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"GROWING WITH THE NORTH"

THE BEGINNINGS: THE ALGOMA CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Ben Boyer, a prospector, discovered in 1897 an outcropping of hard hematite while prospecting for gold in the Michipicoten country. He recalled that he "was on top of what seemed to be a mountain. Across the lake was a swath of brownish-red that ran from the water's edge to the top of the cliff. I had found a vein 300 feet wide, and 100 feet high from the water's edge."

Unable to develop his property, Boyer offered to show the location of the find to Francis Clergue, a knowledgeable American entrepreneur & promoter from Maine, for the sum of five-hundred dollars.

As president of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company with a capital of \$117 million, Clergue was interested in developing further industries at Sault Ste. Marie using regional resources; hydro-electricity from the St. Mary's River, pulp and paper from the spruce of the Lake Superior highlands, and steel from hematite deposits.

To exploit Boyer's discovery Clergue incorporated the Algoma Central Railway in 1899 and constructed a 12 mile mineral transportation line from Michipicoten Harbour to the hematite site, named the Helen mine after Clergue's sister.

In 1900 approximately 50,000 tons of the estimated deposit of 30 million tons of ore were shipped to Michipicoten Harbour. Here, the Algoma Central Railway Steamship Line operated a regular service importing supplies and shipping the ore to blast furnaces in Sault Ste. Marie.

Clergue also decided to build a railway from the Sault to a point near Hawk Lake, then northward to open up the vast mineral and pulpwood resources of the interior. In spite of the difficulties of glacier abraded hog backed hills, numerous lakes, bogs, and stream valleys, the Algoma Central Railway completed fifty-six miles of track from the Sault by 1903, as well as six miles between Hawk Junction and the Josephine Mine.

In spite of severe financial

setbacks, the Algoma Central Railway was constructed to Hearst by 1914. By 1918 the railway had handled nearly three million tons of high grade iron ore produced from the Helen Mine. The Algoma Central Railway was well on its way to profit and success.

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Liquor Control Act

LOST HUNTER

An officer with Hawk Junction, Ont. after the Wawa O.P.P. received a call re hunter.

Upon his arrival learned that David of Hawk Junction, persons had been h 171 ACR & Manitow.

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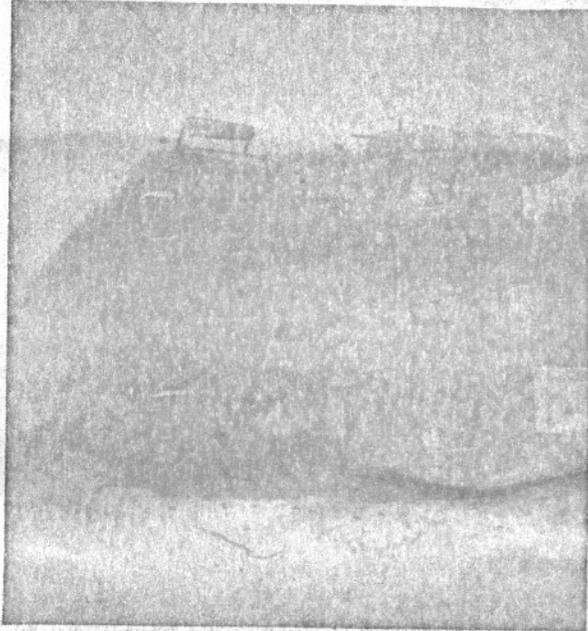
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All these prepar abandoned however received from Hawk that Mr. Skouris ha the bush and had no ill effects from h

BUS ROLLS OVER



Themis Kopsaftis, age 24, was taken to hospital yesterday morning following an accident, in which the bus he was driving from Wawa to Sault Ste. Marie rolled over.

A few passengers were on the bus at the time of the accident but their injuries were not determined at press time.

The investigating O.P.P. officer was unable to obtain details of the accident from the driver at the hospital, Tuesday morning.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



TOWNSHIP of MICHIPICOTEN

WAWA, ONTARIO

A total of 64 general occurrences were handled by this Department during the past week.

Two minor motor vehicle accidents resulting in \$50. damage were reported.

Two thefts and a shop-breaking occurrence, with a total value of \$310.75 being stolen, are currently under investigation by the Department.

Three charges under the Criminal Code of Canada, four under the

MOTORI

HERE'S A DOUBLE HOLIDAY TRIP, WHICH THE NEAR FUTURE WILL AROUND THE CORNER. CERTAIN YOUR CAR IS ORDER AND CHECK YOUR HABITS. BY CHECKING IN PROPER CONDITION YOURSELF ENJOY TRIP BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT IS YOUR OWN DRIVING FORGET-GOOD DRIVING KEEP YOU FROM BEING COLLISION.

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