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Geological Changes in the Great Lakes System

OTTAWA Ont., Dec. 4—(Canadian Press)—Chicago's fight for a drainage canal and Canada's fight for the maintenance of the present levels of the Great Lakes raise the interesting geological question of the history of the Great Lakes and the changes that have taken place under natural conditions during the past few thousand years, since the disappearance of the glaciers of the Ice Age, says a statement by the Geological Survey, Department of Mines, Ottawa.

Studies of the raised or abandoned beaches which occur at many places around the margins of the Great Lakes and the old outlet channels connected with these beaches show that there have been many changes in the size of the lakes and that the principal outlet has been shifted from one place to another, though the main outlet of Erie and the upper lakes has remained at Niagara, throughout the greater part of the time (probably 20,000 to 30,000 years) since the disappearance of the ice sheet from the southern part of the Great Lakes region.

The ice sheet which once covered the whole of the Great Lakes region gradually melted back toward the north and for a time blocked the upper part of the St. Lawrence valley, thus ponding the waters in the Lake Ontario basin. The overflow, during this early stage of the Great Lakes, which, however, were much smaller than at present, because a large part of the basins were occupied by the ice-sheet, was southward by way of the Hudson valley to the sea. The flow at Niagara during this stage is estimated to have been only 25 per cent. of the present flow. When the ice-sheet melted back further toward the north the Trent valley outlet was uncovered by the ice and as the land in this region was at that time lower than the Port Huron outlet the main drainage of the upper Great Lakes was diverted down the Trent Valley to the Ontario basin and thence to the sea. At a somewhat later stage a part of the drainage escaped by way of the Chicago outlet to the Mississippi valley and at a still later stage nearly all the drainage of the upper lakes went by way of North Bay and down the Ottawa valley to the Champlain Sea, which then occupied the lower parts of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys. During the times of outflow at the Trent outlet and later at the North Bay outlet the flow at Niagara is estimated to have been only 15 per cent. of the present flow. The outflow at Chicago was probably very small. The shifting of the main outlet from one place to another was due partly to the uncovering by the ice—as it melted back—of outlet channels lower than the more southerly outlets and partly to uplift or tilting of the land, the amount of uplift being greater in the north than in the south. Uplift went on as the ice-sheet gradually melted and is generally held to have been due to removal of the burden of the ice-sheet from the land surface.

Some parts of the Niagara gorge are quite different in general character and size from other parts. The narrow parts are probably due to the small outflows during the times of diversion of the flow of the upper lake by way of the Trent and North Bay outlets. The upper great gorge 24 miles long was formed during the time that the present flow has been maintained and since the diversion of the flow from the North Bay outlet back to the Port Huron outlet. Judging by the rate of recession of Niagara Falls since 1827 it has taken between 3,000 and 3,500 years to form the upper gorge.

One of the most interesting problems in connection with a study of the great lakes is the question whether the uplift which affected the region since the disappearance of the glaciers of the Ice Age has continued down to the present time. One of the most distinguished of American geologists made a careful study of the gauge readings of water levels on the Great Lakes at several widely separated points and concluded that a very slow tilting of the region was going on, that the north shores were being raised and the southern shores drowned. He held that probably in the course of about 3,500 years Niagara would run dry and that the outlet would be shifted from there to Chicago and thence down the Mississippi to the sea. Subsequent investigations, however, have shown that the data used were probably faulty. It seems likely that the uplift which formerly affected the region and is still going on in more northerly regions has entirely ceased in the Great Lakes region, so that there is little danger even in the distant future of a shifting of the outlet from Niagara, at least through natural causes.

It is declared that there are over a thousand fake dentists in the city and Attorney General Sherman declares he will continue the drive against them until they are all either in jail or have been frightened out of the city.

The method by which evidence was secured in the case of one man who is now awaiting trial on a charge of practicing dentistry without a license is a sample of the way the policewomen have gone about the business of trapping the suspects. A woman inspector of the department had previously had her teeth examined and pronounced perfect by an expert. She went to the suspect's office and asked for an examination. After a little exploration with steel prog, the "dentist" concluded in a most sympathetic manner that she "had a pretty bad mouth"; that "five of her teeth had cavities"; that he "could possibly save three of them by filling them with porcelain," and that he "would have to use silver in the other two." He agreed to do the work for \$20.

Just Folks.

By EDGAR A GUEST

THE HUMAN STAGE COAST.
Twenty times a day we go Round about the room just so Stopping here to watch the clock Pausing here a chair to rock Standing here to see the light Off and on, now dark, now bright Here to watch the sunbeam creep On a painted flock of sheep Here's a merry round to make Here's a wonder-ride to take! Same old glorious sights to view Never changed, but always new Starting at the clock we go Off to the joy she's learning to know; She's the driver, I'm the stage Bound for the canary stage.

Nothing must be missed at all. On the shelf or on the wall. This old battered coach must make Every stop for pleasure's sake. "Oo!" she cries, and that's a hint Something she would finger-paint. Wherever we have been There her thumb marks may be seen.

Which is happier, driver—stage, Is it good or evil, halfed and split? Well, her smiles are fair to see, But the coach I'm proud to be, Glad that I can make the trip Out and back with a slip. "Oo!" to her daily stage Bound for the canary stage.

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Another woman inspector present at the time, whose teeth also had been pronounced perfect, then submitted herself for examination. He told her that "two of her teeth were so bad that they would have to come out" and that he would have to substitute a rubber plate and do some other work.

"Lord knows what he would have done to us," one of them commented. "Think of it, our teeth were perfect. I laughed inwardly, but I was frightened. If we had let some of these fellows do everything they said had to be done, we wouldn't have one natural tooth in our mouths to-day; we have to be alert, else there is no telling what damage they will do merely in the course of an exploration. One of our inspectors told a perfectly good tooth at the hands of one of these quacks. He held the inspector down and yanked a molar out in the shake of a lamb's tail before he realised what was happening."

That the courts are alive to the menace these bogus practitioners hold out to the public is indicated by the comment of Judge O'Keefe, of the recent Bronx Special Sessions Court. "I know of no one who could be much more of a menace to the community than an untrained person," he said, "a person not licensed to practice, who seeks to work on persons and make diagnoses and operate on the teeth, mouth and gums. There are so many evils and consequences that may follow unskilled work, as science has disclosed, that it is terrible to contemplate."

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Winnipeg, Dec. 20. (C.P.)—An unusual story of Bolshevik brutality was related by Regina and Margaret Keller, two girl immigrants from Russia, when they passed through on their way to the farm of an uncle in Saskatchewan, says the Tribune. Margaret Keller, 17 years old, told the story.

"Every difficulty was put in our way in Russia clear up to the moment when they boarded the train. Somehow we got separated from our mother at the station, and the train was moving when she started to run for our carriage. We were reaching out to help her in, when a guard cried: 'Here there, old lady, if you can't get into the train, you'd better get under it.'"

"Then—it doesn't seem possible, but it is true—then he deliberately kicked our mother under the train," the girl's voice broke. "We heard her cry out once. I screamed and jumped from the train. She was dead, crushed beneath the wheels."

New York, Dec. (By Canadian Press.)—The Police Department pistol training school in which 11,500 patrolmen received instructions, has just closed for the season after a five months' session. Only eleven of the policemen were rated as sharpshooters. During the session 350,000 shells were used.

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