

### ABOUT TOWN PLANNING OF THE NORTHLAND

Haileybury's New Association Hears Interesting Review of the Growth Of Iroquois Falls.

The many who look upon this North Land as an abiding place, and not simply a place for brief sojourn, MUST be interested in town planning in the North Land. There is a noteworthy increase each year in the number of those who look upon the North Land as their HOME. To those who view the North Country as their land, their abiding place, their home, the matter of town planning is of vital interest. On the one hand there are the North Land towns to be considered where building and expansion has been on haphazard plan, and where as a consequence conditions in many ways need material improvement. On the other hand there are a few towns that have set a fine example in growing along right lines. From the latter, the established towns whose present has been achieved on hit-or-miss lines have much to learn. Haileybury, for instance, has recently been seized with the importance of the science of town planning, and the county town has formed a Town Planners Society. Last week the Haileybury Town Planners had a very pleasant luncheon in the Vendome Hotel, to which about 70 people sat down. There were toasts and a pleasing musical programme and a generally attractive time. The Haileybury Town Planners had two special guests for the occasion, these being: Mr. R. A. McInnis, President of the Associated Boards of Trade, and manager of the Abitibi Power & Paper Co. at Iroquois Falls; and Mr. U. T. Heard, landscape gardener in charge at the Falls. The founding and growth of Iroquois Falls were very ably reviewed by the visiting guests. As The Advance has pointed out on more than one occasion Iroquois Falls is a beautiful town of homes, and the story of its growth is a remarkable one. All in the North Land should be interested in the plans that have made it what it is, and so copious extracts are given herewith of The Haileyburian's report of the addresses made last week. The Haileyburian says, in part:—

"In his address, Mr. Heard outlined the work that had been accomplished at Iroquois Falls, going into de-

tail about the difficulties that had to be surmounted yet, before the work can be called perfect. He gave briefly the history of the Falls. How two students had come north from New York with the intention of staking some mining claims at Cobalt, and finding that everything had been staked, proceeded on up north, eventually arriving at what is now Iroquois Falls. When they returned to New York they had nothing to show for their trip, other than empty pockets and a bunch of photographs of the north. These pictures were shown to Mr. F. H. Anson, who is now President of the Abitibi Co., and he realizing the possibilities that awaited some one in the "far north" formed a company, which in time became known as the Abitibi Power & Paper Company. "Mr. Anson's hobby is Iroquois Falls," said Mr. Heard, and knowing that the men working for him had to have something better to look at than just square-town blocks and the like, decided to dress up his town. A landscape gardener was secured, and now every effort is being put forth to make the Falls a model town. Mr. Heard stated that Haileybury was a town that possessed a wonderful natural situation, but it lacked one thing, "it was not dressed up." He compared it with towns in England, where sometimes the homes were not as attractive as those in Haileybury, but nevertheless possessed a tranquility and charm simply because they were attractively surrounded with trees and shrubs and flowers. He emphasized the fact that trees and shrubs will grow up here in the north. Mr. Heard also remarked that he was glad to hear that the citizens of Haileybury had formed a Town Planners Association. As regards tree planting in Haileybury he advised uniformity of selection and cautioned leaving plenty of space for a big flower garden.

"Mr. R. A. McInnis stated that it was a good business proposition, and a splendid commercial enterprise to have a beautiful town. He remarked that big firms and business organizations were insuring the health of their employees by giving them attractive homes to live in, with gardens, and by dressing up the town in which they resided. Regarding the future of the district of Temiskaming he was most optimistic and held out bright hopes. He gave figures to show the wealth that had already gone out of Temiskaming during the past year. "We are going to have three cities in Temiskaming in a few years to come," said Mr. McInnis, and one of these he intimated would be Haileybury, if the future were taken in hand and properly looked after now. He described Haileybury as being the "home town" for the district, the same as Three Rivers, Que. was the home town of the district down there. His reasons for Haileybury one day becoming a city were centered around the fact that the Cobalt silver mines were only five miles away, and one of the richest agricultural districts surrounded the town of Haileybury. He thought that Haileybury was "just there" and had not gone over the hill, one way or the other, and that the future was now in the hands of the citizens of the town. He believed that the turning point in the town's future was near at hand. "Your object is to build Haileybury so attractive for people that they will naturally come here to live," said Mr. McInnis. He said that the floating population of the district of Temiskaming was terrible, and that was one reason why the people of Haileybury should endeavor to make Haileybury a kind of "Home town" where all could come. His line of thought extended to having Haileybury a convention town, a vacation town, and in fact making it a centre to which everybody would flock for business reasons as well as pleasure. Closing his speech he remarked that the future wealth of the district was assured."

In closing an extended and very well-written report of the Town Planners' event, The Haileyburian says that the chairman for the evening, Mr. D. L. Jemmett, urged the closest

of co-operation on the part of all the citizens in order that the Town Planners Association may achieve with success the aims they have set before them to make Haileybury a town of homes, healthy, prosperous and beautiful.

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