

Motor League Holds First Annual Show

Minister of Lands and Forests and League President Are Guests at Banquet

The motor exhibit which opened Wednesday, April 9th, at New Liskeard Curling Rink was a surprise to those attending, as it excelled, according to some of the distinguished visitors present similar exhibitions in much larger places. Practically every make of car which is sold in the district was represented and in most cases the various models as well. Over forty beautiful models were shown.

At 6.30 those who wished to attend the banquet, sat down to a bountiful repast prepared by the Women's Institute. There were about 150 present and probably more would have come in if there had been room. As it was, quite a large number of spectators continued to throng the arena during the entire evening.

Music was supplied by the Blue Room Orchestra and community singing indulged in, led by Mr. Chas. Eplett. Mr. J. W. McKinlay acted as chairman in a very acceptable manner, and called on Mr. A. J. Kennedy, M.P.P., and Mr. F. E. Thompson, secretary-treasurer of Temiskaming Motor League, to introduce the speakers of the evening, Hon. Wm. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, and Major Chas. King, of Kingsville, president of the Ontario Motor League.

Mr. Kennedy stated that he had been associated with Mr. Finlayson since 1923, and the only time they had a disagreement was when he (Mr. Kennedy) asked for more money for the North Country. He expressed himself as always ready to help in advancing the interests of the Motor League or any other worthy cause.

Mr. Finlayson congratulated the Motor League on their splendid exhibit, and the Ontario Motor League on having a man like Major King at its head. The co-operation of the Motor League has been of great assistance to the government in various ways, as also the Boards of Trade and it is hoped that in May a member of the Toronto Board of Trade will visit here. These visits, he said, were of benefit to all concerned and the year always sure of a welcome in the North.

Probably the greatest asset the country has altogether is the settler, and in this respect the country is making steady progress. The government is now trying out an experiment of exchanging land, acre for acre, with settlers in certain parts of Ontario with a view to improving

their condition—taking land off their hands that doesn't produce a living and giving them something better. A number of these are in the vicinity of Charlton, and if the experiment proves a success, say in five or six years, it will be gone into on a larger scale. The policy of the government is to cultivate good Canadian stock, rather than reach out for foreigners in large numbers, some of whom would no doubt prove undesirable and a burden, instead of good citizens.

Speaking of roads, Mr. Finlayson said he had no apology to make as to progress for the four years he had been at the head of the Department. The Ferguson Highway will eventually be a road worthy of the name and will constitute one of the main highways of Ontario. Another will be right across the continent from ocean to ocean, and the speaker hoped to be connected with the government until these are accomplished.

The government has now taken over some 14,000 or 15,000 miles of roads in Northern Ontario; nearly 5,000 miles of this total, trunk roads. They plan to make a first class road from the Soo to Ottawa, and to have the road from Cochrane to Hearst open this fall, if not completed.

In introducing Major King, Mr. Thompson outlined the work of the Motor League, especially that of keeping the road open during the winter, and asked the support of every car owner in the district.

Major King gave an account of his work in connection with the Motor League, from the time he joined the Essex County Motor League until he became president of the Ontario organization. He has enjoyed the work and has given a great deal of his time to it, without remuneration, and paying all his own expenses, as all the presidents had before. What they have done they have done gratuitously and because they have the interests of the motorists at heart. As the Ontario Motor League has only about 28,000 members, but the province has some 550,000 motorists, there should be more members.

Mr. R. S. Taylor, on behalf of the Temiskaming Motor League, and speaking in place of Mr. W. A. Gordon, K.C., of Haileybury, who was unable to be present, made two requests of the Northern Development Branch. One was that the road from New Liskeard to Cobalt be rebuilt or re-surfaced in 1930, and the other that the same road be kept open in the winter by the Department.

In reply, Mr. Finlayson said that he welcomed criticisms and suggestions. He was well acquainted with the road from New Liskeard to Cobalt, had been over it in all kinds of weather and was well aware of the necessity of

re-conditioning and re-surfacing, but could not promise it for this year. To make a permanent road of this ten miles or so, would cost from \$100,000 to \$125,000, it being difficult to get the best contractors to come up here. The Department would be willing to pay half the cost of the centre 20 feet of a permanent roadway through New Liskeard, this being their policy for trunk highways running through towns.

As for keeping the road open during the winter, this could hardly be attempted at the expense of the Department, as that would necessitate doing the same thing in many other places and the expense would be prohibitive. It was considered wiser to spend the money which is available, for good roads to be used by the great majority than to use a large proportion of it for keeping certain sections of the road open for the use of a very few persons. The Department would, however, be willing to assist in buying whatever machinery was necessary to do the work, if the municipalities or some other organization would do the rest. The only places where roads were being kept open during the winter were those in the extreme south of the province, where there is usually little or no snow and some winters it is no expense at all.

The laundry machinery for the ne whospital was received yesterday and was moved from the railway to the building provided for it at the rear of the main building. One machine weighed four tons and two teams were required for the moving.

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North Cobalt Notes

The Girls' Club, under the direction of their leader, Mrs. Barker, held a very successful bazaar on Friday afternoon. The ten tables were in charge of Misses Margaret New and Alice Byberg, Easter Novelties, Misses McConnell and Davies, Candy, Misses Kearney and Davies, Fancy Work, Miss Gaynoll Davies and Peggy Page, Home Baking, Misses Byberg and Sadler, Grab-Bag, Misses Warner and Pirie, Fish Pond, Miss Irene Curry.

The quilt was won by Mrs. Ericsson and the cushion by Mr. Totten. Proceeds, \$77.50.

The special services being held by Rev. John-New in the United Church are being very well attended. Mr. New held a similar series of meetings last week in Latchford, when they aroused great interest.

Mrs. G. Bougie and Mrs. E. Proulx, of Kirkland Lake, who have been visiting their mother, Mrs. Albert St. Cyr, have returned home.

A local motorist advises us that it is now possible to drive to Silver Centre, the snow being all off the roads and only one or two bad spots causing any trouble.

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