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**THE MAJORITY FOR UNION  
GOVERNMENT.**

The final official returns for the Dominion election on December 17th last indicate that the Union Government has now the large majority of 68 over all opposing parties. Several seats in Ontario and other parts of Canada, outside Quebec, have been changed by the soldiers' vote from the Opposition to the Union Government side. Among the Laurier candidates, elected by the civilian vote but finally counted out by the soldiers' votes, is Hon. Frank Oliver of the West. On the other hand, Mr. Cockshutt, of Brantford, who won by the civilian vote as an independent Conservative candidate, has lost the seat to the Union Government candidate who was formerly a member of the Liberal party. The soldiers apparently voted almost as a unit for Union Government. Over ninety-three per cent. of the soldiers votes were cast for Union Government candidates. Even the soldiers overseas from Quebec gave a majority of votes against the Laurier candidates.

The majority enjoyed by the Union Government is a noteworthy one, but the popular vote throughout the country is still more striking. The civilian vote was 841,944 for the Union Government candidates, 683,662 for Laurier candidates, and 15,182 for Independents. The military vote, at home and overseas, was 206,000 for the Union Government and 15,116 for all other candidates. The total vote cast for Union Government was thus 1,022,599 and for all other parties and parties it was 757,893. The Union Government popular majority of 264,216 is the largest popular majority ever enjoyed by any Government in Canada. The comparison of such a majority with the 57,000 majority held by the Government in the 1904 election, the 42,000 majority given in 1908, or the 45,000 majority secured by another Government in 1911, shows the sweeping nature of the popular approval of the Union Government.

The unquestioned endorsement given the Union Government by the people of Canada and by the brave men overseas should spur the Government to effort and to action. The people have shown the strength of their support of the Union Government. Now the Government should evidence the fact that the people's trust was warranted. They should justify the faith of Canada. There are a hundred difficult problems to solve, and the Government should give to these problems a devotion and an interest that will prove that the votes of the people were well placed. During the election it was a common thing to say that the people were on trial. The people have nobly stood the test. It is the Government that is now on trial.

**FIRST WINNIPEG TO  
HALIFAX GOV'T. TRAIN**

On Thursday last the first through passenger train running over all Government rails from Halifax to Winnipeg passed through Cochrane. By an odd coincidence this first through train was a hospital train carrying wounded returned soldiers to their homes in the West. Some of these returned soldiers were among the pioneers who helped in the surveying and building of the road. The Cochrane Northland Post very aptly remarks that in ordinary times the running of this first through passenger train on this G.T.P. would be hailed as an occurrence calling for special attention, but that patriotic and humane considerations so absorb the minds of those who would otherwise be interested that the war and the soldiers crowd out matters of mere historical importance. In 1903 the first engineering party started construction on the Grand Trunk Pacific. It was first intended that the line should connect at North Bay with the Grand Trunk, but later it was decided to build to Quebec. In 1904 construction was accordingly commenced and the last steel was laid between Cochrane and Winnipeg in October, 1914. The first through train from Quebec

to Cochrane arrived at the latter town in May, 1915, and the same month also saw the first through train to Cochrane from Winnipeg. Regular east and west traffic started in June, 1915. The first "National" from Toronto to Winnipeg passed through Cochrane on July 4th., 1915, and the event was made a regular holiday occasion by the Cochrane people. The accidents in connection with the attempts to erect the Quebec Bridge have since delayed the commencement of the through service between Halifax and Winnipeg. The Quebec Bridge was finally completed last September, and the first through train accordingly from Halifax to Winnipeg made its run as noted above.

**WORDS OF FORMER COCHRANE  
DOCTOR CAUSE HIS ARREST.**

At one of the big Temperance mass meetings in Toronto last week, Capt. Geo. T. Bailey, of the Army Medical Corps, made the astounding statement that he was told by another officer that 90 per cent. of the Canadian troops in France were drunk on Christmas Day. Capt. Bailey himself was never across to France. He was only able to get as far as England, where he was turned back as physically unfit. His broad statement roused intense indignation, and brought many stern denials from officers and others who were in France and knew conditions. Following the general indignation at the sweeping statement, public opinion was so aroused that eventually Capt. Bailey was arrested on a charge of "making statements derogatory to His Majesty's troops," and "prejudicial to recruiting and discipline," etc. He was held over one night without bail being allowed. Then he was allowed out on \$2000 bail supplied by some Toronto citizen who did not wish his name mentioned in the papers. If convicted of the charge, Capt. Bailey is liable to a fine of \$5000 as well as to imprisonment up to five years. After the civil authorities are through with him the Military authorities say they will deal with his case.

There are altogether too many loose statements made regarding the brave soldiers. Usually these statements are made by those in no position to know the facts. These erratic exaggerations cause anxiety to the people at home and no doubt please the enemy. Capt. Bailey, however, is not the worst offender. There are others whose flapping mouths should be stopped in their dirty lies about better men than themselves.

Capt. Bailey was formerly a doctor practicing at Cochrane. He is naturally a nervous and rather excitable man, but with many excellent qualities. Undoubtedly, he would not deliberately give the people of Canada the grief and anxiety that remarks such as credited to him would naturally cause. He was greatly affected by the death of his wife in 1916, and his health after that sad event was not of the best for a time at least. After a few months' rest he enlisted with the Army Medical Corps and went overseas, only to be stopped at England as physically unfit. Capt. Bailey's trial will be held this week in Toronto.

**FIRE AT MATTAGAMI  
ROAD FRIDAY MORNING.**

At 3.40 a.m. on Friday the Timmins Firemen had a call to the Mattagami Road, just outside the town limits. A very prompt response was made and the fire fighters soon were busy with long lines of hose laid, etc. The building, however, was practically destroyed before the Firemen were called and nothing could be done to save it. Other buildings nearby, though, were protected from damage by the work of the Firemen. The building destroyed was the big house, just below the bend of the road at the bottom of Third Avenue hill. It was originally built for a store, but no partitions were put up and no finishing done downstairs. The upstairs part was occupied only by the owner, Hans Grimpe, and his dog was the only other occupant when the fire was discovered. Mr. Grimpe says that he was awakened by the dog and found the place in flames. The origin of the fire is unknown. Insurance in two companies totalled \$1800. The building was completely destroyed.

**CULTIVATION OF BACK  
YARDS AND VACANT LOTS.**

Every back yard should be used for the cultivation of fruit and vegetables. Suburban areas should be utilized for food production. Much could be done by individual households if people only realize the desperate seriousness of the situation and the fact that every ounce of food is a necessary and important contribution in the fight against defeat. Hundreds of thousands of men and women, boys and girls could spare a short time each day to cultivate a garden and thus to grow food which would release other food commodities for shipment overseas.

**INTERNEED MAN FORMERLY  
WELL-KNOWN IN NORTH LAND**

Old-timers will remember Julius Messer, mining engineer, who was in Cobalt and up through the Porcupine in the early days of this Camp. He was connected with several mines, mining ventures and prospects in this district, and was well-known to all here. An item from the Pittsburgh Dispatch recently contained a telegraphic item dated from Havana, Feb. 26th. This item says that "Julius Messer, a German mining engineer, of Santiago de Cuba, was arrested by federal officers that day and interned in the Cabanas fortress, charged with espionage and propaganda among laborers in an effort to interrupt the handling of the sugar crop. Messer is said to be an intimate friend of George Hildebrandt, German chemist and alleged spy, who is also a prisoner at Cabanas."

**GEORGE HAZELTON  
DIED ON MONDAY**

One of the Pioneers of Cobalt and the Porcupine.

George Hazelton, well-known and popular in many circles in the Camp, died at 11 o'clock Monday morning at the Cottage Hospital, Timmins, the immediate cause of death being an attack of pneumonia. The deceased had been more or less ill for three weeks past, and on Sunday he had a fainting spell and medical attendance was necessary. On Monday he was taken to the Cottage Hospital where it was found that pneumonia had developed and medical skill proved unavailing to prevent his death.

The late George Hazelton was one of the well-known contractors of the North Land. He spent some years at Cobalt and later came to the Porcupine. He built the Kingston House at South Porcupine and owned that hotel in the better days of South End. Last year he built the Queen's Hotel here. He was also interested in several other business and financial affairs in the Camp and elsewhere. He was about 40 years of age. A brother, Mr. Jas. Hazelton, is also a well-known and popular resident of the Camp.

The body is being taken to Westport, near Kingston, for interment at the family home.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In the matter of the Ontario Assignments and Preference Act and in the Matter of Peador Guga and John Denesavitch, carrying on Business under the Name, Style and Firm of Guga & Denesavitch, Insolvents.

Whereas the above insolvents made an assignment for the benefit of Creditors to Thomas M. Wilson of the Town of Timmins on the 26th day of February, 1915.

And whereas by resolution of the Creditors dated the 20th day of April 1915, Cecil B. Lloyd of the Town of Timmins, Accountant was substituted for the said Thomas M. Wilson as Assignee.

And whereas by an order of his Honor Judge Hartman, dated the 25th day of January, 1918, H. E. Montgomery of the Town of Timmins the undersigned was substituted for Cecil B. Lloyd as Assignee of the said estate.

And whereas the said undersigned has been unable to obtain from his predecessors in office or either of them any documents, records or statements of the affairs of the said estate.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above named insolvents will be held at the office of D. W. O'Sullivan, Solicitor, in the New Empire Theatre Building, in the Town of Timmins on Tuesday the 19th day of March, 1918, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to inquire into the administration of the estate down to the date of the appointment of this Assignee to receive a statement of affairs, to appoint Inspectors and fix their remuneration of desirable and for the ordering of the affairs of the estate generally.

Creditors are requested to file their claims with the Assignee with proofs and particulars thereof required by the said act on or before the date of such meeting.

And notice is further given that after the 12th day of March, 1918 the Assignee will proceed to distribute the assets of the debtors amongst the parties entitled thereto, having only regard to the claims of which notice shall then have been given, and that he will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed, to any person or persons of whose claim he shall not have then received notice.

H. E. MONTGOMERY,  
Assignee.

**ENTRIES FOR DOG RACE**

Among the entries for the big Dog Team Race next week, two entries are expected from Connaught, one from Swastika, one from Kenoginisse and two from South Porcupine, besides the local teams. The local teams will include:—two from the Hollinger, one from the Porcupine Crown, one from the McIntyre and one from Mattagami. These are only a few of those in sight now, and it is expected that the number of entries will exceed last year. Entries are open until Friday, March 15th.

**TOWNSHIP OF TISDALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a By-law has been passed by the Council of The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Tisdale on the Twenty-Second day of February, 1918, providing for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of completing the new schools at South Porcupine and the Dome Mines, and that such By-law was registered in the registry office at Hailbury in the District of Temiskaming on the second day of March, 1918. Any motion to quash or set aside the same or any part thereof must be made within three months after the first publication of this notice, and cannot be made thereafter.

Dated the second of March, 1918:  
W. H. WILSON,  
Clerk.

**TIMMINS L.O.L. No. 2552**  
Meets every first and fourth Monday evenings of each month, Oddfellows Hall, Third avenue. Visiting brethren always welcome.  
J. W. Faithful, J. W. Noseworthy,  
W.M. R.S.

**J. W. Mahon**  
BARRISTER,  
SOLICITOR,  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
9-10 Royal Exchange Bldg., Cobalt.  
Phone 53. Moore Bldg., Timmins.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In the matter of the Estate of John James McEachern late of Mattagami Heights in the District of Temiskaming, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims or demands against the late John James McEachern, who died on or about the 9th day of November, 1917, at Mattagami Heights aforesaid, are required to send by post prepaid or to deliver to the undersigned solicitor herein for Charles M. Auer, Administrator of the estate of the said John James McEachern, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims, and statements of their accounts, and the nature of the securities if any held by them.

And take notice that after the 1st day of April, 1918, the said Charles M. Auer will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims which he shall then have notice, and that the said Charles M. Auer will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person of whose claim he shall not then have received notice.

Dated at Timmins this 16th day of February, 1918.

D. W. O'SULLIVAN,  
Timmins, Ont.  
Solicitor for the said Administrator.

**PUBLIC NOTICE.**

I wish to make known to the Porcupine Camp and such other persons it may concern that, when leaving the home of my father, William David Skinner, of Gateacre, Liverpool, England, in 1900 and coming to Canada, I assumed the name of WILLIAM GEORGE HIGHAM.

My motives for so doing were purely personal and, I trust, entirely honourable. However the facts have recently occasioned some embarrassment. I therefore desire to resume my proper name, and would ask my friends and acquaintances to assist me in making myself known in future as—  
WILLIAM GEORGE SKINNER.  
South Porcupine, March 4th., 1918.

**NOTICE TO  
WATER  
CONSUMERS**

During the extreme cold weather, consumers of town water are advised to allow their taps to keep running slightly to prevent freezing in the pipes.

By order

H. E. MONTGOMERY  
clerk

**Cook & Mitchell**  
BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS,  
NOTARIES.

Timmins, South Porcupine  
Toronto

**The Big Bankrupt Sale**

STILL GOING ON



You still have a chance to share in the big bargains....prices away down below wholesale cost

**We must vacate premises by March 15**

Stock of Neil Ryan in boots and shoes and gents' furnishings, and the gents' furnishings stock of Sanders & Petchersky, being sold regardless of costs. Come and share in the bargains before it is too late

Watch for the big red sign at Neil Ryan's old stand, 47 Pine Street.

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