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Thinks Game Laws Unfair to Settler

H. A. Preston Considers Regulations
not to Benefit of People in North
or to the Government-owned
Railways.

The following letter, in H. A. Preston's own inimitable style, was received this week for publication:—
Schumacher, Ont., Oct. 16, 1932
To the Editor of
The Advance, Timmins.
Dear Sir:—I have read where the partridge season has been extended in the area all south of main line of Canadian Pacific Railway (private-owned). Non-resident moose hunters, as well as resident, will be allowed to kill so many along that railway to Heron Bay on Lake Superior. I believe this is one good way to take business from our C. N. R. and T. & N. O. Railways. All our hunters who patronize private-owned railways are not entitled to more game and privileges than those who buy their tickets from government-owned. Then is it fair to all the settlers in the far North, including hundreds of new ones, who have just been placed up here at the time a cold winter is near? Why are the people along government-owned railways not as much entitled to a few extra partridge when they need them ten times more than the hunters from the South and when the birds are just as plentiful as anywhere? These settlers would be tickled to have many moose that will be left in the woods to rot by the hunters who come north just to get a big set of horns and return home south, while the settler lives all year round in the north and many of them miles from a doctor. They are asked to preserve the forests and game, and then in return are not allowed as much as southern city hunters. If things go on this way I am sure our government-owned railways will never be much better. A fine thing for this new North to make it hard for its settlers to live! Game laws stricter for them and road up the rocks of Lake Superior to take the tourist trade from them! That sure is building up the North.
Yours truly,
H. A. Preston

P. S.—Mr. Fox and Mr. Weasel, as well as Mrs. Hawk and Mrs. Horn Owl should get fat during the coming winter on the partridge of this North along government-owned railways, seeing that these birds are to be protected from the guns of settlers.
Next Spring when Mr. Black Bear comes out looking for the settlers' young pigs and sheep, someone will claim that the bear should be protected. Is everything to be in favour of the animals of this North? The writer was alone in Porcupine in 1909 for two weeks and at that time there were millions of birds, moose, foxes, bears. Look at Porcupine now and think if it would have been better not to allow mining to go ahead and build up several towns, just to preserve some game to suit those down-south city folks? Lots of them think it's fun to see how many fish they can catch and leave on the shore. This has been proven—H. A. Preston.

While sympathizing with much of what Mr. Preston says about the settler it is only fair to note that all the preservation of game is not for the down-south city folks. Nor is all the waste and injury contrary to the game laws by these same city folks. There are many hunters in the North who are just as anxious to have game preserved as any in the South. The preservation of fish and game is a national duty not a matter for sectional or local privilege. The building of towns and cities do not rid the country of game or fish in this land of great areas. The coming of industries and settlement would in itself simply drive fish and game to other areas. The fish and game would not be lost. It is the poor sports, from North and South alike, that destroy fish and game. There may be excuse for the settler driven by need when he breaks the regulations. As a matter of fact the authorities have shown little disposition to bother the settler in the matter, except in cases where it is felt that he is seriously menacing fish and game by improper and selfish methods. The general opinion is that if settlers shot partridge or moose or caught fish for their own use there would be little material injury done. It was not settlers who recently broke the law in regard to the open season for partridge, in some cases shooting birds by the dozen before the season opened and thus leaving the law-abiding with little chance. The Advance has not heard of people coming from the South to slaughter partridge during the close season; but much has been heard of so-called sportsmen in the North doing this very thing. The Advance is very strong for the settlers, but at the same time this newspaper believes the game laws should be observed in the general interests of the country.

Huntingdon Gleaner:—The relief committee of Blind River, Ontario, has a knotty problem on their hands. A woman, who is contemplating marriage, has asked the committee to assist her with her trousseau. Fawn gloves and stockings, and a hat to match with a veil carrying forget-me-nots are her requirements. The committee is puzzled as to whether to accede to her request or take the chance of providing her with groceries and rent throughout the winter.

CAR SLIPS OFF SCOW AT TWIN FALLS, BUT DRIVER ESCAPES

Last week a coupe car owned by Louis Valliere, Ansonville, slipped off the scow at Twin Falls and went into the water. Mr. Valliere, who was driving the car at the time, was fortunate in being able to escape from the car before it hit the water. He had a narrow escape. At first it was thought that the car could not be recovered, but it was rescued by means of a wrecking crane last week and it was found that it was not seriously damaged.

NORTH BAY V.O.N. ABLE TO CONTINUE ITS GOOD WORK

With the balance of a city grant and other money recently received the Victorian Order of Nurses at North Bay is able to carry on. Further financial aid has been promised by a city organization, and with the backing of the public it is hoped that the North Bay V.O.N. will be able to continue its good work as before. At a recent meeting of the North Bay V.O.N. it was stated that unless something happened for the better it would be necessary to discontinue the work, despite the value of the same to the people of the city. Headquarters of the V.O.N. strongly urged against any dropping of the work, but the local workers faced a situation that they felt they should not be asked to carry. With the balance of the grant from the city and the other assistance received, however the North Bay V.O.N. is now able to continue its good work.

COBALT MAN GIVEN SALARY IN PLACE OF HIS HOLIDAYS

E. W. Asseltine, town foreman at Cobalt, was last week granted two weeks' salary in place of holidays that he did not take on account of work he thought should be looked after at the time. Councillor Jos. Nadeau was the only councillor dissenting from the proposal in this regard, the motion being made by Councillor Presse. Councillor Nadeau got into a somewhat heated controversy with Mayor Markwright in the matter over some remarks made in the discussion. Cobalt has always been more or less famous for these heated discussions in municipal circles. They are, perhaps, inevitable in any council on rare occasions, but Cobalt has more of them in a year than many municipalities have in a lifetime. In his talk to the council last week, Councillor Nadeau argued that the four permanent town employees at Cobalt "had not felt the depression," and he favoured giving them work one after the other, splitting up their jobs, and allowing unemployed men a few days work each. He favoured allowing the town foreman to have a holiday, but wanted the salary to go to some person engaged in his absence for the work. The other members of council thought this unfair and poor policy and felt that it would not mean enough in saving for the town to justify the injustice to permanent employees. It would simply be one of those plans that apparently promise a benefit but in reality are after all poor economy.

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KIRSWELL BRAY, NORANDA, PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 5

The Northern News says:—"Kirswell Bray, an employee of the coal plant at Noranda Mines, passed away on Wednesday, October 5th, after a short illness. Typhoid fever was the cause of his death. The deceased returned to his home in Cornwall, England, last year and was married during the visit. He had intended bringing his wife out to Canada before Christmas of this year. Joseph Harvey, a cousin of the deceased came to the funeral from Porcupine, Ont. About one hundred friends and fellow employees attended the funeral, which was conducted by Rev. G. Addie."

ASSAYER AT THE ASHLEY PASSES AWAY AT COBALT

"The death has taken place at Cobalt of James W. Austin, assayer at the Ashley property of the Mining Corporation of Canada, who had been in ill-health for about two months past. Mr. Austin came out from the property in vacation, but when his condition became more serious, he was not able to return and his wife was sent for from Vancouver, and she had been with him at Cobalt since. Mr. Austin was about 55 years of age, and he had been with Mining Corporation for more than a year past, first in Cobalt and later in Matachewan. Surviving are his widow, a son and two daughters, all living in British Columbia. The body has been sent to Vancouver for burial, Mrs. Austin accompanying it.

Toronto Mail and Empire:—A correspondent suggests that we overlooked an opportunity not likely to recur when we failed to remark that Dr. J. J. Banting, jail governor of Barrie, took Insull-in.

WOMAN WANTS CHANCE TO GET BACK AGAIN TO TIMMINS

In the police court report of The Northern News, of Kirkland Lake, last week there appears the following paragraph:—"Magistrate Atkinson revealed solicitude for the welfare of Lillian Mulchuk, of Timmins, who faced him on a vagrancy charge, after the woman pleaded for a chance to return to Timmins. She had been picked up by township police, wandering about aimlessly in Kirkland Lake. Accordingly the case was held over for a week in the hope that someone might help Mrs. Mulchuk realize her wish to get back to her home town."

ONTARIO PARTRIDGE SEASON IS EXTENDED FOR FIVE DAYS

Hon. George H. Chalmers, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Game and Fisheries, in the latter capacity announced a five-day extension for hunters to shoot partridge, prairie chicken and grouse. In the district south of the French and Mattawa river and Lake Nipissing, excluding Bruce, Grey, Simcoe and York Counties and the counties lying north and west of Leeds, Grenville, Dundas, Stormont, Glengarry and Carleton Counties, and the area south of the C.P.R. from Toronto to Merrickville via Peterboro', Tweed and Smiths Falls, the extension is extended from Nov. 5 to Nov. 10. The season is extended from Nov. 1 to Nov. 5 in the section north of Lake Nipissing and the French river and south of the C. P. R. main line to Heron Bay, on Lake Superior. The daily bag is set at five and fifteen per person per season, and the use of dogs in hunting birds is not allowed.

SPEED AND ACCIDENTS ARE IN DIRECT PROPORTION

Motorists who clamour for the removal of speed limits claim that it is not speed in itself but that it is reckless or incompetent driving that is responsible for so many distressing highway accidents. But a member of the staff of the National Safety Council of the United States, Curtis Billings, argues in the Atlantic Magazine for October that the increase in the death rate due to motor accidents coincides with increases in the power and speed of motors in that country. With the coming of fast cars and broad, paved roads the notion became fixed in the minds of motorists that speed in itself is not dangerous. "That notion," he says, "is as fallacious as it is alluring." Having reviewed the statistics on the subject, Mr. Billings quotes one engineer as saying: "The faster a vehicle is going the more damage it can do because its energy increases as the square of its speed. That is to say, if the speed is doubled the force of the impact in case of accident is four times as great. This is a common-sense as well as an engineering view to take of the effects of increased speed. The significance of the argument lies in the fact that it comes from an expert engaged in Safety First work—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. T. Benby and young son were visitors to friends in Timmins last week.

Northern Ontario Boy Scout Meeting

Scouters' Conference to be Held at North Bay, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28th and 29th. Some Details of the Event.

Some details are now available in regard to the Northern Ontario Scouters' Conference to be held at North Bay on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28th and 29th. A letter from the Boy Scouts Association, Provincial Council for Ontario, Toronto, last week, bears in red ink the special message:—"Please urge the local leaders to try and make North Bay."

The letter gives the following details of the Northern Ontario Scouters' Conference, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28th and 29th, Assistant Provincial Commissioner Frank Irwin signing the letter:—"The conference will commence on the Friday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. Registration desk will be ready for business at 1 p.m. If you reach North Bay earlier, use the morning for sight-seeing.

"The dinner session on Friday evening will start at 6.30 p.m.

"Saturday sessions will be held in the morning commencing at 10 o'clock and in the afternoon commencing at 2.30. The afternoon sessions will close at approximately 5 o'clock—in time for most delegates to reach their homes (or get started on their way to them) that night.

"Billets (for bed Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning) will be provided by North Bay hosts to all who ask for them in advance.

"Graduates of Gilwell courses will hold a special Gilwell luncheon on Saturday at 12.30 p.m.

"Make Your Own Programme.—All sessions are to deal with subjects the delegates want to discuss. You are invited to ask in advance for any subject you would like to have placed on the programme. As far as time and other circumstances permit provision will be made for all suggested discussions. At times the conference will be divided into separate sessions for Cub leaders, Scout leaders, and Rover leaders.

"Blue postcards are provided for you to say in advising headquarters that you intend to be at the North Bay meetings, that you want a place reserved for you at the dinner, whether or not you want a billet, a hotel reservation or will make your own arrangements re accommodation—and a space is provided for your programme suggestions. Please fill out and mail your post card as early as possible so that our North Bay hosts may be informed as to how many guests they are to provide for.

"Our North Bay Scouters extend a very hearty invitation to you and your associated Scouters to be with them on this occasion. And personally I second their invitation as I am anxious to meet you at North Bay for a chat over Scout prospects in your community during this new season of activity."

MATHESON BOY INJURED IN ACCIDENT ON THE HIGHWAY

The Matheson correspondent of The North Bay Nugget writing that paper last week says:—"On returning from Toronto on Sunday last with a truck load of apples, Archie McChristie was forced into the ditch when passing another car going in opposite direction, near Huntsville, the truck upsetting into a creek, pinning his two young sons under the load of apples, as they were asleep on a mattress on top of the apples. When recovered from the icy waters the boys were almost paralysed with the cold. One of them remained unconscious for nine hours after which, and following the doctor's advice, he was able to continue on his way home. With Mr. McChristie was his daughter, Elizabeth, who was returning from her holidays and escaped injury. She was with him in the front seat of the truck. The other son is none the worse for his experience."

PLANS FOR SETTLERS IN THE NORTH UPSET BY STORMS

A despatch yesterday from Quebec says:—"A severe snowstorm in the Temiskaming district has offered a setback to the arrangements which have been made by the Provincial Government to send there the families of the men who have gone into that country with some of their sons to prepare habitations for the winter. Reports received by the Provincial Department of Colonization to-day are that the storm is of a violent nature, already 15 inches of snow have fallen, and the storm is still in progress. The department reports that fortunately all of the colonists are sheltered in homes which they have built or which have been put at their disposal. Fifty families which were to have left Montreal to join their relatives in that district to-morrow night will be held back until weather condition change, it is announced by the department.

Toronto Mail and Empire:—The nine Nassau County, N.Y., policemen who were accused of having murdered a prisoner by giving him the third degree have been cleared of all criminal charges. It seems as difficult to prove such charges as it is to convince the general public that they are not well founded.

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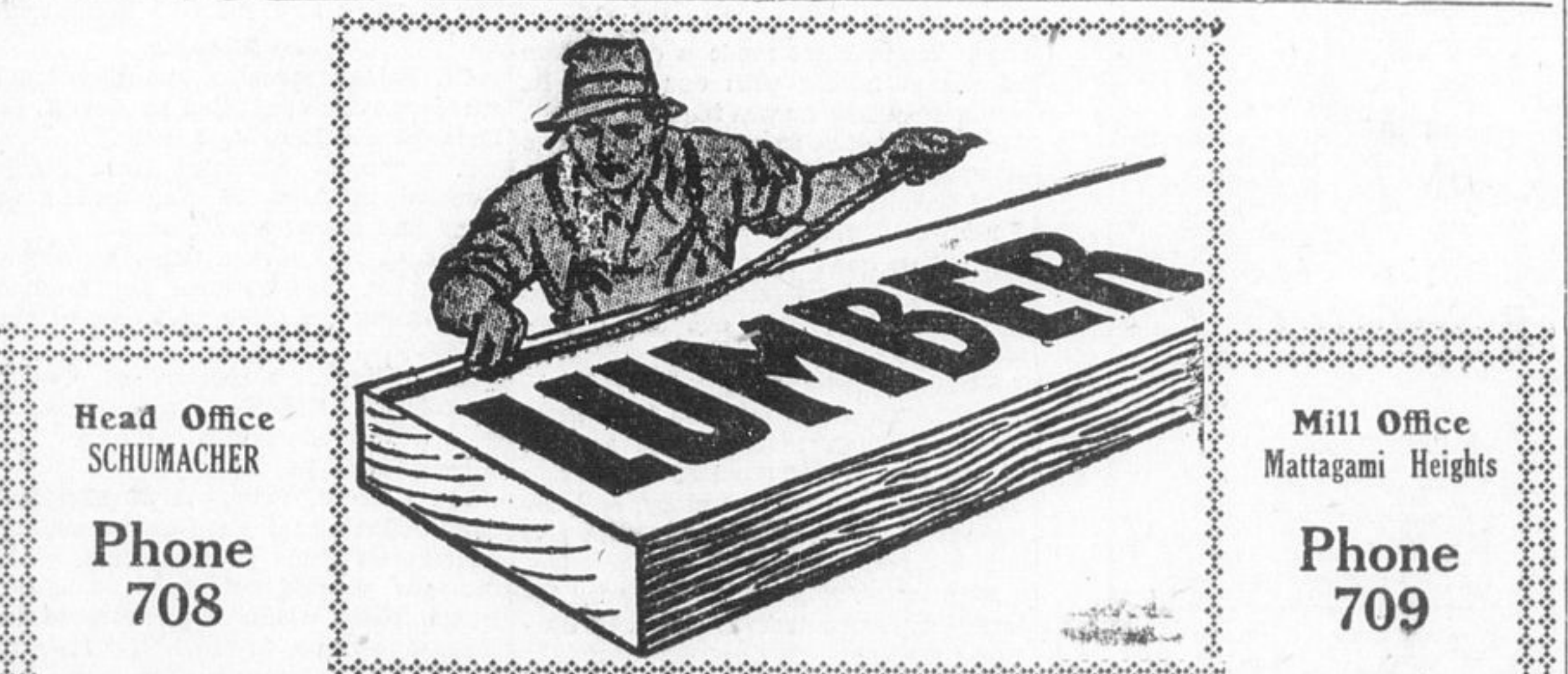


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