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Spirit of Co-operation in the Mining Industry

(Dominion Bureau of Statistics)
The thought persists as one views the tremendous growth of the mining industry, that it is a wonderful exemplification of the spirit of co-operation. We need not dwell upon the very obvious assistance man has had from the better known metals found in Canada, such as iron, copper, lead and zinc, but confine our thoughts to some others that have also contributed largely to the wealth and comfort of the race.

In the classifications of the mining industry there are certain products that are described as "industrial minerals". These include asbestos, feldspar, gypsum, salt, sulphur, talc, etc.
Salt is the industrial mineral which has the most varied uses. Few things in this world are indispensable. Water and air are the most obvious. Less obvious but equally essential is salt. A package may be purchased for a few cents but it is more valuable than gold. It is worth more than all the diamonds of Africa. Life itself depends upon salt; without it all living things would disappear from the face of the earth. Salt, or products derived from salt, enter our soap, drinking water, textiles, paper, food, even the bottles in which our milk is delivered. It helps us to build roads. Gasoline is refined by chemicals derived from salt. Cattle on the farm are fed salt. There are fifteen hundred recognized uses of that industrial mineral. Canada's production last year was close to half a million tons. We imported considerable quantities also, notably for the fisheries.

Col. Geo. A. Drew Writes on 'Canada's Defence Farce'

(From The Pembroke Bulletin)
"Canada's Defence Farce"

Under the above caption Col. George Drew, a gentleman well known here, contributed a most interesting article in The Financial Post of last week. From beginning to end it is a most severe criticism of our preparedness for any national defence whatever.

Col. Drew pays the highest compliment to the loyalty and patriotism of our naval units and our small permanent force, but when considering their equipment here is what he says:

1. Our rifles and machine guns are obsolete.
2. Our artillery is a left-over from the World War, and any battery has only one half the amount required.
3. Our ammunition is 20 years old.
4. We have not one single anti-aircraft gun which can be used.
5. There is not one war tank in Canada.
6. Our destroyers are not heavily enough armed to engage a naval unit.

The army airplanes in Great Britain can make a speed of 408.7 miles per hour, while the best we can expect of ours is 150, and he says what we have would be of as much use against modern aircraft as a flock of sparrows against eagles.

This whole article is well worth reading, and as it is written by a man who knows exactly what he is talking about it is evident that if we should attempt to do so it would involve so huge a national expenditure that the Canadian citizens would question the necessity. In fact very few think that the destroyers on the Pacific Coast will ever have any-

thing more serious to do than the watching of the Jap fishing boats.

Col. Drew considers that the most of our war equipment could be manufactured here and states that during the World War we shipped 65,545,647 shells which were made in Canada.

Premier Hepburn is Given a Severe Slap on the Wrist

This is what an editorial in Premier Hepburn's own favourite paper (The Globe and Mail) has to say about his most recent outburst—

"In branding as hypocrites clergymen who oppose the legalizing of sweepstakes in this Province Premier Hepburn went out of his way to offend an important section of the community both clergymen and laymen, who adhere to principles they believe essential to morality. He cannot within reason speak collectively of any class as he did any more than all politicians can be condemned with a similar blanket ascription."

"His statement was altogether unnecessary. It added nothing to the argument for the cause he supported, while leaving him open to a charge of bias. We agree with the Prime Minister that there is a great deal of hypocrisy in favouring sweepstakes outside the Province and opposing the legal sale of tickets within. It may be that among clergymen who do not want sweepstakes are some who condone lotteries and bazaars for the benefit of their own churches. Possibly it is a fact that many clergymen gamble on the stock exchange, play a game with chalk marks, buying in the hope of making money out of some one by selling, on tips or guesses, without having basic knowledge for their operations. But this does not warrant the general charge of hypocrisy."

"Most people admire frank speaking. It has made Mr. Hepburn many friends. Still, nothing is gained by going out of the way to use the highest offices in the Province to offend a body of men who enjoy the confidence of a majority of the people."

"There are views to be expressed for and against the legalizing of sweepstakes for definite purposes. The fact that the question has been introduced without the solid support of the Government and its followers will provide an opportunity for a full discussion by the elected representatives of the people responsible to their constituents. Whether or not it can be shown to be in the interests of the community to legalize this form of gambling or that there would be a detrimental moral effect to the social structure; whether ticket selling as at present should give way to a legalized system producing public revenue; whether humanity would be helped or hurt by the proposal these are matters likely to be fully considered in the debate. The subject cuts across party lines. It is not a party problem. It certainly is not one calling for condemnation of a group of citizens because many of them have firm convictions."

MORE CANADIANS NEEDED!

Owen Sound Times: Saskatchewan paper observes that under the head of Canadians we have Westerners, Easterners, Maritimers, free traders, protectionists, etc. We have also laborites, partisans of several political stripes, communists, fascists, "nationalists," and a few others. How would it be if we had a few more Canadians?

Students of Mining Completing Course

All at Special Course at Hailleybury Placed in Positions.

Hailleybury, March 31.—(Special to The Advance)—Today marks the final day of study at the Hailleybury School of Mines for the half-hundred students brought here last fall to take a course of six months in subjects relating to the mining industry, and it is announced by W. H. Tuke, principal of the school, that positions have been assured for practically all of the young men. Most of them are going to mines in different parts of the north, but one of their number, E. R. Sheppard, is to spend the summer months at Rankin Inlet, on Hudson's Bay, in company with R. B. King, one of the special instructors brought here for the course. Teacher and pupil have been engaged by the Cyril Knight Prospecting Co. for this work.

It was stated here that Hon. Paul Leduc, Minister of Mines for Ontario, personally made arrangements with various mining companies to take the students who completed the course, each property being asked how many of them it could absorb. The information thus obtained was relayed to Principal Tuke, who has allotted the students to their new jobs, to which they will be leaving immediately. The work here has been in connection with the Dominion-provincial youth training scheme, and the 50 students who have been taking the mining courses were chosen from among a large number of applications. They were allowed each \$10 weekly toward expenses while engaged in studies here.

Majority of Canada's Houses are of Wood

Some Fine Homes are 150 Years Old.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics recently gave out the interesting information that most of the homes in Canada are built of wood. While this seems logical enough in this new part of the country, it is not so easy to realize that it is equally true of the Dominion as a whole, though, of course, the proportion of houses of wooden construction is not so large in the older sections. A note from the Bureau of Statistics discusses "Old Houses" in Canada, making the following interesting comments—

British Columbia has a distinction all its own. Rural and urban home distributions are more nearly similar than in any other province. The four-room dwelling predominates in both areas, but households occupying fewer than four rooms are more numerous than those with more than that number. The wealth of lumber probably is the cause of the rural homes averaging as many rooms as do the urban dwellings.

One thing is clear—that city homes in Canada are more nearly alike in size than is the case in the country. There is greater elasticity in the number of rooms in rural homes generally than in urban centres. They range from the one-room shack to the mansion. One of these fine old homes, out in the country near Toronto, is 150 years old, built of white pine. This Markham home is still occupied by descendants of the builder and is visited by many people who are interested in such a remarkable relic of the early days in Ontario.

The interior lay-out of this interesting old house indicates the living conditions of the Ontario pioneers. On the ground floor there are a large dining or living room and two bedrooms—one for the parents and one for the minister, who presumably lived with his flock, changing his place of abode from time to time. The kitchen was a lean-to. The first floor was one large room occupied by all the girls in the family and the top flat, also a single room, was for all the boys. This particular house was the home of no fewer than 16 children—all the sons stood six feet and over.

Very many of the wonderful old homes in Canada were built of wood, especially of white pine, and it is a fact that, even to-day, most Canadian homes are of wood. At the census of 1921 sixty-six per cent. of the homes were of frame construction, while at the last census the proportion had increased to seventy per cent. A frame house in the country well designed, say of that always charming gable construction, and nicely painted, is a beautiful sight, particularly when flowers and shrubs and trees surround it. There is the "home sweet home" of the Canadian countryside.

All through the older parts of Canada we find these Old Homes. Many of them have fallen into disrepair and are used as storehouses for discarded equipment. Many of the old stone and log structures have been covered with clapboard or stucco so as not to put to shame the new brick houses that shelter the second and third generations. But the Old Houses stand quietly in the background, monuments to the hardy pioneers who first cleared the land and made themselves homes in the wilderness.

Quiet Wedding on Tuesday Evening at United Church

A quiet wedding took place in the United Church on Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock, when Doris Lorraine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cooley, became the bride of Mr. Walter Frank Liddiard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Liddiard, Rev. W. M. Mustard officiated at the wedding.
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lanekin attended the bride and groom.

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Blairmore Enterprise:—Okotoks Annie can't understand why curlers are so old-fashioned, that they still use brooms instead of vacuum cleaners.

Growth of Canada's Output of Industrial Minerals

Recently the Canadian people have been made acquainted with the fact that the mineral production of the Dominion in 1937 constituted a new high record. It is now coming close to the half-billion dollar mark. Records have been broken in almost every direction. Gold, copper, nickel, lead, zinc, platinum metals, asbestos and salt all reached new peaks. A number of less known metals and minerals also set new standards of output.

The advance was extraordinary; it was 25 per cent. greater than in 1936. There seems to be almost no limit to the heights to which Canadian production may aspire in the next few years.

"It is worth while for a moment to cast our eyes backward and examine the why and the wherefore of the gains that are being made in mining," says a note from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

"The significance of mining was enormously increased by the industrial revolution which was in a very real sense the mineral revolution. Probably more than 97 per cent. of the output of minerals in recent years has come into existence in the last 150 years. From major dependence upon materials of vegetable and animal origin, the western world passed within a century to major dependence upon the minerals.

"Great changes have taken place in these 150 years. Steam power and iron ships created a revolution in ocean carrying and in the last quarter of a century we have seen the displacement of animal by automotive transport.

"Minerals are the essence of industrialism. They are the chief bases of the chemical industry. They are largely employed in construction. Minerals are the foundation of transport which is the greatest of all consumers of metal and power. Modern war has been described as a chemical reaction built up around the metals the nitrates and the coal tar derivatives."

A Dead Gosling Means No Golden-Egg-Laying Goose

(From Globe and Mail)

While the exigencies of top-heavy Provincial Government are insistent these days from coast to coast, it is to be regretted, from the broad viewpoint of the Canadian mining industry, and even more so from the Provincial aspect, that Manitoba has seen fit to saddle new mining enterprise with a handicap that can have no other ultimate effect than slowing down of prospecting and financing at a crucial time in the history of that Province.

As originally proposed, the new income tax impost would have been entirely prohibitory to progress and, even after amendment, they will discourage entry of capital into the mining areas. As the act was finally amended, it provides that profits up to \$100,000 must pay a flat 5 per cent.; over \$100,000 and

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Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co., the largest project in the Province, created at a cost of \$27 million, principally United States capital, will be mulcted for around \$150,000 additional tax. Luckily for it the property straddles the Manitoba-Saskatchewan line, with 57 per cent. within the boundaries of Manitoba, otherwise the impost would be almost twice as large, based upon the estimated net profit for 1937.

It would be idle to ignore the fact that mining development in Manitoba has not come up to expectations within the last few years, and with large aggregations of capital already disappointed with results it is unreasonable to say that financing in the future will be far more difficult. Prospecting and mine development in the northern part of the Province has never been particularly easy, as witness the histories of such companies as God's Lake Gold Mines, and there will unquestionably be further disinclination to tackle the problems involved under present tax conditions.

It may be that this ill wind will blow some good to others, and we therefore see possibility of further concentration of effort in the northern mining areas of Ontario. With Manitoba on one side and Quebec on the other, the latter wedded to parochial policies, it is not

inconceivable that Ontario will witness this year a resurgence of prospecting effort.

That, in fact, could be assured if the Province would sweep away its absurd securities regulations and announce to the world that one and all are welcome who would participate in development with all their cards on the table. Already we have the assurance of Premier Hepburn that there will be no increase in mines taxation during his tenure of office.

With the exception of the great plant at Fin Flon, Manitoba's mining projects are not yet numbered among the most extensive or most profitable in the Dominion and common sense would seem to have called for easy treatment of struggling companies. Manitoba is going to learn that if you kill the gosling you also snuff out the golden-egg-laying goose.

MEETING OF LOCAL RED CROSS BEING HELD THIS AFTERNOON

A meeting of the local branch of the Red Cross Society, is being held this afternoon at the town hall, advantage being taken of the visit here of Mr. Vinton, Field Secretary for Ontario, whose knowledge and experience of the work will be of great value to the local branch in planning and carrying out the programme of activity proposed.

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