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**THE LISKEARD SPEAKER
 SAYS NORTH MUST BEND**

Discussing the alleged suggestion of Mr. A. A. Amos that the Referendum Vote through Ontario would do much to increase sentiment in the North Land for secession, The New Liskeard Speaker says:—

"In democratic Canada, the majority must rule, but that majority must not be such as is obtained by a 'snatch vote.'"

"Would Mr. Amos suggest that because the mining towns of Temiskaming gave a small majority against prohibition that Northern Ontario would be justified in demanding that steps be taken to form a separate province so that the people might go on importing liquor?"

"The Speaker wishes to point out that, while admitting that a majority was recorded against prohibition, that it was largely the men who do not own property in the district who gave this majority, as is evidenced by the large majorities given against prohibition in Cobalt, Timmins, Iroquois, etc. On the other hand, the farmers averaged about four to one in favor of prohibition. Many thousands of the anti-prohibitionists are transients. The farmers are here to stay. Would Ontario consent to allow the men who have no financial stake in the country, to fasten on the farmers of the north the debts which would have to be assumed in establishing a new province? Not very likely."

"In any event, the ultimate of Temiskaming is agriculture, and as is evidenced by the agricultural Provinces of Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario, the farmers of Canada want prohibition, therefore we shall answer the question submitted to The Nugget, 'Will the North Bend?' by saying the North must bend. The majority for prohibition must become the law of the land."

The Speaker is far out, indeed, in believing that the voters in mining towns of the North Land are not property holders. As a matter of fact the men who voted in Timmins, for instance, are assessed for enough property and pay enough taxes to make the staid old stand-still farmers of a town like New Liskeard look like pikers. The Town of Iroquois Falls, to quote another example are just as permanent, though undoubtedly much more alive and active, as any 'farming' town there may be. Yet the voters of Iroquois Falls voted strong-

ly against the bone-dry prohibition idea. Then, consider Cochrane and its material 'wet' majority; Cochrane is not a mining centre; its population is not 'shifting.' And what about Haileybury, Matheson, Cobalt, Englehart, Kirkland Lake, Swastika and many other centres? In no way can New Liskeard show itself more staid or settled than these towns, except in so far as a cemetery can show itself more staid and settled than any North Land place. The fact of the matter is that New Liskeard showed itself that rare thing in the North Land a town with Old Ontario Rural Ideas. It is New Liskeard that is out of touch with the North in general.

So far as the strength and power and hope of the North Land being in agriculture, there are some opinions and many facts to the contrary. Up to the present the North Land would have starved to death if had had nothing but agricultural to sustain it. So far the country has lived on its mineral and forest wealth chiefly. The Government's immense revenue from taxation of the North Land has come almost altogether from the mines and forests. In the last ten years over \$11,000,000.00 has been gathered in taxation of one kind or another from the mines alone. All the farms in the North Country put together at full price and over would not be worth one quarter of the taxation paid by the mines alone in the last few years. Big talk may be all right to while away the hours after the chores are done, but the farmers should keep the bull on the farm.

The North MUST bend. So says The Speaker. But MUST is not a word to frighten this North Land, and also they know that if they keep on 'bending' here they are going to go 'broke' sure. Without direct official information in the matter, The Advance does not believe that Providence specially placed the mines and forests in the North for the farmers, to walk over, or to give a revenue to let them escape all taxation. The North Land has for years shown a very helpful attitude towards the farmers and settlers. As a matter of fact the farms in general have been a burden on the other resources of the country. Consequently, the farmers or the farm towns do not act wisely if they get too bumptious.

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The Frozen North! The thermometer registered 84 in the shade on Monday of this week.

**EXPECT WORK SOON ON
 T. & N. O. EXTENSION NORTH**

According to reports from Cochrane a party of surveyors arrived in the northern railway junction metropolis last week and proceeded north to commence work on the final survey for the extension of the T. & N. O. Railway north from Cochrane in the direction of James Bay. Work on the actual construction of the extension is also believed by many hopeful Cochrane people as likely to be commenced this year. Some of them, indeed, actually think the construction work may really start in the next three months. Others look for it in the fall. The sooner the Cochrane people think the actual work will start the earlier they are likely to be disappointed.

The public generally should bear in mind the fact that during May, June, July, August and September, the stores in Timmins will close every Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock p. m.

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