Prospectors Who Struck It Rich And Their Fellows Meet

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TORONTO (CP)—Walter Johnson was there, one of hundreds on the milling convention floor. He made the discovery at Mystery Lake in northern Manitoba which has lead to International Nickel's current $175,000,000 development.

Along came Austin McVeigh. He made the discovery at Lynn Lake, also in northern Manitoba, which led to the nickel-copper operation of Sherritt-Gordon mines.

Then, to join them, came Gunnar Berg. He has made many finds and his name is perpetuated in Gunnar mines, now a uranium company, but formerly operator of a gold mine which Mr. Berg discovered.

The three are here for the convention of the Prospectors and Developers Association, and their impromptu get-together is typical of the meetings and greetings that go on at this annual gathering of the people who find and make Canada's mines.

FARMERS FIRST

The three must represent about 125 years of prospecting and they did a bit of yarning about it.

Mr. Johnson was born in Iceland, came as a child to Saskatchewan, and farmed there until he took up prospecting in 1924. He found little worthwhile until he came upon nickel at Mystery Lake in 1948.

International Nickel paid him $3,000 cash and took an option on his claims for $250,000. When these particular claims, proved low-grade, he settled for $110,000 cash.

Later, the syndicate which he manages—Jay Kay Explorations staked another 141 claims and these were optioned last October to International Nickel for $58,000 of which $119,000 was paid in cash, with the balance to come over eight years.

PRAISES MANITOBA

The syndicate is now operating in Manitoba's Snow Lake area, 90 miles east of Flin Flon, and 1 of their properties — mostly copper and zinc—have been optioned to various companies; and they are doing other geophysical and exploratory work.

Mr. Johnson, who lives at Flin Flon, calls northern Manitoba "the land of the future." He predicts it will produce a mine a year for the next 10 years.

He calls International Nickel's holdings, now much extended from his original find, "fantastic" in both high and low-grade ores.

Mr. McVeigh, who now lives in Toronto, made the Lynn Lake discovery while prospecting for Sherritt-Gordon.

The original surface showing was about the size of a small table cloth, covered by a clump of trees.

LUCKY FIND

The tree roots, however, had lifted up a piece of rock which caught Mr. McVeigh's attention. He reached in with his grub hoe and pulled out a solid piece of pyrrhotite, holding nickel, copper and cobalt.

"Perhaps," he said, "my experience will be an incentive to younger prospectors and teach them that they must look everywhere."

In earlier years Mr. McVeigh worked for northwest Ontario's Madsen Red Lake gold mines, and several of its producing veins are named after him—the Austin vein, the south Austin and the McVeigh.

Mr. Berg was born in Sweden and came to Cobalt, Ont., when he was 17. Since then, he has prospected right across to British Columbia. In addition to finding the Gunnar gold mine in eastern Manitoba, he was in on the original staking around Great Bear Lake which started Canada's uranium future.

OLD CLAIM

Since last summer he has operated in Manitoba, has sold some claims and recently staked a copper-nickel showing southeast of Moak Lake which he originally found 15 or 20 years ago.

Summing up nearly 50 years of prospecting, and what it takes, he said:

"I have had my share of luck and I have seen some wonderful country.

"You have to like to be in the bush by yourself and to get acquainted with nature. You have to want to see what is in the next hill.

"You need the knowledge and experience to detect mineral structures when you see them. From there on, it's hard work. If you are lucky you will find something good."

Like Mr. Johnson, Mr. Berg said northern Manitoba is going to be "terrific."

He described International Nickel's holdings at Mystery and Moak Lakes as the most important discovery in Canada in a generation. He added:

"It's so huge they won't talk about it."

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um subsidy to be paid by Ottawa is $100,000.

Mr. Cullen said the Island will give every consideration to buying as much from Newfoundland as possible. "We want to make this a two way proposition, if at all possible," he said.

The Minister stated that every effort will be made to secure a small boat for the North Shore run to Seven Islands and other points. He noted that the Island was under a serious handicap by trying to compete with Quebec farmers who ship their products by water on subsidized boats.

R.R. Bell: "Can we competa with the Quebec farmers in this market?"

Mr. Cullen: 'There are some things in which we cannot compete but on the other hand there are certain Island products which are in great demand . . . potatoes, turnips and butter particularly."

ROADS

Mr. Cullen said the transportation picture would not be complete without making mention of provincial highways. He said farmers are just as much interested in good roads as they are in agriculture itself. Because without good roads to transport their produce they are under a tremendous handicap. He said the Trans-Canada Highway was a direct benefit to the farmers of the Province and all the money spent on roads directly benefited them.

The Minister observed that with the deterioration of rail service in the Province, more and more dependence would be placed on trucking. "I would even suggest that we economize in our Department to give the Minister of Highways more money to spend on roads," he said.

"We might be led to believe from various speakers that in Prince Edward Island all the people got up and left the farms while in other Provinces they were good little boys and stayed where they were," said Mr. Cullen. Making reference to the Bureau of Statistics report covering the period 1941-1951 in regard to decrease in farm labor force, he stated that only one force lost more than P.E.I. while at the same time Island production remained third for all Canada. The general population during this period increased by 6,000.

Turning for a moment to the Gordon Commission Report, Mr. Cullen observed, "It seems to me when we educate our youth and send them to other parts of Canada, the Federal Government should, as suggested in the report, transport them in style.

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me to state that the districts of Morell Rear, St. Patricks Road, Bangor, Greenwich and St. Peters Harbour were among those still waiting for power. He said electricity lightens the labors of the farmer and magnifies his pleasures.

SPEECH AMENDMENT

Dealing with the Opposition's amendment, Mr. Douglas said he could not see how the Government could be accused of inertia when such improvements as were noted in the Department of Health, Welfare, Education, Highways etc., could be seen.

Mr. Bell: "That is not the motion. It refers to the Government's dealing with Ottawa."

Mr. Douglas: "You say one thing one year and the next year you say the very opposite. The Trans-Canada Highway which the Conservatives promised in 1935 is now about three-quarters completed under the Liberals."

Mr. Bell: "Are you satisfied with the tax-rental agreement?"

Mr. Douglas ignored the last question of the Opposition Leader and went on to speak of the English attitude toward the Suez situation. He said England lost a lot of prestige over this incident and there are those who would like to have Canada lose prestige too, he said.

He did not think that England should worry over whether Canada would come to her aid in the case of another war. "There are many who have received a medal for the defence of England and they would be quite willing to do it again," he said.

4-H CLUBS

Mr. Douglas had some words of high praise for the work being carried on by 4-H clubs in the Province. He said these clubs under the direction of Mr. C.K. Clay afforded a wonderful opportunity for boys and girls to learn about the care of stock and at the same time gave them an opportunity to express themselves on the public platform.

He said he was happy to note that one of the boys in his district, Garth Coffin, had won a trip to the Royal Winter Fair and Mr. Wayne Cameron had won a similar trip last year. The Head of Hillsboro calf club won the Island debating championship and Miss Joan Douglas had won the public speaking contest.

The member from Second Kings said he could not see how the farmers of the Island could turn out the Liberal Government at the next election. "They were never happier, they are getting good prices. The fishermen are getting good prices and good catches and now they are going to get unemployment insurance."

Mr. Douglas made reference to the achievements of Mr. Tom Kickham, enumerating the various wharves, breakwaters, boat harbours public buildings which he had got for Kings County. "Now the Federal Government has seen fit to honour him by making him an observer at the United Nations."

GEORGETOWN

Miss Joyce Fogarty of Boston, Mass., is visiting at her home in Georgetown Royalty.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Layboit of Georgetown recently took up residence in Charlottetown.

Mr. Wendell E. Stewart of Charlottetown, representing Canadian Oil Companies, Limited, was a business visitor to Georgetown on Tuesday, 26th.

Mr. Adrian Bradley, foreman in charge of the dismantling of the Potato Warehouse at Georgetown, spent the past week-end at his home in St. Teresa.

Mr. Louie Reece of Mexico City, who is a student at St. Dunstan's College, was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Batchilder

Mr. Gus Anchin of Newfoundland, who is a student at St. Dunstan's College, was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Soloman.

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MURRAY HARBOUR NORTH

Mr. Laurie MacLure, Charlottetown was a recent visitor to Gaspereaux, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Wendell Graham and Mr. Graham.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lawrence McHerron on the death of her mother, Mrs. Ernest Griffin, who passed away in thhe King's County Hospital on February 19th.

Miss Jessie Nicholson, Milltown Cross, was the recent guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Kennedy before leaving for Halifax where she will train for a "nurses-aide" in Camp Hill Hospital.

Mrs. Herbert Llewellyn spent several days in Montague, the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. Higginbotham.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Johnston are sorry to hear their young son, "Freddie" is ill and wish him a speedy recovery.

Messrs. Wendell and Grant Graham recently returned from a business trip to several U. S. A. centres.

The Women's Institute sponsored a successful bean and ham supper in the local hall on Wednesday evening, February 13th. After the supper dancing was enjoyed to music supplied by Kemp and Freida Reid. Proceeds were in aid of the school.

Congratulations to Clow Bros., who recently opened their new general store opposite the old stand which was unfortunately destroyed by fire. The new store is on the ground floor of the warehouse which has been completely renovated and presents a very pleasing appearance.

Miss Sybil Millar, Hunter River, spent the recent week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Millar.

Mr. Marvyn Johnston has returned home after spending several months in Dartmouth, N.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown and infant son, Moncton, N.B., spent several days with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Llewellyn.

The many friends of Mr. James A. Clow are sorry to hear of his illness and wish him an early return to good health.

Rev. M. C. Currie attended the Canvasser's Training School held recently at Knox Presbyterian College, Toronto.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Neil MacSwain on the death of her husband who passed away at his home in Murray River.

Mr. Rae Kennedy recently returend from a business trip to Sydney, N.S

On Thursday afternoon, February 14th, the pupils and several pre-age school children enjoyed a Valentine party in the classroom. After the exchange of valentines the children played games Dainty refreshments were served by the teacher, Mrs. Donovan Kennedy, assisted by the older pupils.

Mrs. John Giddings, Cambridge, who has been a patient in the King's County Hospital has returned home.

Mrs. Carl Currie recently spent several days wth her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dalziel, Charlottetown.

Mrs. R. A. Kennedy has received the sad news of the passing of her brother, Lockwood Gray in Regina, Sask., following an illness of several months. Mr. Gray spent a number of years in Murray Harbor North while his father the late Rev. Andrew Gray was pastor of this congregation. The sympathy of the community goes out to Mrs. Kennedy in her loss.

Friends of Mr. David Reid regret to learn of his illness and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Everett Condon has returned home after a brief visit with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Jamieson, Bangor, Maine.

A large number of music lovers from Murray Harbor, Murray River and Murray Harbor North, assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Johnston recently with Mrs. Johnston as pianist, a most enjoyable evening was spent in community singing. Delicious refreshments were served by several ladies.

At the annual meeting of the Murray Harbour North Young People's Society, the following officers were elected: President, Betty MacLure; Vice-President, Sammy Johnston; Secretary, Garfield Graham and Treasurer, Laird King. The project is to place carpet in the aisles of the church. Plans were made to show films in the local hall and sell lunches at a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvyn Johnston were among those who witnessed the capping and candlelighting exercises at the Cundall Home, where their daughter, Mary Francis was one of the 19 preliminary students to receive her cap.

—A.O.

SENTENCE PRIEST

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters) —A Greek Cypriot priest who admitted sheltering terrorists including Gregoris Afxentiou, No. 2 man in the EOKA organization, was sentenced Tuesday to three years in jail. Afxentiou was killed in a gunbattle Sunday. The priest, Papachristodoulos Avgousitis, 47, admitted Afxentiou had visited his home often, as had other EOKA men.

POPULAR GIFT

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BACON ENDS THICK SLICES OF LEAN MEAT LB. 39c
PORK CHOPS LEAN TRIMMED TASTY LB. 59c
BONELESS COD SALT COD LB. 35c
CORNED BEEF OUR CURE SWEET PICKLED LB. 19c

FLAVOR PAK ISLAND PEAS 2 20 OZ. TINS 39c
KELLOGGS SPECIAL K PKG. 27c
CO-OP BROWN OR WHITE BREAD 18c
DOWNY FLAKE SUGARED DO-NUTS DOZ. 39c
VERDONET WITH APPLE STRAWBERRY JAM 4 LBS. 59c
A MEAL IN 7 MINUTES KRAFT DINNER 2 PKGS. FOR 29c
DELICIA—10 OZ. BABY CLAMS TIN 29c
STAR OF THE SEA CHICKEN HADDIE 2 TINS FOR 39c

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SWEET PICKLED NECK RIBS – lb. 19c
SHIRRIFFS—GRAPE, BLACK CHERRY Jelly Powders 3 FOR 19c
HUNTS CHOICE—28 OZ. APRICOTS TIN 39c
HAWIAN SLICED—28 OZ. PINEAPPLE TIN 39c
SEALECT—15 OZ. TINS STRAWBERRIES TIN 29c
THE BETTER SHORTENING FLUFFO 2 LBS. FOR 59c
FRASERS SWEET MIXED PICKLES 24 OZ. 29c
DAISY FIVE STRING BROOMS EA. 98c
TROPIC ISLE—4 LB. TIN MARMALADE 59c
WOODBURY'S SPECIAL Toilet Soap 4 BARS FOR 29c
DR. BALLARD'S HEALTH DOG FOOD 2 TINS FOR 25c

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