Timmins Stamp Club

Issue of Stamps From Seychelles

down in a turquoise sea. Peacock col- of coconuts is today the principal inored waves ripple on a silver strand, dustry of the islands. which loses itself almost immediately into a dense forest of waving palms." Such is the description given by one originally colonized by the French, visitor to the Seychelles Islands. An- their purpose was to establish spice other enthusiastic travellers called them | plantations to compete with the lucra-"the fairest fleet of islands that lies tive Dutch monopoly of the spice trade anchored in any sea."







There are about 100 isles and islets in the fleet, and they lie at anchor about 800 miles east of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean. Few people but stamp collectors know of their existence; and fewer travelers have been there. So it is a real pleasure to get a glimpse of the Seychelles (pronounced sayshelz) on a beautiful new issue of postage stamps.

told, ranging from 2 cents to 5 rup es; are 800 miles from anywhere, fishing own good for the goblins will have and among these there are three dif- is done chiefly for local supply, but their fling on Hallowe'en no matter ferent designs. The series begins ap- since there are some 30,000 people in how much the fun palls on some of us propriately with a picture of the coc- the islands, the fishermen are kept late in the evening-and you usually de-mer tree. This colossus of the coco- busy enough. nut family is found in few if any other | In many ways, the Selchelles are the bear it. places in the world. Its fruit takes ten ideal tropical isle. They are out of l years to ripen, and grows to huge pro- the cyclone belt and free from malaria; out of serious mischief is to provide weighing perhaps 40 pounds apiece! ful and the people are easy-going and scout activities and the rest. (Editor's note: Coconut pies, yum!). affectionate. (Editor's note: Yum!) Long before the islands were discover- One can hire a bungalow and native held at somebody else's house if posed the coco-de-mer palm was known to exist, because its shells were found floating in the Idian Ocean—hence no



doubt its name, which means "Sea "Picture an emerald island dropped Coconut." The growing and exporting

> In the middle of the 18th century when the uninhabited Seychelles were with the Orient. African slaves were brought in and plantations were started, but one day a vessel flying the British flag hove in sight. Frightened lest their secret be discovered, planters burned their crops, only to discover that the vessel in fact was a French slaver, disguised under the Union Jack! Even today, however, that popular spice cinnamon (Editor's note: Cinnamon buns, yum!) is still one of

the islands' principal exports. Eventually, the Seychelles were captured by the English. A sea-faring folk, they like to own remote islands in all parts of the world, as coaling people driving cars who are not in fit stations for their ships. Thus it happens that today, although the islands are inhabited largely by French-speaking people, they exist politically as a crown colony of Great Britain.

Pictured on another design of the new stamps is some of the most extraordinary creatures found in these islands—the giant tortoise—that huge member of the turtle family which lives public. to a great age and sometimes attains You are old-almost dead, a weight of as much as 600 pounds. In years gone by, the giant tortoise swarm- | And your driving is hardly sane, ed the islands in incredible numbers; but now, in the Seychelles as else-- You'll be seventy-eight, where, the species is approaching extinction. This hastened by the common practice, in the last century, of vessels. The tortoise is so tenacious this morning. of life that it will live for months without food, in spite of severe mutila- these young hoodlums who cause all tion, and even in the dark hold of a the disturbance on Hallowe'en. This sailing ship.

a fishing pirogue, a type of boat used ped," he pronounced. in the islands by the important fish-The set contains fifteen values all ing industry. Because the Seychelles a little too drastically inclined for his

servants, and live like a prince on a sible.

very small income.

in the world. (Editor's note: Have you community. heard the one about the cannibal who (Author's note: Editors! Grr!). The holder with any noise. comforting thing is that they dwell peh of Africa, who once dwelt in a the householder at all. house made of the skulls, and surhe dined on a British Commissioner, and so ended up in life exile in the Seychelles.

Edmonton Bulletin: Prime Minister de Valera suggests to London that since there are to be self-determination plebiscites in Czechoslovakia there should be plebiscites also in Northern Ireland, to find out whether any or how many of the counties there would prefer to come under the Dublin administration. That is the first of a good many reactions likely to come in many parts of the world from the revival of the idea that a minority has a right to vote itself out of a country if it wants to.



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ported to have caused people to rush Timmins.

large proportion of the programmes on the air.

programme right across the dial would make the average person rush outsideor turn off the radio.

family insists on listening to these jitter-jams, there is nothing left for the | Cochrane for over four years. rest of the family to do except to take

11 Months and 30 Days

Down in Oshawa a 77 year old motorist appeared before the local magistrate charged with reckless driving. He was found guilty and the magis- Toronto Board of trate said. "This is the worst case that has ever come before this court of condition to be driving."

The motorist was fined \$10 and his driving license suspended for one year The presumption is apparently that after the driver attains the age of 78 years his judgment will be mature and he will then have improved his driving to the extent that it will be quite dright for him to drive his car in

The magistrate said. But a year from this date

And we'll let you try it again. Celebrating Hallowe'en

The Grand Old Grouch of the capturing the great creatures to fur- Grouch and Grouce Club was presidnish fresh meat for crews of shipping ing over the coffee quarter of an hour

"The police should run in a few of ringing of door bells and rattling win-The final design of the series shows dows is something that should be stop-

The Grand Old Grouch is probably

portions, those pictured on the stamp the climate is gentle; nights are beauti- plenty of Hallowe'en parties such as tribution of £25,000 towards the under-

Of course all this disturbing of the

there as British political prisoners, in ate that they would hoist a gate to the by prospectors in various parts began bution of mines taxes, and has joined by night. It is incorrect to say that exile from their native land. Most top of a tall tree or tip over small but to circulate. At the same time the delegations from Northern Ontario petinotorious of the list is ex-king Pem- important buildings without disturbing flow of immigration necessitated new tioning the government to this end.

lowe'en celebrations. Comparisons Are Odious

A local newspaper asks in one of those "Know your country things," cathedrals.

Mail Bag

C. R. M. and others seem very perturbed for fear that the war record of Winston Churchill is not known by me. I called Mr. Churchill an "armchair

I have checked Winston Churchill's war record many times-and he is still an "arm-chair warrior" in this year of grace, 1938.

A Rubber Belt

There is a rubber conveyer belt at Grand Coulee dam that must be something to see. It is almost two miles long (9,700

feet) and weighs 80 tons. Moving at the rate of 450 feet minute the belt will provide a flow of stone for the dam at the rate of 2,000

tons an hour.

Duke and he lived in a room in Paris pects. and reports were he secured a small | Among the highlights of the informallowance from Queen Marie of Ru- ation tabulated, and the suggestions

Transfer of Provincial Constables in District

Cochrane, Nov. 2.-Changes in the provincial police force throughout the Cochrane district are announced, with the transfer of Constable William Noyes to Hearst to take the place of Con-By Thomas Richard Henry in The stable Ralph Crozier, who moves to Temagami, to relieve Constable B. A radio programme last night is re- Braney who has been transferred to

The moves were effective November This is a natural reaction to a very 2 and leaves a vacancy in the Coch-

rane detachment to be filled later. Constable Noyes who has been in After 10 p.m. last night, almost any | Cochrane for a year and a half, formerly served with the force in North Bay and Ansonville. Constable Crozier is also well known in the southern por-In homes where one member of the tion of the district and has been stationed at Hearst 150 miles west of

Toronto Board Long Friend of the North

Land for Fifty Years.

(By Col. R. R. Marshall, C.M.G. D.S.O., President Toronto Board of Trade, in the Annual Number of The Northern Miner)

The Toronto Board of Trade has played a major part in giving leadership to the development of the natural which has resulted in Ontario becoming one of the treasure houses of the world, having produced in agricultural and mineral wealth alone, in excess of \$12.000,000,000 since the turn of the century, with untold mineral resources still untouched.

The development of Ontario beyond the pioneer settlement stage covers a period which dates, roughly, from the eighteen-fifty's when the railways commenced to stretch out into what was then the hinterland of the province. Indeed, it was largely the advent of the railways which made it possible first to envisage, then to develop the resources of the territory including her present vast mining industry.

The earliest record of the Toronto Board's vision with regard to the potentialities of the province, is contained in the council minutes for the year 1850. Here, in connection with a proposal to build a railway running north get off easier if you grin while you from Toronto to Barrie, a distance of 64 miles, it is recorded that the board One solution to keep the young ideas | urged the Corporation of the City of Toronto to make a "gratuitous contaking," and resolved to co-operate It is always best to have the party with the directors "in carrying out and completing their present arrangement.

Birth of Mining

During the next forty years, settle-And all this in spite of the fact that household is a development that has ment in "New" or Northern Ontario these rapidly growing towns to provide along the railway routes almost unthere are perhaps more cannibal kings grown up since my youthful days-or preceded steadily though more or less the necessary facilities for education, obstructed, while the armies of Chiang in the Seychelles than any other place maybe it is because I lived in a rural uneventfully. About the year 1900, the waterworks, sewage disposal, hospitals, Kai-Shek await the right moment to attention of the people of "Old" Ont- police protection, fire prevention and start a movement toward the sea. In any event great care and con- ario again became directed towards the other requisites of well-ordered comsaid to his wife: Do you mind if I sideration was always taken in my day vast north and northwest section of bring home a missionary for dinner?") to guard against disturbing the house- the province, which at that date was has held the view that the government constantly carried on by Chinese peasstill largely unsurveyed. The young fellows were so consider- that mineral deposits had been found and provide for more equitable distri- plunder the small Japanese garrisons areas for settlement, and the question One case is on record where a cow of opening up the North country berounded by a picket fence made of was taken from the stable and tether- came a live issue. One of the first the bones of his victims. One day King ed in a woodshed while the household- steps was taken by the Toronto Board the Board of Trade in recent years. On another occasion a lumber wagon to hear a report upon the then known made to the Ontario government in was taken apart and re-assembled on resources of this district. The report this regard, and suport has been given the roof of a big barn without the was afterwards in demand throughout to delegations from Northern Ontario owner's evening being disturbed at all. North America and Great Britain and The annoyance of answering the -quoting from the Board's minutes of doorbell and shelling out is either a that year: "Resulted, no doubt, in justipurely urban idea or an idea that has fying the government in favorably congrown up since I took any part in Hal- sidering what support it could give to legitimate enterprises in these parts, and in this way benefitting the whole

The following years the board con-"Was the last great Canadian battle cluded that the western part of "Old" of the World War, Cambrai, Vimy Ontario was handicapped by the dearth Ridge, Mons or Passchendaele," and of transportation facilities connecting the answer is given ("Mons, 9, 11, 1918). it with the rich country to the north Grouping Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele | (known as New, or Northern Ontario), and Mons just before the armistice un- and that the government would be der the headings of Great Canadian justified in voting public monies to Battles is like grouping the Grenfell assist the building of new lines. Out Mission House and St. Paul's under of this need came the Temiskaming the heading of the Empire's great and Northern Ontario Railway, built, owned, and operated by the province of Ontario. The original section was built as a colonization road, but prospectors were quick to realize its value as an aid to exploration, and in 1903, silver was discovered at Cobalt by warrior" in reference to any part that workmen employed on the construction he might take in a war with the dic- of the T. & N.O. Railway. Because of tators that he seems to be anxious to this, and the fact that ore could not have been brought out of the country in commercial quantities without transportation facilities, it may therefore be said that the T. & N.O. Railway has been largely responsible for the development of Northern Ontario's mining industry to its present proportions.

Trade Survey Made

commissioned Fred W. Field, (later, of glass smashed by the concussion. and until recently H.B.M. Senior Trade Commissioner in Canada) to make a Further inquiry by police showed thorough survey of the natural re- however, that the blast had been caussources and trade prospects of North- ed by unknown persons who had stolen ern Ontario. In his report the follow- seven sticks of dynamice from the ing year, Mr. Field presented an ex- municipal quarry and set them off haustive analysis of the mineral re- presumably as a Hallowe'en prank. Po-Peterborough Examiner: The latest sources as then known, the forest lice are investigating the theft though uestion to bother some curious people wealth including pulpwood, fire waste no arrests have yet been made. in Europe is who is going to succeed and protection, water powers, crop pro-Grand Duke Cyril as pretender to the duction, agricultural lands and rethrone of Russia. For many years the sources, need for immigration, railway going was flat and poor for the Grand growth and wacilities and trade pros- for your automobile.

ing some person continue in that role? posits, an enormous aggregate in water date.

powers, and a considerable area of valuable timber lands." He found the railway mileage sufficient to induce a large agricultural settlemetn. Mr. Field's report attracted wide attention,

and time has proved the correctness of his findings. Later in 1911, a party of 125 members of the board visited the various sections of Northern Ontario, and made a personal inspection of the development work in progress.

Northern Ontario, while still a new country, has since raised mining to third place among Canadian industries in value of production, and has brought Canada into second place among the gold producing countries of the world. This fact becomes startling when it realized that in 1910, the gold production of Ontario was valued at only \$68, 000, and in 1937, at \$50,544,623. Northern Ontario has produced over 21/2 billion dollars of mineral wealth in the past 25 years, and gold is by no means the sole factor in the situation.

The interest of the Toronto Board of Trade in the development of Northern Ontario has found tangible expression in many ways. In 1911, the Board's Ontario Trade Development Committee, with the late R. Home Smith as Show Interest in New chairman, began a special campaign to rilla warfare are being counted on by

sibilities of Northern Ontario, and North Bay Rotary Club this week. He China. He said that he felt that war many were greatly surprised to learn also predicted that war between Rusthat forty carloads of agricultural im- sia and Japan is almost certain in the rescurces of the Province of Ontario, plements had been delivered to North- near future. ern Ontario in the previous year.

Through its Northern Ontario Detheir southern neighbors with open- description. handed hospitality and afforded every | The appropriation of a six-billion opportunity of viewing mining, agricul- dollar budget by the Japanese military tural and pulpwood operations. In- department, more than three times the numerable business contacts have been country's normal total budget, is almade by the managements of firms in most certain to bring about a revolu-New and Old Ontario through the tion against the military party, Rev. years, as the result of the board's many Mr. Faichney stated. The budget will good will and trade missions.

facilities for products of the soil in the ent level. When it is remembered that northland's agricultural areas has been at present 75 per cent of the Japanese a subject of investigation by the Board | people are living at starvation stanof Trade. The Board has interested dard, the result of such a move by the itself in the improvement of radio facil- government is already "cut and dried." ities for Northern Ontario. The min-! It is on the possibility of such a reing municipalities of the north receive volution that Chinese people are bankonly a small proportion of the taxes ing their hopes, the speaker said. For levied by the provincial government up- that reason the Japanese have been on the mines, making it difficult for permitted to work their way inland munities. The Toronto Board of Trade | At present, guerilla warfare is being Rumours should recognize these requirements ants, who till their fields by day and

The building of good roads into the newly developed mining areas of the north have been a special concern of in petitioning the government to keep pace in road building, with the rapidly expanding mining operations.

Dynamite Set Off as Prank on Hallowe'en

Brockville People Recalled Broadcast of Previous Evening.

Brockville, Nov. 2 .- A midnight blast which rocked the north and east sections of Brockville Monday night created fears that "Men from Mars' had attacked the city. Memories of the radio broadcast of the dramatized version of H. G. Wells' story, "War of the World," which created panic across United States and in parts of Canada Sunday night, sent residents running to their telephones to find out what had happened.

Explosion of large gasoline tanks which have recently been built was at first thought to have been the cause of the blast, but investigation showed that it had occurred at the abandoned Canada Carriage Works beside the Canadian National Railway tracks Houses were shaken and windows broken in many homes. The plants of the White Packing Company and the John In 1911 the Toronto Board of Trade B. Stetson Company had many pane Police Investigating

Exchange: It's a good plan not to give away your horse until you've paid

Ottawa Journal: Dr. Manion, now mania. There is no revenue in being made with respect thereto, Mr. Field touring the West, says he is not going pretender to a throne which no longer listed the chief resources of the north- to make pre-election promises. If he exists, and now that the original pre- land as "20,000,000 acres of splendid sticks to that determination he will tender has died why worry about hav- agricultural lands, large mineral de- be saved much trouble at some future

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Expect Russia and Japan to Fight Soon

Japan's Hopes of Conquest are Hopeless.

North Bay, Nov. 2.- China's "scorched earth" policy and continuous guecreate a greater interest on the part Chinese military authorities as the of Toronto citizens in trade possibili- surest means by which they can eventties with the north, through its de- ually wear out the strength of attacking according to Mr. Faichney. It is to velopment in mining and agriculture. Japanese forces, said Rev. T. C. Faich-Torontonians, in general, knew little ney, former minister of Union Church, at that time of the tremendous pos- Tientsin, China, in an address to the Japan has undertaken to enter North

Chinese Unify

The Japanese army is becoming development Committee, which has func- moralized as it moves into China, and tioned continuously since 1911, making the consequent spread of looting, kill- The Chinese, more unified than ever periodic visits to the north country, ing and perpetration of other un- before, are letting her send in her conferring with the people and co-op- speakable atrocities in the conquered highly mechanized army, and after it erating with them in determining ways areas is a factor that is bringing a has been spread in small sections over and means to meet their various needs, greater unity among the Chinese peopthe Toronto board has maintained its le than ever before. Rev. Mr. Faich- by guerilla methods that are their only helpful interest in the welfare of the ney stated that he has himself seen answer to the problem of placing "men northern communities which, in itself, the results of the invasion of China. has, at least indirectly, assisted in fur- and that the uncontrolled Japanese thering the development of Northern troops have gradually reached a stage Ontario. On these occasions the citi- where their occupation of newly capzens of New Ontario have welcomed tured cities results in orgies that defy

call for a reduction of living standards The lack of organized marketing in Japan by 45 per cent. of their pres-

Guerilla Warfare

Japan controls all the territory inland as deeply as her armies have penetrated, said Mr. Faichney. Only a strip of land roughly 10 miles wide along each side of the railway lines is actually in Chinese Missionary Believes Japanese power at present, and before the forces of Japan can control the entire territory of China they will be "swallowed up" as were other ininvaders during the past history of that

> Heavily fortified Vladivostok, Russian seaport only five hours' air trip from the principal Japanese cities, is the main focus of Japanese interest, build up a barrier and strengthen herself against the Russian forces that between Japan and Russia was almost certain to come into the not-distant

> At present, however, Japan must continue their war in China, in an effort to make herself secure in that country. a vast territory, are wearing it down against steel."

> Mr. Faichney dwelt briefly during his talk on the activities of the Tientsin Rotary Club, of which he was an active member. When in Tientsin, he lived in the British concession. He gave an outline of the wartime activities of his club among refugees.

District Pipe Band to Hold Whist Drive, Nov. 4

Porcupine District Pipe Band announces a whist drive to be held in the Hollinger hall on Friday, Nov. 4th. The entire proceeds of the event will be given in aid of the widow and family of a former member of the pipe band. The cause thus is a very worthy one while the fact that it is under the auspices of the Pipe Band is full assurance that the occasion will be a pleasing one. Tickets may be had from any member of the Pipe Band. There will be good prizes, and refreshments will be served during the eve-





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