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## NEW T. & N.O. CHAIRMAN BANQUETTED AT NORTH BAY

About 200 Present. Appointment Very Popular. Mr. Lee Gives His "Secret of Success"

The personal popularity of Mr. Geo. W. Lee and the general approval of his appointment as Chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission were evidenced by the successful banquet held on Thursday evening last, in North Bay, a banquet given by the citizens in Mr. Lee's honour. His Worship, Mayor Ferguson of North Bay presided. The toast to "Our Guest," was proposed by Mr. A. C. Roraback who said he had known Mr. Lee when he first came to North Bay and was with the C.P.R. previous to joining the T. & N. O. In his knowledge of Mr. Lee, he found it difficult to select words that would adequately express his feeling and regard for the guest of the evening. Mr. Roraback referred to the sterling character of Mr. Lee and his rise from the bottom of the ladder, as it were, to the top rung, every step by merit and character and integrity. When Mr. Geo. W. Lee rose to respond he was greeted with prolonged cheering and the hearty singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." After the required words of thanks for the honour given him Mr. Lee spoke of his life, his work and his friendships in North Bay and the North Land. He came to North Bay 23 years ago when the Lake Superior Division of the C.P.R. was formed, and to use his own words, he has made his home there ever since trying to be a worthy citizen of what he knew was a worthy town. In speaking of his life and work Mr. Lee's advice to young men is worth much more than passing notice. He gave as his secret of success for young men: "Keep perfectly sober, be honest in all things, be steady and ever ready and willing to work." Here also is counsel worth the closest consideration:—"Alm high, even if you land on your daddy's woodpile; fill in your place in the world in a pleasant manner; if your work is not agreeable it won't help any to be grouchy about it."

Mr. Lee thought the T. & N.O. was one of the best made roads on the continent, considering its length. There are to be some changes and some new policies, and all (Commission, management and employees) are going to work together to make it the best possible railroad for the people and the country. The employees he considered the best in the country. After a toast to "Jack," Mr. Lee's son, the usual toast list was dealt with in capable way, all the speakers have a special good word for the new T. & N. O. Chairman.

All the prominent citizens of North Bay and district were present at the banquet so far as they were able to attend, as well as many from outside points. Among those sending sincere regrets that for unavoidable causes they were unable to be present were: Messrs. J. H. Black, C. McCrea, M. P.P., T. Magladery, M.P.P., Judge Hartman, Judge Hayward, Judge Mc Namara, Mr. Arthurs, M.P.P., J. L. Payne, C. Harrison, M.P., W. B. Way, P. Mazéau, M.P., James Fraser, Premier Drury and other members of the Cabinet.

### KING'S HALL DANCE FOR FEB. 1st. CANCELLED.

Owing to the dance to be given by the Hockey Committee on Tuesday evening, Feb. 1st. Mr. T. F. King has announced the cancelling of the dance which he had planned to give after the hockey match on the date in question. Mr. King announced his dance several weeks ago, before the Hockey Committee dance had been decided upon, but is withdrawing the event so that all may attend the Hockey Committee dance. The public who have all been cheering the Porcupine Hockey team should take the opportunity of the dance on the evening of Feb. 1st to show their support by the largest attendance on record for any dance in Timmins.

### EPLET THOUGHT THERE MUST BE TWO PUCKS.

Those returning from the hockey match at New Liskeard where the Porcupine won out last week with a 9 to 1 score tell of a big joke on one of the New Liskeard players. Eplet picked the puck up and skated over to the referee with it, while the Porcupine boys looked on in astonishment. Eplet told the referee that there were two pucks on the ice. "One was away over there a minute ago," he said, "and here is the other." The officials, however, showed Eplet that there was only one puck in play. Apparently the play was so fast that he thought there must be two pucks. But there weren't. It was just a case of the Porcupine boys giving Liskeard an exhibition of fast hockey.

## THE MEANEST MAN IN THE NORTH LAND DISCOVERED.

Mr. C. X. L. Laprairie dropped in the other day to say that he had discovered the meanest man in Mattagami. "I was coming up town the other morning," he says, "and I heard this man talking to his son." According to Mr. C. X. L. the man said—"Now, son, if you'll get to work and saw up this cord of wood I'll let you have all the sawdust you make to play circus with."

## JOHN JONES HAS THE ONLY FILM OF "BALLOONISTS"

According to a letter received last week from Mr. John Jones, this Porcupine prospector and mining man has the only motion picture film taken up in this North Land of the recent performance of the three balloonists who were lost and found again and who were mentioned several times in some of the newspapers. Mr. Jones says he has a statement signed by the three men to the effect that he has the only film taken on the trail and also regarding when he met them on the trail. He was in New York when he wrote the letter, having gone to that city to sell his film. John could also tell the New York newspapers quite a few things about the North Land,—far more indeed than the three naval balloonists. He has endured more in any one of a half a score of winters in this North Land than the balloonists are likely to dream of,—and they have been doing some great old dreaming. And there are many others who have suffered far more than the same John Jones at that. But they are all undisturbed; they look on it all as a part of the day's work. If you should call the old-timers up here "heroes" and "men who have sustained the glorious traditions of their race," they would likely ask you in the immortal words of Lefty Farr, "how do you get that way?"

The Provincial Health Department nurses, who have been doing such excellent work in Timmins, are now engaged in the same good work in Tisdale Township. Last week they were at Schumacher where they visited homes and gathered data of much value to the public health, as well as giving advice and assistance to mothers in the care of children, etc.

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