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## COMPENSATION FOR FIRE SUFFERERS AT MATHESON

Arbitration Board Makes Report of  
Great Concern to All North  
Land.

People in general in the North Land were more or less surprised last week at the reports coming from Toronto regarding the interim report of the Matheson Fire Arbitration Board. It was feared by many that the Arbitration Board, following the plan of too many Government commissions, would dilly-dally along until the question was about forgotten and then make a report that would be of little value to the settlers of the North Land. The comparative promptitude with which the report has been made, however, has been a pleasing surprise, and so far as known the report itself is also likely to commend itself to the people of the North Land. In dealing with the matter despatches from Toronto say:—"The commission investigating responsibility for the fire which destroyed Matheson in 1916 has made an interim report. This report is of immense concern to Northern Ontario, as it involves the matter of Government-owned townsites. The report which is signed by Judge Denton and Mr. John M. Ferguson makes the Teniskaming & Northern Ontario Railway liable for some of the damage. Mr. Milne, of North Bay, the third commissioner, does not sign the report. The report recommends that the amount of compensation offered by the railway to the individuals concerned be accepted, but provides for further hearings in individual cases if the compensation is not accepted. It is thought that the awards suggested will be acceptable to most of the sufferers. The decision, however, is of great importance to all the Northern part of the Province, and not to Matheson alone. The Government in many cases set aside areas of land, up to several hundred acres, for a townsite. The towns never became any larger than a few houses and stores and required only about ten acres. The remainder of the site was not cleared, and the little settlement was endangered by the fire hazard of the uncleared portion of the site. This is also true of many of the town-

sites along the Transcontinental, and pioneers have had difficulty in getting insurance on their buildings because of the presence of fire hazard right at their doors. Private property owners usually clear their land and get rid of the chances of fire, as they are liable in the courts for any damage thus caused."

According to an article in last week's North Bay Times Mr. Geo. W. Lee, Chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission, did not wish to comment on the interim report of the Arbitration Board, but apparently there is no reason for believing that the T. & N. O. will question or oppose the findings. It is also understood that the T. & N. O. has taken steps to get rid of the extra lands in their townsites and the lots are consequently being offered for sale. Suggestions are further being made that the Transcontinental follow the lead of the T. & N. O. in this matter. Many believe it would be to the advantage of the people if the Canadian National Railways would follow the lead of the T. & N. O. in several matters.

## PREMIER DRURY TO MAKE TOUR OF NORTH COUNTRY

According to despatches from Toronto last week-end, Hon. E. C. Drury, Premier of Ontario, leaves the Queen City on Saturday, July 9th for a tour of Northern Ontario. He will first visit the Nipissing district to inspect the big power plant there, then going on to Kenora, and eventually visiting his old favourite, Kapuskasing, of bush fires leave any Kapuskasing for the Premier to visit. After a visit at Kapuskasing the intention is for the Premier to come back to Toronto on the T. & N. O. On the journey back on the T. & N. O. it is hoped that the Premier will find time to stop off for brief visits at such centres of interest as Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Cobalt, etc. Whether such visits will be made or not remains to be seen. Many people think the Premier will feel more at home at places like Liskeard and Cochrane where the smell of the farm is more pronounced. However, if it is not asking too much, it might be a good thing for the Premier to visit Timmins, Iroquois Falls, etc., so that he may see and realize conditions for himself. If the Government could realize just what this part of the North has, and needs, the attitude might be vastly different.

## HEAVY PENALTIES FOR CAUSING FOREST FIRES

In this, the most menacing time of the year so far as forest fires are concerned, there is too much reason on occasion for fearing that at least some of the fires are started through a criminal carelessness that does not count the cost. Those who live in the shadow of the forest fire menace know how true this is, but a closeness to the danger has a tendency to make men forget the peril. The average man will show the greatest care in handling high explosives, for example, until he has spent a few years at the job. Then there is a tendency to become careless. Too much familiarity breeds a contempt that often causes much loss and sorrow. It is the same touch of careless human nature that permits risks being taken with the matter of forest fires. Writing from Ottawa last week Mr. Robson Black, Secretary of the Canadian Forestry Association, makes some points that should even stir up the careless ones to recognize the dangers to themselves as well as to other. Mr. Black says:—"Negligence that results in forest fires is now being punished by the courts with heavy fines and imprisonment. A few days ago five fishermen appeared before the magistrate at Woodstock, New Brunswick, charged with leaving a campfire burning and causing thereby a heavy loss in timber. The magistrate fined them fifty dollars each. A settler at Sudbury, Ontario, was sent to jail for carelessness in burning his brush piles. Quebec magistrates have made many such sentences in the interests of forest fire prevention, but the Sudbury case marks the commencement of more vigorous treatment of Ontario offenders.

"The greater part of the timbered area of Ontario is the property of the Ontario Government and losses through forest fires are a direct loss to the people as a whole. Contrary to an all too common belief, the quantity of timber growing in Ontario is not more than sufficient to maintain the present number of forest industries. Ontario, in truth, has not a single acre of timber to waste. Every body of timber may be regarded as an 'incubator' of employment, and as a filler of pay envelopes. To cause a forest fire is to destroy the raw materials out of which the bulk of employment in the Northland must be derived. In the pulp and paper industry of Ontario, alone, the spruce forests create a wage list that runs every year in excess of 11 million dollars."

## The Livelihood of Thousands Depends on Ontario's Forests

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## Save Ontario's Forests They're Yours

ALL these men, all these payrolls, all these industries, depend for their very existence upon the trees standing in Ontario to-day. Tracts of timber, mature and ready to cut, mean immediate payrolls for the log-makers, the river drivers, the saw mill men and the pulp mill employees, for the tie makers and other wood workers, and men of other industries using wood workers' products.

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others in ten years; still others in fifteen years, and so on down to the very youngest trees. That is to say, all our forests, all our trees, little and big, represent wealth. They mean money right now or money next year or the year after or in the future. They mean pay rolls and employment. They mean men's livelihood. The preservation and the welfare of Ontario's forests affect every man, woman and child in the province.

Every stick of timber, little or big, wasted and burned by forest fire, that greatest of all menaces to the forest and wood-working industries, is a direct loss to YOU.

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