr. McCracken declared, it is proposed to release the mother on parole, but he is opposing the application and is asking the authorities to hold her yet until arrange-

ments can be completed for the further welfare of the family.

The third case quoted was of a still different nature. In this case, the speaker said, a married man had been living with an unmarried woman, his own wife being in the United States. He was father to one of this other woman's three children, it was explained, and now he wants to bring his own wife from New York and have the child legally adopted. The mother of the youngster, however, is averse to giving up the child and is worrying over the situation which has developed.

Appeal to Guard Roads by Use of Light Loads Only

(From Sudbury Star)

In the seasonal campaign to protect highways and district roads from damage by heavy traffic, the Ontario Department of Highways has again issued an appeal to transportation companies and business men to limit the loads and speeds of trucks during the season when the roads are wet and soft with frost coming out of the ground. The matter of observing the regulations is an important one, and the Department is deserving of support in its campaign. Considerable damage can be done to roads by overloading vehicles under existing conditions.

NO SPEED LIMIT

A polite motorist, passing through a Western village, asked the village policeman: "What is the speed law here, please?"

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Ottawa Journal—The moth is not a society favourite even if it does frequently appear in a dress suit.

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