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SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an editorial article from The North Bay Nugget suggesting a method for some relief from the annoyance, evil and danger of dusty roads.

In a word, The Nugget editorial proposes the use of sulphite waste liquor as a dust-layer on roads.

ON FALSE BASIS

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a letter purporting to be a reply to a recent editorial in The Advance.

"Would you have advocated Britain and the Empire declaring war on Italy because of her Ethiopian invasion—or attempting to chastise Japan for her predatory attack on China?"

tion of war would have been necessary. Speaking of "cold, hard facts," this sad truth must be faced: that because Great Britain was unprepared—almost as unprepared as Italy believed—Ethiopia was ravaged.

The writer of the letter suggests that a foreign nation would be "insane" to invade Canada. That is far from a guarantee that there will be no invasion, for insanity seems epidemic among some of the nations.

As for what is the foreign policy of Britain today, The Advance doubts very much if the writer of the letter knows any more about it than The Advance.

War is a serious business—yes, an insane business! But the way to check insanity is certainly not to discontinue the manufacture of strait-jackets.

CRIME AND SENTENCES

The Vancouver Province refers to two recent cases in that province, and draws the alleged lesson that there must be something wrong with the law and its administration when there is such variation between sentences for what it terms the same crime.

There is a frequent tendency to thus contrast differing sentences for what is termed "the same crime." It is in that idea of "the same crime" that the misconception arises.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The Edmonton Journal says that the announcement that a branch of the Bank of Commerce is to be opened at Yellowknife "furnishes one more impressive bit of evidence of how rapidly mining development is proceeding in the country between Edmonton and the Arctic."

READY FOR ACTION



This picture shows a light mortar team ready to go into action. The new mortar fires 40 three-inch shells a minute.

Wants Tin Discovery Made in Canada Now

Suggests Ontario Prospectors' Association Should Do Something About It

The following is an editorial from Monday's issue of The Sudbury Star:—"From time to time hopes are raised that a commercial deposit of tin has been made available within the boundaries of Canada, but so far realization has not been achieved."

"Press despatches a few days ago, however, conveyed the news that the state of Maine had a tin mine, but unfortunately the location of it remains a mystery. It seems that it all started with the arrival at the state university of a small phial containing what appeared to be metallic pebbles."

"Since the United States produces practically no tin, and uses almost half the world's output, the discovery of a domestic source of the metal would be a matter of national moment. So great efforts have been made to track down the nameless prospector, thus far to no avail."

"About a month ago there was an announcement to the effect that tin had been discovered in Carswell township, 23 miles west of Timmins, and that an assay showed values of six to seven per cent. in tin, which would be profitable to mine if found in sufficient quantity."

"As the world's known supply of tin is said to be rapidly dwindling, it is becoming a fairly precious metal, with current prices around 41c per pound. It is only natural, therefore, that news of a new discovery should be intriguing, and that every effort would be made to follow up any find that appears to hold out hope of being commercial."

"Unfortunately, the world's supply of tin is controlled by a British cartel of great strength which limits production and expands it as may be deemed necessary. It is possible for those interested to affect the price of tinplate in a way which causes hardship to many in the canning industry and through this means, it is claimed, Canadian consumers pay more for their

canned goods than they would if the market for tin and tinplate were entirely free.

"The practice is entirely different from the policy in the nickel industry, in which the International Nickel Company, controlling 85 per cent. of the world's production and consumption, has always maintained, through good times and bad, a normal price for the metal and kept inventories at a level to meet all requirements."

"So strong is the tin cartel, however, that little can be done about it by tinplate manufacturers, cannery men or others."

"The Ontario prospectors are to meet in convention at Toronto in a week's time. Perhaps they could commission a group of their members to enlarge the glamorous mining picture of this province by scouring new fields and disclosing an extensive deposit of tin."

Asks Where Do All Old Pipes Come From

New Jersey Lady Counters on Query by New York Editor

The following is a letter published in The New York Sun:

Sir:—Your recent article: "Where do the old pipes go to?" got somewhat into my hair and I would like to ask you in return: "Where do all the old pipes come from?"

They seem to accumulate in this house like stray cats around a fish market, and it is just something short of murder or comparable to high treason should one ever try to get rid of even only one of these objects of sacred reverence.

There are fifty around the house if there is one, and though there are sufficient pipe racks and ask trays to accommodate them all, they can be discovered every morning in the most unsuspected places. For years I am used to finding them on the mantel. In the bath room, on radiators, window sills and on the dresser, always with some ashes sprinkled around them, but the surprises begin when they start to stick out of vases or when a bronze figure carries one nonchalantly under the arm or when one of them dangles neatly in a knot of the telephone wires, or when the fern stands are decorated with them on the principles that all ashes are good for the house plants.

I can understand all the sweet sentimental reasons about the one that came from the old Saxonia when she was going under forced draught toward the sinking Titanic, or the one that came with so many memories from Singapore, or the one with the stem deeply bitten in that went through years of the war. I respect them all for what they have seen and lived through, together

Ontario the Bank of Commerce and the Imperial Bank were seldom far behind the provincial police and the churches in the several new mining communities.

It is doubtful if the public fully realize the debt owed to newspapers for publicity that results in the righting of wrongs and the curbing of abuses. A case in point is that of the recent campaign against loan sharks inaugurated by The Globe and Mail and endorsed immediately by scores of newspapers throughout the Dominion.

A farmer living in the Calgary district is reported as boasting that he has a horse that, not content with being 30 years of age, is now cutting its third set of teeth. The farmer attributes the longevity of his youth-renewing horse to "right living" and the fact that the horse has been "driven" to church twice a week since its first youth. There

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Sun Spots to Cause More Trouble on Air More Trouble to Radio and Telegraph Expected About Feb. 21st.

The sunspots that caused so much trouble in telegraphic and radio communications on January 25 may reasonably be expected to repeat their performance around February 21, Dr. Ralph E. DeLury, in charge of solar physics work at the Dominion Observatory at Ottawa said Saturday.

cycle was in 1933. It reached a maximum in December and January last and will stay constant for a month or two and then will gradually minimize itself.

"There may be a sudden disturbance about the 20th or 21st," said Dr. DeLury. "There may be an outburst of material from the sun and the heating of the clouds around it. Then we will have the extra impulse of ultra-violet rays that cause trouble."

He saw a possibility that the January 25 disturbance was a spasmodic phenomenon that might not repeat and might vanish with the next rotation, but the chances were against this.

"There is almost certain to be another kick after one rotation," he said. Dr. DeLury said the cause of 11.2 year cycles was not known. Many thought they were caused by planetary action, but there was no proof. Cycles varied from nine to 13 years, but the average since records have been kept was 11.2 and most hit around this average.

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Take Picture of Sun On February 10 the observatory took a picture of the sun's surface. Clearly visible were the clouds that caused January 25's disturbance, just moving in toward the centre where they will be in the position to disrupt things again.

Clyde Began in 1933 Beginning of the present sunspot

is a proverb to the effect that you can drive a horse to water but you can't make him drink. The Calgary farmer implies that if you drive a horse to church twice a week he'll be good all right.

Another example of the service given by newspapers through effective publicity and leadership is given in connection with radio conditions to-day. The Toronto Telegram led the battle against the sell-out of the Canadian Radio Corporation to United States advertisers and the proposed increase of the radio license fee.

Compulsory Insurance on All Motor Cars Needed

Windsor Daily Star—Mr. Justice Chevrier, chairman of the royal commission now investigating the transport industry in Ontario, agrees that carrying of insurance should be made compulsory for all car and truck drivers.

Many other thoughtful citizens take the same view. While such a law would unquestionably work a hardship in some cases, the interests of the great bulk of motorists and of the public in general require this regulation.

Christian Science Monitor—The locomotive's foot has entered the tootological laboratory. The Union Pacific has had a corps of experts analyzing the cost of a toot and as a result the tootology has announced that every foot of the tooter costs the railroad the huge and almost incomprehensible sum of one-eighth of a cent