

Mayor suggest special meet

There are some who are only too eager to hit the road and head along the Porcupine Trail in search of gold -- or at least that portion of the trail within Iroquois Falls municipal boundary.

But while they are in favor of the trail project, Iroquois Falls Council members don't believe in rushing along the trail.

The trail began at the former railhead at Kelso, which was destroyed by fire in 1916. Men and equipment were once

hauled along the trail by wagon teams to the gold camps of the Porcupine.

Many local people, including the committee of rural owners - in particular Mr. Arnold Boyd of Porquis - have urged that the trail be opened as a historic site, tourist attraction nature trail - take your pick.

The superintendent of Monteith Industrial Centre, Mr. D. Griggs, has indicated that if he can obtain necessary per-

mission from Queen's Park he would like Monteith inmates to work on the trail.

The trail topic was introduced by George Critchley at Monday's Council meeting.

He mentioned no names, but said some people were making land title search of the trail.

"I think we should progress to get easement over some of these properties he told council."

"If we get easement, then it would be the direct responsibility of council," said the Mayor.

"Undoubtedly," stated Councillor Critchley.

"I think before we get into this, we should have a special meeting with people who will help on this.

"I am certainly in favor of the trail, but I don't know whether we are legally entitled to operate this as a tourist attraction."

Councillor said he didn't know whether the trail would actually be used as a tourist attraction.

Councillor Percy Burton said council had already sought government assistance for the trail project.

No help had been forthcoming said the Mayor, although the idea had not been turned down.