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Gold Seekers.

PREPARING TO BLAZE TRAIL OF 1923.

(Canadian Press)—In a speech that fired the imagination, thrilled even staid and cautious business men, and brought back memories of the days of '98 in the Klondyke, Rev. Dr. Morgan Genge, pastor of the Central Christian Church of Charlottetown, recently discoursed on the alluring possibilities of the gold strike in Labrador, before the members of the Retail Merchants' Association.

Dr. Genge is a native of Channel, Newfoundland. Before entering the ministry, Dr. Genge hunted the seal and toiled on the Newfoundland Banks in the quest for cod. He is familiar with every harbor in the Ancient Colony and on the iron bound coast of Labrador. He has sailed as master his own vessel trading in the various outposts. He has a wealth of information concerning the climate and physical

features of the country, which he believes is bound to be the Mecca of thousands of gold seeking pilgrims next Spring. He sees a new El Dorado arising in the north-east and draws the most entrancing pictures of the trail of 1923.

The doctor is well acquainted with Stag Bay, the scene of the gold find last Summer. The bay is east of the Canadian Labrador and is under the jurisdiction of the Newfoundland Government. It lies northeast of Cape Charles, about two hundred miles in that direction from the Belle Isle Straits. There is no rail communication. It is about three days by steamer from North Sydney and about the same distance from Charlottetown.

Last Fall the Doctor had a visit from his brother Captain George Genge, master of a Newfoundland vessel. He brought the news that during the summer when the find "was verified, excitement was intense." Now, with the approach of Spring big preparations for the coming boom are under way.

"During past years the Labrador," said the Doctor, "has been considered a barren wilderness, visited only by hunters and fishermen, the latter after the lordly red salmon at the mouths of the rivers. Only a few men ever penetrated into the rocky interior. It was while scouting for lumber that H. C. Bellevue, of Montreal, an old Klondyker, stumbled last summer upon the gold as he followed one of the rivers that empties into Stag Bay, and since then 800 claims have been staked on the Big Brook River, Black Duck Brook and the Camiatack River. The news, kept secret for a time, leaked out, and I have been credibly informed the assays made showed that fifty-six pounds of river silt yielded twenty-two ounces of gold. Some nuggets were found two and a half feet beneath the surface of the sand."

Many of the harbors of the Labrador are very deep and a vessel can lie close to the cliffs in many places, but at Stag Bay the water is shallow, from two to three feet, lending support to the theory that this rock bottom is an alluvial deposit that has been washed down by the streams and freshets of years, when the ice melts in the Springtime.

"I believe," said the speaker, "that placer mining will first be carried on, washing the banks of the rivers and brooks for the precious metal. In fact some of the claims staked are under water."

When navigation opens about the last of May or early in June Dr. Genge predicts that 50,000 people will be at Stag Bay, and the human tide will have doubled in volume in a few weeks.

Newfoundland was bound to be enriched apart from whatever gold was found, on account of the duties on goods which would be imported. The Government was preparing to meet the situation which the invasion of gold seekers would create. The police of Newfoundland were the finest in the world. They are men of splendid physique and were incorruptible; they could not be bought. The inhabitants of the mighty new mining camp which was to grow up mushroom-like, only twelve miles from Anchor Point, Newfoundland, on the opposite side of the Straits of Belle Isle would be guaranteed British law. The wide-open, lurid conditions prevailing in the early days of the Alaskan and Californian gold strike would not be in evidence.

The Northern Labrador after the first of June had splendid weather. The sun shined strongly on the southern frontage, where beautiful flowers bloom. In the southeast, however, there is considerable fog. A motor boat making nine knots could reach Stag Bay in the summer in three days from Charlottetown and owing to the proximity of Prince Edward Island to the gold fields, Dr. Genge sees golden opportunities for its people. The mining camp will want immense supplies including foodstuffs and the "Garden of the Gulf" can therefore find a magnificent market for her products. After November 10th, however, Jack Frost impenetrably seals the Labrador, and everything must be in by that time to supply the camp during the winter. The Maritime ports would have the advantage of Quebec and Ontario as the opening of navigation in the St. Lawrence would be too late for the trade, and there was no way of competing by rail. There was no way of getting supplies to the goldfields by rail. There was no way of getting supplies to the gold fields after the first part of November. The miners were not only to take dog teams and go 1,500 miles to Quebec. It was not only the amount of supplies that the incoming prospectors would buy, but the continuous stream of supplies that must pour into the mining camps all summer that made Stag Bay so important.

to Charlottetown and other ports in the Maritime Provinces.

In addition to the big demand for potatoes, turnips, salt and smoked meats, there would be a rush for thousands of dollars worth of woolen gloves, stockings, underwear, and other clothing, hardware, portable stoves, portable huts that could be "cracked together" in the shortest possible time would be needed. But probably the biggest of all demands would be for canned products. Canned vegetables, in pound tins, canned "dinners" of mixed meat and vegetables would also be wanted.

Opportunities that Edmonton, Calgary, and across the border, Seattle grasped at so successfully twenty-five years ago may be at our door to-day. If any action is to be taken, it should be taken promptly.

Dr. Genge stressed the advisability of Charlottetown merchants buying a steamer or steamers, and assembling supplies immediately so as to be in readiness for the rush to the gold fields when the ice leaves Labrador. There would also in all possibility be a big passenger traffic to that country during the next few months—now was the time to prepare.

As an outcome of the meeting a committee of well known business men was organized to canvass the whole situation and get all possible authentic information that would be of value in shaping their plans.

With the Boxers.

TO MEET A JAW-BREAKER.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Luis Angel Firpo, South American contender for the heavyweight championship, has been matched with Farmer Lodge, of Minneapolis, for a 15-round contest at the charity boxing show on May 12th in the Yankee Stadium. This bout will precede the Jess Willard-Floyd Johnson encounter.

Lodge has earned something of a reputation as a "jaw-breaker" as a result of fracturing the chins of two opponents with knockout punches. He broke Paul Sampson's jaw in the second round of a contest at Madison Square Garden in 1921, and later administered the same punishment to Cliff Kramer in the third round. He is six feet three inches in height, and weight 235 pounds, and has an unusual reach of 83 inches.

BLOOMFIELD BEAT JONES.

LONDON, March 26.—"Soldier" Jones, heavyweight champion of Canada, was defeated at the National Sporting Club to-night in the fifth round by Jack Bloomfield, the British light-heavyweight boxer. The men were fighting for the Empire Cruiser-weight championship.

Jones began the fight briskly and had the better of the first round. After some quick exchanges in the second round, Bloomfield sent left and right to the chin, flooring the Canadian for the count of five. In the third Bloomfield dropped Jones for the count of nine. Early in the fourth session Jones hurt his right hand. Bloomfield, fighting coolly, landed several short hooks to the jaw. Half way through the fifth round Jones retired.

Why the Wind Blows.

What makes the wind blow? Have you ever thought? Wind is air in rapid motion, and is caused by changes in atmospheric pressure. When air becomes heated it is displaced by cooler air, and the movements of these currents at different temperatures leave what are known as "pockets" of space where there is no air. The air rushes with force into these pockets, and by doing so creates a wind.

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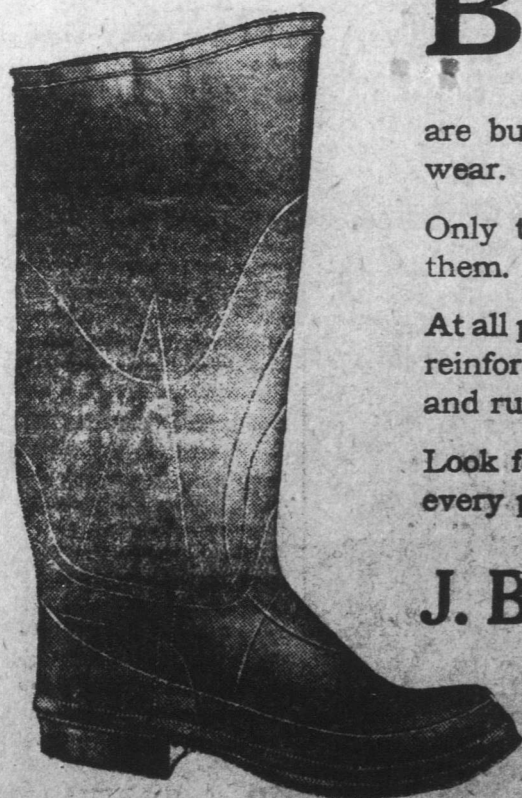
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U.S. PROTECTS EXECUTION. WASHINGTON, April 11. The United States has again manifested its deep resentment at the political methods of Lenin and Trotsky, and as an avowed protest against the execution of the prelateovich, the State Department has drawn the authorization under the Ekaterina Kollin, wife of the Russian President, had planned to sky, and as an avowed protest against the United States.

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