

**Northern Manitoba Mineral Belt**

A few years ago the Northern Manitoba mineral belt, in its initial stages of development, attracted considerable notice, and although there has been a waning of public notice, this is not to be taken as indicating a failure to materialize. Such a quietude is the inevitable experience of camps between the initial boom and the first productive stages, and in addition to this any progress in the sector has been somewhat overshadowed by developments in less remote and cryptic sections of the Dominion. There has been a certain amount of steady progress maintained, as indicated in the report of Dr. R. C. Wallace, formerly Commissioner of Northern Manitoba, and probably the foremost authority on the mineral possibilities of this area.

The most important progress in 1923 was made at Herb Lake, where the Bingo interests are pursuing a programme of underground development with very satisfactory results. Further work at Herb Lake, both in gold and silverlead, very promising development work at Elbow Lake, and further operations in diamond drilling and intensive prospecting by the Flin Flon interests with some other work in the copper belt, constituted the major operations of the 1923 season. Although on the whole the work effected was somewhat limited in several areas it has significance for mining interests, who are keeping in close touch with developments in this field.

**Copper, Gold and Silver-Lead.**

The operations of the district may be grouped under three headings—Copper, gold, and silver-lead. In a general way this represents also the order of mineralization from west to east in the belt. In brief, both at Herb Lake and Elbow Lake the outlook is considered decidedly encouraging for the development of gold properties. The underground results on the Bingo at Herb Lake, and the surface discoveries on the Murray and Garbutt properties at Elbow Lake, are attracting the attention of responsible mining companies to both districts. The world copper situation has affected progress in the copper area, but there are good indications that underground prospecting will continue, and to judge from surface showings the chances for ore bodies being discovered in that area are good. Work is proceeding rapidly to determine whether the galena-silver occurrences in the sediments on the Little Herb River are sufficiently extensive to grade as an ore body. Much work will yet be required before the extent of the mineralization in a heavily clay-covered country can be fully estimated.

There is a general satisfaction expressed over the ultimate prospects of Northern Manitoba as a mineral producer, and the opinion is fairly representative among experts that Manitoba will come to rank better with the other mineral-producing provinces of Canada. Development has been necessarily slow, hampered by caution of investment in an unproven field, coupled with its remoteness and difficulty of access. It is not expected that future development will be unduly rapid, but a certain amount of steady development will be maintained. The district has been receiving considerable attention from capitalists and this, taken in conjunction with the influx to the area at present evidenced, augurs faith in the existence of commercial minerals in Northern Manitoba and is an assurance of further development.

**Mystery Bells.**

A legend of this kind is told of a country church near Preston, England, the very name which nobody knows.

In Holland the story of the city of Beem is told every Christmas. This wonderful place was famous for its magnificence and beauty, and also for its wickedness and shamelessness. One day the whole city was swallowed up by the sea.

The submerged bells of Dunwich, now covered by the sea, are said to join the ghostly chorus.

Amongst the bells which will ring out to greet the coming Yuletide will be many ghostly peals, heard on no other night in the year; for tradition says that the bells of all buried churches join the chorus every Christmas Eve.

There are the bells of Raleigh, once a prosperous village in Nottinghamshire, England, now only a country valley. All sign of habitation was swallowed up many years ago by an earthquake. It is said that every Christmas Eve the bells of the old church are heard to ring again.

**World's Oldest Banks.**

The oldest existing bank in the world is said to be the Bank of Barcelona, in Spain, which was founded in 1401. England's first bank was opened in 1603 by Francis Child, a goldsmith. A number of other goldsmiths immediately followed suit. The Mint in the Tower of London had been the depository for the cash of merchants until Charles the First seized the money as a loan. Then the traders began to deposit their cash with the goldsmiths in Lombard Street.

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**YULETIDE LORE AND LEGENDS**

Most of our Christmas customs have descended to us from the dim time of myths and legends.

One of the most interesting, the legend of the Magi, has its origin in the simple story of the Scriptures as told by St. Matthew, every century something being added to the facts until the original story has been almost smothered in the wealth of detail.

Eventually the number of Magi was stated to be three, Melchior, Balthazar and Jasper; royalty was attributed to them, and a complete description given of each.

According to an old Scandinavian legend, the mistletoe bough was responsible for the death of Balder, the Apollo of the North. His mother had declared that nothing which had its root in earth, air, fire, or water should hurt him.

His treacherous enemy, the God of Evil, thereupon made an arrow from the mistletoe bough, and gave it to a blind man to test. The arrow pierced Balder and he was slain. Later, however, he was restored to life. After this the mistletoe was declared harmless, and it became an emblem of love.

In certain parts of this country it is still believed that a sunny noontide on Christmas Day means a plentiful supply of apples during the coming year.

The custom of hanging up stockings on Christmas Eve had its origin in a legend about St. Nicholas. It used to be done on December 6th, the Eve of St. Nicholas, and in Belgium and one or two other countries this date is still adhered to.

The story goes that there was a poor boy named who had three daughters. He was so badly off that he could not provide his daughters with a dowry. One night, however, they had a stroke

of luck, for St. Nicholas dropped three fat purses of gold down their kitchen chimney. The fashion of olden days was to make purses something like the modern stocking, and this is how the present-day custom came about.

In the Yuletide game known as snapping dragon we have an interesting relic of the fire worship of the Druids, and, possibly, of the practice of trial by ordeal.

A person suspected of a crime had to grip a red-hot iron bar or plunge his hand into fire as a test of innocence. It was believed that supernatural intervention would be forthcoming if the person were not guilty.

One of the oldest superstitions prevalent all over Europe is the idea that animals assume the power of speech at Christmas-time. How this belief started is not known.

Founded upon this belief is the French legend of the old woman, the cat, and the dog. This inquisitive old person made plans for listening to the conversation which she felt sure would take place between her usually dumb friends.

To her consternation she heard her cat say that burglars were going to break into the house that night! Without stopping to think, she jumped to her feet and ran screaming to her front door, where she was met by robbers, who made short work of her.

Boxing Day, so popular in England, has always been the festival of St. Stephen, who for some unaccountable reason has for hundreds of years been regarded as the patron saint of horses. In olden days it used to be the custom for all horses to be bled and thoroughly washed. This was supposed to preserve them from harm through the ensuing year.

**When Christmas Was Illegal.**

Without doubt Christmas is the most popular festival of the year. It is the time when, above all others, the family circle makes an extra-special effort to complete itself. It is a time of peace and goodwill.

Yet there is actually a period of English history when the strong arm of the law intervened to put down what was described as "a superstitious festival, and all Christmas festivities were forbidden. The holy and mistletoe were ordered to be destroyed root and branch as 'plants of the Evil One.'"

It was Oliver Cromwell—a reformer in many ways—who tried to suppress the observance of Christmas, ordering that the "hurtful custom," as he styled it, should be ignored in the principal towns. In order to attain this end he enacted that all markets should be held on December 25th. But the Protector could not enforce the abandonment of such a time-honored and popular custom, and his command was honored more in the breach than the observance.

Once, when Bluff King Hal lay very ill in December, and the nation was anxious about his recovery, by common consent it was decided to have a silent Christmas, without bells, carols, or merry-makings.

**Surnames and Their Origin**

**O'NEIL.**  
Variations—O'Neill, McNeill (s), MacNeill (s).  
Racial Origin—Irish.  
Source—A given name.

This is one of the oldest family names on record, coming as it does from a land in which the development of family names preceded that in the rest of northern Europe, and being traceable to an origin in an individual person at a very early period.

Family names did not begin to develop in England until slightly before the time of the Norman invasion, and did not develop generally until two or three centuries later. Indeed, as late as the sixteenth century there was a considerable portion of the population of England which had adopted no definite system of family names.

But the name of O'Neill was a family name, or class name, which is pretty much the same thing, as far back as the fifth century; in that period when the light of Roman civilization and historical record was quenched in the barbarian invasions; but through which Christianity survived; and strangely enough spread like wildfire through Ireland, though cut off from its source by the pagan invasions of northern France and England.

Nial, of the Nine Hostages, was the chieftain who welcomed St. Patrick when he first set foot on Irish soil. His fame as a warrior would have been sufficient to perpetuate his name as the family property of his followers and descendants, but his further historical fame from this incident made assurance doubly sure.

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To take an average of types the cost can be said to work out at about five thousand dollars a mile, more than seven times the cost of a land line; and for repairing about two hundred and fifty dollars a mile.

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This crown was taken to Britain by Sir Robert, afterwards Lord Napier, of Magdala, after the capture of Magdala and the death of Theodore in the Abyssinian war of 1868.

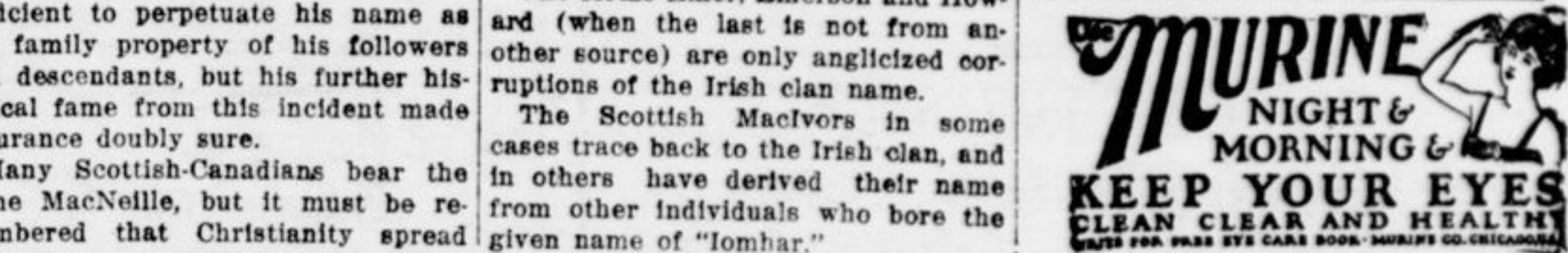
It is a ponderous piece of silver-gilt filigree work, many sizes too large for any ordinary head. It is lavishly decorated with little squares and diamonds of red and blue glass, varied with diminutive paintings. A feature is the strange looking pipe which projects several inches through the centre of the dome, apparently for ventilation.

The King's intention to present this crown to the Empress Judith was announced when he granted a farewell audience to Prince Tafari, the heir-apparent and Regent of Abyssinia, whose recent visit to Britain created much interest.

It is interesting to note that the only son of the Emperor Theodore was educated at Rugby. He died in 1879, at the age of nineteen, and was buried in St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

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