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Ontario Northland Railway Bids For Liquor Licence

A special meeting of the Ontario Liquor Licence Board was held recently in Kirkland Lake to deal with an Ontario Northland Railway application for a licence to serve liquor on its trains.

The board reserved judgment on the application, but railway officials are confident that approval will be given.

This would allow the sale and consumption of liquor on lounge, dining and restaurant cars, and the consumption of it on sleeping cars.

The privilege was granted earlier this year to the CNR and CPR. Official announcement on the ONR request will be made from Toronto, possibly after a full LLB meeting.

Special meeting was called to hear the ONR application, presented by W. G. Perry, Q.C., of North Bay. It was followed by the regular annual meeting of Region 14.

The more than 130 hotel owners in Northern Ontario made application at this for renewal of their licences. Approval of all was expected.

Most renewal applications were made in writing, but owners whom inspectors had caught in any infraction of Ontario liquor laws had to appear personally.

Twenty-four thus appeared — including two from Timmins, four from Kapuskasing, and six from Kirkland Lake. Infractions were described by board members as not serious.

North Bay Spiel

North Bay rinks won two of three events in the men's opening 'spiel in the Gateway town last week-end, but a Haileybury quartette grabbed top honors with a win in the main event.

Connie Vachon skipped the Haileybury rink to victory, keeping the Bay curlers from sweeping through all events.

He was well supported by vice-skip Ron Morissette, second Bill Grozelle and lead Jack Murphy.

Last Period Rally Falls Short of Tie Irish Outlast Cubs

New Liskeard Cubs passed up the chance to pull even with the league-leading Holy Name Irish in last Friday's Kirkland and District juvenile fixture at the Memorial Arena, and needed a last inning spurt to save them from a complete shellacking. The final score was 10-7.

The Cubs looked to be out for a good evening when Brown took Glashan's pass and caught the wide side of the net for a counter 15 seconds after the first face-off. But for the rest of the period and all of the second it was all Holy Name, with the Irish out-footing the Cubs on all sections of the ice.

Jelly had a bad night in the nets, and it is reported that Coach Don Shepherdson plans to tie him to the post. Four shots flipped past his short side, when he moved away on angle shots.

But this is only the second defeat the Cubs have suffered this season, and their fans saw what they could do in a whirlwind third period when they swept in for six goals and looked as if they might

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No refusal to renew was expected, although, here too judgment was reserved pending announcement from Toronto.

Two Canadian Legion branches were represented personally. One of their problems is explanation in the event that membership goes down and consumption stays constant.

Board members were vice-chairman W. T. Nugent and J. M. Gilbertson from the central board, and Bruce Williams, QC, local registrar.

Theory behind the selling of liquor on trains? Mr. Williams described it:

"The idea is to discourage people from bringing bottles onto the trains. A lot do this, keep taking nips, get a little spifflicated, and make nuisances of themselves."

The opening of liquor bottles by train passengers is — and would remain — illegal.

Blue Monday For Motorists

Motorists had a "Blue Monday" this week as far as slippery roads were concerned. A Continental trailer tractor slid on the Main street hill and ended up with the cab peering in S. G. Smallman's back door while the trailer remained on the road. However, W. Cavanaugh's truck straightened it out and sent it on its way again.

While this was going on a car was stuck on the other side of the road, in a snow bank, other cars were creeping along or spinning merrily in one place. Who said they liked a good old-fashioned winter?

Haileybury I.O.D.E. Holds Christmas Tea

decorated the centre of each small table where the guests were served by Mrs. J. Shouldice, Mrs. C. Grozelle, Mrs. D. Pelangio, Mrs. T. Parry, Mrs. W. Gibson, Mrs.

The Christmas theme was in evidence in the decorations at the annual Christmas tea sponsored by the Haileybury Chapter of the I.O.D.E., held in the Legion Hall, December 2.

The tea was under the convenership of Mrs. C. Lowery.

The guests were welcomed at the door by the regent, Mrs. G. L. Cassidy.

Mrs. D. G. Hogan and Mrs. J. E. Dunn presided at the beautifully prepared tea table. Laid with a cloth of Christmas red, it was centred with an arrangement of white Shasta daisies and sprays of holly and tall white tapers in silver candelabra. A spray of pine with cones, tied with a red bow,

R. J. Bryson and Mrs. J. Brumell.

Mrs. H. Jensen and Mrs. G. Harrison were in charge of the kitchen.

Mrs. C. F. Tuer, Mrs. J. Gilkes and Mrs. G. Pratt were selling the many articles at the regular produce table. An auction sale of special Christmas baking was convened by Mrs. Neil McIsaac.

Mrs. W. Cooper was in charge of the turkey draw. Mrs. Ingles of Latchford was the holder of the winning ticket.

Cobalt Town Council Snubs Board Member

Threats to close the Cobalt High School were heard again Tuesday night at the last regular Council meeting of the year. The proposal to close the school was made again when the Council had to appoint a member of the board to replace Mrs. T. Duncan.

"We should recommend that the school closes next year," Council-

or P. Cain said. Mr. Cain wanted Jack Mathews on the board, but he didn't want to serve. Both men refused to run this year.

"Mrs. Duncan would like to serve again," Mr. St. Hilaire repeated.

Mr. Cain waved his hands in the air. "Cobalt should amalgamate with Coleman," he said.

There was no discussion of whether Mrs. Duncan had done a good job. The council decided to appoint Dr. L. McGarry to the board in her place.

Mrs. Duncan commented yesterday that while she was disappointed in the Council's decision, she felt that the Council was showing an extraordinary lack of faith in the town.

"Apparently they have no use for a board member who wants to keep the school open and do a good job. What they don't seem to realize is that so many pupils come from out of town to Cobalt High School, that the cost of running the school is substantially reduced to Cobalt. If we close the school and send the students out of town, it will cost Cobalt every bit as much or more."

Mrs. Duncan said that she and her husband have operated a business in Cobalt since 1922. "We pay taxes on a house, three lots and a warehouse, and we're not always complaining about taxes and trying to close the town up. I suppose anything I say will sound like sour grapes, but I wish the Council would try to build the town up, instead of tearing it down," she added.

Ken Buffam, former mayor and councillor, who is a member of the school board, said that he was sorry to hear that Mrs. Duncan will not be on the board. "She did a good job," he said.

Mayor Objects

Mayor Fulton Purdy of Cobalt stated last night that he will fight any move to close the Cobalt High School. "It is unfortunate that reports gave the impression that the Council is in favor of closing the school," he said.

"Certain members of the Council may have been in favor and expressed such views, but as they are not going to be on next year's council, I didn't bother to argue with them."

Mr. Purdy said that he regretted that the publicity might give a wrong impression.

"If the High School is ever closed, it should only be if the three towns get together and try and build something bigger and better, such as a collegiate and vocational institute. But I am opposed to just shipping our youngsters out to just another school."

"I want to make it clear that I am opposed to closing the school and that any remarks attributed to one or two councillors should not be supposed to represent the views of the majority of the 1959 Council, and I am certain that they will not represent the views of the 1960 Council," he added.

An Observer at the United Nations

By Arnold Peters

Federal Member for Temiskaming

I accepted the assignment as political observer for the last quarter of the fourteenth session of the United Nations General Assembly with considerable reluctance. However, after being here for three weeks I find that I have learned a great deal which I am sure will be of value to my constituents and will enable me to take a more active part in the deliberations on external affairs.

I was very impressed by both the United Nations and the City of New York. The buildings of the United Nations themselves are remarkable structures, having been designed by architects from various parts of the world. The buildings give an immediate impression of a new and modern world yet to come.

There have been many advantages in being a political observer rather than a delegate. An observer, unlike a delegate, roams at will from one committee to another and is able, in this manner, to learn what is going on in each of the six committees.

I was particularly interested, as I am sure the people of Northern Ontario are, in the deliberations to eliminate the testing of atomic weapons.

I was particularly interested in this because of our concern about the uranium industry of Northern Ontario and the bleak future which it appears to hold for Canadian miners, and was particularly impressed with the presentation made by the Swedish delegate who pointed out that halting of nuclear weapons tests was only a small

part of the problem and that in the near future much greater danger than that of radiation from fallout was apt to take place due to the widespread use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes.

The Swedish delegate is a highly qualified technician and scientist and he pointed out some of the problems that were already developing not only from Strontium 90, but also from Strontium 87 and 89, neither of which I had ever heard of before.

I spoke to many delegates from various countries concerning the hazards that will be connected with industrial uses of atomic energy and found that many of them are very concerned that the concentration that has been placed on banning the bomb will have eliminated steps that must of necessity be taken to ascertain the allied problems of mining atomic materials and uses to which these materials will be put in industry.

While it is true that I have not spent enough time considering the subjects under discussion at the United Nations, I did come to the conclusion that Canada does not play the impartial and moral role that I expected she did.

It may be true that we have been conditioned over the years to thinking that Canada stood as a leader in the role of a moral and stabilizing third party bloc and we never, in fact, were in that role.

It would seem to me that we are in company with the many small countries who are not involved, and who have never been involved,

in matters of colonialism and domination of other countries and that we could supply leadership to many of the small countries who, like us, only desire the world to be a better place in which to live.

While it is not wise to make a generalization that the United Nations should do this or that, the United Nations does provide an opportunity for all countries to discuss their problems and to bring to the public attention to their expressed views.

I have been very impressed by the way countries, in discussing problems very close and very dear to them, have exercised restraint and shown considerable statesmanship.

In my short stay at the United Nations many new and interesting problems have been brought to my attention.

I am continually amazed at the fact that the problems of Temiskaming find counter-parts in the problems of Australia, South America and many other countries. They, too, suffer from lack of markets, need for increased trade and, surprisingly enough, from a high cost of living.

There is a great similarity between the problems of farmers and miners in our country and those engaged in the same type of industry throughout the world.

I believe that my stay at the United Nations will make me better able to arrive at solutions to problems facing the Canadian people.