

# "ON TO THE BAY" IS ADVOCATED

Northern Ontario Deputation  
Waits on Ontario Gov-  
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## PROMISES FROM HEARST

"On to the Bay" was the slogan of a large deputation which waited on the Government yesterday urging comprehensive development of Northern Ontario, and particularly the extension of the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway from Cochrane to Moose Factory on James Bay. The delegation was composed of more than 100, and included representatives of all public bodies of Timiskaming and Cochrane districts, of the Toronto Board of Trade, of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, of Labor organizations, and of the Great War Veterans' Association.

Sir William Hearst assured the deputation that for some years he had had in mind the building of a railway through to tidewater on the north. He pointed out the impossibility of developing the whole of that portion of Ontario, however, with one railroad. While he did not promise that the road would be built, he did give encouragement to the deputation when he said: "As rapidly as the expedition can be organized and equipped it will be sent over this territory with the object of making a full investigation as to its richness and possibilities, and as to the advisability of constructing a railroad through that territory." The Prime Minister promised that the hinterland of the Province would be developed as fast as the Government felt it was justified in doing so.

## No Trouble About Capital.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, assured the deputation that the Government, and particularly himself, as head of the department, had in mind and under constant consideration the development of the North country and its unlimited resources. Hon. T. W. McGarry said that as soon as the work was in shape to go ahead the money would be forthcoming. There would be no difficulty in securing necessary capital, as the resources of the Province were ample to permit of the money being borrowed for the development work.

The deputation was introduced by the two legislative representatives of the district, Mr. Thomas Magladery and Mr. Malcolm Lang. The speakers included W. A. Gordon, Archdeacon Woodall, S. J. Dempsey, Mayor Ferguson of North Bay, C. McCarthy; K. J. Dunstan, President of the Toronto Board of Trade; A. H. Taylor, President of the Cochrane Board of Trade; George Smith, President of the Timmins G.W.V. A.; Rev. Dr. Renison of Hamilton, and W. Maguire, representing the Labor organizations of the North.

## Other Requests Made.

While the principal request of the deputation was that the T. & N. O. should be extended to James Bay, they also urged that branch lines be constructed into different mining camps, mentioning particularly Gowganda, Kirkland Lake and Elk Lake districts. The great possibilities in the North country when transportation facilities make development possible were forcibly laid before the members of the Cabinet by Mr. Gordon. When the T. & N. O. was first built it required faith on the part of the Government. While twenty-one or twenty-two millions of dollars had been expended in the construction of the line, millions of dollars' worth of minerals had been taken out of the Porcupine and Cobalt mines alone. But while the value of minerals taken out of that country was enormous, there were still many mining belts awaiting development.

While the railway extension was urgently needed, it was pressed upon the Government that there should also be constructed at no distant date two trunk roads, needed from the clay belt to the north of the mining districts. The great value of the fisheries was also dwelt upon. While it was known that there were great quantities of fish in James Bay, it remained for Government officials to ascertain the value of this industry.