

TIMMINS LODGE, I.O.O.F. No. 459

Meets every Tuesday evening in the Oddfellows Hall, Third Avenue. Visiting brethren requested to attend.
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TIMMINS L.O.L. No. 2552

Meets every first and fourth Monday in the Oddfellows' Hall at 8 p.m. Visiting brethren always welcome.
 W. FIELD, W.M.
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VALUE OF MINING TO THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Encouragement of Mining Industry a Problem of National Importance.

In reviewing the addresses given at the recent Banquet at Iroquois Falls in connection with the Associated Boards of Trade meeting, The Advance mentioned that the addresses deserved much more extended reference than could be given in an ordinary report, and that further reference in these columns would be made, especially to the address by Mr. G. C. Bateman, manager of the LaRose Mine. Part of Mr. Bateman's excellent address on the Mining Industry is given below:—

"Prior to 1900 the development of the industry had been slow and in that year the total value of the production was only \$10,000,000. By 1918, however, this value had increased to \$80,000,000, and up until the end of 1920 the total value of the metallic production of the province was \$648,000,000. The amount is really much higher than this, as metals such as copper and nickel were valued much below their selling price. However, these figures are the best we can get, and they do not err in favor of the industry. Dividends paid by successful companies amounted to \$125,000,000, which leaves \$535,000,000 as the cost of production. To this must be added \$160,000,000 capital invested by successful companies and a further \$70,000,000 by the unsuccessful ones,

giving a total of over \$760,000,000 expended by the mines of this province. This vast sum has been paid out by the mining industry for labor, supplies and equipment, and a large part of it has gone directly to the farmers and business men of the older part of the province. The shareholders in these companies received dividends of \$125,000,000 on an invested capital of \$160,000,000, while the business interests received the profits on disbursements of \$760,000,000. It does not seem unreasonable to suppose that the business interests have profited to a greater extent than the shareholder.

"According to returns given to the provincial house this spring, the Province from 1907 to 1920, inclusive, derived in direct revenue over \$11,000,000. Most of this revenue came from Northern Ontario from an area which lies within a circle having a radius of less than 75 miles, and which represents only a very small part of the possible productive area of the province.

"We often hear it stated, however, and sometimes by Government ministers who ought to know better, that the province expends more on mining than it receives. To answer this I refer to the Government records for the year ending March, 1920. This shows:
 Gross revenues of \$1,117,499
 Gross disbursements of ... 218,641

Or a net profit of \$900,000
 "This represents a return of over \$5.00 for each \$1.00 expended, or over 500 per cent. profit, which, with a business concern, would be called the grossest kind of profiteering. When I tell you that over 50 per cent. of the disbursements are made up of the expenses of fuel investigation and the exploration and investigation of oil and gas wells, you will see that I am being more than fair to the Government.

"It is interesting to note that for the same period the Department of Agriculture expended \$2,795,407 while the revenue of the Department was \$263,623, or for every dollar expended on agriculture they got back nine cents. From figures obtained within the last few days direct from the Hon. Mr. Drury's office, it is shown that during the year ending October 31st, 1920, from Northern Ontario alone, revenue from the mines was \$94,000, as against expenditures of \$99,000, or a return of \$10.00 for each one spent. (Shareholders in a business concern who received such returns as this would look upon the company with the highest consideration, but this is not the attitude of the Provincial Government. Premier Drury, in a recent speech at Cochrane, referred to Northern Ontario as a treasured daughter in her mother's house. I would respectfully suggest to the honorable gentleman that he provide the poor girl with some clothes.

"I have shown you that the mining industry has not only been a big revenue producer to the province as a whole, but to the government as well, and that it has made remarkable strides in the past few years. It is, however, capable of much greater things. Our gold mines are only in the early stages of their life, and new fields yet remain to be discovered. We have great undeveloped and unknown areas which will provide mines to replace those now being exhausted.

"It should be evident that the proper development of our mineral resources and their wise encouragement is a problem of national importance for our statesmen.
 "We appreciate the action of the provincial government in separating the Department of Mines from Lands and Forests, but they did not go quite far enough. As far as the technical staff of the Department is concerned I have only words of praise. They are men of the highest integrity and attainments, who perform their difficult duties for entirely inadequate remuneration, but I would suggest that at the head of the department we require men who by virtue of their knowledge, experience and ability will provide real leadership in the development of our mineral resources. We need men who can appreciate that a mine is a wasting asset, and that there can be no real profits until after the capital has been returned, men who understand that the hardships and risks attendant upon the opening up of a mining property deserve an adequate reward, men who realize that it is neither just nor business-like to single out special companies for special taxes and finally men who are sufficiently interested in this country to encourage its development along sound lines, instead of looking at it simply as a possible source of revenue to meet the present extravagant expenditures of Old Ontario."

Recently Provincial Officer Ataman seized a club bag containing ten bottles of beautiful booze, the seizure taking place at Porquis Junction. As no owner could be found for the joyous liquid, Magistrate Atkinson last week ordered it confiscated. Several people explain they would have liked to have claimed the liquor, but were too modest.

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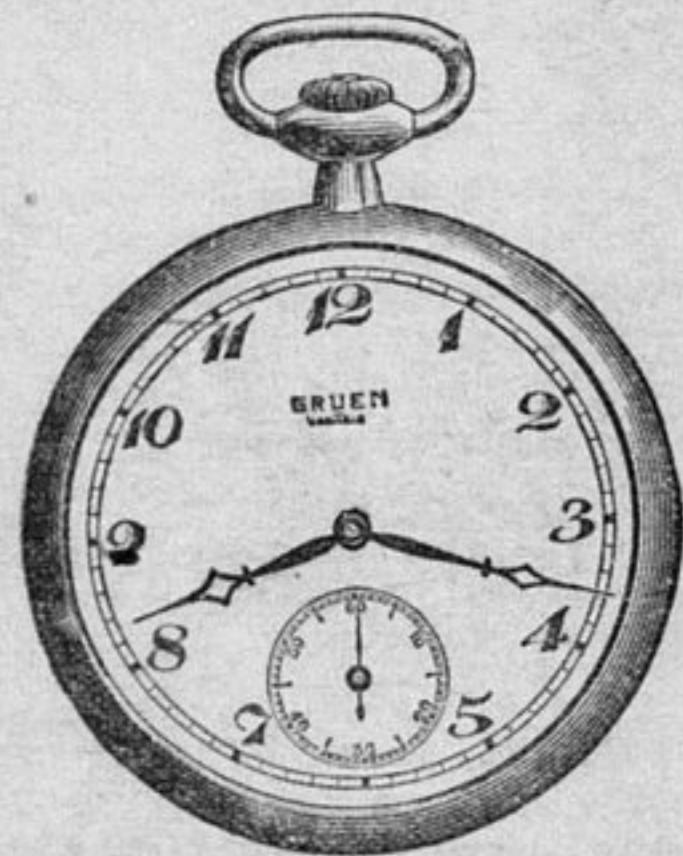
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Appointment for Hearing
 The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board hereby appoints Thursday, the fifteenth day of December, A.D., 1921, at the hour of half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the Town of Haileybury, for the Hearing herein.

Dated at Toronto this 9th. day of November, 1921.

"H. C. SMALL."
 Secretary.

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