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Bright Outlook for Area Served by New Branch

Dr. Chas. Camsell, C.M.G., Deputy Minister of Mines for the Dominion, Unable to Attend Formal Opening of Railway in Northwestern Quebec, Sends Message.

(By Dr. Charles Camsell, C.M.G., Deputy Minister Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa).

All Canadians will share with the pride of northwestern Quebec the occasion of the official opening of the Canadian National Railway's new branch line from Senneterre to Rouyn. Nor will this feeling of pride be confined to the importance of the event itself. Rather, it will arise from the knowledge that, as a result of their enterprise and toil, a great metal mining industry has been built up in an area which was largely a wilderness only ten years ago—an industry which has placed Quebec in a leading position among the metal producing provinces of the Dominion.

From this area last year metals to the total value of approximately \$35,000,000 were produced, \$21,000,000 of which represented the value of gold production. Present indications are that the value of metal production from the area to be served by the new branch line will exceed \$40,000,000 this year.

Including the Noranda enterprise, which now leads all other Canadian mining companies as a producer of gold, and is Canada's second greatest producer of copper, there are sixteen metal producing mines in the area. Four of these properties, with milling plants designed to treat 750 tons of ore daily, have entered production since the commencement of 1933, and at least eight of them have outputs in excess of \$1,000,000 a year. At another property a mill which will have a capacity of 750 tons daily is under construction. Noranda is, of course, far in the lead, its output of gold and copper last year being valued at \$21,117,200. Significant of the rapid growth of some of Canada's younger gold producers is the fact that Lamaque Gold Mines Limited, which entered production in the spring of 1935, was next on the list, with an output valued at \$2,887,500. This company is now producing gold at the rate of close to \$4,000,000 annually.

Less colorful perhaps, but worthy of particular mention are the records of such properties as O'Brien, Perron, Powell Rouyn, Sigma, Stadacona, Sullivan and Canadian Malartic. All of these mines were raw prospects only a few years ago, yet they are now producing gold ranging in value from about \$100,000 to \$2,000,000 annually. They, along with the other metal mines in the area are providing employment for some 7,500 workmen, and paid salaries and wages last year amounting for some 7,500 workmen, and paid salaries and wages last year amounting to approximately \$11,000,000.

The past record of this season of the province then, has indeed been impressive, more especially when we consider that the annual value of gold production has shown more than a twentyfold increase and that of copper more than twofold increase since 1928. It is perhaps too much to expect that such gain will continue indefinitely, yet there appears to be sound reason for the belief that the area has little more than reached its stride in the output of metals. With the exception of Noranda and Siscoe, all of the producing mines have been in steady operation only a few years, and for the most part they have by no means reached the limit of their growth. Most of them are relatively low-cost producers, and several of them are al-

ready on the dividend list, while others will soon be in a position to declare dividends.

It is probable that most of the so-called easy finds have been made, but the area has yet to be thoroughly prospected. It must be realized also that only within recent years has geological mapping been undertaken in sufficient detail to determine the modes of occurrence of deposits, yet the value of such work as has been done is illustrated to advantage in the subsequent developments in the Cadillac-Malartic area. Doubtless there are other sections of the region which will respond equally as well as the geological work proceeds.

With several proportions nearing the producing stage and others showing promise of becoming successful producers, the immediate future of the camp appears to be particularly bright, and looking further ahead, there appears to be no less reason for optimism. Regardless of the future, however, there can be no question as to the present importance of the area in the economy of the province and of the Dominion. No one will appreciate the significance of this statement better than will the farmers in the surrounding areas, the manufacturers of explosives, mining and milling equipment and machinery, and other goods, and the lumber, power and transportation companies.

They will realize also that this new business and these new outlets for their products and services can expand only if new sources of the metals continue to be found. For this reason the industry will require not only their moral, but their active support and encouragement.

This new branch line will afford just such encouragement to mineral development, and will also provide a timely and valuable service to the mining companies and to the people of the area. That the Canadian National Railway will be well rewarded seems apparent from the enthusiasm that this event has aroused, and from the promising outlook for the area itself.

Regarding Growing Pains in Children

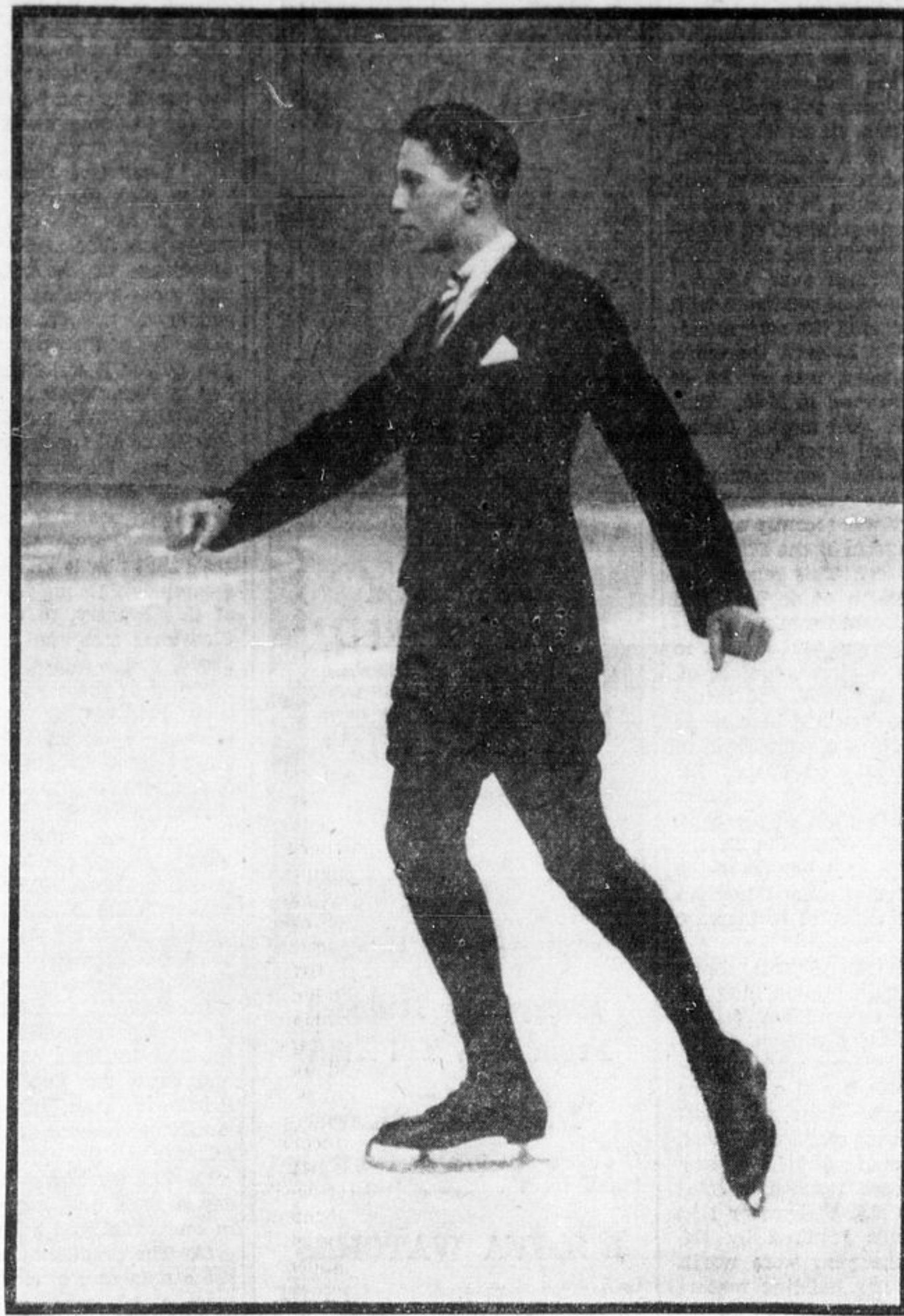
May Not Indicate Rheumatic Heart Disease.

(By John W. S. McCullough)

For generations painful extremities in children, often called growing pains, have been regarded as rheumatic in origin, and so treated. Lately an analysis of the histories of 100 patients with well-developed rheumatic heart disease at the Lymanhurst Health Centre, Minneapolis, revealed that 84 per cent. of them gave a definite history of a major attack of rheumatic fever, chorea (St. Vitus' Dance) or both. A careful study of the remaining 16 per cent demonstrated that in practically every instance, in spite of the fact that no history of a major attack of rheumatic infection was obtained, there was definite evidence that they were suffering from long-continued rheumatic infection. They had such signs as low grade fever, loss of weight, definite joint pains, nosebleeds, skin rash and pallor, although these symptoms were not severe enough to send them to bed.

A follow-up of 200 other children in the same institution was carried out for three years. Though these children

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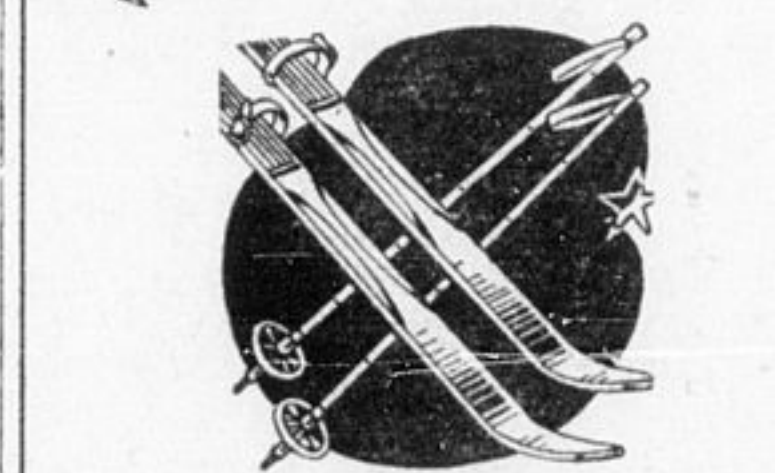


complained of pain in the legs, none of them had given any evidence of rheumatic infection. The pain is present as rule at night and disappears during the day. They are otherwise in good health and none have developed rheumatic heart disease.

Growing pains are so common in healthy school children during early childhood and adolescence that it is suggested that their complaint is due, not to rheumatism but to normal growth.

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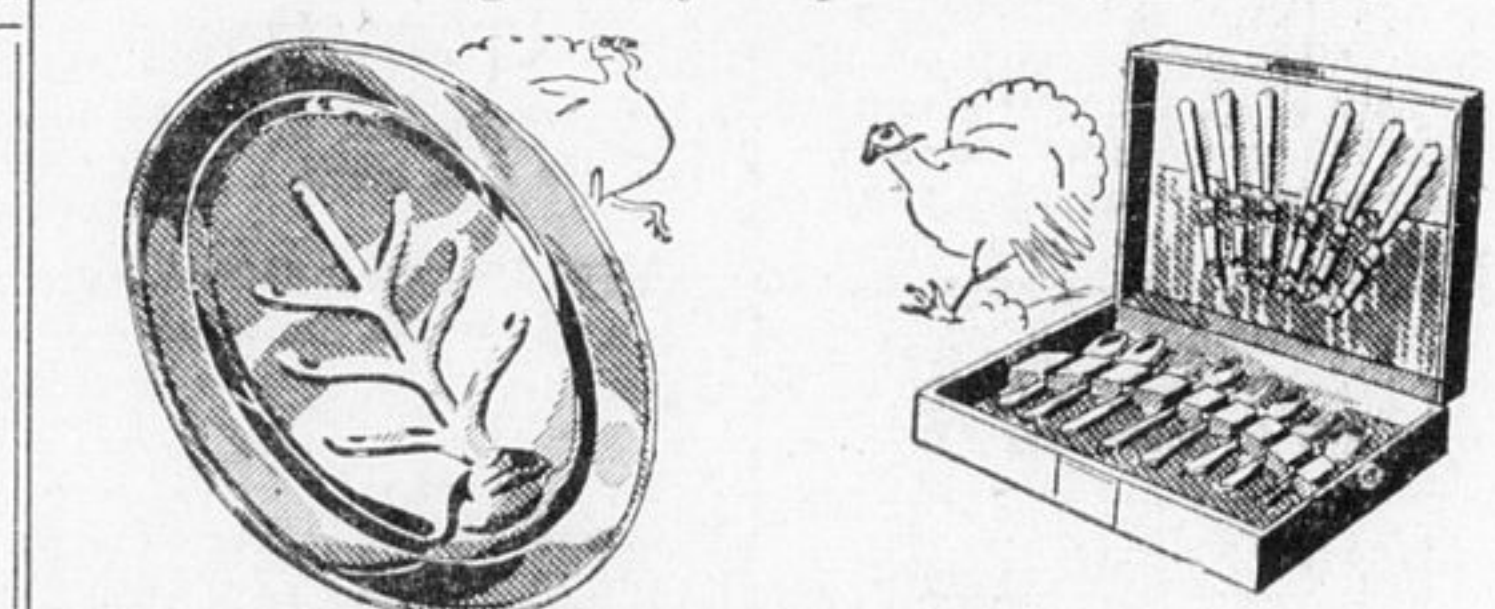


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Asks Women's Aid in Fight Against Cancer

One Out of Every Nine Who Died in Canada Last Year a Victim of Cancer.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—One out of every nine people who died in Canada last year was a victim of cancer which is now the second highest cause of death in this country.

This toll of nearly 1,000 a month could be cut to 500, according to Dr. C. C. Ross, executive secretary of the Canadian Society for the Control of Cancer, the new organization that has been established under the sponsorship of the Canadian Medical Association and with the co-operation of prominent medical men and laymen in every province.

Speaking to the Women's Division of the Health League of Canada at Toronto recently, Dr. Ross urged women to enlist in the war on cancer, pointing out that half of the present deaths

could be prevented if people would see their medical advisers for early diagnosis of the slightest symptom, submit to a periodic health examination and obtain adequate treatment in the early stages.

Cancer of the lip, he said, occurred mainly in men and usually among pipe smokers. If a pipe smoker developed a soreness, hard spot, crack or ulcer on his lip which would not heal, he should at once see a doctor. Cancer of the mouth occurred among people who did not keep their mouths clean, he said.

Lumps, swelling or masses appearing anywhere on the body should be viewed with suspicion. Perhaps not at first cancerous, they might change in time and become cancers. Warts, moles and birthmarks were harmless unless they suddenly started to grow. Sudden indigestion in people past forty, who had had healthy stomachs all their lives, was the commonest symptom of cancer in the food passages.

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