

# MONSTER SHOT AT ROCK QUARRY

Whole Hill Near Havelock is Shattered in One Big Explosion

A MAGNIFICENT SCENE  
Movie and Press Photographers "Shot" the Scene—No One Hurt

The Havelock Standard says: Friday forenoon of last week was a gala occasion at the quarry of the Ontario Rock Co., 3 miles east of Havelock, when 90,000 tons of rock was shattered to pieces in one gigantic explosion.

For the past six months workmen have prepared for this monster "shot." Commencing on the ground level of the big pit, a drift or tunnel four by eight feet was made in the hill for a distance of sixty feet, and then cross-cut over forty feet in other smaller pockets. This tunnel was filled with six and a half tons of dynamite and one and a half tons of black powder.

The ceremony of exploding this vast quantity of dynamite and powder was scheduled for 10.30 on Friday morning, and a very large number of people were on hand to witness the "uplifting event" including many prominent railway and provincial officials and a moving picture concern from Toronto. The honor of touching off the "shot" was accorded to Mr. J. A. Sexsmith, M.P., for East Peterboro, and at the scheduled hour he pressed the button. The resulting upheaval was a wonderful sight, and was said by those who had seen similar sights in the Great War, to greatly resemble the awful effects of the enemy's mines. The immense hill of rock seemed to lift bodily and break into hundreds of thousands of pieces, while a volcano of dense smoke raced skywards.

Many narrow escapes from being hit were recorded, but fortunately no one was injured and the only damage to the plant at the quarry, was a couple of electric light poles broken.

Mr. Geo. Raynor, general manager of the Ontario Rock Co., upon whose shoulders the responsibility of the scheme rested, was delighted with the success of the big shot, especially so from the fact that Mr. A. Longwell, the president of the Company, was present to witness the result.

Among the most interested notables who were present, were Dr. W. G. Miller, and Cyril W. Knight, Provincial Geologists, Toronto. These gentlemen, by the way, discovered the deposits of this "trap" rock when mapping this section in 1907, and a complete and most comprehensive report was published under their authorship in 1914, entitled, "The Pre-Cambrian Geology of South-eastern Ontario," a copy of which The Standard has received through the courtesy of Dr. Miller.

Among the C.P.R. officials who were present, were Mr. H. G. Grant, General Superintendent; Mr. H. J. Humphrey, Superintendent; and Mr. Joly, Traffic Manager, Toronto. Others who witnessed the explosion were, Mr. Thos. Sutherland, Chief Inspector of Mines for Ontario; Mr. E. Viens, Director of Public Works Laboratory, Ottawa; Mr. W. J. McNeill, Provincial Assayer; Mr. J. M. Wilson, Chief Engineer of Public Works, Toronto; Mr. C. A. Scott, Chief Engineer of the city of Toronto; Mr. A. V. Trimble, Chief Engineer of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission; Mr. McGivern of the Canada Car Co., Toronto; Mr. H. B. Davis, Assistant Manager of the Canada & Ingersoll Road Co.; Mr. McGovern of the Wilson, McGovern Machinery Co., and Mr. Cousins of the Ontario Rock Co.

Mr. Turofsky, Press Photographer, Toronto, secured several splendid views, and Mr. Tash, camera man for the Fox Film Co., Toronto, "shot" the shot, and took moving pictures of the event, including the crowd present, which will be seen for the first time in Lowe's Theatre, Toronto.

The financial outlay in connection with the big explosion is estimated at \$110,000.

### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The more a man wants to borrow the more he shakes your hand.

A man may be born with ability, but he has to hustle for experience. Airplanes should enable men to rise above their troubles, but they don't.

He who does things may make mistakes, but he who does nothing makes a big mistake.

When a man tells a woman she is pretty she thinks that he thinks that she is prettier than she really is.

To put your trust in Providence is well enough, but why go around looking for holes for Providence to pull you out of?



SOME PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN AUTHORS' ASSOCIATION.

Although only a short time in existence, the Canadian Authors' Association has already proved itself a very active organization, and has done substantial work for the benefit of the Canadian Author and Canadian literature. The Association grew out of a recent Convention held in Montreal, which was attended by over one hundred Canadian writers, many of whom have attained international fame—such as Basil King, Stephen Leacock, Arthur Stringer, Frank L. Packard, Bliss Carman, Archibald MacMechan, Robert Stead, Madge Macbeth, etc. It has received the cordial support of many who could not personally be present, such as Ralph Connor, L. M. Montgomery, Nellie McClung, Judge Emily Murphy (Janey Canuck), Harvey O'Higgins, Isabel Ecclesstone Mackay, and a host of others whose names are household words in Canadian magazines. Librarians were there, such as Dr. George H. Locke, W. S. Wallace and Hector Garneau—also many of the Toronto publishers. A considerable number of French-Canadian Authors were present, including M. Louvigny de Montigny, and Madame Huguenin, whose writings published under the pen-name of Madeline are exceedingly popular with the French-Canadian population.

The remarkable interest taken in this Association is no doubt due to the growing spirit of national pride, which has evidenced itself so strongly in Canadian life, while a special reason for the Association could be found in the Copyright Bill before the Canadian Parliament, which appeared to endanger the rights of Authors as they had never been endangered before.

A Committee was appointed to study and take action on this Bill, and within a fortnight a report was issued which undoubtedly has carried considerable weight with the Government. Other Committees have since been appointed to promote a number of practical schemes, with the object of increasing the percentage of book-readers in Canada and of enlarging the interest in Canadian literature. Thus, for instance, the publishers have agreed to cooperate with the authors in organizing a Canadian Book Week for next November when the attention of the book-reading public will be concentrated on works by Canadian Authors. This is a month in which a great many people get books to send overseas as Christmas presents, and it is planned also to encourage people in the West to send books by

Western Authors to friends in the East, and people in the East to send books by Eastern Authors to friends in the West. The Association anticipates that if the book-reading and book-buying public is increased in this country, the Canadian author will no longer be tempted to desert his native country for the more populous centers of New York or London, but will find a sufficiently appreciative public at home. Already conditions in this respect are improving, and several Authors such as Arthur Stringer have come back from the United States to live in Canada. A nation without a literature is as hopeless as a man without a country, and the object of the Canadian Authors' Association is to promote a distinctive Canadian literature is truly national in its scope.

## PEARL MARKET IS UPSIDE DOWN

Discovery that Oysters Can Be Inoculated to Produce Gem is Made

GOING ON FOR YEARS!  
Astounding Circumstances Have Thrown London Market Into Panic

LONDON, May 6.—A discovery made by a pearl merchant has thrown Hatton Garden, London, the world market for diamonds and gems, into a state of wildest consternation. Circumstances are comparable to a big land smash and its effects will be world-wide.

The merchant was dissatisfied with the coloring of a single gem which formed part of a Japanese consignment purchased for nine thousand pounds. He cut the pearl open and made the astounding discovery that it had been artificially created. Further examination proved that the whole consignment, which had passed through the hands of numerous experts, was worth less than two hundred pounds. Now the trade in pearls is upside down. It is not known for how many years these artificially created gems, which are obtained by inoculating the oyster with mother-of-pearl, have been coming into the market.

The inoculation method has long been known but hitherto an exterior flaw was visible to the expert eye. However, it is only by cutting open each pearl that the difference between the "truly natural" and "perfectly cultivated" gem becomes apparent.

"We are all in amazement," said a prominent pearl dealer, "we don't know how we stand. I have been for years in the business and cannot detect these cultivated pearls.

The discovery means that a pearl collar in every way as wonderful as one which costs fifty thousand pounds can be made and sold for fifty pounds. The whole value of pearls tumbles into nothing.

SAYS JAPAN PLANS TO FIGHT RED FORCES  
Riga, May 6.—The Izvestia of Moscow prints a report that Japan is planning decisive action against the Soviets.

The newspaper declares the plan includes the bringing of the army of Gen. Wrangel to Siberia by Japan, its army to join the forces of Gen. Semenov, the anti-Bolshevik leader. The Izvestia asserts that the Japanese Military Attache in Paris dined recently with Russian officers there and promised them aid.

## CURIOUS OLD INDIAN LEGEND CENTRES AROUND FARM WHERE GOLD WAS FOUND UP GATINEAU

KAZUBAZUA, May 6.—That gold has been located in the Gatineau district, near Kazubazua, is curious in the light of an old Indian legend still told in that neighborhood. The strike made recently on the Joint Farm showing assay gold value per ton of \$91 is called Little Bonanza Creek Strike and is situated in a deep gully through which runs Little Bonanza Creek.

The legend is that back in the latter years of the eighteenth century the Indians enthroned an idol in the gully. So dense is the surrounding foliage and so high the gully walls, that no sunlight ever shone on the place where the idol sat.

Moved Into Sunlight.  
Misfortune fell on the tribe and the chief stated to his people that "the white man's gold had polluted the gully, and that was why the sun never fell there." The idol was consequently removed to a spot some fifty feet distant in the centre of a small clearing where the sun shone. The fortunes of the tribe immediately improved. The idol was last seen in the glade about forty years ago, by Mr. Robert Joint, Sr., now a man of eighty-five years and father of Mr. Robert Joint, Jr. The latter has staked about half of the gold

mining claims on the Joint Farm. Mr. Joint, Sr., has farmed in this region for half a century. He is now very feeble, but told The Journal yesterday that he was "going to stek on until he could see the gold coming up out of the ground in buckets."

Thinks Fortune Has Smiled.  
The Joint family are convinced that fortune has smiled at last. "It will make no difference with us, however, and we will still live here no matter how well it all turns out," said Mrs. Joint, who does all her own housework and makes the butter for many of the neighbors.

The farm is entirely worked by Mr. Joint and his stalwart sons. Convinced of the presence of gold Mr. Joint and his sons have for some time past spent all their spare moments searching for the precious metal. Last year Mr. J. R. Bowen of this city, leased the graphite mineral rights for this farm from the Joints. Assaying this graphite he discovered silver in paying quantities. Submitting samples to the Government assayers he was informed that traces of gold could be detected. Henceforth he bent all his energies to locate the latter in paying quantities. Judged from the provincial assay reports he has succeeded.

## "POOR DEVONSHIRE HOUSE"

When Devonshire House was sold last year in London, rumor seems to have decided that it was about to become a movie palace. But according to the following London correspondent its future is somewhat uncertain. She writes:

"Poor Devonshire House! What will be its ultimate fate? Now, a whole year after its purchase by Messrs. Holland, Hannen and Cubitt from the Duke, it is still in the market. Gigantic boards now "decorate" its facade on every side, and announce to all passers-by that it is to be sold, "in its entirety or in three sections," plans of which are thoughtfully exhibited in gay colors.

LIGHTNING KILLED COWS AND SHOCKED REST.  
Kingston—Lightning following a pipe line on the farm of Harry Coon at Phillipsville was responsible for the death of two cows in his stable, and shocked the remainder of his herd. The storm passed over, lightning striking Mr. Coon's windmill, tearing up the platform at the base,

"I wonder some enterprising entrepreneur does not turn the various rooms into self-contained suites, for which there is such a large demand. With tennis lawns, putting green, garages, the low-ceilinged hall, with its marble pillars, so full of "character," and famous white marble staircase, surely there are many who would pay handsomely to be able to put up in such a place! And, apart from the aristocratic prestige attaching to the address, its accessibility and indisputable position in the heart of fashionable London would certainly draw Americans and distinguished foreigners in plenty."

The well is about six feet from the woodhouse and kitchen and about eight rods from the barn and stable, which is connected with it by a water-pipe. On entering the building, the lightning killed one cow nearby and another was killed at the other end of the building. The remaining cows were shocked, but recovered. There was no damage done to the building.

## MILK CHEAPER; IS DOWN TO 12

Milk dropped in price today from 14 to 12 cents per quart. The decline is in accord with the usual seasonal slump and with the tobogganing from the H.C.L. as shown in the latter market. Many housewives were surprised this morning to receive two cents more change than expected when the milk man called.

sowing of sugar beets are reported from Essex, which county appears to be further advanced in spring work than any other.

Pastures looked inviting earlier than usual, but when cattle were turned on the grass they did not find so good a bite as was expected, and many animals have been receiving most of their feed in the stable.

The marketing of beef cattle and hogs has slowed up, as prices are not at all encouraging for producers. Hogs have been selling at from \$11 to \$12.50 a cwt; while little pigs have been bringing from \$12 to \$16 a pair.

The milk flow is steadily improving. The Sydenham condensery, in Frontenac, has been taking in about 80,000 lbs a week. Dairy cows in that county are changing hands at from \$80 to \$125 each.

Haldimand states that creameries and cheese factories are reporting an increase business. Norfolk reports a good demand for sound working horses at from \$180 to \$200 each.

Several correspondents refer to injury to some of the early cherry blossoms by frost, some putting the loss at 50 per cent. The late cherries, however, are almost untouched, and practically all the other fruit trees have escaped. Northumberland and Victoria, however, speak of injury to young orchard trees by field mice.

Strawberries, raspberries and small fruits generally have a most promising appearance at present, generally speaking, although Norfolk reports serious loss to black currants and gooseberries by frost.

The agricultural labor situation is clearing up. Durham flatly states that inexperienced men are not wanted. Grenville says: "Some of our farmers have tried new immigrants from Great Britain and seem to find them satisfactory. Halton is of the opinion that the kind of help that of a year ago, Elgin states that farmers in that county who employ married men are mostly supplied."

## SEEDING LATE IN SOME PLACES

Ontario Department Sends Out Crop Summary That is Pessimistic

CLOVER IRREGULAR  
Up to May 1st Only One-Third of Acreage Was in Ground

The following is a summary of reports made by the Agricultural Representatives to the Ontario Department of Agriculture dealing with conditions the first week of May.

Rains during the week have further delayed seeding, especially on heavy and low land. Essex suggestively remarks that the work of seeding is away ahead on tiled fields.

The percentage of spring grains sown so far reported run all the way from 25 to 60 per cent, but while a few are finished, and some have not yet started, it looks as if only a little more than one-third of the intended acreage of spring cereals was got in, up to the 1st of May. Peterboro says that more farmers are treating their seed grain with formalin.

Fall wheat is doing well, taking the crop as a whole. Essex states that some farms on Pelee Island it stands about a foot high.

Clover is more irregular, having been checked in places by spring frosts and heaving. Alfalfa, on the other hand, has been making excellent growth.

Welland says that a large acreage has been sown to sweet clover, mostly for pasturing and plowing under.

Gray reports the plowing up of some sweet clover which had heaved badly.

Planting of early potatoes and the

COAST G.W.V.A. MEETS JUNE 3 AND 4.

VANCOUVER, B.C., May 4.—The largest convention of returned soldiers in British Columbia will be held June 3 and 4, at Chilliwack by the Great War Veterans' Association. It has been announced. Representatives from every part of the province will attend. R. B. Maxwell, Dominion president of the G.W.V.A., will be one of the principal speakers.

The main question to be considered will be amalgamation of all returned soldier bodies. Pensions, the Soldier Settlement Board and Soldiers' Civil Relief will also be live issues.

## A VERY USEFUL SPRAY

Lime Sulphur With Arsenicals for the Orchard.

A Combined Fungicide and Insecticide—Get the Right Arsenate of Lead—Stomach Worm Loss Preventable.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

The time is again at hand for laying plans for the summer care of the orchard and garden, and nothing that can be done will be found to give better paying returns than the careful control of insect and fungus attacks. It has been computed by reliable authorities that an annual toll of 10 per cent. is taken by the inroads of these enemies of the farmer on his various crops and that this loss increases many fold, where proper precautions are not taken. In extreme cases complete destruction of some crop has sometimes been known to occur through failure to give care, or through neglect of the right steps at the right time.

In this connection it will be found that there is nothing that can be done that will give more satisfactory returns on the investment than a small outlay in money and time on spraying and dusting. But it must be done intelligently or time and money will be squandered; and the leading essential here is the choice of the proper remedy and the correct compounding and applying of it.

One of the most outstanding and effective remedies in use to-day is the lime-sulphur solution mixed with an arsenical. This combination gives a combined insecticide and fungicide effect, a team play which is very frequently required during the growing season, insects and fungi often giving trouble at the same time on the same plant. The advantage of mixing the two and applying them together is obvious—the cost of application is exactly one-half what it would be had they to be separately applied.

But care in making this combined spray must be exercised. Some arsenicals cannot be mixed with lime-sulphur. Paris green, long the most popular bug exterminator, and still extensively used where quick results are desired, will destroy fully 35 per cent. of the efficiency of the lime-sulphur wash if mixed with it, and what is far worse, this mixture will badly damage leaves and other tender parts of plants. If, however, there are desired, will destroy fully 35 per cent. of the efficiency of the lime-sulphur wash if mixed with it, and what is far worse, this mixture will badly damage leaves and other tender parts of plants. If, however, there are desired, will destroy fully 35 per cent. of the efficiency of the lime-sulphur wash if mixed with it, and what is far worse, this mixture will badly damage leaves and other tender parts of plants.

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## IS ALLOWED OUT ON \$5,000 BAIL; TO FACE TRIAL

John Alexander accused of assaulting Thomas Carswell of Madoc village, on April 15th was given a preliminary hearing today in police court and committed for trial. Commenced before the county judge. Alexander asked for trial by jury and bail was given in the sum of five thousand dollars for his appearance.

RURAL DEANERY MET IN COBOURG RECTORY.

Cobourg—The Rural Deanery Chapter of Northumberland met at St. Peter's rectory on Tuesday, when the following clergy were present: Archdeacon Davidson and Rev. Dr. B. Rogers of Toronto, Rev. Dr. Blagrove and Rev. Geo. Rousfield, of Peterboro, Rev. T. J. Fenton, Rev. E. W. Pickford of Brighton, Rev. J. T. Belford of Hastings, and Rev. F. A. Heffler of Grafton. Rev. C. E. Clarke, of Campbellford, was elected Rural Dean for the next four years in place of Rev. Canon Sowers, whose term of office had expired. The opening service was held in St. Peter's church on Monday evening, when the sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Blagrove of Peterboro.

Shot Large Bear.

Watertown—A bear weighing 480 pounds was shot by Charles Harris at his farm house at Watertown. Mr. Harris was working in his house when he noticed an object between the house and the barn. Investigation disclosed a large bear. He procured his rifle and opened fire, five shots finishing Bruin.

In the six months ended February 25 U.S. banks lost over \$800,000 in hold-ups and burglaries.

The Roman Catholic Cathedral now building in Washington will cost \$20,000,000 and seat 27,000.

A certain church in New York city provides a plain gold wedding ring free of cost to immigrant couples desiring to get married.

## PUBLIC ME URGES ECO HITSASSES

Resolution Passed Against Increase Belleville for GO SLOW ON

Speakers for and Against Methods—Mplies to Critic

"That this meeting into necessity for expenditure in connection with the contract, unless those necessary be made in the no street paving or la be proceeded with w petition against them assessment for 1921 higher than that of 1920."

This resolution Mr Wallbridge, seconded Elliott was carried at a meeting in the city hall which city affairs we The burden of the against what was called unequal assessment expenditures. Mayor E ede the gathering and hial pointed out the fiscal status of the city Sinclair spoke on council and the assess

Mayor Hanna said most of the resolution the assembly not to pa which virtually prohibi improvements. But th as a unit.

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