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Elsewhere in this issue will be found reference to a recent discussion between The Cochrane Northland Post and Mr. A. T. H. Taylor, of Cochrane, on questions of vital importance to the North Land. Below will be found an open letter written last week to The Cochrane Post by Mr. Taylor. It further explains Mr. Taylor's attitude and convictions and his able presentation of the case will find very hearty approval from all who have a real interest in the North Land. There may be minor points of difference of opinion, but in the main Mr. Taylor voices the ideas of most thoughtful North Land folks. In a word Mr. Taylor's attitude regarding secession may be compared to that taken years ago by The Advance. There is no anxiety for secession; R.S. such a move is not particularly desirable or appealing. But secession is much more to be desired than the present conditions and circumstances. The slogan accordingly is:- "A square deal for the North Land, or Secession."

But read Mr. Taylor's letter. Read it all, and re-read two or three times the second last paragraph containing NORTH LAND to the powers that be. Here is the letter in full:-

To the Editor of the Northland Post. Dear Sir:-I wish to thank you for the space you have allotted to me in your last issue for the expression of my ideas on the formation of a

'Greater Ontario First' Association. also thank you for your kind criticism of my opinions.

I, of course, expected your views on he subject to differ from mine. indulgence, for I know the issue of our discussion to be of interest to a

great many.

May I point out, Mr. Editor, that your editorial remarks leave me enirely at a loss to grasp the trend of your arguments against my contentions. You seem to have gathered the ment. If such is your opinion let me tell you, Mr. Editor, that you have not only gathered a mistaken impression, but have formed an opinion so erroneous as to amount to the very reverse of my argument. My whole plea was to devise a means of averting secession, even though, as time goes by, this same movement be gathering far more adherents and friends than even your editorial opinion is willing to admit. Be this as it may, I was pleased indeed to have you acknowledge this much: that we never yet succeeded in having ourselves properly understood by our Old Ontario relatives. For, such an admissio., on your part, is tantamount to a great deal, Mr. Editor, in fact, to far more, perhaps; than you might care to have logically deducted from such an admission. Indeed, if we, after years of persistent efforts in trying to have our position duly appreciated, still face an Old nions have always hindered such ac-Ontario wilfully blind to our needs and unheeding of our just representations for a more equitable policy of development and of conservation of our valuable natural resources, why, then it is high time that we devive means powerful enough to awaken those slumbering statesmen from their lethargy. While, on the one hand, neither exalting, nor condemning, nor even expressing an opinion about the secession movement, yet on the other hand, proferring a sane and

feasible solution, which I may say, is even now gathering quite a respectable volume of favorable public opinion,-I expected, on your part, at least a little discussion of such a proposal, its possible merits or any flaws you might care to detect therein;not, however, any such abrupt, un-It cannot be done." I quite agree with you, Mr. Editor, that we are far from having reached the Millemium. Unfortunately, the general industrial situation every day makes us more aware of that very striking fact. But that in the face of a difficulty to be

say the least, not the spirit of the

North. of the pitiful conditions obtaining in the North, you agree to the need of lives away over miserable bushtrails. some constructive action. Excepting Let our waterpowers and the headyour proposal of Round Table Conferences and your easting longing eyes ed and our industries encouraged to at the Province of Quebec, you do not recommend anything tangible. Oh, I admit that round table conferences at one time were a source of sociability minds competent enough to look after and, perhaps, were, to some extent, its interests and its development." conducive to a more or less constructive spirit; -but, it must be admitted as well that round table conferences are, at the present time, much more popular and fashionable in Quebec than in Ontario. Taking this matter can prevent that secession you dread seriously, however, let us consider for so much and we can save the North a moment whom we should confer for the South. I must confess, I know with at a Round Table Conference. of no other way. ** Other Boards of Trade in this Dis-

triet? The Associated Board of Trade,

the Toronto Board of Trade and the NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTEC Hamilton Board of Trade and perhaps the Government also?-and SQUARE DEAL FOR NORTH when I say we should confer, I am as must be, who or which particular body might do the conferring with

these various associations. The functions of a Board of Trade are well recognized and appreciated in the office of the Registrar of Deeds by the public and it is not necessary of the District of Temiskaming, at for me to dwell upon their value, Haileybury in the Province of Ontaproper spheres of activities. But, as of Storage Booms proposed to be gret to say that the Boards of Trade side in front of a portion of the are not sufficiently representative and consequently fail to carry the necessary weight to obtain proper action. In the Boards of Trade have been confer ring, conditions have been far from improving, and, if we keep on conferring, we shall, some fine day, wake up to the fact that some one has run adjoining lands. off with the country or its resources, during the conference. Neither secession nor associations of any kind, nor even Boards of Trade will then be of any avail: only fawning submission to the whims of southern politicians will then count.

You will remember my denial of any more particular intimate connection between Old Ontario and Temiskaming District than between the Old Province and the grand and rich terthe REAL MESSAGE OF THE ritories you seem to enjoy terming with the vague appellative. West of the S4th degree of longitude. Although not quite grasping the intimacy of a connection consisting of an after all irresponsive railroad corporation.-I must say that I do fully and entirely appreciate your mention of "the intimate connection of Old Ontario with the Mining Centres here.' Quite true, Mr. Editor, quite true, it is intimate. In fact, so well are the legislators of Queen's Park aware of must ask you then for a little further it that from day to day they devise more effective means than ever to strengthen the intimacy of that connection with their Treasury Department and it with very fair results indeed for the refilling of a depleted exchequer, but woefully disastrous in their consequences for the North. do not hesitate to say that I voice the impression that in my letter to you opinion of every mining man in the I boldly advocated the secession move District when I claim that such an intimacy is gradually becoming an inti-

> Mr. Editor, "you have struck the wrong blaze," when you venture to remark that the West has very little sympathy with us; that "it has problems of its own." Thase very problems of its own are strikingly similar to ours, and, if intimate connections are what you wish for, then, in order to promote common action, this very community of needs is that which shall bring about true intimacy and sympathy of purpose, far indeed from severing our feelings and aims, as you would infer. In order however to group this community of aspirations into one union of activities, is it not quite reasonable that it be done with the solidarity of a well organized group such as the Greater Ontario First Association? In the past, the differences arising from political opition; but the energies of the North merged and rallied under this one standard of a great and well united organization for the furtherance and defence of Greater Ontario's interests will fill this need and fill it aptly.

Again, Mr. Editor, the day of

Round Table Conferences is past; from all such friendly gatherings never has anything more tangible nor more effective been reaped beyond resolutions now buried under years of dust in official pigeonholes. And, I shall add, now or never is the time for us to organize into a solid Northern Group capable of demanding the revendication of its usurped rights:now or never is the time for us to send to the Ontario House Members from our very midst, who shall carry our message and have the courage to discussed, cold and absolute veto as tell an upstart and revenue-mad power; "Hands off the North; hands off its forests; hands off the northern mines! Let the revenue of the north be spent in the north by the people of the North, who know the needs of the North and need not go and consult Old Ontario as to their own country. overcome, we should drop our arms Let the forests of the North be dealt and say: "It cannot be done," is, to with for the benefit of the North, not with the object of filling the coffers of the south and providing the south-Reverting then to your admission ern farmer with sumptuous highways. while our pioneers are plodding their waters of our great rivers be protectthe fullest extent. The North is well able to find in its midst capable representatives to defend its rights and

> Mr. Editor, with such an Association as the GREATER ONTARIO FIRST ASOCIATION we can get the necessary machinery set in action for the safe-guarding of our rights, we

ALBERT T. H. TAYLOR

TION ACT.

R. S. C. CHAPT. 118.

F. Miles Wallingford, hereby gives notice that he has, under section 7 of the said Act, deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa and when they remain confined to their rio, a description of the site and plans a member of the Board of Trade, I re- built in the Mattagami River, east North half of Lot 2, Concession 2, and 1; part of south half of Lot 2, Concession 3, in the Township of Mount Joy, fact, it must be admitted that, while in the District of Temiskaming, on a site already held by the Applicants, which said Storage Booms are to be used for storing logs to be supplied to the mill of the Applicant, situate on |

And take notice that after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice, the said F. Miles Wallingford, will, under section 7 of the said Act, apply to the Minister of Public Works at his office in the city of Ottawa, for approval of the said site and plans of storage booms, and for leave to cons-

truct and maintain the same. Dated at Timmins this 6th, day of

August, 1921.

F. MILES WALLINGFORD,

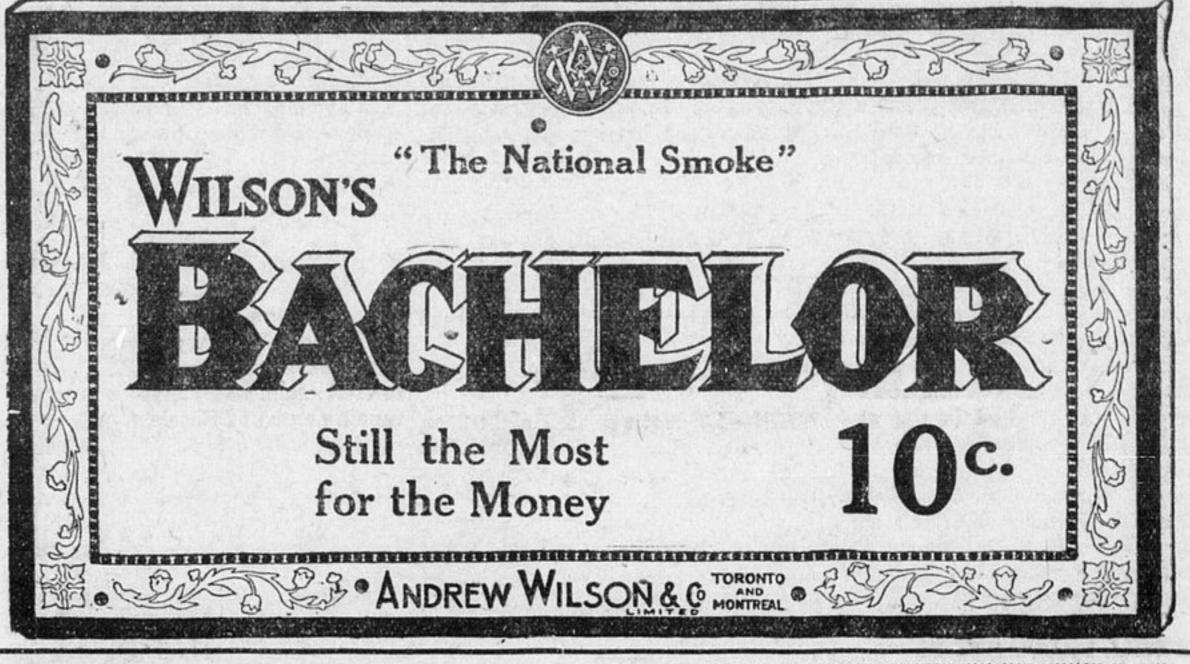
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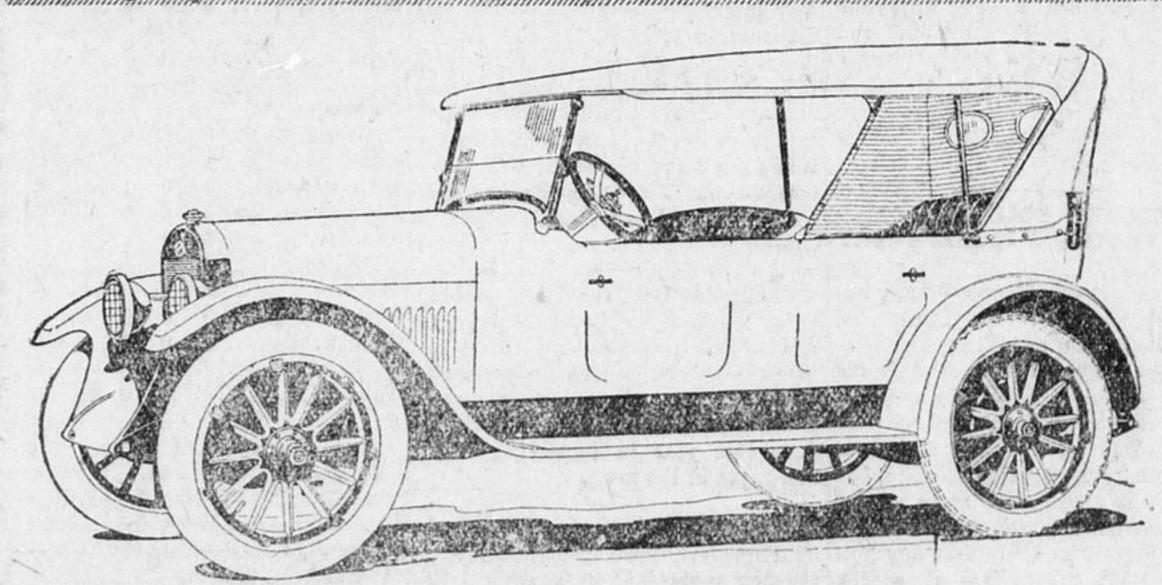
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