

HON. MR. MILLS SAYS THAT NORTH GETS SQUARE DEAL.

Canadian press despatches credit Hon. Harry Mills, Minister of Mines in the Ontario Government, with suggesting that New Ontario got a square deal in regard to the amount of revenue spent on developing the country in comparison to the revenue derived by the Government from this part of the Province. He tried to make it clear that the revenue of New Ontario for some years past had totalled \$13,312,589, while the expenditures had been about \$14,000,000 in the same period. In 1913 and 1914 the revenue was \$2,447,000 and the expenditure \$2,548,000. In 1915 and 1916 the revenue was \$2,342,000 and the expenditure \$1,966,629. In 1917 and 1918 he said the receipts and expenditures broke about even. In 1919 the expenditures were several hundred thousand

and dollars less than the revenue. Either deliberately or otherwise, the Minister attempted to beloud the issue by making comparisons of the revenue and expenditures in terms of their relation to the revenue and expenditure of the province for the different years referred to. For instance, he said that in 1919 the revenue from the New Ontario part of the Province was 8 1/2 per cent. of the total revenue, while the expenditures on the North were 8 per cent. At first glance these figures look fairly close together. As a matter of fact they are hundreds of thousands of dollars apart. These statements attributed to Hon. Mr. Mills will rouse many to investigation and consideration of the actual revenues and expenditures so far as they can be gleaned from the Government reports. The story these figures will tell will have an altogether different suggestion to that in the remarks

attributed to the Minister of Mines. The North Land has never been fairly treated by the Government of Ontario, and is not being fairly treated now. The North Land will keep on objecting until it does receive something like a fair deal. In the despatches referring to Hon. Mr. Mills and his "fair deal" figures, there is also an announcement by Mr. Francis Keefer, M. P., to the effect that he was calling the Central Canada Colonization and Highways Association to organize a movement for the creation of a separate province as he was not in favour of long distance government from Toronto. Mr. Keefer will find considerable support for any such movement. Practically everybody in the North Land who thinks and cares about this country and its progress and development is just about "fed up" with the lack of knowledge, the lack of interest and the lack of consideration

shown in Old Ontario for this part of the Province. The North Land is tired of being the goat, after the manner in which goats are used in Turkish parties. If the North Land can not have a fair return in expenditure for revenue received through North and resources,—and this expenditure is looked after in the interests of this country,—then this country will insist upon a change.

PORCUPINE DOG RACE YET TO BE HEARD FROM.

Special mention was made in the last issue of The Pas (Manitoba) Herald of the Hudson Bay Dog Derby for 1921. The race is to be held on Tuesday, March 1st. The course will be from The Pas to Flin-Flon and return, a distance of 200 miles. There will be cash purses aggregating \$2500.

The winner will receive \$1200; second place, \$700; third, \$400; and fourth, \$200. The race is open to the world, any number of dogs and any style of harness and sleighs. Mr. G. E. Rice has charge of the publicity and he knows how to do it.

But the Porcupine Dog Race has yet to be heard from for 1921. It will also be a big event, with as much sport and good dogs, even if with less money as prizes. There used to be a number of dog team races in the Northern part of this continent, but now the Pas and the Porcupine are the two big ones left to share the honours and they are too far apart to fight over which is which. Last year, however, one of the dog race winners here was considering the possibility of getting out, to the Pas on a trip and bringing home the cups and the money to the Porcupine. He may be able to do it this year.

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