

## NORTH LAND WANTS NORTH LAND MEN ON COMMISSION

Suggestion of Two New Members for T. & N. O. Railway Commission Raises Storm of Protest.

Announcement in the Toronto news papers last week to the effect that Col. McLaren, of Hamilton, and Col. Martin, of Renfrew, were likely to be appointed to the vacant positions on the re-organized T. & N. O. Railway Commission has very rightly raised very strenuous protest from the people of the North Land. The ground for protest is that the North Land wants North Land men on the Commission. The T. & N. O. Railway is the only railway traversing the North Land and the T. & N. O. does not go beyond the bounds of the North Land. It is wholly and completely a North Land proposition. It was ostentatiously designed and advertised as a colonization factor. It was supposedly built to assist in the development of the great North. Whether the North Land likes it or not, it has to depend very materially for development and convenience upon the T. & N. O. Because of these facts, the railway is a question of prime importance to the North Land. Under the right auspices the T. & N. O. could be the greatest single factor in assuring the progress and development of this country. Under less desirable auspices, it would prove a handicap and a drawback, as has been the case on occasion in past years. The appointment of Mr. Geo. W. Lee as Chairman of the Commission struck the North Land people as an evidence (long-delayed though it was) that the Government intended to give the Railway and the people a fair deal and a fair show, but the suggestion that two outsiders, without knowledge of the country or its needs, are to be appointed to the Commission appears as a complete reversal of the sensible and just policy that should be pursued. No one can understand the North Land and its needs without residence for some considerable time in the country. Whatever impressions may be gathered from a few visits here are liable to be wrong impressions. Men who live in the North

Land knows its needs, they get the spirit of the country and the people. Without this viewpoint there can not be intelligent handling of the peculiar needs and problems of this country. The North Land has suffered too much in the past from the administration of men whose knowledge of the land was confined to occasional private car visits or the fact that they had made money speculating in Porcupine or Cobalt stocks or lost it in gambling in Larder Lake properties. The North Land, as The Advance has been pointing out for a year or more, wants North Land men on the T. & N. O. Railway Commission.

As soon as the announcement was made of the proposed appointments, Mr. R. A. McInnis, president of the Associated Boards of Trade, wired Premier Drury asking that the appointments be deferred until the whole question could be discussed at the meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade in Cobalt this month. Most of the Boards of Trade in the North Land signified their special approval of the proposal of the President of the Associated Boards of Trade. An exception seems to be Cochrane, this northern burg thinking apparently that any action by the Government would be beyond criticism, especially at the ticklish moment when the proposed "On-to-the-Bay" proposal was in the balance. It was a Cochrane newspaper that said some months ago that the T. & N. O. Railway ranked among the best conducted roads on the continent. When people can talk like that, what's the use?

The expression of opinion from the Associated Boards of Trade and from the individual Boards and from other representative bodies and individuals should surely convince the Govern-

ment that the people of the North Land are settled in their conviction that North Land men should compose the majority of the Commission handling the North Land's railway.

### TIMMINS HAS NORTH LAND'S MEANEST MAN.

Last week The Advance referred to C. X. L. Laprairie's opinion that he had discovered the meanest man in the North Land in Mattagami. He claimed he heard this man telling his son that if he would cut up a cord of wood he would let him (the boy) keep the sawdust to make a circus.

This week a delegation from Mattagami waited on The Advance to object. They said that Timmins really has the meanest man in the North Land. They say the boy did cut up the cord of wood and his father was going to allow him to keep the sawdust for a circus. But a man from Timmins went down that evening and stole the sawdust, and so there isn't going to be any circus.

Apparently Timmins humorists will have to continue to use South End for their jokes. Mattagami makes reply with promptitude and aptitude. Even the jokes coming from Mattagami have a big "kick" to them.

### BRITISH MONEY ANXIOUS TO INVEST IN MINING.

Mr. F. C. Loring, the well-known mining man, who has recently returned from a visit to the Old Country, says that it is only the adverse exchange situation that is keeping British interests from heavy participation at present in the extension of the mining industry in the North Land. As soon as the exchange situation improves Mr. Loring thinks that we may expect great sums of British money to be invested in Canadian mining ventures. British capital has found very profitable investment in the past in South African, Australian and other mines, and success in these fields influences Old Country financiers to look with favour on investments in North Land mining. Mr. Loring suggests that a new plan will be used hereafter in regard to British investments. British engineers and others acting directly for the British capital will take over properties and

direct their exploration and development. This has not been the general method here in the past, though it was the plan of general investment in South Africa and Australia mining properties. South African and Australian mining is on the decline from the investment standpoint and North Land gold mining is on the beginning of a way to a noteworthy boom. In the matter of mining, Gold is now King, and investments will naturally be specially attracted to gold mining ventures. With investments of British capital undoubtedly coming, the gold camps and especially the greatest of all gold camps in Canada—the Porcupine—promise to enjoy a special and particular progress and development. The Porcupine has never had what other mining camps would call a "boom." Its progress has been steady without spectacular rushes or booms. But the growth has been remarkable, nevertheless, and future progress undoubtedly is still more promising.

### NOTHING OFFICIAL YET RE PORCUPINE DOG RACE.

No official announcement of any kind has yet been made regarding the Porcupine Dog Team Race for 1921. Many have been enquiring as to when it will be held, or whether it will be held at all, or what is being done about it. However, no one seems to take any active part this year in getting the event under way, though there seems to be a very considerable amount of public interest shown in this event. In previous years Mr. C. M. Auer was the prime mover in getting the Dog Race organized and under way. He gave unlimited and unattention each year to the event, and through his special efforts each year saw the Porcupine Dog Team Race a greater success than the year before. Last year Mr. Auer, who was one of the trustees of the Globe Dog Race Shield, resigned that position, Mr. Vincent Woodbury being appointed trustee in place of Mr. Auer. The Globe Shield last year was won for the third successive year by Mr. W. Martin and so under an amendment to the original rules of contest became the property of Mr. Martin, Mr. Globe kindly volunteering to give another similar Shield for further competition.

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