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REGULAR POLICE COURT SCHEDULE FOR NORTH

New Regular Courts by Magistrate Atkinson at Iroquois Falls, Englehart, Swastika, Etc.

On several occasions it has been recommended that there would be better administration of justice if there were regular police courts at all important centres throughout the North Land, these courts to be presided over by a salaried magistrate giving all his time and attention to the work. For some years past there have been regular police court sessions in Cobalt, Haileybury, Timmins and South Porcupine, and the plan has shown to advantage in these centres. At other points the work has been handled by local magistrates or justices of the peace, not always with satisfaction, justice or equity. In many cases the local men are not at all anxious to deal with the work arising; in other instances local conditions, prejudices or what-not interfere. In any case the result has not been exactly satisfactory to the local authorities, the local people, the people in general, or the cause of equity. It is understood that the Commission that toured the Province some months ago to enquire into the administration of justice, etc. recommended the more general use, especially in this North Land, of salaried magistrates devoting all their time and attention to the work. Mr. S. Atkinson, magistrate for Temiskaming, was found to be eminently qualified for the work, by reason of his ability, his knowledge, his judicial disposition and his long experience in the work and in the North Land. Magistrate Atkinson was willing to cover further territory in the way of regular courts, and it was thought that a schedule of police court sessions could be arranged to take in all the necessary centres in the North Land under his jurisdiction.

Such a schedule has now been officially announced. This new schedule establishes new police court centres at Iroquois Falls, Englehart, Swastika, Matheson and New Liskeard, all to be presided over by Magistrate Atkinson. At these new police court centres, as well as at Cobalt, Haileybury, Timmins and South Porcupine there will be weekly police courts. In the case of Matheson, however, it is provided that the court will only be

held when notification is made of it being required, this notice to be given before Monday night in each week. In the case of the places referred to above as "new police courts," local magistrates previously handled whatever cases might arise. There were no regular dates in most of these places and there were other things in some of them that were hardly considered as very "regular."

The following is the official schedule of police court sessions as given out last week:

"List of police courts to be held at the following places, days and times in the district of Temiskaming, until further notice Siegfried Atkinson, Esq., police magistrate for the District of Temiskaming."

Monday, Haileybury, 10 a.m.; Cobalt, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, New Liskeard, 9 a.m.; Swastika, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Iroquois Falls, 9 a.m.; Matheson, 2.35 p.m.

Thursday, Timmins and South Porcupine, 10 a.m.

Friday, Englehart, 11.35 a.m.

Saturday, Cobalt, 10 a.m.; Haileybury, 2 p.m.

N.B.—Will only call at Matheson if notified on or before Monday night in there are any cases to be heard.

MAN TERRIBLY BURNED BY LIVE WIRE AT LISKEARD

It seems that there are some "live wires" at New Liskeard,—but they are up on poles. A "live wire" would be expected to cause trouble at Liskeard, and last week one certainly did. So much so, indeed, that the humorous references herewith are more to hide feelings rather than to make light of a serious matter. The New Liskeard Speaker refers to the accident in the following paragraph in the last issue of that paper:—

"During the afternoon of Wednesday men employed by the Power Company were engaged in making power connections with the Howie Block, on Whitewood Ave., for the Liskeard Dairy Company, when a man named Carmichael, while on the second cross arm of the pole, and 25 feet from the ground, touched a live wire. Both arms were terribly burned, and he fell to the ground. He was taken to the Hospital, and suffered very much. Everything which can be done for him is being done.

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PREMIER SHOTS GENTLEMAN COW RE "SECESSION"

If the newspaper despatches are to be believed, Premier Drury wore a hat with a hole in it during a recent address he made at Fort William at the Canadian Club there. The Premier is accused of advising Northern Ontario to steer clear of the secession movement. He had the assurance to suggest that to secede would involve too heavy an expense on the tax bearers of the North Land. He referred to the expense of legislative buildings and getting a new organization to run the proposed new Province. It may be replied that the new Province need not go in for \$200,000 rugs and \$175,000 easy chairs for its ministers, or buy automobiles without tender. Indeed, it would be to avoid that very sort of thing that secession from the older part of the Province would be made. As for the tax-payers, they would be getting something for their money, and their money would be spent in the North Land where it was collected. Up to the present time the taxes, dues, royalties, etc., etc., have been collected from the North Land and spent for the benefit of the farmers of the south. The impetus to thought of secession comes largely from the fact that the North Land is being systematically bled in the way of taxation and undernourished in the matter of expenditures. Unless there is a change the North Land will have the cream of its resources gone for the advantage of the south. The Premier may take what stand he wishes on the secession question, but this

much he should get into his conscience,—that he can remove all thoughts of secession by simply giving the North Land a square deal. It is up to him. He is the whole Government. What he says goes with the Government.

Further, the Premier is credited with the astounding statement that the south has more cause to talk secession than the north. If the Premier actually believes this and can make the people of the south believe it, then it will be easy for the south to secure secession with the fervent blessing of the North Land. The Premier, however, will likely find one man in his cabinet who will strenuously oppose such an idea,—that man being the Provincial Treasurer who will see the end of a large part of his revenue in such a move.

The Premier is a farmer, and so should realize that if he is letting one cow go because the animal kicks a little when milked too roughly he should be looking around for another good milker, and there doesn't seem to be any such animal in sight. The Premier needs to go easy or he'll be out of the making business altogether. Speed the day, says the North Land.

At Loring, in the North Bay district, there were recently two special events of importance. One was an address in connection with the Women's Institute and the other was a dance under the auspices of a fraternal society. There were seven at the lecture and over 200 at the dance. As The Powassan News comments "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he!"

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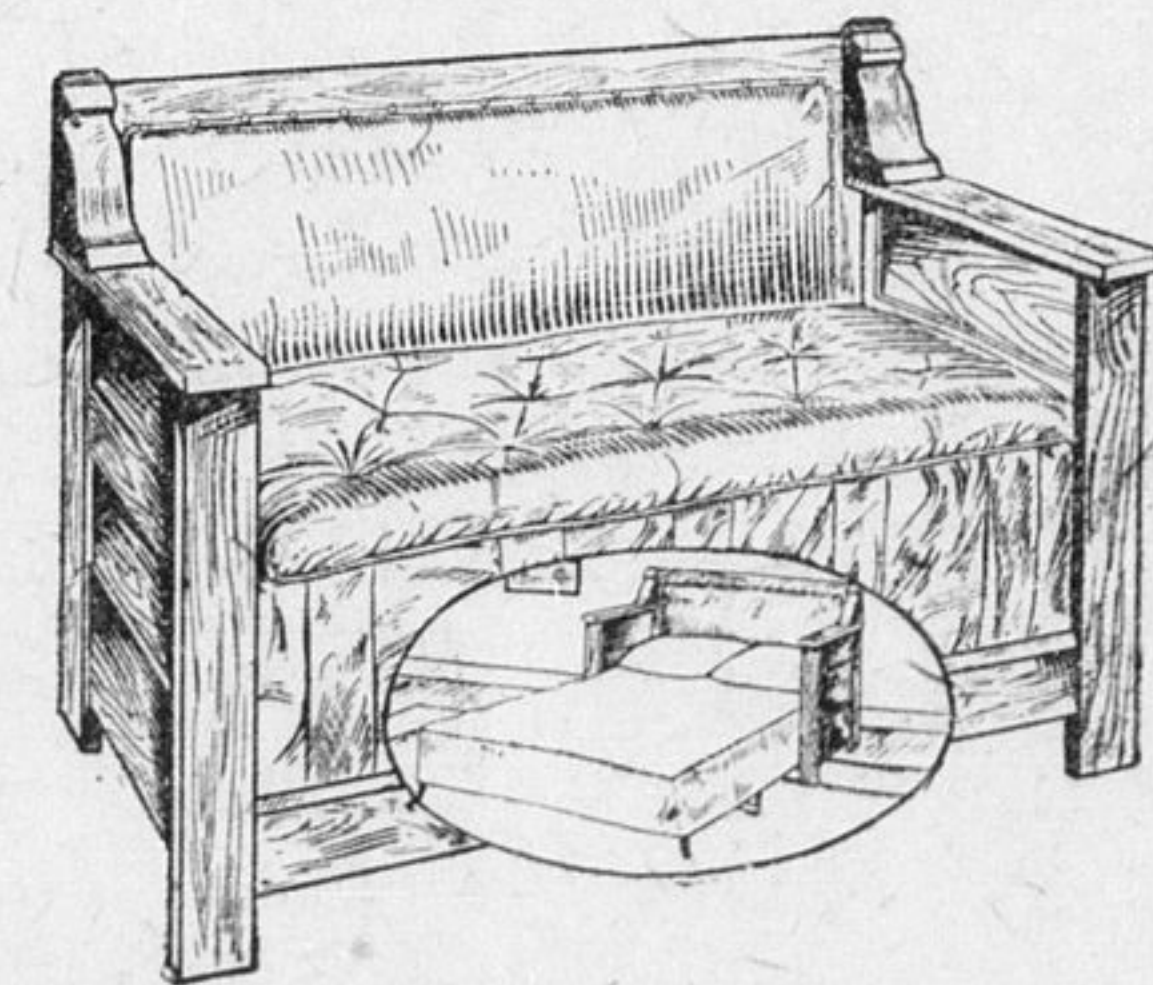


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