LETTER FROM LAGOON

By NED

Lagoon Lodge, July 5.

Dear Johnny:

Well, Johnny, I pried myself off'n the cool verandah just now, where all the bunch is sitting, and come inside to be parboiled and write to you, because you said, Johnny, as how I should ought to write you sometimes while I am over here acrost the pond, on the other side of the world, as you might say, at Centre Island, and give you all the marine news, and I says yes I will, and I would of wrote before this, but had nothing to write about, but here goes now, Johnny.

They ain't nothing occurred yet, at that, to call out the guard about since I come over, but of course I ain't been here much more'n a week. I come over on Saturday, June 28, the big idea being to get cooled off, as you might say. Well, Johnny, I dashed near got froze on Saturday night. B-r-r-r! On Sunday morning I looked outa the bedroom door—all doors here no windows—expecting to see the ground covered with snow, but I was not disappointed for it wasn't. But there was a biting east wind which seemed to nip a chunk outa you every time you went out. I think it musta come direct from Iceland for every body was wearing their furs and mits. But we are at the other extreme now as you might say and hot is a cold word to describe atmosphere conditions.

Well, Johnny, this looks like a washout season for the Island. Every place is filled up and running over, as you might say and everybody you meet looks as tho he had been left a million dollars. Happy? You said a forkful, Johnny! It sure is a great little old summer hang-out and the flowers and grass and trees and lake looks swell.

Every body that can afford it and a lot that can't has a canoe or a boat and them that don't like aquatic sports has lots of other alternatives, such as base-ball, bowling, tennis, and etc. And, oh Gee! Johnny, I mustn't forget the dancing for the old pavilion in the park has a new floor, and you should oughta see the Island natives as I have nicknamed them and the youngsters from the city jazz and tickle-toe and shimee these hot nights. Their innards must sure register some good healthy kicks.

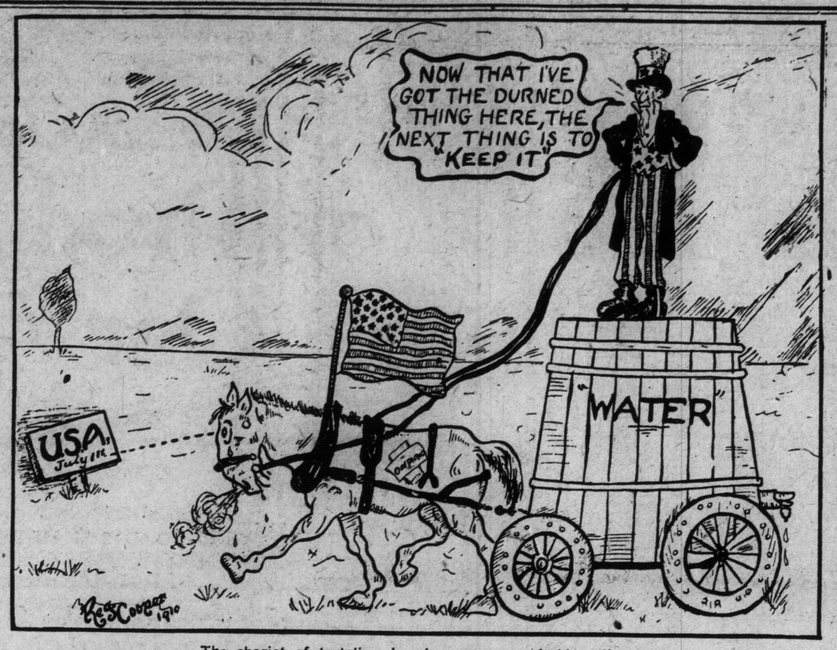
The street car strike kept away a good few folks who didn't want to squander a week's salary on a jitney ride, but on Dominion Day a lotta good sports got reckless with their money and come over and had a good time.

One night I wanted to grab off some fresh air so I sprinted round to Ward's Island to see if there was anything doing there that would set the lagoon on fire if published, and believe you me, Johnny, they's a whole lot of bully good stuff pulled off there every week. The bunch over there is like one big family as you might say, and a pleasant time is had by all. The gang nearly all lives in tents, and take it from me, Johnny, life in a tent takes the winter's ribbon these dog days, as I have named them. I held up a young fella—real nice kid—on the board walk and ast him if he could gimme some news about Ward's, and he says "I'll getcha one of the papers issued weekly by the Ward's Island Association and that'll give you the dope better'n I can." So he went into a tent nearby and come back with the little weekly paper, and take it from me, Johnny, that paper shows pretty well that the Association is no bunch of stand-patters. No, siree! That Association has "Aims and Objects" and these is all to the good. Whadda you think about them having a Mr. Wilson for their President? Listens pretty good, eh? They aim to promote clean, healthy sports, provide recreation and protection to the members, and make Ward's Island the most enjoyable Summer resort on the map. And they never let the game get cold for a minute.

Well, Johnny, the bunch is heading for the blue waters so I guess I'll fall in line. If I'm not too lazy I might write you again some time.

S'long, old chap.

Ned.



The chariot of teetotism has become an veritable roller.

HIS IDEA.

Teacher: What is grass?

"Please, teacher, it is what we must keep off."

CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN "SUNNYSIDE"

Strand Offering is Million Dollar Comedian's Latest Effort.

The postponement of the showing at the Strand Theatre of Charles Chaplin's latest and greatest picture, "Sunnyside," on account of the street railway strike has only served to whet the appetite of the public for this big event. "Sunnyside" will be shown at the Strand on Monday and for the whole of the coming week, and it goes without saying that there will be one of the biggest rushes on record to see it. The Strand management advises that all who can find it convenient will attend the early performances daily.

The greatest of fun-makers never hurries in the making of a picture and the result is that not the slightest possibility is overlooked in getting laughs in a clever way. Every move, every situation, every incident has its significance, and this is particularly true of "Sunnyside," on which the one and only Charlie has worked continuously for seven months. It is the third and best of his famous million-dollar series, and it opens a bigger gap than ever between Chaplin and all the other fun-makers of the screen.

"Sunnyside" is a country village full of funny rube characters and Charlie has the job of hired man for the old hard-shell who runs a combination store, hotel, postoffice, farm, etc. Charlie has a terrible time. He has to get up meals, look after the chickens, bring home the cows, cut the grass on the floor with a lawnmower, and a thousand and one other chores. Charlie undertakes to ride one of the cows, which right away starts in to do a wild-west performance just when the villagers are coming home from church. Finally the animal throws Charlie into a ditch under a bridge. He dreams that a group of beautiful girls appear on the bridge dancing classic dances. They spy Charlie, throw him a rope festooned with roses, and pull him up to the bridge. The nymphs then resume their dancing with Charlie right there doing his share. His burlesque efforts contrasting with the graceful movements of the girls is one of the cleverest incidents in the comedy. Then Charlie wakes up to find himself in the same cold world, and that he has really been yanked up on the bridge by his boss, who, with several other hard hearted individuals, proceed to let Charlie know what they think of his performance of riding the cow and making such a disturbance.

Whatever Charlie does, trouble overtakes him. He falls in love with the belle of the neighborhood. But when he goes to see her the girl's troublesome young brother will persist in sticking around. He gets rid of him by a crafty scheme and he and the girl are having a very large time singing songs at the organ in her parlor when along comes a goat and eats half of the music. Then comes a real tragedy for Charlie. A hated rival appears in the shape of a swell city chap whose car breaks down in the village. Charlie's attempt to doll up in competition with the visitor, even to rigging himself up with a pair of homespun spats, is one of the funniest things you ever saw.

"Sunnyside" will be shown at the Strand daily all the coming week at 11.30, 1.15, 3, 4.45, 6.30, 8.15 and 10 o'clock.

On the same bill the Strand will show Marion Davies in the intensely dramatic production, "The Burden of Proof."

OMSK LEADER IN PARIS.

Paris, July 5.—General Oragomiroff, on a special mission from Admiral Kolchak, head of the Omsk all-Russian government, arrived here today.

CANADA PETROLEUM & REFINING CORPORATION, Ltd.

Authorized Capital $2,500,000 - - - Par Value $1.00

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Gushing Oil Well Struck Near Moncton

Lowest Oil Sands Ever Reached in the Stoney Creek District Are Most Prolific

Oil Gushed Intermittently Over Seventy Feet Above Ground to the Top of the Derrick

An oil gusher has been struck at Stoney Creek. This is the first oil gusher ever found in the Albert County field. It developed in sands as low as 2,622 feet, giving most promising indications of opening up and developing a most prolific field.

There are very few details. In brief the statement is that the New Brunswick Gas and Oil Fields, Limited, in the course of their drilling operations in the Stoney Creek field a mile and a half back from the main road from Moncton to Hillsboro, and about 8½ miles distant in an air line from Moncton, developed this gusher when deepening well No. 18. The well struck the deepest oil sands yet encountered in this field at a depth of 2,622 feet.

While no estimate can yet be formed of the flow of the well, yet it is gratifying to learn that when the oil came in, it gushed or flowed intermittently for a short while to the top of the derrick at a height of over 70 feet.

There are other extensive borings being conducted in the whole territory about which little is being said at the present time. The primary object, of course, is to develop the oil field, but it is hoped gas will also be found for local consumption. **—Moncton Transcript.**

"We Are Following the Drill"

Canada Petroleum and Refining Corporation has already acquired exclusive petroleum search rights on 15 square miles of territory adjoining the holdings of the New Brunswick Oil Fields Company, whose big well is reported in the foregoing news item from The Moncton Transcript.

One of our representatives is now investigating western Canada. Our latest reports indicate the greatest drilling campaign in the history of Canada is about to occur. Shell-Transport, Imperial and other large operators are prepared to spend millions developing petroleum resources.

Royal commission appointed to investigate petroleum possibilities report that Canada probably possesses one of the richest unexplored oil territories on the North American continent.

"Financial Times" item quotes authority as stating that oil deposits of western Canada are sufficient to supply the world for 400 years at the present rate of consumption.

THE DRILL TELLS THE STORY

We Are Following the Drill

Limited Offering of Shares at Par

Buy Into Canada's Wealth---Then Watch the Drill

The Canada Petroleum and Refining Corporation is an all-Canadian enterprise, partial to Canada and Canadian development. Chartered under the Laws of the Dominion of Canada to produce and refine crude petroleum, to build refineries and lay pipe-lines, to operate tank cars, marketing and filling stations, and to buy, sell and transport petroleum and by-products. A live, wide-awake, progressive organization formed in accordance with sound business principles and designed to write history in the petroleum development of the Dominion of Canada.

The decision to launch an undertaking of this nature at the present time is apparently well founded. World-wide interest is being manifested in petroleum development. Millions of capital, thousands of skilled workers, and large Government policies are involved. Oil Rules the Age—and the individual is foolish, indeed, who refuses to recognize the accomplished fact. First, the light of nations; later, the power behind the wheels of peaceful commerce; finally, the vital factor in a world-war. A record, certainly. On land, on sea, in the air, where you will, mankind's marvelous inventions are wholly dependent on petroleum and its constituents. The World Governments learned the lesson of the war—that no great state is secure without assured supplies of petroleum. And so the oil boom occurred—(it did not "happen").

And what of Canada? In this period of Reconstruction and radical changes in International policies, the Dominion is in a decidedly dependent position as regards her petroleum supplies. Canada needs oil, and millions of dividends are going to accrue to the investors whose funds make possible the needed development.

The Canada Petroleum and Refining Corporation, combining patriotism with profit, will participate in those millions. We invite you to join us and "follow the drill."

HOLDINGS OF THE COMPANY

The holdings of the Canada Petroleum and Refining Corporation are International—control of the company will be at all times—Canadian. The operating policy of the company takes into consideration the quick and substantial profits to be made in other countries for re-investment in Canadian development. Thus the company's present holdings include two leases in the banner producing State of Texas, as well as acreage in the famous Mid-Continent Oil Belt of Oklahoma. One of our Texas leases, consisting of 160 acres, adjoins the property of the great Texas Co. and the Empire Co., both widely known for their skill in selecting unusual acreage.

In addition to the property in the States, the Company has acquired exclusive search rights on 15 square miles of acreage in the Province of New Brunswick, adjoining the holdings of the New Brunswick Oil Fields Company, whose gusher well, drilled in about 10 days ago, is reported elsewhere in this statement.

PRODUCING OIL WELLS

The Canada Petroleum and Refining Corporation will be in possession of several oil wells and more than 1000 acres of selected leases as soon as the transfers can be arranged. A great deal of the acreage in this transaction is adjoining or surrounded by producing wells, and deep tests are drilling in the vicinity of one or two parcels. A complete list of properties is contained in the company's prospectus.

PROTECTION AND FAIR DEALING FOR STOCKHOLDERS

In forming the Canada Petroleum and Refining Corporation we have put into effect every conceivable arrangement for the protection of the stockholders. The whole-hearted support of the investing public is essential to the success of the company's extensive plans. We are satisfied that the necessary support will be forthcoming, in view of the severe restrictions placed upon officers and directors.

STUDY THESE RESTRICTIONS CAREFULLY

1.—No officers or directors shall receive any dividend, bonus or other profit on their holdings until the regular stockholders have received 25 per cent. dividends on the par value of stock outstanding.

2.—No officer or director shall receive any promotion stock, either for organizing or otherwise—nor shall any officer or director receive any salary, wages or bonus, provided, however, that in the event of an officer or director being selected as field manager to superintend the company's operations the directors may authorize a reasonable remuneration.

3.—All stock owned by officers or directors shall be placed in escrow, subject to the fulfilment of any contract or agreement with the company, and may not be withdrawn from escrow until the company has been established on a sound, paying basis.

Under the above restrictions no officer or director can profit a penny except through the building of a successful, dividend-paying enterprise. These arrangements apparently embody the last word in guaranteed protection and fair dealing, and it is our earnest belief that the best-informed investors will be quick to appreciate the substantial safeguards thus established.

With this preliminary statement before you, you are invited by successful business men, thoroughly versed in oil operations, to join them in the building of a powerful enterprise, for mutual profit and the best interests of Canada.

TEXAS OIL WEALTH

WHAT THE NEWSPAPERS SAY

TEN ACRES FOR $100,000.

Wichita Falls, Tex., April 29.—A. T. McDonald, J. R. Brewer and others of Electra, have paid $100,000 for 10 acres in the Burk-Waggoner block, while other transfers have been made around these figures, the prices varying with the distance from the Burk-Waggoner or the Golden Cycle wells.

—Oil and Gas Journal, May 2.

LAND VALUES IN TEXAS.

Muskogee, Okla., April 29.—A. C. Trumbo, a banker here, has invested in Texas acreage around Burkburnett and made money. He recently became the owner of a 10-acre lease off-setting the now famous Golden Cycle well. Trumbo paid $11,000 for the 10 acres. Later he sold the lease for $30,000. The purchaser again sold it and several deals have since been made in the ownership of the small tract. The latest sale brought $125,000, Mr. Trumble says.

LEASE FOR $60,000 CASH.

San Angelo, Tex., April 27.—Dr. F. M. Rose, sheriff of Valverde County, has leased the oil rights on his ranch across the Rio Grande from Del Rio for $60,000 cash, according to word received here.

NIPISSING STARTS OIL DEVELOPMENT.

New York.—Actual drilling operations have started on Nipissing's Northern Texas oil lands, according to President Earle.

Thus the greatest silver producer of Canada enters a new epoch in its highly profitable career.

President Earle and the leading oil authorities with whom he has advised are most optimistic regarding the outcome of their new venture.

Of course, the successful proving up of 1000 acres inn Gusher territory would spell millions in profits.

Added to the speculative feature of this oil project is Nipissing's strong position to profit largely by any further advance in the rising silver prices.

Its ore reserves have undoubtedly been largely augmented by the three high-grade strikes on its 346 acres in the heart of the great cobalt silver district. Estimates place the recent addition to ore reserves at from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 ounces.

Those purchasing Nipissing sufficiently before June 30 are entitled to receive not only the regular dividend of 25c per share, but also an extra of the same amount payable July 21.

436 COMPANIES MAKE SWORN RETURNS OF OIL PRODUCTION IN TEXAS

Total Production of Texas Oil in First Quarter of 1919 Was 13,650,230.11 Barrels; Total Value Was $26,988,205.29; All Companies Reporting to State Comptroller for Payment of Gross Production Tax Are Listed With Production and Money Received.

Total oil production in Texas for the first three months of 1919 was 13,650,230.11 barrels. Total value of all the oil produced in Texas during this period was $26,988,205.29.

These figures are official and from the record of the State Comptroller at Austin.

(Note—Complete list will be sent upon request; space prevents our giving list here.)

EIGHTY COMPANIES IN BURKBURNETT DIVIDEND PAYERS.

Dividend Checks Amount to Almost Twice Total Capitalization.

VAN CLEAVE OIL CO. LEADS THE FIELD.

Burk-Waggoner and Fowler Farm Companies Not Included in the Eighty.

Wichita Falls, Texas, June 11. — Eighty oil companies operating in the Burkburnett field have paid dividends aggregating $7,613,800, according to figures compiled by Everett Hughes, compiler and publisher of the Burkburnett and Wichita Falls Oil Development Guide.

The capitalization of the 80 companies included in this list aggregated $4,334,000, making the average per cent. dividend paid approximately 175 per cent. Very few of these companies are more than eight months old.

EXCITEMENT RUNS HIGH NORTH OF DESDEMONA

Leases are in great demand and are getting scarce north of the Moorhead and Davis wells. Development seems to be going in that direction. Mr. D. W. Powers has bought a ten-acre lease in the H. Edgeman tract, and is going to see if he is as fortunate with it as he was on the Skelley Sankey 15-acre tract, which has made him a fortune.—Desdemona Oil News.

CANADIAN COMPANY TO DRILL TEST WELL.

Paint Rock, Texas, April 17.—Jeff Meers, of Brady, is here surveying his oil lease holdings preparatory to locating a well for a deep test for oil. He has a contract with a Canadian company with capital stock of a half million dollars for drilling the well. The contract calls for a 3,500-foot well if oil in paying quantities is not found at a more shallow depth.

The well will be located on a section of the Cora M. Hartgrove ranch about two miles from the Shultz's well No. 2. This well is drilling right along with confidence in the outcome of the well.

$26,000 AN ACRE.

What the ultimate value of Burkburnett property will be is a question. W. H. Newberry sold one acre last week in this district for the neat sum of $26,000. It was the personal property of Mr. Newberry, who is vice-president of the Texas Producing and Refining Company, and the deal came about while he was in the district attending to company business.

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