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SUGGESTS NEW PROVINCE OF EAST AND NORTH ONT.

Renfrew Town Engineer Says West And South Are Hogging Everything.

A great many people up in the Porcupine know John R. Stewart, Town Engineer for the Town of Renfrew for about 22 years. Those who know him best would not expect him to do much talking for publication. But that is just what he has been doing recently. And, to use a popular slang phrase, "He's said a mouthful." Jack must have been considerably "het up" to talk as much as he did, but no one will deny that he has had ample justification. According to an interview given by Mr. Stewart to The Renfrew Mercury, he has special faith and belief in the future of Eastern Ontario and Northern Ontario, and he suggests that both parts of the Province should be combined into a new Province which he suggests would soon become the greatest of all the Provinces of this great Dominion. Mr. Stewart would have a straight boundary line from Kingston to Parry Sound and on the eastern side of that boundary line he would set up a new province which would, he is satisfied, hold the place of honour in the Canadian Confederation.

"There is no reason on earth," said Mr. Stewart to the Mercury, "why the eastern sections should not be more highly developed than they are today. We have the chief timber wealth, the richest mineral deposits, and the most valuable water powers to be found in the Dominion. In spite of all these assets our growth has been slow and we are industrially and otherwise behind the people in Western Ontario.

"The reason for this condition is not far to seek. We have never been given a fair share. All the money received from the sale of timber limits for timber dues, for royalties on the output of the mines, in short everything in the way of revenue from our natural resources goes to Toronto. All we get back is an occasional grant for a colonization road which is built but which disappears after the first heavy rain falls. We should be the greatest province in the Dominion instead of being where we are today, a mere tail to the kite that Toronto and western Ontario are continuously flying."

Mr. Stewart points out the wealth of water powers in his proposed new Province,—400,000 horse power available on the Ottawa River, 125,000 horse power from tributaries of the Ottawa, and 400,000 horse power from the St. Lawrence, and the immense supply of water power available in Northern Ontario. He shows how water powers have been developed in Western Ontario by the Governments of the Province, while the East and North have been neglected.

Mr. Stewart is also in favour of the Georgian Bay Canal which would shorten the shipping route by about 200 miles.

Mr. Stewart thought North Bay would be the logical place for the capital of the proposed new province. The views of Mr. Stewart are very interesting. The Advance agrees with him as to the absolute necessity for either better deal all round or the creation of a new Province. In the matter of boundaries, however, there is not the same agreement. The Advance believes that the North Land, having interests and possibilities in common, should be formed into a province of its own if these interests cannot be fairly conserved by the present Province. Under the present Government there does not seem to be much hope of fair treatment or intelligent usage. Those who have scoffed at all talk of secession will one of these days wake up to find that the strength of the secession sentiment is immeasurably greater than people realize. The truth is that the secession idea is about as strong as the idea of a square deal and fair play. The North Land has been getting a raw deal right along. To judge from Mr. Stewart's interview Eastern Ontario has also suffered recently. Cursing the thoughtful people of either the East or the North will not accomplish much. The motto in each case is practically sure to stand:—"Square Deal,—or Secession."

NEWSIES ON T. & N. O. NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Northern News, Cobalt's new newspaper, last week says:—"There are new newsies on the T. & N. O. trains these days. Since the first of the year the privileges formerly held by the Canada Railway News Company have been in the hands of Mr. Arthur Stevens, of Cochrane, he taking over the business after his tender for the business had been accepted. Mr. Stevens has opened an office in North Bay and he has control on the T. & N. O. trains of the newspaper, soft drink, fruit, etc. sales."

FORESTRY ASSOCIATION TELLS "WHY IS FORESTRY?"

There is a good deal in the press these days about the necessity for forest conservation and wise utilization, and people may be led to ask: Why should Canadians bother their heads about forestry? The answer is very simple. Canada, like every other country in the world, has a large proportion of land that is not good for agriculture but which will grow timber. In some countries it is with great difficulty that these non-agricultural areas are got to grow trees, and even then the timber is of inferior quality. In Canada, on the contrary, the land, if given a chance, readily bears a new crop of trees, and when grown these trees provide the finest structural timbers in the world. How much of Canada is of this character is not yet definitely known but a conservative estimate places it at sixty per cent. of the country. The reason why Canadian statesmen and leaders in all walks of life are urging the study and practice of forestry is that if citizens sit still and allow these non-agricultural lands to be repeatedly burned over, then these immense areas will become deserts, whereas if kept growing timber they will provide a permanent and increasing revenue. This is the "Why" of forestry.

WRIT ISSUED AGAINST EX-INSPECTOR ROWELL

Through his lawyer, Mr. W. A. Gordon, of Haileybury, Mr. Louis Giannini, of Cobalt, has issued a writ claiming \$5,000.00 from A. T. Rowell, formerly Provincial Police Inspector in Temiskaming. Mr. Giannini claims the damages stated for alleged alienation of his wife's effects. The case is understood to be a result of the recent affair in Cobalt that caused much talk and led to the arrest of Giannini on a charge of shooting his wife. The story of the shooting as told in the police court was to the effect that Rowell and another man visited the Giannini house and spent some time there. Eventually Giannini went to bed and the other man left. Rowell stayed with the woman and Giannini came down to the kitchen and found them together. He went back upstairs and secured a gun. Returning he said he shot at the man and his wife in attempting to turn the gun aside was injured. When Giannini came before Magistrate Atkinson for preliminary trial on a charge of shooting he pleaded not guilty and was committed for trial before a judge. Before Judge Hartman he entered a plea of guilty and was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

COCHRANE CLUB PROVES NOTEWORTHY SUCCESS

Members of the Timmins Intermediate team visiting Cochrane recently were very much impressed with the Cochrane Club and the fine quarters occupied by the Club. The visitors thought the Cochrane Club idea one that might be carried out in Timmins with much satisfaction and advantage. On many occasions suggestions of all sorts have been made for a Timmins Club that would provide regular social amusements and a permanent meeting place for the men of the Camp. But the plan here has never progressed beyond the suggestion stage. In Cochrane, however, the plan is well under way and is meeting with signal success. The Cochrane Club was organized some months ago, and on New Year's Eve the new club rooms were formally opened by a turkey supper at which some forty members were present. The Cochrane Club has fine quarters nicely furnished and conveniently located. Any member can take his friends or acquaintances to the club. There is a reading room in connection with the Club and also a special card room. Every evening sees something special doing, one of the features in progress now being a cribbage tournament. Five Hundred, Bridge and other tournaments are also to be started. It's, however, as a general social centre, and a meeting place—an agreeable place to take a friend for a pleasant evening—that the club is proving most popular. Of course, there are many "At Homes" and special social feature from time to time. The Cochrane Club charges its members an initiation fee of \$10.00 with additional fees of \$10.00 per year, payable half-yearly in advance. The president for this year is Mr. W. G. E. Bishop; vice-president, Dr. J. W. Fraser; Secretary, R. R. Mitchell; Treasurer, W. W. Mitchell. An Executive Committee of eight members was appointed to assist in the conduct of the Club. The Cochrane Club has purchased the furniture of the G.W.A. branch in the town, and, as the Cochrane Post says, "the rooms are now nicely fitted up and are a credit to the organizing officers who worked so hard to achieve the result." The Committee of Management includes:—Messrs. R. R. Mitchell, A. T. King, J. M. Greer, Dr. Murray, Dr. Fraser, W. W. Mitchell, A. Stevens and F. H. Adams.



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