

Ontario Prospectors to Hold Annual Meet Feb. 21

Annual Dinner of Prospectors and Developers Association to be Held at King Edward Hotel, on Tuesday, February 22nd. Annual Report of President Suggests Prospecting Was Handicapped During the Past Year.

The annual business meeting of the Ontario Prospectors' and Developers' Association will be held in the Alexander room, King Edward hotel, Toronto, on Monday, Feb. 21st, 1938. President Russell Cryderman and the committee of management express the hope that there will be many out-of-town members present for the occasion.

The annual dinner of the association will be held in the Crystal ballroom, King Edward hotel, Toronto, on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, at 7 p.m. The president, Russell Cryderman, will entertain in the Blue reception room at 6:30 p.m. before the dinner. Dinner tickets will be on sale at the King Edward hotel cigar counter.

This week copies of the annual report of the association, together with the financial statement for the year, were sent out to members of the association. A detailed statement of financial affairs is given, showing a good balance on hand. The bank balance at Dec. 31st, 1936, was \$79,900; contributions during 1937 totalled \$130,975; furniture \$5,000; bank interest, \$2,500; making total receipts of \$142,225.

The disbursements included: Stationery and printing, \$186.17; office salary, \$66; postage \$90.09; exchange on cheques, \$6.27; travelling expense, \$67.05; telephone and telegraph, \$18.16; sundries, \$2.30; audit fee, \$50; making total disbursements of \$102,004.

The balance in the bank on Dec. 31, 1937, was \$40,211.

In addition to the above balance, the statement shows, there is a balance of \$294.07 in the bank belonging to the annual dinner fund, the funds for the annual dinner being kept separate from the regular funds of the association.

The annual report of the president, Russell Cryderman, gives a good idea of the work of the association during the past year. This report is in part as follows:

"We beg to transmit herewith the Annual Financial Statement of the Association for the year ending December 31st, 1937. You will note that the Association ends its year with a substantial cash balance.

"The work of the Association during the year 1937 was largely confined to conferences with the Commissioner and Officers of the Ontario Securities Commission, and the Officers of the Medical Health Department.

"Early in the year, a conference of all the Securities Commissioners of the various provincial governments was held in an endeavour to bring about a uniformity in the administration of the various Securities Acts.

"When the committee had finished its work, the Ontario Securities Commission issued a report on the agreement arrived at, and the report showed that they had adopted certain requirements which must be met before securities could be sold to the public. When these requirements were published, a storm of protest arose and the officers of your association waited on the Securities Commissioner and had several conferences with him, and

later, in an interview given to The Northern Miner, and published in that paper in full, the Commissioner explained that these requirements were only intended to be guides for the officers of the Commission, and would be applied only as guiding principles.

"However, the application of the requirements, as guiding principles, during the year, led to almost universal dissatisfaction and, as a result, prospecting, the exploration of new properties, and development were greatly curtailed.

"The officers of your association continued, during the year, their efforts to have the Commission modify this attitude towards the promotion of mining securities and were glad to note that on the 20th day of January, 1938, the Commissioner published a revised policy, which, we trust, will go a long way toward making it easier for the prospectors and developers to obtain funds to carry on their work.

"Your officials, however, continued to press for the suppression of boiler shops, and the relentless prosecution of fraud. The mining business in this country can never be prosperous as long as the fraudulent promoter is allowed to flourish, nor can it continue to prosper as long as the honest promoter is constantly tied up in red tape, official interference in deals, or an attitude of paternalism on the part of the government. All such acts on the part of the government kill enthusiasm and initiative, which is absolutely necessary in developing the mining business.

"The association has also continued to keep in touch with the officials of the Medical Health Department, in regard to the regulations of health in the smaller mining camps throughout Ontario, and we are glad to say that we believe these conferences have resulted in a mutual understanding of the problem which confronts the prospector and the developer in conducting his work in the bush.

"The activities of the Association have not been brought very prominently before the public or its members, but we wish to assure you that a lot of quiet work has been done, with the result that the point of view of the prospector, the explorer, and the small developer, has been brought to the attention of the government.

"Enclosed herewith you will find notice of the Annual Meeting and the Annual Dinner.

"We are enclosing a subscription blank and would appreciate very much if you would send in your voluntary contribution to help finance the association during the coming year, and that you will continue your efforts to have new members join."

"The officers and executive of the association are as follows:—President, Russell Cryderman; vice-president, Wm. Couchenor; secretary-treasurer, Walter E. Segsworth; executive committee: Jim Boylen, Glen Burge, Jack Byrne, Don Cameron, R. Anson Cartwright, Wm. Couchenor, Robert Cockerman, Russ Cryderman, C. B. Duke, Austin Dumond, Joe Errington, W. H. Fairbairn, J. E. Hammell, Tom Johnson, R. J. Jowsey, Gilbert Labine, Benjamin Meen, Joseph McDonough, Jock MacFarlane, Karl E. Springer, C. W. Taylor, Cyril T. Young.

Preparing for the C.I.M.M. Meeting

Three-Day Convention to be Held in Toronto.

(From Northern Miner) Preparations are well advanced. The Northern Miner understands, for the entertainment of the 39th annual general meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy to be held March 14th—16th, Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

Importance of the annual meeting of the C.I.M. & M. is increasing every year, corresponding with the rapid growth and importance of the mining industry in its relation to the economic

and industrial progress of the Dominion. The meeting, as usual, will be distinguished by the presence of first line executives of the leading precious metal and base metal mining and metallurgical enterprises of the Western Hemisphere. Arrangements are also being made for the entertainment of a large number of foreign visitors, governmental leaders and representatives of other industries.

To conduct the meeting, a central organization has been appointed, headed by C. E. Macdonald, chairman, and L. A. Howard, secretary, respectively, of the Toronto branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

The last occasion on which Toronto played host to the Canadian Institute was five years ago when hotel accommodation in the city was taxed to capacity to accommodate the visitors. This year C.I.M. & M. officials point out, a similar or worse situation is likely to prevail in view of the great expansion of mining activity in the intervening period. Members or others who are planning to attend the convention, are urged, therefore, to make their reservations early. Based on preliminary estimates, all records are likely to be broken by the attendance this year.

Registration of members will commence at nine o'clock on Monday, March 14th. The usual round of business sessions, luncheons and the annual dinner and dance are being arranged for by special committees. A special feature of the Institute luncheon Tuesday, March 15th, will be the presentation of Institute awards, viz. medal and prizes to students, Safety Appliance Company prizes, Barlow Memorial Prize, Leonard Medal, McKee Trophy, Bruce Medal, Inco Medal and the Medal for Bravery.

Thinks Canada Can Depend on Others

Writer Not Afraid of Invasion of This Country

To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins, Ont.

Dear Sir:—Regarding your editorial, "Peace Hysteria," you assert that the idea that Canada has nothing to fear from the predatory nations is absurd to say the least. You mention Ethiopia and China as examples of Canada's vulnerability—and then you assert that Britain could and would have saved Ethiopia and China had the Empire been able and ready.

I believe, Mr. Editor, you have a decided misconception of Britain's present foreign policy. That for your information consists of absolutely staying out of all foreign entanglements.

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?

Britain cannot assume the policing of the globe—since collective security has broken down.

And furthermore, Mr. Editor, let us face the cold cruel facts with regard to imperialistic expansion. Britain—chiefly through conquest—has annexed territory much greater in extent than the combined possessions of Italy, Germany, Japan—the whole of Europe—and the greater part of Soviet Russia thrown in for good measure.

International complications are not as simple as they may appear on the surface. What Japan is doing to-day in China has been done by all the other great powers in the past. This does not absolve Japan from guilt—but only emphasizes the fact that she is not unique in her method of acquiring territory.

As long as the predatory powers are not misguided enough to infringe upon British territory—it is most unlikely that England will interfere in the present embroglio.

As for Canada's security—I still insist that the Japanese threat to North American isolation is one of the most outlandish myths ever perpetrated on an apprehensive and gullible public.

Comparing Canada with Ethiopia and China is ludicrous. Both these countries were particularly accessible and vulnerable—and furthermore had no affiliation with the greatest powers on earth as Canada happens to have.

There is no foreign nation insane enough to risk a North American invasion—for the cold cruel facts are that not only Britain but the United States would intervene. Imagining that the United States would allow a foreign invader to gain a foothold on the continent is fantastic.

So then let us face the facts. If we raise an army—it will be to come to the aid of Britain—and according to recent indications the British lion is not disposed to fight unless under great provocation.

Anyone who believes that Britain and Canada won't fight—or defend themselves—is suffering from a misconception.

This is the era of international bluff. The nations bent on imperial expansion, namely Italy, Japan and Germany, are attempting to gain territory—but they are not misguided enough to infringe upon the possessions of the other powerful military nations.

And so long as they continue their policy of ravaging defenceless nations—it is very unlikely that the other great powers will intervene.

To-day it is not a case of Britain avoiding war because of the pacifists who are making the nation impotent—but rather the realization of Britain's leaders that war is a serious business—and should not be entered into without great provocation.

—MARVIN SAYERS

Sudbury Star:—A politician who can neither read nor write is reported in the current press to be retiring. However, he says, he will continue in politics. He can count!

Television Making Progress in London

B.B.C. Recently Put on a Demonstration

London, Eng.—The British Broadcasting Corporation presented a game of "Shove Ha'penny" on its television programme recently and received the best burst of publicity they've had in a long while.

Television is a flourishing business in England already, despite the fact most refer to it as still phrased in the future tense. Certainly it is the key to all entertainment of the future. And England is further ahead with the science than any other country, although the United States and Germany are taking an increasing interest and Italy plans propaganda films over the air.

The Common Touch

A game of "Shove Ha'penny" however, had the common touch that makes news. For it is one of the indoor sports of England's pubs even if it doesn't gain a "blue" at Oxford. It can be played on any flat surface and the object is to knuckle or otherwise propel a ha'penny with enough force and accuracy to bump an opponent's coin over a given line.

The reaction was spontaneous:—"Shove Ha'penny" over the television? Why that picture broadcasting must be getting somewhere! Whereupon a good many newspapermen examined statistics and besieged BBC to find out just

how good television really was. Thus television has been at it for some time. People suddenly jump to their seats and realize that ten years from now they'll go to movies in their own homes.

Two Years Ahead

Television in Great Britain is said to be two years ahead of any other country. Sets may soon be established in movie houses, although in that respect there is a good deal of discussion in the movie business. But C. A. Lejune, movie critic for the London Observer, had the answer to that:

"The film industry may handicap and bar it, boycott and outlaw it, but in the end will have to succumb and work with it . . . for once, just once in our history, we English are ready before the Americans. Why in thunder can't we have the courage, the initiative, to pool our resources and jump ahead to prosperity now?"

Statistics show no television receivers in London in September, 1936, but there are now nearly 9000. Cost of receivers ranges from about \$175 to \$725. Seen yesterday. Shove Ha'penny today. To-morrow . . . ?

Anglers Meeting at Toronto Last Week

Several Matters of Special Interest Taken up

Lawrence S. Day, president of the Ontario Federation of Anglers, whose tenth annual convention opened at

Toronto on Thursday last in the King Edward, read the following telegram, received from the Victoria Yacht and Anglers' Association, Lindsay, to the delegates:

"We are unanimously behind your protest re fishing pole licenses." Mr. Day said that the association's essay contest had been supported by the Board of Education, which was a step in the right direction. He said that 136 associations were now affiliated with the Ontario Federation of Anglers. He praised the efforts of many clubs in striving towards the conservation of game and fish.

New Constitution

In presenting his report, C. C. McGibbon, Oshawa, secretary-treasurer of the Federation, reported a balance on hand of approximately \$96, with all bills paid. He moved the adoption of a new constitution to replace the one at present in use, which he described as being out of date to-day. M. J. Runge, Ottawa, seconded the motion and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Frank Ireland spoke of the progress of the Hamilton organization, and said a new trout stream was being stocked with the help of the Department of Game and Fisheries. In two years the association had contributed \$600 in prizes to the casting branch of the organization.

"Last year in our area of Grey and Bruce counties we planted 3,520,350 game fish in 111 locations," said Dr. N. K. Douglas of Owen Sound. He said much had been done in the matter of reforestation and, as a result of an ac-

tive campaign, some 400,000 trees had been planted.

Much Restocking

Reporting for the Peterboro Fish and Game Protection Association, Chris. G. Graham said that during the past year 165,000 lake trout fry, 3,250,000 pickerel fry, 250,000 herring fry, 170,000 muskellunge fry, 6000 small-mouth bass fry, 5000 fingerling bass, 100 yearlings and adults, 9100 brown trout yearlings and 17,563 speckled trout yearlings had been placed in local waters.

The department had set aside certain bays in the Kawarthas as breeding grounds for bass and lunge and no fishing was permitted in these waters, Mr. Graham said.

M. J. Runge, Ottawa, said that waters close to Ottawa were being liberally restocked for the benefit of anglers who did not own cars and could not easily reach waters at a distance from the city.

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