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HELP THE PROSPECTOR

Official estimates show that mineral production in Ontario has been well maintained during the year just closed and that the gold mining industry has made a substantial increase over the previous year's output. Commenting on this, Mr. G. C. Bateman, secretary of the Ontario Mining Association, says:—"Unless there is something in the nature of a world catastrophe, 1939 should be a year of further progress. The lessening of international uncertainty and an improvement in industrial and stock market activities, should liberate funds for prospecting and exploration. With funds available, new discoveries should follow. All the signs are encouraging and the signal is set for "Go Ahead."

The outlook is certainly promising not only for the North where mining is the chief industry, but also for all Ontario—all Canada—the effect of the mining industry being so important and widespread. There is one discouraging feature, however, in regard to the situation. This point was also mentioned by Mr. Bateman. "Practically the only disappointing feature of the year," the secretary of the mining association is quoted as stating, "has been the limited amount of prospecting and exploration, and the scarcity of important new discoveries, aside from those within the limits of the known camps."

Others beside Mr. Bateman have expressed regret at the apparent decline in prospecting activity. The matter is of such vital importance that something should be done to revive prospecting. The Advance does not believe that the breed of prospectors has died out. It is more likely that conditions have prevented them from carrying on their old-time activities on a scale adequate to the demands.

How would it be to give a little special interest and consideration to the prospector? There was a time when it appeared as if the governments considered that the public was the only party entitled to thought in connection with mining. This attitude was so impossible that the mining industry came in for a little consideration and a little protection. Why not give the prospector a turn now? Neither public nor mines can continue to make money and progress if the prospector is forced out of business. It will be found that the public, the mines, the prospector and the country at large may all be advantaged by a little special thought for the advantage and the protection of the prospector. The hope of Ontario, of Canada, rests in the development and progress of the mining industry. Canada can win its way to prosperity and security through the opening up of its great mineral resources. The prospector is the indispensable key to the unlocking of the hidden treasures of the earth. There can be no continued progress for mining with "limited prospecting and exploration." The governments should centre on the prospector—find out what is holding him back, and remove the restrictions and handicaps that are curbing his usefulness. Why not gather together a good group of prospectors and talk the matter over? The prospector is not slackening his efforts because of any lack of enterprise or courage. Give the prospector a fair chance and he will ask no favours. It will pay all parties to see that the prospector is rightly used and his interests guarded.

ELECTION IN TORONTO

Toronto newspapers featured so much the alleged effort of Communists to gain a place in the city's municipal affairs that there has been more than the usual interest in the outcome this year of the Toronto municipal elections. The Globe and Mail and The Toronto Telegram were both strongly opposed to the idea of having the slightest approach to remote control from Moscow of the city government. The certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper as usual seemed to favour the disciples of the Soviet. There was more than one public protest made in regard to the attitude of the certain or uncertain newspaper in apparently preferring a foreignism to Canadian democracy. The Globe and Mail and The Telegram persistently pointed out that the communist candidates had only one hope of election, and that was that ordinary voters might not trouble to turn out to vote, while the cleverly-organized Communist party might be able to elect some or all of its candidates by the old scheme of "plumping." It is interesting to note that the vote in Toronto on Monday was a record one and that all communist candidates but one were defeated. This looks like a decided victory for the leadership of The Globe and Mail and The Toronto Telegram.

Mayor Ralph C. Day was re-elected by over 37,000 majority, receiving almost double the vote given the other candidate. For the Board of Control, the four present members were re-elected—Dr. F. J. Conboy, J. D. McNish, Fred Hamilton and W. J. Wadsworth. Tim Buck was in the run-

ning for fourth place on the Board for a time, but later returns placed him in sixth place and several thousand votes behind the lowest elected Controller. The communist on the board of education this year went down to defeat in the election on Monday. So did several candidates alleged to be communists though campaigning under other designations for seats as aldermen. Out of the full list of communist candidates only one won a place among the Toronto alderman, and in a democratic city that appears one too many.

Another feature of the election day was the arrest of three men and three women who are being charged with attempt to impersonate. One of the women arrested is said to have demanded a ballot in the name of a woman whose name was on the voters' list but who has been dead for several years. Three men will be brought to court to answer to an infraction of the election act by distributing election cards near one of the polling places during the election, the said cards being marked in favour of the communist candidates.

With the civic election now out of the way the Toronto newspapers will be able to again give prominence to the war in Spain, the battle in China, the conflicts in Europe, and the troubles in the Liberal camp.

LOSS TO THE NORTH

Every newspaper in the North last week featured the thought of "a Happy New Year to All," and behind the hearty wish—perhaps this may be typical of the North—there seemed to be a special hope for the North and its people. Seldom have all the newspapers of the North united in a common petition at the one time without the plea winning much success. A facetious person might quote the recent case when all the newspapers of the North wished "a Merry Christmas to all," as a sample of the influence of the newspapers in the North even on things that are not mundane. Certainly everybody in the North had a happy Christmas. Any exceptions would no more than prove the rule.

Most of the signs suggest that it is going to be a happy new year for the North. It will require interference to make it otherwise. With a little more encouragement in certain lines from certain quarters, it will be a prosperous as well as a pleasant new year.

Yet, to many whose hearts have been given to the pioneering and the development of the North Land, the new year has not made an auspicious start in one particular. The New Liskeard Speaker—the oldest newspaper in the North to continue under the one ownership throughout the years—has been sold to a company. Most people who know The New Liskeard Speaker, under the Stephenson will accept without reservation their generous estimate of the new publishers of The Speaker. That Mr. C. Bond and his associates will carry on The New Liskeard Speaker in able and public-spirited fashion will be taken for granted. Yet the transfer marks a change—the breaking of links of friendship and service much valued by the North. There is the touch of the true type of romance about the history of The New Liskeard Speaker. Mr. E. F. Stephenson, now in his nineties, came to Temiskaming in the early nineties of the last century. He had conducted a newspaper in the Muskoka district, but on first arrival in the North was chiefly interested in the agricultural development of the country. In 1905 he was joined by his son, A. E. Stephenson, and both of them being practical printers, with the double desire to write and to serve their community, it was no more than what might be expected when they started a newspaper—The Speaker—in February of 1906. In his interesting introduction of the new owners of the paper, Mr. A. E. Stephenson last week, touched on the conditions, the plant and equipment and the difficulties of the opening days of The New Liskeard Speaker. Contrast is suggested with the large modern plant of the New Liskeard newspaper of today and the beautiful town that has grown up in the years. The Stephensons, father and son, did much more than grow along with the community. They did their full part in building the community as well as their own business. Nor did their vision cease at the borders of their own town. Instead, it is not too much to say that The Speaker worked for the whole North, helped the whole North, loved the whole North. It goes without saying that there were troubles to be faced, difficulties to be met, obstacles to be overcome, disappointments and discouragements. Father and son pioneered it all quietly but gallantly. The story would not be complete without a reference to the late Miss Annie Stephenson, daughter of Mr. E. F. Stephenson, whose efficient assistance in the business was one of the valuable assets of the early days.

It is easy to see the New Liskeard of today, and The Speaker of today, and to forget the industry, the perseverance, the earnestness, the diligence that made them possible. The Stephensons won success, but it should not be forgotten that it was all hard won, well won. And as sometimes happens, there was a bonus in the case of the Stephensons—the bonus of wide friendships and good will—also well won. This is the reason that there is such general regret at the change, though it also means that the new owners will have the best wishes of all the North in the wide circle of friends of The New Liskeard Speaker.

There are few newspapers that have more friends among other newspapers than The Speak-

Further Donors To Christmas Seal Fund

Contributions Continue to Come in for Worthy Cause.

The Porcupine Christmas Seal Committee last month sent out attractive Christmas seals for letters and parcels, together with a letter explaining what has been done here to fight tuberculosis. Those receiving the letters were asked to send donations for the seals. Already several lists of those responding have been published. Below will be found another list of those helping to finance the local battle against tuberculosis. If you have not yet returned your donation for this good cause, do so at once. The committee in charge includes:—F. V. H. Ball, president; Dr. N. H. Russell, treasurer; Mrs. E. Reeves, secretary. The Christmas Seal Committee is sponsored by the Lions Club and the Canadian Tuberculosis Association. George Armstrong, Bernard Ash, William Bahm, E. J. Booker, Wilfred Brechu, Miss Mae Burgess, Michael

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er. Fair and friendly, keeping abreast of the times without too much talk about it, and always ready to say a good word or take up the battle for any part of the North. The Speaker has been looked upon by other Northern newspapers as a distinctive friend. Tributes have been many in recent years to the dean of Northern newspapermen, E. F. Stephenson, who after a long and busy life, today gives his time and thought chiefly to his books and his flowers. There has been also recognition of the fact that the son, A. E. Stephenson, has worthily maintained the high standards of life and community service.

There will be general gratification that the Stephensons, father and son, will continue to reside in the North and to hold their keen interest in the North. Any leisure that may come to them has been well earned, indeed. To them will be extended thanks for fine service, and to their successors the best wishes for equal success and equal public service and advantage.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

At the last meeting of the town council last year one of the accounts passed was for the purchase of a dictionary for the use of the town hall. This is the first dictionary ever to be owned by the town, it is said. It remains to be seen whether or not the new dictionary presages a better spell of town administration.

The Fergus News-Record advises Col. Geo. A. Drew, the new provincial Conservative party leader, to drop the use of the Colonel before his name. The News-Record apparently believes that the use of the military title would prejudice people against the new leader. The idea is scarcely complimentary to the people of the province. Why should people resent a gentle reminder that the new leader had shown that he loved this country enough to be ready to risk his life in its defence?

Consultant Engaged by the Broulan Porcupine

The appointment of Dr. W. F. James as consultant of Broulan Porcupine Mines, Porcupine district, was announced by company officials last week. The company, which has under option 200,000 shares due February 1, 1939, paid for 100,000 shares. It was reported that the Broulan now has \$210,000 in the bank, with all plant equipment paid for in full. The shaft on the property has reached a depth of 173 feet, at which point a station is being cut. Immediately the station is cut, drilling will proceed 170 feet south of the shaft to intersect an indicated orebody at a depth of 385 feet from the surface that shows a width of 15 feet and value of \$29.80 per ton.

If Germany Would Use Jews Like Canada Treats Indians

(From Sudbury Star)
If Canada was treating its Indian population with cruelty and indifference, as charged by the German propaganda department, there would be no

Colonel Sam Hughes never seemed to lose much in popular favour from the use of the title "Colonel." Indeed, it was well known that in his riding of Victoria and Haliburton, there was a tendency to divide into two parties—those who followed the "Colonel" and those who did not. It is all right to refer to "plain" Mitch and Fergy and Honest George Henry as examples of popular preference for the untitled, but at the same time the popularity of "Sir John A." "Sir Wilfrid," "General McCrea" and scores of others should not be overlooked. The truth is that "Sir Wilfrid" without the title, or "Fergy" with one would still have caught the popular fancy. It is the man that counts, though sometimes a title helps makes the counting easier.

The London Times points out that No. 10 Downing Street, London, England, has been used for more than 200 years as an official residence for British premiers. It was given to Sir Robert Walpole as a present in 1731. The British seem to be lucky in the lack of professedly economical people to sell or give away No. 10 Downing Street.

This is 1939. Are you still writing it 1938?

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has just published its annual report for the year ending March 31st, 1938. Charlie McCarthy ought to see some sort of a cynical joke in that.

During the recent Christmas season there were many references made to the Bethlehem of 1938 years ago when the shepherds watched their flocks by night, and the angels sang, "Peace on earth! Goodwill to men!" At Christmas, 1938, however, British soldiers were busy watching and guarding flocks of citizens, while pilgrims to the shrine at Bethlehem went in danger of their lives from Arab snipers who seemed to have little thought of peace or goodwill.



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effort made to rescue a poor Redman suffering in a remote centre far from civilization, from frostbitten exposure. But Canada cares for its aborigines. Canadians go to any expense and hazard the lives of white men in order to succor Indians in distress. If the Nazi allegations were true in any particular, the Canadian government would have left to his fate an Indian survivor of a Nohland blizzard, who was in a serious condition at Fort Weenusk, on the south shore of Hudson Bay. Instead, the authorities despatched an airplane from Sioux Lookout, and the pilot, ArSchade, and two other rescuers braved the perils of a flight into the storms of the north in order to bring the Indian to a hospital, where he could be given proper medical care and attention. Not only did the journey cost considerable money, but the men who engaged in the mercy flight were in constant danger of death in a sleet against snow and ice at this time of the year—the menace of being felled down at a lonely spot where they might easily face the possibility of a slow death by starvation and exposure. But these incidents are in a day's work for Canadians. Ness cannot be expected to duplicate that achievement to save the life of a Jew.

Toronto Telegram: There's of good fortune always seems to hit low ebb. Sudbury Star: Now that the humble hero of Kipling's verses letting into the movies, we suppose at old line will have to be re-written: "You're a stupendously more colorful man than I am, Gunga Din."



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