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**RUSH TO OIL FIELD ON RIM OF ARCTIC**

**RICH FINDS ALONG MACKENZIE RIVER.**

**Tremendous Distances and Short Summer Season to be Cut by Inventions.**

The eyes of the world are rapidly being focussed upon the sub-Arctic region of northern Canada along the banks of the Mackenzie River at a point some fourteen hundred miles from a railroad, from which stretches what now appears may develop into one of the richest petroleum fields in the world. The first news of the immense possibilities became known to the world at large in October, 1920, when a discharged employee of the Imperial Oil Company related at Edmonton, Alberta, how the company had brought in a gusher averaging about 1,000 barrels a day. Edmonton is the city nearest to the strike, a distance of 1,600 miles, but where the recording office for the Northwest territories still is. The news of the new field spread rapidly until by March men in all parts of the world had begun preparing to rush to the sub-Arctic region as soon as navigation opens. The irony of the present excitement is that the knowledge that the Mac-

kenzie River region is rich in oil possibilities is not at all a new thing. Alexander Mackenzie, the celebrated explorer, made much mention of the oil seepages along the Mackenzie 130 years ago, and Sir John Franklin also mentions how the oil exuded from the earth in great quantities. The existence of oil was also known to many men in recent days, but the immense distance of the field from rail head and the tremendous difficulties of navigation and the shortness of the season discouraged any individual or small company from going into this so far field, lying only 150 miles from the Arctic Circle.

**Imperial Oil Co. in Field.**  
 But the Canadian Government geologists had not overlooked the region, and one other concern, unhampered by any lack of means, and to which a few years of waiting did not matter, went into the Mackenzie River region a number of years ago, and for the last five at least, as far as can be known, has kept a number of men at work prospecting for oil. This concern was no less than the Imperial Oil Company of Canada. With the demand for petroleum, and particularly its by-product, gasoline, continually growing to such enormous proportions and to threaten to exceed the supply, it was but natural such a large company should eagerly seek a new field.

So immensely important did the Dominion Government of Canada consider the new field that on January 25, 1921, all previous petroleum and natural gas regulations were suspended by an order in Council. Following this on February 12, new regulations were made known which read: "If oil is discovered the lessee will be allowed to take out a twenty-one year lease for an area of one square mile, the remaining three-quarters going to the Government. That is, though the man discover oil on 2,560 acres, which he is allowed to stake under his permit, three-quarters remain Crown reserve.

**Location of the Strike.**  
 For those unfamiliar with the great

northwest of Canada a good map of the region should be studied while reading the following lines regarding routes into the new field. The oil strike is in latitude 65 N. and longitude 126 west. In this vicinity begins the oil field. The most direct summer route is covered by rail, steamer and land portage. The new railroad into the northland runs some three hundred miles, to near Fort McMurray. Over this, much of which is still skeleton track, a light auto runs on rails. It can travel faster than a train could with safety. Fort McMurray traffic into the great north goes down the Athabasca River, across Lake Athabasca and down Slave River to Fitzgerald, here is a sixteen mile land portage to Fort Smith, on the Mackenzie, which portage is now traversed by modern caterpillar tractors and big lorries.

From Fort Smith, the Slave River, Slave Lake and Mackenzie River offer easy transportation to the Arctic Sea. An alternate route can be taken from Peace River Crossing, travelling via the Peace River to Fitzgerald. Upon both these routes steamers of very light draft, gas boats and flat scow boats carry all supplies and machinery that goes into the north. The Athabasca River opens about May 1, the Mackenzie about May 22, but Slave Lake cannot be depended upon until July 1. For nearly three centuries these great waterways have been travelled by white men, first the voyagers in their canoes and York boats, then the later rivermen in their flat bottomed scows.

Not since the Klondyke rush in '98 and '99, when Edmonton, Alberta, was one point of entrance to the gold fields, has excitement reigned so high. All berths on steamers have been booked for the first trip in the spring. From all parts of the world queries are pouring into the northern metropolises. The Hudson's Bay Company, the historic trading company of the land, received so many queries it had to set aside a special staff to attend to the work. Many firms are working on large orders to go in in the spring.

**Airplane Route Short.**

The feature of greatest interest to the average man and particularly to the historian is the part the aeroplane will play this summer in conquering this last frontier, this fastness of Nature which, but for this strike, might have remained forever the haunt of the Indian and the fur trading white man. The Imperial Oil Company so far has led all others in preparation. It has two all steel monoplanes ready to go north. These machines were flown from New York to Edmonton, a distance of over two thousand miles, in the dead of winter, but though this was a very important event in the way of a cross continent flight, almost nothing was made known of it. The Dominion Government is preparing to put on a seaplane service to carry mail and members of the geological and registry staffs which will go north this spring.

The value of the air route is its shortness, as from Peace River town to the scene of the strike is only four hundred miles in an airline, cutting the distance by river more than in half. The Imperial Oil Company has hangars at Peace River Crossing, Lieut. J. Gaynor and Capt. Fred McCall, two famous Canadian aviators with notable records, have ordered from England two specially designed passenger seaplanes. The quoted fare to the oil fields is one thousand dollars.

**A SPLENDID MEDICINE FOR THE CHILDREN**

Baby's Own Tablets are the best medicine a mother can give her little ones. They are a mild laxative which quickly regulate the bowels and stomach and are guaranteed to be entirely free from any injurious drugs. Concerning them Mrs. A. D. West, Loreburn, Sask., writes:—"Baby's Own Tablets have given me more satisfaction than anything else I have ever given my children. They are easily taken; always work well and though I have given quite a few to my baby they seem to work as well now as at first, which is something other laxatives seldom do." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

**The Best Ford Story.**

It is not perhaps generally known that Mr. Henry Ford keeps a book in which are pasted all the many hundreds of different jokes that have appeared in the American and English newspapers concerning his cars. So far from resenting the sly digs he rather welcomes them, as affording him a good free advertisement, and recently he himself told this one in public, with the added comment that it was the best of the batch.

The head of a government department at Washington (said Mr. Ford) wanted a car, and rang up the garage where they were kept. "Sorry," came the reply. "We've only a couple of Fords in just now." "All right, send one along. And I say, while you're about it, send a squirrel with it, will you?" "Squirrel? What do you want a squirrel for?" asked the puzzled garage keeper. "To pick up the nuts."

Why is it that a man considers his wife extravagant when she spends a dollar and himself prudent when he spends five?

**HOW RHEUMATISM CAN BE OVERCOME**

**Not by Rubbing, But by Enriching the Blood.**

Rheumatism is a disorder of the blood. It attacks people when the blood is overcharged with acid and impurities, thus setting up inflammation in the muscles and joints. Wet weather or cold weather may start the tortures of rheumatism, but it is not the cause. The cause is in the blood. Victims of this malady have every reason to fear the first dull ache in the limbs and joints, followed by sharp pains through the flesh and muscles; these are the symptoms of poison in the blood, which will shortly leave the victim racked and helpless. Liniments, hot applications and rubbing may give temporary ease, but cannot possibly root the trouble out of the system. That can only be done by enriching the blood. This new blood drives out the poisonous impurities, and the rheumatism disappears. If you are a sufferer from this painful malady, begin the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and see how soon the pains and stiffness of the joints fade away. Among those who have benefited by the use of these pills is Mr. Freeman Irving, Baxter Harbor, N.S., who says: "Some time ago my blood was in a terrible condition, leaving me very much run down, and with boils breaking out on my body. To add to my misery rheumatism set in, and I not only suffered greatly from the pain, but could only get around with the greatest difficulty. After trying several medicines without much success, I decided to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial, as they had been warmly recommended to me. I think I used nine boxes altogether, but the results met my every expectation, as both the boils and the rheumatism disappeared. Naturally I feel that I cannot praise the pills too highly."

You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through any dealer in medicine or by mail at 50c a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

**Boy Scout Notes.**

Hamilton's Boy Scout Camp will be held this year at Woodlawn Park, near Selkirk, on Lake Erie. It will operate during the whole months of July and August and an equipment large enough to take care of one hundred boys a day will be installed. Hamilton Troops under their own Scoutmasters will go into Camp at dates now being assigned.

The Boy Scouts Association is now for the first time giving definite recognition to the place of athletics by establishing a new proficiency badge for scouts attaining to certain standards of proficiency along various athletic lines. To qualify as a Boy Scout Athlete a Scout must pass tests including sprinting, jumping, throwing the baseball, chinning the bar, push up from floor, 8-pound shot put, "scout pace," a demonstration of proper method of sitting, standing and running, method of starting in a race and dieting and regular exercise. A different set of standards is laid down for each age group of Scouts, and to hold the badge each boy must re-pass the tests annually.

Another troop which has already started its 1921 camping season is the St. George's Troop, Sarnia. The Patrol Leaders and Seconds recently held a very successful week-end camp on the shores of Lake Huron.

A Scout conference of far-reaching possibilities was held last week in Toronto, the participants being members of the Dominion Headquarters Staff of the Boy Scouts Association and of the National Headquarters staff of the Boy Scouts of America. The primary purpose of the meeting was to decide on the best possible arrangement of material under consideration for use in the creation of new all-Canadian scouting literature. In discussing the possibilities of scouting in general, emphasis was laid on scouting as a community activity, and one of the great character building factors in the life of the nation. To the furtherance of these ideals both the Canadian and the American organizations are directing all their efforts. Several important features of the Boy Scout scheme of organization in Canada have recently been adapted to the needs of the American organization. The most important of these changes has been the establishment of twelve regional councils corresponding to the provincial councils in Canada.

**Might Be Either!**

A certain officer brought home with him from Africa an intelligent but illiterate Kaffir to carry on with the duties of a batman he had learnt in the Service.

One day the officer was reading when he became painfully conscious of Pete constantly peeping over his shoulder.

"What do you want, Pete?" he asked at length.

"I wants ter ask yer a quesham, sah," replied the nigger, grinning.

"Well, what is it?" invited the officer kindly.

"I has seen folks reading books and de like, an' I jess wants ter know which it is yer reads—de white or de black?"

**BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE**

**Proving Up.**

"What right have you to wear that medal for bravery in combat?" asked the officer.

"Best right in the world, sir. I licked the fellow it was issued to."

**How it Worked.**

"We made a solemn compact on the day we were married that in all minor affairs my wife's word should be law, while I should decide all major ones."

"Has the scheme worked?"

"Yees, I think I may say so. No major affairs happen to have cropped up."

**Just Like That.**

Teacher—Thomas, will you tell me what a conjunction is, and compose a sentence containing one?

Thomas (after reflection)—"A conjunction is a word connecting anything, such as 'The horse is hitched to the fence by a halter. Halter is a conjunction because it connects the horse and the fence.'"

**What He Prayed For.**

The pastor was interrogating the bride of the family.

"And do you always say your prayers before you go to bed?"

"Yes, sir," replied Johnnie.

"And what are the things you pray for?" pursued the good man.

"Well," responded Johnnie, thoughtfully, "mostly that pa won't find out what I've been doin' during the day!"

**Wise Willie.**

It was the week before little Willie's birthday, and he was on his knees at his bedside petitioning for presents in a very loud voice.

"Please send me," he shouted, "a bicycle, a tool chest, a—"

"What are you praying so loud for?" his younger brother interrupted. "God ain't deaf."

"I know he ain't," said little Willie, winking toward the next room, "but grandma is."

**Collecting Overdone.**

Miss Madge was making her first trip in a train.

The ticket-collector came along and called for the tickets. Madge readily gave up her ticket.

But later they stopped at a station, and a station-boy came down the platform calling:

"Chocolates!"

"Never!" cried Madge bravely. "You can take my ticket, but not my chocolates!"

**Show a Little Gratitude, Do!**

A captain in the Mercantile Marine, who received much commendation for his wonderful courage and endurance during the war, was asked to address a meeting.

The local mayor spoke first and at considerable length.

When he had finished the audience rose, almost to a man, to leave the building.

The mayor sprang to his feet again and rushed to the edge of the platform.

"Come back and take your seats!" he called excitedly. "Come back, every one of you! This man spent some rotten hours for us during the war, and it is up to us now to do the same for him."

"Whenever you are feeling blue, Something for someone else go do."

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**Population of Paris is 2,880,000.**

The population of Paris based on this year's census figures in sixteen out of the twenty districts is in the neighborhood of 2,880,000 persons, an increase of 40,000 since 1911. But Paris will retain her place in world statistics when the subway and street car extensions are carried out as provided in the greater Paris plan, which, by including the suburbs of the Seine department, will bring the total population to nearly 4,000,000.

**MONEY ORDERS.**

Send a Dominion Express Money Order. Five Dollars costs three cents.

**Naturally.**

Mrs. A.—"My husband admires everything about me—my hair, my eyes, my hands, my voice—"

Mrs. B.—"Well, what do you admire about him?"

Mrs. A.—"Why, his good taste."

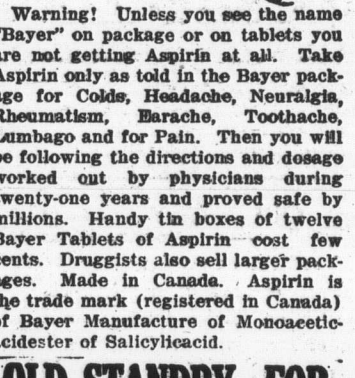
**Minard's Liniment Relieves Distemper**

German guns were recently being destroyed under the Peace Treaty at the rate of 1,000 a week.

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**HEALTH EDUCATION**

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Dr. Middleton will be glad to answer questions on Public Health matters through this column. Address him at the Parliament Bldg., Toronto.

Physical, mental and moral perfection for its people in so far as it is humanly possible is the grand ideal toward which the Public Health organization of every progressive nation is striving. At present the start has only been made in Canada and the number of urgently needed reforms keeps continually increasing the more we see and learn of actual conditions to-day. As Public Health education becomes more and more widespread, the people generally, and the rising generation in particular, will adopt health habits and gradually bring about a higher standard of public and personal health. When improvements have been made in industrial conditions so that work will be carried on under conditions of ventilation and sanitation approaching the ideal as much as possible, when human life, safety and happiness are considered of more importance than material profits and sordid greed for gain; when people know how to live clean and healthy lives and live up to their ideals, then we can get a glimpse of the great goal in view. Though we may never attain to ideal condition, still we can keep the vision before us as an incentive. In the following beautiful words a noted American orator and writer describes his vision of the future civilization: "A vision of the future arises. The aristocracy of idleness has perished from the earth. I see a world without a slave. Man at last is free. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved. Lightning and light, wind and wave, frost and flame, and all the subtle powers of the earth and air are the tireless toilers for the human race. "I see a world at peace, adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled, while lips are rich with words of love and truth; a world in which no exile sighs, no prisoner mourns; a world on which the gibbet's shadow does not fall; a world where work and worth go hand in hand, where the poor girl, trying to win bread with a needle—the needle

that has been called 'the asp for the breast of the poor'—is not driven to the desperate choice of crime or death, of suicide or shame. "I see a world without the beggar's outstretched palm, the miser's heartless, stony stare, the piteous wail of want, the livid lip of lies, the cruel eyes of scorn. I see a race without disease of flesh or brain—shapely and fair, married harmony of form and function—and, as I look life lengthens, joy deepens, love canopies the earth; and over all in the great dome shines the eternal star of human hope." What a contrast between this idealism and what we see to-day! One infant out of every ten dying before reaching one year of age, when in many instances the little life could be saved; approximately 120,000 residents of Canada at the present time more or less afflicted mentally; venereal disease sapping the vitality of thousands of men, women and children; smallpox, diphtheria, and other communicable diseases not properly controlled because the general public in some instances have not yet learned to avail themselves of such protective measures as vaccine and antitoxin; thirty per cent. of children arriving at school age showing physical defects that could have been rectified in childhood; many expectant mothers dying before or at childbirth through lack of medical and nursing supervision; these are some of the problems that are awaiting solution. The prospects are bright, however. The public conscience is being awakened to the needs of our time, and the rising generation is being recognized as the nation's best asset, and good health as one of the roads to happiness. Every Province in the Dominion has an active Public Health Department with an organization equipped to deal with the most pressing problems in Public Health that now confront us as a nation. Moreover, the sphere of Public Health activity is being continually widened, as the need for further extensions of the work becomes apparent.

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