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## REVIVAL OF MINING IN NORTHERN CANADA

While just now winter has wrapped her white mantle over the mining districts, there is no doubt whatever but that the early spring will see a great revival in the industry throughout the whole of northern Canada. Only yesterday a despatch told of English money to be spent on mining in northern Quebec, northern Ontario is continuing active. Northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan have received an immense stimulus from the recent sale of the Flin Flon mine and the commencement of operations on the building of a railway to it. Northern British Columbia has been climbing slowly and steadily into the limelight and promises well to emerge this coming spring along with Manitoba quite spectacular in the amount of progress which will be made.

While neither of these districts should properly be designated as Northern Canada, the expression is used in a comparative sense as being north from the more thickly inhabited parts of the country.

## FLIN FLON MINE

A chronicle of trial and error, perseverance and failure and a large amount of luck makes up the story of Canada's latest frontier mining development. Flin Flon has been an obscure pin-point high up on the map of North America. To be exact it is about 400 miles northwest of Winnipeg and 90 miles from the nearest railroad point which is The Pas. It is a lake and timber country known only to trappers and only partially mapped. But its name will appear in bigger type in the maps of the immediate future for \$30,000,000 will be spent in the Flin Flon area and it is destined to take its place with Cobalt, Timmins, Rouyn, Sudbury and the other great mining communities of the Dominion.

The new community is said to contain 18,000,000 tons of copper-zinc-gold-silver ore which the prospector of a generation ago would have passed by as being of too low a grade. But it is modern scientific methods that have made the Flin Flon possible. The Canadian National Railways management has shown its complete confidence in the future of the Flin Flon by building a 90-mile spur line into the district. The present owners—the Harry Payne Whitney interests of New York City—are starting at once to build a huge smelter for the reduction of the low grade ores of the district and to take advantage of the water power of the area. A great new frontier community is being created but it is the story of the finding of the Flin Flon that is the most romantic part of all.

## ASSAY WAS MISLEADING

Four prospectors in 1915 were broke. They were known as the Four Musketeers for their loyalty. It took them most of the winter to find a "grub stake" which two Toronto men finally provided. The party pushed into the wilderness of Northeastern Saskatchewan and began to work some old claims. Vague rumors reached them from trappers and stray prospectors of a find on the shores of Lake Flin Flon and one of the party went further east to the Manitoba boundary and brought back samples. Here enters the element of error for those samples from Flin Flon were wrongly assayed and the ore was said to produce \$34.00 to the ton. Soon claims extending half a mile back from the lake had been staked and then a true assay was made which revealed a real value of about \$2 per ton. Operations stopped after nearly \$350,000 had been spent.

An American firm about this time became interested and after taking an option in 1919 let the proposition drop. In 1920 the Mining Corporation of Canada appeared on the scene and commenced work. This was the beginning of the Flin Flon great undertaking which led to the purchase this year by the Whitney interests. The future now appears to be assured and an expenditure of \$30,000,000 is to be made in the effort to secure new-found wealth of the hinterland.

Unusual interest in the undertaking is being taken in Canada on account of the comparatively close proximity of the Hudson Bay Railway which is being built by Canada, Northeast from the Pas. The new Flin Flon spur will reach Northwest and the two make a great Y into the north country.

## WILL BALAGNO AT VICTORIA

## TROUBLED OVER WESTERN ROUTE

Newspaper Tells of His Work at Empress Hotel Musical Club

The December recital of the Ladies' Musical Club held at the Empress Hotel last evening served as the happy medium for the reintroduction to Victoria of a former local musician, William Balagno, who has returned to make his home here after an absence of some years in Eastern Canada and Prince Rupert says the Victoria Times. An enthusiastic welcome was tendered to Mr. Balagno when he appeared for his first group, the Allegro Vivac, Andante and Presto movements from the Sonata in G Minor (Sjogren), and as he progressed through an exciting and beautiful program the audience showed their appreciation of his playing in unmistakable terms. Always a promising young musician, the intervening years since his last concert appearance here have brought him the maturity that comes only with experience and a clean technique.

Breadth of tone and beauty of interpretation marked his playing of the spirited Spanish Dance of Grandes-Kreisler, the rhythmic Valse (Debussy-Rouques) and the haunting plaintive, Negro Spiritual of Dvorak-Kreisler. His further ability as a composer was amply demonstrated in his own two numbers, "Chanson Viennais" and "Scene Orientale," both of which were warmly received.

Other numbers which afforded him opportunity for the display of his undoubtedly gifts as a serious musician were Sarasate's "Romance Andalusia" and "Spanish Espagnole" (Lalo). Miss Merle North, popular young mezzo-soprano, was the assisting soloist, contributing the difficult aria "My Heart as They Sweet Voice" from "Samson and Delilah," and Rogers' "The Star," for her first group and, for her second, Gluck's "O del mio dolce ardor" and "Valley of Laughter" (Sanderson), singing with much expression and purity of tone.

Miss Beatrice Hicks and John Moss shared the role of accompanist. Miss Hicks playing brilliantly in support of Mr. Balagno, through a most exacting program while Mr. Moss lent artistic support to Miss North.

## WORLD NICKEL FROM SUDBURY

Ninety Percent of Production of This Metal Comes From Canadian Mines

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Canada produces from the Sudbury area about 90 per cent of the world's nickel, according to T. W. Gibson, deputy minister of mines for the province of Ontario, in a recent address here. The other 10 per cent, Mr. Gibson said, comes from the Island of New Caledonia, a French penal colony in the Southern Pacific.

In a review of the history of the metal-mining in Ontario since the first discovery in 1845, when copper was found in the province, Mr. Gibson dealt with the discoveries in Northern Ontario, Cobalt, etc., and said that one of the greatest romances was the way in which the nickel producers of Canada had recaptured a market lost to them when battleships became unpopular.

The scrapping of battleships, with their nickel-steel armour, had cut the nickel market in half, but through advertising and educating campaigns the industry is now marketing more nickel than it did during the war.

Mr. Gibson declared that Canadians were just mining on the fringe of the great Pre-Cambrian Shield which formed the main part of Northern Ontario. As to gold, Mr. Gibson told of the wonderful "Golden Staircase," one of the finest showings of high-grade gold ore in the world, a portion of which had been on view in the Ontario Parliament Buildings for many years. "I look for new Cobals, new Kirkland Lakes and Porcupines, perhaps not in my time, but in the near future as far as the history of the world is concerned," Mr. Gibson said.

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Edmonton Paper Suggests Government Inquiry to Find Out

## Why Wheat Goes East

According to the Vancouver Province the western route is not functioning at all as it would be expected to function in a year when Alberta has an abnormally large amount of wheat to move, nor in the active way that people in Alberta have supposed it to be functioning. Whereas it was expected that 30,000,000 bushels of wheat would leave that port during December, less than 1,000,000 bushels were loaded during the first quarter of the month.

There was, the Province stated on Dec. 8, not enough wheat in the elevators there to load the ships then in port. There were ships in port whose particular grain cargoes had not arrived. There were vessels en route for which there were no cargoes in sight. For these conditions the railways denied that they were to blame. The operators of the public house denied that they were to blame. While various reasons were assigned for the trouble, "no person interested would make a public declaration."

That something was seriously "the trouble" is apparent from the following comparison. "In so far as this port itself is concerned, shipping men point out, the situation is that a great volume of business which was promised for this month now gives no promise of realization. A few years ago, with but one elevator, and that of 1,500,000 bushels capacity, and two available grain berths for ships, the port was shipping four to seven million bushels of wheat monthly and handled approximately 55,000,000 bushels in the season. Today the elevator capacity is 7,750,000 bushels; there are grain berths for at least nine ships at one time; there is larger railway yardage accommodation. So far this season the monthly record of No. 1 elevator during the 1923-24 season has not been equalled by the total output of all the elevators now lining the water front."

There was, the Province states, a prospect that some of the grain vessels would move to Portland, and there fill up with United States wheat.

All which seems to mean that the western spout is plugged, and nobody knows why, or will say why. Meanwhile, Alberta's wheat is going east and paying the extra cost of haulage over the long railway route, to take ports which are storm-bound and will be ice-bound any day; or is lying in Alberta granaries and elevators with carrying charges piling up against the owners.

This appears to be a case calling plainly for investigation by the Dominion Department of Trade and Commerce. If the Dominion Government has invested millions of dollars in Vancouver terminals only to have those elevators stand empty in December, while ships sent to that port to load wheat have to go to Portland and load United States wheat, it is at least time that the Canadian tax-payers were told the facts and made aware of the cause of this ridiculous situation.

## Man in the Moon

A WOMAN gets a permanent wave but a man gets a permanent rave. At any rate that's what Melinda says, and she ought to know because she's been married.

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Garters in Beaded or Shirred Silk, from .50¢ to \$1.25

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Mercury Full Fashioned Pure Silk Hose—Service weight, silk to the top, boxed individually, per pair .25¢

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Gloves—Finest Trefousse Kid, Fancy Cuff, per pair, boxed .50¢ to \$1.75

Heavy Kid Fur-lined Gloves in Greys and Tans, per pair .50¢ to \$1.75

Ladies' Silk Nightgowns in pleasing designs, from .50¢ to \$4.75

Ladies' Silk Pyjamas, from \$3.50 to \$6.75

Watson's Leader Silk Bloomers in all leading shades, per pair .50¢ to \$2.75

Ladies' Kimonos in Blanket Cloths, from .50¢ to \$14.50

Fancy Jacquard Towel Sets in boxes, an appreciated gift, per set .50¢ to \$2.75

Linen Bridge Tea Sets, wonderful designs, from .50¢ to \$6.75

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Fancy Guest Towels in purest linen, Italian Cut Work, from each .50¢ to \$1.50

## CHILDREN'S GIFT DEPARTMENT

Dolls and Cuddly Toys in great variety, from .50¢ to \$4.50

Baby's Jaeger Booties, Pure Wool, .75¢ to \$1.25

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Padded Silk Kimono Coats in Blue or Pink, each .75¢ to \$2.75

Girls' Flannel Dresses, 8 to 14 years, in various colors, each .75¢ to \$3.75

Little Tots' Crepe De Chine Dresses in various colors .75¢ to \$3.25

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Ties, individually boxed, from .50¢ to \$6.00

Men's Suspenders, Armbands, Garters, etc., boxed from, per box .50¢ to \$1.75

Men's Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 3 in box .50¢ to \$1.50

Bridge Score Pads, each .50¢ to \$1.75