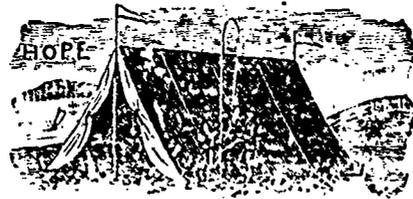


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**Northwest Ontario.**

Pierre Uldevert Barbeau, grocer, Rat Portage, is dead.

Madill & Snelgrove, bakers, confectioners, Fort William, have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on by D. A. Madill.

Fort William Journal: "At the last meeting of the Fort William board of trade, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions calling the attention of the government to the necessity of dredging the river to the depth of twenty feet and piling out the mouth. The "Soo" canal will be open in a year or two admitting the passage of boats of twenty feet draught, and if the Manitoba grain shipper is to be placed on equal footing with his brethren of the western states the Canadian lake port must be made capable of accommodating vessels of the same capacity. The committee was also instructed to embody in the resolutions proposed the suggestion of dredging out and enlarging the different canals between Lake Superior and the St. Lawrence, so that vessels of ordinary sea-going capacity can load at Fort William and go through the chain of lakes, cross the Atlantic and discharge at foreign ports without breaking cargo."

At the last meeting of the Rat Portage board of trade, the committee appointed to arrange for a room for keeping mineral specimens on exhibition reported in favor of a room offered by J. W. Colcleugh, which was adopted. The committee appointed to report in respect to the fisheries submitted the following: "That

the companies located here, employ not less than two hundred men, during the fishing season, most of these men reside in the United States, and but a small proportion of the wages come to this district. That the companies fishing at present under U. S. licenses, are taking fish out of the Lake of the Woods, and that all the money derived from this source or nearly all, is spent in a foreign country. From the information received by your committee, we find that the American citizens fishing in the Lake of the Woods, on the United States side, are annually taking from this lake 1,200,000 pounds of fish, and twenty tons of caviare. That a Canadian citizen cannot get a license to fish, from the United States government, and are therefore debarred from fishing in the waters of the Lake of the Woods. Your committee find, that in all fishing, a large number of the employees are Indians, and think that if the government could be induced to grant licenses, that a large number of Indians, as well as white citizens, could be furnished with profitable employment, and can see no reason why our citizens should not be allowed at least the same privileges in the Lake of the Woods as those enjoyed by the citizens of the United States, and would strongly recommend that the board of trade bring this matter before the government, and urge that fishing licenses be granted in the Lake of the Woods." The report was adopted and a committee composed of C. W. Chadwick, W. Ross and Geo. Drewry was appointed to draft a memorial to the Dominion and Provincial Governments asking them to grant fishing leases on the Lake of the Woods,

**Cheese for England.**

Prof. Robertson, Dominion dairy commissioner, is inspecting finally the cheese which has been made at the dairy experimental stations during the past summer. Part of these are to be shipped to the British markets to be sold in different large centres of population, such as London, Glasgow, Manchester and Liverpool. A special brand "Canadian full cream cheese," has been used on these for the purpose of encouraging the general use of such brand among the best manufacturers in Canada. In his last annual report the dairy commissioner made a recommendation to factorymen in the Dominion to begin the use of such a distinguishing brand of cheese; the purpose in view is to have permissive legislation whereby any factory receiving a make containing at least 31.2 per cent. of butter fat will be allowed to use the brand. Canadian full cream cheese with registered number which will thus become a peculiar and particular designating mark for product of that factory. Some cheeses are also being forwarded from Manitoba to be used in like manner in the English market. The secondary object in making these shipments is to call attention to the excellent opportunities for successful mixed dairy farming in the different parts of Canada, the primary object being to test the object of marketing cheese manufactured in different ways and from milk containing different percentages of butter fat.

Victoria's exact population, according to the municipal census, is 22,981, made up of 19,015 whites, 3,589 Chinese, and 377 Indians.