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Prospector Gives Ideas of Red Lake

Some Expressions Edited so that Publication may be Made.

During the short periods the Flying Newsroom has been "grounded", while the motors were being gone over or the fuel tanks replenished there has been time to get around among the boys and learn their opinions of the situation, general and Provincial. Most of them are extremely emphatic, but all unanimous in opinion that, while the mooch may have added, the prospector has gained nothing from the Securities Act. It might help the administrators of that act and the members of the Legislature who put more teeth into it to visit Red Lake and ascertain for themselves just how popular they and their works are. One well-known prospector with a world of experience in the North country consented to be interviewed upon the subject for the benefit of Globe and Mail readers, and, although some of his picturesque language cannot be reproduced, we have done our best to interpret what he said, as follows:

"During the past few years much has been written about the Red Lake mining district, and about some of the men who helped put it on the map. Conservative mining journals have lauded its possibilities while the moronic magazines have painted a picture of a land flowing with milk and honey, inhabited by a race of supermen.

"The Red Lake prospector is fully cognizant of the economic possibilities of the area, but when the ravings of some drooling lunatic are shown to him in the pages of 'Freedom', or the 'Weekly Owl', he dismisses them with a prayer to Allah and a laconic 'Bull!'

"The District of Patricia, in which Red Lake is situated has been until recently the happy hunting grounds of some very able prospectors, who have given of their best in years and strength to the profession of their choice. Uncomplainingly they roamed through trackless forest and treacherous muskeg, menaced by bush fires, tortured by mosquito and black fly, ever searching for the gold that meant freedom from financial worries, a bellyful of decent grub, a shack near their own kind, where they might pass their

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Legion Pays Tribute to Their Dead on Monday

Delegates to Provincial Convention Join with Branch 88, Timmins, in Colourful and Impressive March and Ceremony Here on Monday. Wreath Placed by Brig-Gen. Ross and Austin Neame. Archdeacon Scott, Officiating Clergyman.

The members of the Canadian Legion here from all over Ontario for the Ontario Provincial Command convention held a service at the cenotaph on Monday evening in memory of their comrades who fell during the Great War. The service began with a parade from the Legion hall. The Porcupine Pipe Band and the Timmins Citizens' Band provided the music. A long column of legionnaires was followed by the women of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Timmins branch of the Legion. Wreaths were laid on the cenotaph by Brigadier General Alexander Ross, President of the Canadian Command of the Legion, and by Austin Neame, President of the Timmins branch and representative of Zone 21 of the Provincial Command. Officiating clergyman was Archdeacon Scott, more familiarly known to the members of the Legion as Canon Scott.

The "Last Post" was sounded, and the Klitte Band played the lament, "The Flowers of the Forest". A minute's silence was followed by the "Reveille".

The ceremony was concluded when the Timmins band played the hymn, "Abide with Me"—and "God Save the King".

The parade to the cenotaph and back again to the Legion hall was colourful and interesting. Berets of many different colours were worn by the members of the Legion. Their numbers were led by officials and by two scarlet coated mounted policemen.

The ladies all wore white dresses with blue and gold sashes over their shoulders. They wore blue berets. The Porcupine District Pipe Band and the Timmins Citizens' Band presented their usual smart appearance.

Montreal Star:—A newspaper asks: "What do you do with your old clothes?" Take them off at night and put them on again in the morning.

Powassan News:—There must be a "No-man" in every family and in every business; other-wise outgo will exceed income.

Conditions in Russia as Seen by Colonel G. A. Drew

(From Ottawa Journal)

"The people in the Russian villages and smaller towns are mostly in bare feet and tattered rags. I have never before seen whole masses of people literally on the verge of starvation. I had not realized that such ghastly destitution still existed anywhere in the world. I have seen negroes and 'poor whites' in the South. They live like kings compared with a large percentage of the Russian peasants to-day." This is an excerpt from an article in The Toronto Globe and Mail by Colonel George A. Drew, of Toronto, who recently paid an extensive visit to Soviet Russia.

According to Colonel Drew it is just the opposite of a workmen's paradise. The standard of living is lower than almost any other country in the world; wages are pitiful, ranging from \$25 a month for ordinary laborers to \$60 for highly skilled artisans. A decent pair of shoes costs \$40, men's ready-made suits from \$75 to \$100, women's dresses of fair material \$100. There is no freedom as understood in any British country. Stalin and countless commissars hold 180 million people in an iron despotism, far more rigorous than anything dreamt of under the Romanoffs. Thousands are executed each year, more thousands exiled to Siberia.

Commissars, great droves of bureau heads, technical directors and sub-directors of state industries have become the new aristocracy of Russia. Their salaries run anywhere from \$8000 to \$30,000 a year and they are inordinately jealous of their rights and privileges. In Moscow some of them can be seen riding in their 1937 Rolls-Royces, Cadillacs and Packards, dancing at night at the Metropole with girls who can afford \$50 for a pair of shoes, eating caviar, drinking champagne and getting noisily drunk.

Colonel Drew could find no sense of proportion or reality in the Russia of to-day. Fabulous sums were being paid

to domestic and American engineers and architects to build great hydro-electric systems, factories, railways and canals, while practically all the artisans and workmen on these projects were paid starvation wages. Stranger still, the great Moscow-Volga canal was built entirely by prison labour and that in a proletarian state which was to banish prisons forever!

"Something is going to happen very soon," declares Colonel Drew. "It cannot go on much longer the way it is. Some Russians had no hesitation in speaking their minds to me. It is not possible that one of the largest and greatest nations in the world can continue much longer under the heel of a man who makes the reign of Ivan the terrible seem like one of the happy periods of Russian history."

General Meeting of Liberals, August 30

In the New Empire Theatre To Elect Officers and Choose Delegates.

Announcement is made that a general meeting of the Timmins Liberal Association will be held at the New Empire theatre on Monday, Aug. 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the association for the ensuing term, and to choose delegates for the coming convention. The Liberal convention to choose a candidate to carry the Liberal banner in this riding at the coming provincial election will be held at Iroquois Falls, at 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, on Wednesday, Sept. 1st.

Gruesome Humour Shown in London, England, Cell

This week at London, England, a reward of fifty pounds sterling was posted for the return of a 250-year-old skeleton stolen from a prison cell.

The skeleton, chained upright to an caken chair, was stolen from Rye House at Hoddeson, Hertfordshire, scene of the famous Rye House plot against Charles II.

The castle is a tourist attraction. It's owner, T. Green, said he believed the "kidnapping" was somebody's "grisy kind of a joke."

The Rye House plot was a scheme by one of Cromwell's republican officers to murder Charles II and the Duke of York, later James II, in 1683. The plan was to kill them when they

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returned from the Newmarket races but it was foiled when they returned a day ahead of schedule.

The plotters were arrested and the missing skeleton is supposed to be that of one of them.

Mixing Northern Roads and Plowmen's Meeting

In reporting Premier Hepburn's announcement of the date of the coming provincial election The Globe and Mail says that most of the Cabinet favoured Oct. 12th, but that would have clashed with the annual meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, and to have delayed the vote until the following week was "to court the possibility of bad road conditions in Northern Ontario."

"The possibility of bad road conditions in Northern Ontario" is a gem of Scottish irony surely! There isn't any "possibility" or "probability" of bad road conditions in the North. It's a double-dyed "certainty"—an "actuality."

The roads here look as if the Ontario Plowmen's Association had been holding their meet on the roads. If the election had to be put ahead to the time when the roads were in good condition, the date would have to be some years ago. In the meantime, about all that can be done about the roads and the election is to pray for rain around election time so that the dust won't be too bad.

Ready to Give Theatre Ticks on Scottish Plan

(From Val D'O'r News)

One of our local insurance men, B. J. Flynn, adopted a novel idea for stimulating his customers recently when he sent tickets for the showing of "Lloyds of London" at the Princess Theatre to quite a few of his clients. Mr. Flynn also does a bit of business with Lloyds. We would say that the next time we hear of a picture about newspapers where the people all take out subscriptions without being solicited, we'll try and arrange for some extra tickets too.

HORIZON

New Yorker:—Mae West, it seems to us, has taught Hollywood a much-needed lesson. An actress' marriage will last a nice long time if it is never used.

Toronto Telegram:—It's to be hoped that Palestine divided into three parts proves more peaceful in future than does Ireland, divided into two.



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