

Conservative Member Says Tour Creates Understanding

Temiskaming's Conservative member of the Provincial House, Bob Herbert, who accompanied the touring legislators on their recent Northern Ontario tour said this week that there was no doubt in his mind that the visiting party had been greatly impressed with what they had seen and that in time to come, this first-hand knowledge of the country would create better understanding towards ironing out Northern Ontario's problems and progress.

Moreover, the legislators encountered a country of warm, friendly people. Everywhere, Mr. Herbert said, they were received in true Northern fashion which led to high praise for our hospitality.

"We must remember", Mr. Herbert said, "that every constituency has its problems. When the opportunity presented itself, Mr. Herbert pointed out to his fellow legislators the immediate needs of the district.

In the mining areas, new and better roads must be built; in the farming areas, roads must be kept ploughed to link up scattered communities in the winter months; in the tourist area of Temagami, a liquor store must be built to meet the demand for supplies, particularly from Americans who are obliged to turn around and go back to the Bay or on to Cobalt to make their purchases.

Knowing the North as well as he does, the most interesting stop for Mr. Herbert was his first visit to Moosonee where they saw the beautiful new sanatorium on the Island. Servicing some 5,000 Eskimos and Indians who have access to an X-ray service once a year and are brought to the hospital, the 250-bed hospital has at the moment 270 patients. Often, plates show that many have been afflicted and are self cures. The town itself is small, with tents in the majority—houses that were built for the natives were torn down for fuel in preference for the tent life.

At every stop the tour was well planned and left nothing to be desired. At Smooth Rock Falls they saw the Smooth Rock Falls Pulp and Paper; at Iroquois Falls visits were made to the Abitibi plant and through the surrounding areas where the company is spending \$250,000 on public works—fire hall side-walks, telephones and giving free land to encourage workmen to remain in the area. From Kirkland, they went to the Kerr Addison Mine and back to Timmins where the Board of Trade banded members over the Warren Lake road where the government is to complete a 10-mile extension. The Mountjoy Timber lumber mill was next on the schedule and back to Timmins for the official opening of the Northern Ontario Exhibition. Later many went underground at the McIntyre Mine to the 7,000 foot level, the deepest that any of them had ever been.

At A Chapeau, the welcoming committee subjected the members to a dusty drive over a nightmarish road and impressed them with the potentiality of the surrounding areas if a good road was built.

The tour wound up in New Liskeard, visiting the Wabi Iron Works, Hill-Clarke-Francis, the hospital and the farming area where separate schools recently completed or under construction

in Uno Park, Thornloe and Earlton were inspected. The Fall Fair at New Liskeard was another highlight.

In Haileybury, visits were made to the Morissette Diamond Drilling Company, where members witnessed actual drilling in limestone and diamond setting, and to the Provincial School of Mines. The trip to Cobalt took them through the Hellens Mining and Reduction and the Silver Miller mill.

In conclusion, Mr. Herbert said that the entire journey was an education in itself and that members had been surprised and enlightened as they never would otherwise have been except by a handfirst-tour such as they had



BOY SCOUT NEWS

"Can Anyone Here Swim?"
A desperate shout of "Can anyone here swim?" brought prompt action from Christopher Carr, 14, of Westmount, P.Q., recently at the wharf at Kingston, Ont.—

fully clothed, Carr dived into 18 feet of water to rescue Eleanor Smith, 7, and Veronica Dillon, 13, of Perth, Ont., who had fallen off the wharf while waiting for a ferry.

More and More of Them
Canada now has 138,908 Boy Scouts, which is an increase of 10,148 over the 1951 total of 128,760 and the highest Canadian membership total in the history of the Movement. In 1950 there were 117,680 Scouts in Canada. The 1939 total was 95,083.

Expect 50,000 at U.S. Jamboree
The Boy Scouts of America are preparing for 50,000 Boy Scouts to attend the 3rd National Jamboree of the B.S.A. at the 90,000 acre Irvine Ranch near Santa Anna, California, from July 10th to 17th, next year.

Canadians Lead Tiny Troop
What is probably the smallest Boy Scout Troop in England's smallest county is reported under the leadership of two former Canadian Scouts. L.A.C. Agmar Larsen, formerly King's Scout in RCAF No. 1 Fighter Wing at Nelson, B.C. and now with the North Luffenham, England shares the leadership of a three-Scout Troop there with ex-Rover Scout Roger Montpetit of Montreal.

Schumacher Girl
Sonja Henie Show
After a three month holiday

spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jenkins of Schumacher, Audrey Jenkins is again on the road that leads to fame, color and adventure. Audrey has left for San Bernardino, California, where she has become a member

of the cast of the ice extravaganza known as the Sonja Henie show, one of the best of its kind on the continent. Miss Jenkins is a former member of the Porcupine Skating Club, having learned all the intricacies of the art from

Madge Austin Saunders and Peggy Curry. She is the holder of her bronze and silver medals in both dancing and figures.

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