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LITTLE THEATRE MOVEMENT

Amateur theatrical societies have been in existence a long time. but it is only about fifteen years ago that the first experimental amateur producing groups were established in Canada. The movement grew slowly and was seriously interrupted by the war. Suddenly a real public interest developed, probably the principal reason was the dominance of the "movies" and the virtual death of touring are now so well pleased with the procompanies. Now all over this country there are hundreds of ama- gress made that they are installing betteur producing organizations of many different kinds, groups in colleges, schools, and churches. Their name is legion, and their meth- at the 100 foot level below the surface. ods of organization, their strength, their equipment, the quality of It is now proposed to sink a shaft to their productions vary exceedingly.

Hart House Theatre, Toronto, the Ottawa Drama League, the Vancouver Little Theatre Association and the Winnipeg Community at the 100 foot level has not reached Players are at present the four best known groups in Canada. They the outside walls of the deposit, which own their own theatres, and Toronto and Ottawa both employ professional directors.

No citizens of Toronto ever think of Hart House Theatre of \$300 and \$400 per ton was encountered without associating with it the name of Vincent Massey. Not only in some of this work, while the general has Canada's minister to the United States given very generously to result has been to prove the ore body our country's most perfectly equipped Little Theatre, but he has also richer on this level than at the surface. acted with considerable success in some of the major productions. Topley is that of the Topley Consoli-Hart House Theatre is on the University of Toronto grounds, but its charter gives it practically complete freedom of action and it is started by Frank H. Taylor this spring liberally patronized by the general public as well as the University and financed chiefly by Smithers and students.

The Ottawa Drama League, which has grown from a small read- self in charge of the work, which has ing circle of fifty-two in 1913 to a producing group with one thousand five hundred and two members in 1927, is numerically the largest Little Theatre group in Canada, Duncan Campbell Scott, Deputy Superintendent General of the Department of Indian Affairs, and well known Canadian poet, is the active president, and Rupert Cap- character to that on the Richfield, of lan, formerly prominently associated with the Community Players which it seems likely to be a continuaof Montreal is the producer. Among the various, authors whose tion . This vein has been opened up plays have been presented by the League are the following Cana- by surface stripping and a number of dians: Mao de la Roche, Merrill Dennison, Donald Guthrie, Stephen open' cuts, and high-grade ore is found Leacock, Marion Osborne, Lloyd Roberts - and Duncan Campbell Scott.

VANCOUVER'S PART IN THEATRICALS

The Vancouver Little Theatre Association, though only in ex- smithers last Sunday made all the istence since 1921, has already gained quite a reputation on the smithers people open their eyes in as-Pacific Coast for its artistic productions and its strict adherence to tonishment. They had been expecting the four main objects of the association which are: (1) To promote large size to the showing but when the study of the drama; (2) to produce high-class plays by British and foreign dramatists not ordinarily given by travelling companies; agreeable surprise was given them. Prac-(3) to encourage and provide facilities for the production of plays by Canadian dramatists; (4) to develop the arts of costume scenic design and stage lighting.

The Winnipeg Players made a very wise move when they added L. B. Warner, the president of the dry dock plant. A wholesale rate was At the close President Nicholls "Community" to their title. They have lived up to the true meaning board of trade. If Prince Rupert people given the cold storage plant and this thanked Mr. Little for his interesting of the word in its fullest sense and their public realize that in the do not get the benefit of this oppor- added income had made it possible to address. Community Theatre they have an outlet for whatever artistic abili- tunity to profit through the mineral avoid a deficit this year. They had ties they may possess.

PRINCE RUPERT ORGANIZATION

In Prince Rupert the little theatre movement has commenced Lifton, one near the Richfield and the climbing and could not be carried by trict of Prince Rupert, and situate at in the organization of the Prince Rupert Players' Club. This or- other close to Perow Station. The lat- the Shawatlans plant. ganization, thanks largely to the expert work of Alex. Connon, who ter is a huge deposit carrying gold is himself a finished actor, has done wonders in the few years it values. It may be low-grade, but the has been organized. Plays have been put on here that would put to size will offset this. shame many professional organizations. The club has had the sup- In addition to the above many new port of the people of the city, who have recognized the uniformly discoveries are being made from day to good work done, and it is the general hope of the citizens that its day in different parts of the district, activities will be continued.

There is no doubt that general interest in the Little Theatre past twelve months than for the ten or movement will increase in the years to come. The wave is not yet twelve years before. Several new com- and developing the water power at the at its height. Interesting experimentation will go on throughout panies are investigating different pro- Ecstall River but he did not think this Canada, and doubtless some significant contributions will be made perties this summer and it is hoped that would be likely unless some big source. Dated June 13, 1927. to the theatre arts.



MINING IN INTERIOR IS VERY IMPORTANT AND ON IN-CREASE SAYS McGILL

first time that any extensive development has been done upon it. The chief vein so far exposed has been developed a length of 350 feet by surface stripping and open cuts and it now shows good! ore throughout the entire length. Arsenopyrite carrying gold values and also galena and zinc-blende are the minerals found, and the width of mineralization is from 21/2 to 7 feet. Another vein of smaller size but higher grade shows 6 to 18 inches of high-grade ore and is opened up on the surface for over 200 feet. Douglas Lay, Resident Mining Engineer for the district, made an examination of this group only last Saturday and following upon his examination the program of development is being ex-

BABINE DISTRICT

The Little Joe property in the Babine Range has been taken under option by Vancouver capital from Martin Cain and Thos. King, prospector-owners, both of Smithers, and it is expected that development will start as soon as weather conditions warrant. This is one of the best known high-grade properties in that district. Another Babine property showing up well under recent work is the Harvey Group, a high-grade silvercopper prospect only twelve miles from

TOPLEY DISTRICT

The Topley District has been the centre attention for the mining men of the continent ever since last summer. The sensational find near there, made by Frank H. Taylor in June of last year and now known as the Richfield Mine. showing far better than anyone at first imagined. Since they took the option December last the Standard Silver Lead Mining Co. has expended some \$50,000 in opening up the property and ter machinery so that greater depth may be attained. Present workings are the 300 foot level and then explore the ore body there. In all of the work so far done the drifting and cross-cutting was exposed at the surface for 298 feet in width. High grade ore to the value

dated Mining Co., a new organization Vancouver capital. Mr. Taylor is himbeen going for two months and great results already obtained. A vein showing at a number of points. Three tunnels are now being driven at different places on it, and one of these cut a body of high-grade ore just a few days ago which. when samples were brought into high-grade was combined with it a most

no one to blame but themselves.

and more genuine new prospecting has near future he anticipated there would thence easterly along high water mark taken place in the district within this be a great increase in the load. There by fall several new operations will be

POWER CONSUMPTION CON-STANTLY ON THE INCREASE STATES HEAD OF CITY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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kilowatts and was used for street lighting. This was followed by several more economical plants. Then came the installation of the hydro-electric, which was put in to help out with the overhead on the water supply. Gradually the demand had grown until the drydock plant with a capacity of 2,000 kilowats had been added.

CHIEF FUNCTION

The chief function of his department was to pdoduce a continuous service at a low cost and that he thought they were doing. The difficulty was that high capacity machines were thrown on the the system and that upset their arrangements. They had to provide for this and doing so was where the added expense came in.

Mr. Little explained that the contract with the Cold Storage plant had proved a decided advantage, especially

tically every one in Smithers is putting at the present time when the elevator of consumption was in sight. If all the money he can spare or borrow was shut down. Their plan was to pulp mill should be started it would be into this company and among the direc- load the Hydro-electric to its capacity a good thing for the city as it might tors are E. E. Orchard, the mayor, and and provide the remainder from the provide surplus power for the city. wealth at their door, they will have thought it might be possible to shut down the drydock plant for a few NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO Other properties being opened up ine months but it had proved impossible Topley District include two by Gale & to do so as the load was constantly

GOOD SURPLUS

Mr. Little went on to show that they were making a good surplus even the light part of the year. The telephone was also well ahead. was a lot of talk of companies coming mence ment, and containing 3 acres

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