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# CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Excursion by G. T. R. to North Bay, by T. & N. O. to Cochrane and by Transcontinental to Mattagami River.

A Great Revelation to More Than One Hundred and Thirty Journalists.

The Canadian Press Association held their annual meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 17th and 18th inst., in the banquet hall of the King Edward hotel, in Toronto.

The two days of the convention proper were taken up fully with the discussion of topics pertaining to the craft. Colonel Henry Waterson, of the Courier-Journal Louisville, Kentucky, an active member of the Fourth Estate since 1856 was present at the meeting, and made a couple of very spirited addresses that were very much appreciated by all who had the good fortune to hear him. Being a long time in the work, he felt like a patriarch till he met Sir Mackenzie Bowell who entered his apprenticeship in 1835.

An excursion to Cochrane, and over a portion of the new transcontinental railway had been arranged for, and on Wednesday night about ten o'clock, a party of more than one hundred and thirty journalists entrained at the Union Station as guests of the Grand Trunk Railway, and the Temiscaming and Northern Ontario Commission. The train consisted of nine cars, four Pullmans and two diners, and two private cars. It was night, and the first part of the trip was uneventful, as the comfortable train with its hundred and thirty sleeping journalists glided peacefully over a good roadbed, through such thriving towns as Newmarket, Bradford, Barrie, Orillia, Bracebridge, Grayhurst Huntsville, and Burks Falls, and pulled into North Bay, 227 miles north of Toronto, between

six and seven o'clock on Thursday morning. After a short stay at this thriving town, we were taken over by trainmen and officials of the T. & N. O. Railway and continued our northward journey, everyone viewing with interest the many scenes of beauty constantly opening to the view of the admiring spectators. At mileage 79, that is, 79 miles north of North Bay, we reached Temagami Lake, and while all viewed with pleasure the natural beauties of scenery, the magnificent stone station, a structure that would be considered a model for the older parts of Old Ontario, was a surprise to many of us to witness such advancement where we naturally looked for a mere make-shift till the coming of better days.

We're off again, and again scene after scene of natural beauty is passed in rapid succession. All have heard of Cobalt, the greatest silver mining country in the world, a place of rapid mushroom growth, frantic with speculation, and possessed of a mad rush in its mining developments. We're there, and on our way to the Opera House, to receive an address of welcome from the Mayor, and other officials of the town. From here we go with our guides, to some of the mining camps where much interest is taken in showing and explaining the different operations.

The writer went to the Coniagas Camp, only a few rods from the centre of the town. The name, "Coniagas" had a peculiar sound, and we became inquisitive enough to enquire its origin, which was soon explained. The metals obtained from the mine are Cobalt, Nickel, Silver and Arsenic. "Co." is the chemical symbol for Cobalt, "Ni," for Nickel, "Ag," for Argentum, the Latin for Silver, and "As," for Arsenic. It will thus be seen that the name of the mine is obtained by combining the chemical symbols of the different metals produced by the mine. This, of course, applies only to the "Coniagas Mine."

The mine extends over an area of about forty acres, and the shaft is sunk to a depth of three or four hundred feet. The mineral bearing rock from below is hauled up in huge buckets, dumped into chutes, passed through stone crushers, washed, and passed on to other crushers and over screens till every particle of ore is taken from the rock, which is then sent to the smelters and refineries. We can't describe the process with sufficient fullness to enable our readers to become expert silver miners, nor can we say that the operations of a mining camp has any peculiar fascination around the working end of the business, and as regards the speculative end, we are a little shy of money, and must refrain from indulgence.

While in Cobalt we had the pleasure of an interview with Dr. E. A. Armstrong, one of our old Flesherton pupils, and felt no small pleasure in learning that he was one of the successful dealers in mining stocks. It's a game of chance, however, and a man is liable to become suddenly rich, or suddenly poor when he enters speculation as a miner.

The town site is extremely rocky and can not be cleared as a pretty place. No vegetable life is to be seen on the streets, there are no lawns or flower gardens. Everything is wild and rugged, but there are some good buildings, and all kinds of business seems to be carried on. The population was given in varying numbers, from six to ten thousand, but we would not judge even the smallest estimate from the appearance of the place.

Haileybury, about six miles farther north, is beautifully situated on an eastern slope running down to Lake Temiscaming, and right across the lake may be seen the province of Quebec. The land here is suitable for agricultural purposes, and the man who isn't anxious to get rich quick will be able for ages to make a living from the surface of the soil, perhaps when the silver mines of Cobalt are exhausted and forgotten. Mr. Otto Knapp, formerly of this town, has a large hotel there, and has so much faith in the certainty of the business and the prosperity of the place that he is now making improvements amounting to thirty-five thousand dollars. He tells us that the present population is about five thousand, which is almost sure to reach fifteen thousand inside of the next five years. It has a very progressive appearance, and much building is going on at present. Connected with Cobalt by an electric railway, it is becoming a residential town for that populous mining centre.

About six miles to the north is New Liskeard, a slightly older town than Haileybury, but perhaps not quite so populous. The party reached here about five o'clock and it seemed that nearly all the

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conveyances in town and country had volunteered their services to give the excursionists a right royal welcome, and a good time. A banquet was to be tendered by the Temiscaming Press Association in the handsome and commodious Canada Hotel, but in the meantime the visitors were driven out into the country through an extensive and fertile area of good agricultural lands, where signs of prosperity were everywhere in evidence. The town is a pretty place and surrounded as it is by good farming lands, it is almost sure to be permanent and progressive.

The banquet was highly enjoyed, and many stirring and spirited addresses were delivered, till nearly midnight, when the party broke up and made their way to the train to continue their journey to Cochrane. Mr. Angus McKelvey, son of Mr. John McKelvie, of this place, was present on the occasion. He has been north for the past eight or nine years, and is regarded as a rich man to-day, having been a successful stock dealer.

Shortly after six o'clock on Friday morning, the train pulled into Cochrane. This is the junction point of the T. & N. O. Railway with the new Grand Trunk Pacific. It is four hundred and eighty miles north of Toronto, and though a solid bush in its primeval state, only a couple of years ago, is now a place of considerable importance. The Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, and Episcopalians have each a neat little church, and two teachers are already at work in the school. The population is said to be about fifteen hundred, the majority being men. Here we made it our business to hunt up Mr. John Clark, who was evidently pleased to meet Mr. Ramage and the editor of this paper, and show us around the town. We were pleased to see a fine house he erected for himself, but found a tenant for it as soon as completed, when he set to work to build another, which is now under construction.

Addresses of welcome were given the visitors, and the school children, led by their teachers, assembled before our departure, to add their quota to the program. They were addressed by Mr. McKay, of the Toronto Globe, and by Mr. Tarte, of La Patrie, Montreal, in both French and English. A snap shot was then taken of the children, and the visitors again boarded the train to make the first trip in Pullman coaches over the new transcontinental, going west thirty-five miles to the Mattagami River, where all enjoyed a hearty dinner in the construction camp of the contractors on that section of the road. At three o'clock, just before leaving on the return trip, a brief memorial service was held in honor of King Edward the Seventh, whose remains on that day were laid to rest in old London.

On the homeward trip, we reached Cochrane about 6.30, and left for Monteith, an Experimental Station, about thirty miles south. The farm contains 640 acres, of which perhaps twenty-five or thirty acres are under cultivation. The soil is apparently excellent, but the crop is not sufficiently far advanced to say much about it. A considerable area has the trees removed, and the land is dotted with blackened stumps, where fertile

fields will in all probability be seen in the course of two or three years.

We arrived at Matheson just about dark, and here we learned of a railway wreck about thirty miles ahead, and we had to remain over till next morning. This was both a pleasure and a sorrow. A pleasure because we would go through from there to New Liskeard in daylight, and see the country, which we were unable to see on the north-bound trip made in the night and a source of regret, as we would have to abandon a sail on Temagami Lake, which was part of the program.

A short stay at Englehardt leaves a good impression of the excellence of the soil in that growing town and vicinity. Near here is where Mr. J. W. Irwin has his New Ontario farm, and we must confess that we liked the appearance of the place.

On we go again, passing Uno Park, where Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parker, formerly of this town, have resided for the past twelve years in a fine looking agricultural section. By the way, Mr. Stevenson, of the New Liskeard "Speaker," pointed out Mr. Parker's house to us from the train.

At Temigami, the party got on the boat and had their pictures taken and returned to the train to hasten on to North Bay, where a banquet was awaiting them, and where they arrived about 7.30, and had luncheon in the roller rink, visited the churches, and new Normal school, and repaired to the Opera House to receive an address and welcome and listen to a few short addresses. At ten o'clock, we left on the home stretch, and at seven o'clock Sunday morning arrived at the Union Station, Toronto, all satisfied that the Grand Trunk Railway officials, and the T. & N. O. Commission were deserving of much credit, and many thanks for the well planned program, that gave so much pleasure, delight and knowledge to the publishers and press in general.

That great country to the north is a vast heritage of agricultural, forest and mineral wealth, of which we, as Canadians, have a just reason to be proud. Few of the 130 who took the trip had the faintest conception of the extent and value of our great North Land and this trip has been a revelation to most of them.

There are many things more that might be said, many omissions we have made, and many interesting points we would like to bring to the minds of our readers, but let it be remembered that the interesting sights crowded into a trip of three days and four nights, of constant activity, is not easy to record in full in one short newspaper article. We have given a brief run over the ground, and every other local paper may have done the same thing, but touched on different points.

We must refer to the extreme loyalty all citizens of these Northern places have for their own towns. This is a fine characteristic of the citizens, and we found perfect loyalty to home in every town we visited from North Bay to Cochrane. It's right that it should be so, and we commend them highly for their overflowing loyalty. That helps to build up a place, while fault finding will always hinder.

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