

## MANY PREPARE FOR RUSH TO OIL FIELD IN MACKENZIE BASIN

(By Associated Press)  
EDMONTON, Alberta, June 9.—Fortune seekers from all parts of Canada and various parts of the United States are gathering for the dash into the far north oil and mineral fields when navigation opens about the middle of June.

Edmonton, Fort McMurray and Peace River Crossing, the latter two gateways into the MacKenzie river basin oil fields, are showing signs of activity, with large fleets of river steamers and gasoline boats getting ready for the short summer transportation season.

Edmonton railroad yards are jammed with freight for north points, and both Fort McMurray and Peace River Crossing are experiencing unprecedented prosperity and bustle, all coming from the first wave of the oil boom.

### Population Doubles.

The little town of Fort McMurray has already doubled its population since last fall and with the opening of navigation it is expected to reach four times its previous size. Many new buildings are being erected, while along the banks of the river, boats, scows and lumber craft are being constructed.

Peace River Crossing also is garnering its share of the rush. This town is the temporary headquarters of the government parties going into the north country this year, in addition to oil prospectors. Ten government parties are getting ready at Peace River or have already taken the field from this point, including four topographical, three geographical and one astronomical survey parties. Another government party will make an exhaustive report of the possibilities of the new oil fields.

River men say they will be able to handle all freight offered for northern points, recent heavy rains having filled northern streams and solved the problem of low water which threatened to tie up navigation to the MacKenzie fields.

### Traffic Is Growing.

In the meantime the activity at Fort McMurray and Peace River Crossing is growing in intensity daily. Every train to the north is crowded and travelers from both points say that accommodations are at a premium. One party leaving here for Fort McMurray took along their own bedding and shelter tents, reports being that they would be unable to obtain them at arrival. River craft are taking the water daily at both these points.

That dominion authorities anticipate some difficulty with parties of "Chechakos" or newcomers, in the country is evident from the stringent regulations governing entry into the new lands.

### Police Pass on Applicants.

All police points manned by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, oil seekers and others are compelled to show their entry permits. These permits are not issued unless the applicants satisfy the police patrols, composed of hardened "mushers" and "sour-doughs" that they are physically capable of enduring hardships, are properly equipped for the long journey, and are assured of being able to return to civilization at the end of the season's work. Failing in this, they must show that they have a grub stake sufficient for a full 12 months or that they have the necessary orders on the trading posts already established to carry them through for a year's supply of food.

Thus far few applying for permits have been refused by police officials.

Later on, when the real rush begins, police officials say, considerable weeding out will have to be done.

The 16-mile portage between Fort Fitzgerald and Fort Smith is expected to show considerable congestion when the rush starts, old timers say, notwithstanding the presence of 50 teams and several powerful factors which have been sent to this strip of land to cope with the influx.

The two natural routes leading to the Fort Norman fields are via Peace River Crossing and Fort McMurray. There are two other routes, however, which would land the travellers in the new fields from six weeks to two months earlier than by either the Peace or McMurray lines, but both these routes call for long portages and considerable outfit.

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### PART FOUR

It was already dark when we reached the old University City. Holmes took a cab at the station, and ordered the man to drive to the house of Dr. Leslie Armstrong. A few minutes later we had stopped at a large mansion in the busiest thoroughfare. We were shown in, and after a long wait were at last admitted into the consulting room, where we found the doctor seated behind his table.

He argues the degree in which I had lost touch with my profession that the name of Leslie Armstrong was unknown to me. Now I am aware that he is not only one of the heads of the medical school of the University, but a thinker of European reputation in more than one branch of science. Yet even without knowing his brilliant record one could not fail to be impressed by a mere glance at the man, the square, massive face, the brooding eyes under the thatched brows, and the granite moulding of the inflexible jaw. A man of deep character with an alert mind, grim, ascetic, self-contained, formidable—so I read Dr. Leslie Armstrong. He held my friend's card in his hand, and he looked up with no very pleased expression upon his dour features.

"I have heard your name, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, and I am aware of your profession—one of which I by no means approve."

"In that, Doctor, you will find yourself in agreement with every criminal in the country," said my friend, quietly.

"So far as your efforts are directed toward the suppression of crime, sir, they must have the support of every reasonable member of the community, though I cannot doubt that the official machinery is amply sufficient for the purpose. Where your calling is more open to criticism is when you pry into the secrets of private individuals, when you rake up family matters which are better hidden, and when you incidentally waste the time of men who are more busy than yourself. At the present moment, for example, I should be writing a treatise instead of conversing with you."

"No doubt, Doctor; and yet the conversation may prove more important than the treatise. Incidentally, I may tell you that we are doing the reverse of what you very justly blame, and that we are endeavoring to prevent anything like public exposure of private matters which must necessarily follow when once the case is fairly in the hands of the official police. You may look upon me simply as an irregular pioneer, who goes in front of the regular forces of the country. I have come to ask you about Mr. Godfrey Staunton."

"What about him?"  
"You know him, do you not?"  
"He is an intimate friend of mine."  
"You are aware that he has disappeared?"

"Ah, indeed!" There was no change of expression in the rugged features of the doctor.  
"He left his hotel last night—he has not been heard of."

"No doubt he will return."

"Tomorrow is the 'Varsity football match."

"I have no sympathy with these childish games. The young man's fate interests me deeply, since I know him and like him. The foot-ball match does not come within my horizon at all."

"I claim your sympathy, then, in my investigation of Mr. Staunton's fate. Do you know where he is?"  
"Certainly not."

"You have not seen him since yesterday?"

"No, I have not."

"Was Mr. Staunton a healthy man?"

"Absolutely."

"Did you ever know him ill?"

"Never."

Holmes popped a sheet of paper before the doctor's eyes. "Then perhaps you will explain this received bill for thirteen guineas, paid by Mr. Godfrey Staunton last month to Dr. Leslie Armstrong, of Cambridge. I picked it out from among the papers upon his desk."

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The Morning Sun U. P. church will observe Children's Day at the church Sunday morning, June 12th.... The Wright reunion will be held Saturday, June 11, at the home of Eve Jeffers.... The Young People's and Intermediate classes of the Quaker Ridge church motored to Richmond, Sunday and spent the day at Glen Miller.... Children's Day will be observed here at the M. E. church Sunday evening, June 13. A special program is being prepared.

BROWNSVILLE, Ind.—Mrs. Everett Stevens and children spent Saturday afternoon in Liberty with relatives....

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Miller, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. West were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Christ, Sunday.... Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Parks and son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Parks.... Mrs. Earl Rankin returned Monday after a week's stay with her parents in Kentucky.... Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Parks, Mrs. Rollo Parks and son, Chester, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Parks and sons and Mr. Charles McDougal attended

Decoration day services at Boston, Sunday afternoon.... Mr. and Mrs. Harry Copp and family of Oxford, O., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDougal, Sunday afternoon.... Mrs. George John spent Saturday with friends in Connersville.... Mr. and

Mrs. Bert Walting of Abington, Miss Ruth Parks, and Carl Miski motored to Boston Sunday afternoon and attended Decoration services.... Helen Comer of Liberty, spent last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Stanley.... Dr. and Mrs. Sol Selmer, of Richmond, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ameke Stanely.... Mrs. Sophia Winters and Mrs. Lydia Davis are spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winters.... Children exer-

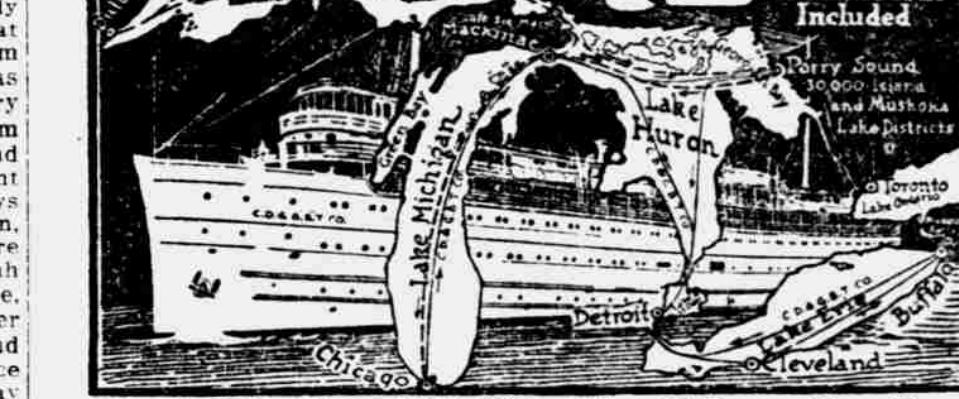
cises will be held at the M. E. church Sunday evening, June 11.... Mr. Ed Hawas, of Cincinnati, spent Friday and Saturday here.

DUBLIN, Ind.—Children's Day exercises will be given at the Friends' Church Sunday evening, June 12, at 7:30 o'clock.... Wiley Phellis came Sunday evening for a few days visit with his sister, Mrs. C. E. McKee and Mrs. G. E. Moore and families.... A number of friends went to the home of Miss Beulah Sherrod, Friday evening and gave her a surprise in honor of her birthday.... Genieve and Roberta Riser returned Monday evening from a visit with relatives at Indianapolis.... Rev. Strickler and family were entertained at dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith.... Mrs. John Lawrence has been ill the past week.... Miss Mary Cain has taken a position with a firm in Indianapolis as stenographer and book keeper.... Miss Vera Byba went to Shirley, Monday for a few days visit with friends.... Leonard Dean, of Laurenceburg, spent Sunday here with the Champ family.... Mrs. Sarah Huddleston left last week for Howe, Ind., for an extended visit with her son, Rev. Le Roy Huddleston and family.... Elmer Laymon and neice Crystal, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Spiceland.... Dr. and Mrs. Conner, of Redkey, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Conner.... Mrs. Ward Elsey who was quite ill, is reported much better.... Miss Marie Hayden returned Sunday from Indianapolis when she attended the alumni program at the Blind schools last week and visited with friends. She dined with Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Knowles, at Philadelphia recently.... A number from here attended the district missionary convention of the M. E. churches at Lewisville, Tuesday and Wednesday.... Mrs. Bert McBride was sent as a delegate from here.... Mr. Walter Woodward and family and Mrs. Mary Woodward spent the week-end with relatives at Indianapolis.... Mrs. James Stultz and baby, of Indianapolis, are here this week visiting her mother, Mrs. Steffenson.... Preaching services at the Friends' and M. E. churches next Sunday at 10:30 o'clock and at the U. B. church Sunday evening, June 13.... Mrs. Frank Watson, of Lewisville, spent Tuesday with relatives here.

ANTIOCH, O.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kisting and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Kisting, all of Dayton, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Swope and family.... Mr. and Mrs. Earl Caskey were callers Tuesday at the George Swope home.... Mr. and Mrs.

George Snyder and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Koontz were entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. George House and family.... Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wenger, of Dayton, and Mr. and Mrs. James Potter were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Potter, Sunday.... Mrs. Vena Thomas of Dayton, is visiting with relatives here.... Mr. and Mrs. William Lethiser and son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Morrow and family, of Lewisburg.... Mr. and Mrs. Bert Call and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wysong and family of West Florence.

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