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Large Crowd Attracted to Donkey Baseball Games

Game is not Really Between the Legion and the Lions but Between the Legion and Lions and the Donkeys. Animals Win by Wide Margin.

Mind is supposed to rule matter but after seeing the donkey baseball at the ball park on Friday evening many of the huge crowd of spectators had reason to wonder. The game was scheduled to be the Lions Club against the Legion but in reality it was the Lions Club and Legion against the donkeys. The stubborn little burros won.

It would be hard to imagine an animal with more casualness, contrariness and boredom packed into its system than one of these trained spinals. Their perverse little brains seemed to take a great delight in doing just the opposite to what the players wanted. They ambled around the bases at a speed calculated to drive the players wild. Everybody was taking an interest in the game except the asses and they were just too bored to want to do anything in a hurry.

The only time the animals showed any spirit was when the players tried to mount them after a hit and then they showed surprising agility. An expression of contentment seemed to pass over their faces then and they stood with a little more defiant attitude as if to say, "dare you to try it again!"

The Legion won the game by a score of 4 to 3. The game consisted of three innings and a little wild west show after. Hansell decided, after it was all over that he was going to ride Ol' Pete, the meanest of the fourteen donkeys, that had not been ridden that evening. He sprang to Pete's back and tumbled off just as quickly. Another spring and another tangle of arms and legs. Ol' Pete won two falls but Hansell took the third one.

The Legion scored two runs in the first inning.

Both the legionnaires and the donkeys had more pep in the first inning and the fact that two of the veterans managed to get around the bases spoke well for their condition.

In the last of the second the Lions managed to come through with a couple Legion added two more in the last and the Lions got one.

Rules of the game allowed a person to have as many strikes at the ball as he wished. After hitting the ball he was to ride one of the donkeys to first base. However before he could ride him he must first mount him and that was where many of the brave hearts turned to water. The burros just didn't want to be mounted. Their main ambition was to relieve themselves of any burden whatsoever and they did a very good job of carrying out that objective. If a batter failed to get on the donkey allotted to him in two tries he was counted out. In other respects the rules were much the same as for baseball except that the bases were three feet square and the ball had to be thrown from the donkeys' backs. Pitcher and catcher did not have donkeys. They were not allowed to leave their boxes however.

One of the largest crowds seen here this season turned out for the game. A fine, drizzling rain discouraged the players and spectators not a bit.

Joe Whyman had his arm injured when he fell headlong from one of the animals.

Town Council Nursery Rhyme

(Tune Optional)

(Here quote last week's Advance where Councilor Wren it is stated was "greatly amused" although he didn't look like it)

Once a councillor was amused,
Quite amused, yes, much amused!
Once a councillor was amused
And by discrimination!
Loyalty advertised, you know,
Hall Britannia, don't you know,
Mum's the word, no one will know!
A glorious Coronation!

Accounts are items very drear,
Drear and tiresome, oh, so drear!
They will pass it, never fear,
Without elimination!
Sure, we asked each councillor
Quietly asked each councillor,
But never dreamt each councillor
Could use discrimination!
—Another Bird.

Notable Progress Being Made in Mines of North

(From Sudbury Star)

Steady development and increasing production of gold mines, new milling plants and projected additions to presently operating mills, supply unmistakable evidence that the industry has taken no notice of the widespread rumors of a possible cut in the price of gold and the injurious effect it would have upon mining. No matter what attitude the stock market took as a result of the so-called "gold scare", the mines refused to be disturbed.

In many sections of Northern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec the expansion goes on. One of the outstanding developments recently was the announcement that Kerr-Addison Gold in the Larder Lake area is to construct a 500-ton mill, to be increased later to 1,000 tons, marking another step in the startling revival of this area after a period of nearly 30 years. Present prospects seem good for other producers in the district as development proceeds. Another advance of moment is the decision of Parnour Porcupine Mines to double its milling capacity, from 750 tons to 1,400 tons daily. In the Little Long Lac area, MacLeod-Cockshut Mines will shortly have under way a 300-ton mill designed so as to be readily enlarged to 500 tons as required. Its immediate neighbor, Hard Rock Gold Mines, will erect a plant of 150 tons. Hollinger Gold Mines is to sink a new main shaft, on a three-year program that will carry the opening to a depth of 4,000 feet in order to more economically mine its ore.

In the Beardmore section, Letch Gold Mines is raising the capacity of its mill from 75 to 100 tons daily, and Sand River Gold Mines has a 75-ton mill projected. In the Sudbury mining division two new producers have made their appearance recently in the Long Lake mine of Lebel Oro Mines and the New Golden Rose at Emerald Lake, each with a 100-ton mill.

Probably a score of other mining companies are planning mills or are arranging to raise the rate of production, indicative of the fact that above all else, there is plenty of confidence in the stability of the gold market, sufficient to warrant the investment of many millions in new capital.

Coal Company Used the Strip Tease Plan on Union

(New York World-Telegram)
Harlan County, Ky. probably is no industrial paradise yet, but if reports are true about the use of the strip-tease weapons, conditions must be improving fast.

The story came from union officials, who complained because their members wouldn't attend meetings. Whenever a meeting was called the coal company staged a competing attraction of burlesque queens, who danced and took off their clothes, and the miners stampeded to see them. Whatever the ethics of this method, it seems to be quite a shake ahead of having the deputy sheriffs go out "taugin'" for union organizers. And it may be more effective for union-busting.

What's the old-fashioned dialectical axiom about the strip-tease being the opium of the masses?

Peter Brown's Review:—Opinions are like wafers—no two are ever alike, and each man swears by his own.



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None Aware of Way F. X. Cloutier Died

Inquest Fails to Explain What Happened in Mine Fatality

Noranda, Aug. 3.—Francis Xavier (Frank) Cloutier met his death in violent manner while working at the Noranda Mines on Friday evening. At the formal inquest held into the tragedy on Saturday evening by Dr. J. A. Bertrand of Macamic, it was impossible to arrive at the true cause of the accident, the only witness of the fatality was one Amedee (Paddy) Vachon, who with Cloutier was shovelling ore muck into barrows at a sub level above the 300-foot level (ore body 59).

The two men were engaged in filling wheel barrows from the pile of rock and took it turn and turn about to fill the barrows and to dump the contents into the chute made to receive it. They changed work after every five barrows.

Suddenly Disappears

At about 8:30 p.m. Cloutier, who was wheeling his fourth barrowful on that particular relay, suddenly disappeared and his companion, some 30 feet away, was unable to say exactly what happened. What is rather mystifying is the fact that the whole of the staging or planking across the opening went down the aperture with the man.

Vachon immediately let himself down by cables to the spot where the unfortunate man had landed. He had made a vertical drop of 50 feet and then had slid in an inclined direction to a point some 20 feet above the 400-foot level.

He had been killed instantly, having had his neck broken by the fall.

Vachon at once sought aid and was joined by Joe McDonald, mine captain, and Jack Atkinson, shift boss, who brought the body up.

The young man, who is but 26 years of age, has been employed in the Noranda Mines for the past six years. He leaves a widow, the former Miss Marguerite Auger, residing on the Granada road, and a young adopted son. Also left to mourn him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cloutier, pioneers of the district, four brothers, Henri of Val d'Or, Gerard, Amedee and Rene of Rouyn and three sisters, Mrs. M. Jacques and the Misses Marie Blanche and Germaine Cloutier, all of Rouyn.

Paddy Vachon undertook the sad duty of notifying the young wife of the tragedy. Funeral service was held for the victim at 8 a.m. in St. Michael's Church on Monday morning. Burial was made in the Roman Catholic cemetery at Rouyn.

Bowmanville Statesman:—Every person has four characters—the one he shows, the one he thinks he has, the one others think he has, and the one he actually has.

What's the Matter With Mine Market

Effort Made to Answer This Oft-Made Query

(From Globe and Mail)

So many requests have been received by this department of The Globe and Mail to explain the reasons for the present market lassitude, we feel some answer should be made although we hoped what we have already said in this column regarding the corroding influence of bureaucracy might have indicated what we believe to be the chief cause.

Looking at the situation dispassionately from every angle it cannot be denied that several other conditions have contributed to a condition of stagnation that has seldom been experienced since the years immediately following the big crash in late 1929 and early 1930.

At this particular time of the year holidays and the lethargy of summer time always work against the market activity. Then, too, people have not yet recovered from the gold scare, which proved there is nothing left that is sacred about the price. Later came the C.I.O. troubles and the fear of wholesale invasion of Canada by the same forces and, meanwhile, the investing or speculating public was building up a fine case of indigestion, with the acute stage reached as this or that property failed of its promise, or this or that underwriting petered out. All this has been cumulative and, in conjunction with the inhibitions and absurd regulations of Mussolinized bureaucracy, inevitably led to a spirit of discouragement that has become nationwide.

There is not the slightest doubt in our mind that all other contributing factors would have been overcome, with a fair volume of market action maintained, even through the summer months, but for the blight that has been cast over adventure and the speculative instinct of the people of Canada by foreign-born legislation already proven destructive and annihilatory in the country of its birth.

Here is a great country, with an agricultural fringe along the international border, that must depend in greatest measure upon development of the vast area lying north of that fringe, and which offers mining as the only possible means by which it can be brought into bearing and life be sustained.

And yet, deliberately, to supply a few men with salaries at the expense of the public, the whole country has been saddled with foolish laws that stifle the spirit which should be its greatest asset and national pride. Fifty years behind our neighbour to the south in development of natural resources, we have stepped across that line and borrowed laws from a country that has done all the pioneering possible in its potential mining areas and which for many years, through selfish financial interests, has been trying, legislatively and otherwise, to turn every speculative dollar into Wall Street, whence no dollar ever returned.

The lesson of 1930 was not enough for Canadians. In the hysteria of a panic that gripped all the world, they have called upon officials of the neighbouring country to come here and tell them how to be honest, how to protect the public from speculative loss. The result has been just what they deserved and what the visiting diagnosticians most desired. A halt was called in development of the greatest potential mining empire to be found anywhere on livable earth and speculative funds turned back into the gaping slots of United States gaming tables.

And now we are reaping the reward of departure from British law and justice. The Federal Government says to a man who wishes to put his fortunes to the touch: "Go forth and find; what you do find shall be yours." The provincial government steps in and says: "Hi there, drop that, it isn't yours. We'll take two-thirds of it and your one-third will be exchanged for beautifully engraved certificates which you cannot touch until we say so." No means has yet been found by which a prospector or promoter (and don't forget they are both absolutely essential to mining progress, including markets) can feed his family or raise enough money for a grubstake on escrowed certificates, which he cannot touch, no matter how artistically engraved.

Now bureaucracy decrees that no company can start till it has \$10,000 cash in its treasury; that no stock can be sold for less than 15 cents a share, meaning that if you think your stock

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worth five cents, you must mulct the public for three times that sum, while promoters of oil development, one of the most important possibilities in the whole of Canada, are told that no stock will be released to them until they have placed in the treasury of a company enough money to complete the first well. Since it is necessary to drill to depths of over 6000 feet in the most promising crude fields in the Dominion at cost of around \$125,000, adventure in that direction is forever damned.

And the public still asks: "What's the matter with the market?" We think it has done mighty well to be in existence at all. Continual dripping will wear away the hardest stone.

Kerr-Addison Mine to Have 500-ton Mill

New Stores Building Erected at the Larder Lake Property.

Directors of Kerr-Addison Gold Mines, Larder Lake region, were re-elected at the first annual meeting held in Toronto Thursday.

The shareholders were advised that preparation of sites and foundations for the various plant buildings and mill has been started. All arrangements have been completed for bringing the property into production in April, 1938, on a 500-ton daily capacity.

New stores building has been erected, foundations for fire reservoir and elevated domestic water supply tanks have been completed. Foundations are also in for combined power and compressor house and for double drum electric hoist; at No. 1 shaft. Laying of water line from lake to tank site is in progress. Temporary change room is under construction for the No. 3 shaft-sinking crew.

According to M. F. Fairlie, consultant engineer, mining costs will approximate \$1.75 per ton, milling 85 cents, development \$1, and administration and general expenses 40 cents, making a total of \$4 per ton.

Based on the cut grade of ore reserves said in the annual report to be 76.75 per ton, this should leave profit of around \$2.75 per ton of ore treated. However, if millfeed is taken from the main ore body and the lenses left until later rate when the mill will have a greater capacity, grade of ore should be slightly higher than the \$6.75 estimated. Uncut grade of ore is \$10.59 per ton.

Since publication of the annual report, development work and construction have progressed rapidly. New ore has been indicated by diamond drilling on the 175, 300 and 500-foot levels, the latter having just been reached by No. 1 shaft.

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