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**TIMMINS TO BE A CITY  
OF 35,000 IN FIVE YEARS**

Mr. Geo. Walker, of the Walker  
House, Toronto, Has Visions of  
the Growth of the North.

In an interview with a Toronto  
newspaper, Mr. Geo. Walker, prop-  
rietor of the Walker House, Toronto,  
and one of the Commissioners of the  
Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission,  
speaks in more than optimistic terms  
of the growth of the North Land in  
the next five years. Mr. Walker is a  
man of the world of affairs who has  
taken a keen interest in industrial and  
mining matters and has been in a  
position to secure much special gener-  
al knowledge.

"I see in the undeveloped mineral  
resources of Northern Ontario," he  
said, "the greatest opportunity to  
create new wealth of any province of  
the Dominion. If this province since  
1905 can produce in silver and gold,  
with the limited development that has  
taken place up to the present time, a  
sum greater than one hundred mil-  
lions of dollars, with a properly orga-  
nized method of development the  
possibilities are beyond the dreams  
of the average man. I see nothing  
but unlimited prosperity for Ontario  
and for Toronto in the development of  
the mineral resources of Northern  
Ontario. I can see Timmins in the  
next five years with a population of  
at least 35,000, and in the Kirkland  
Lake district a city of 10,000 people,  
and in the other undeveloped sections  
of the great North Land there are  
bound to be many, many prosperous  
cities. I can see a total population  
of not less than 250,000 people settled  
in the North Land. When mines  
such as the Hollinger and the Dome  
are employing from 3000 to 5000 men,  
not to say anything about the McIn-  
tyre and other large properties, one  
can readily see where, in the mining  
section alone, at least 60,000 to 80,  
000 will be constantly employed. This  
is not only possible, it is probable."

Mr. Wright is equally optimistic  
about the lumber industry's possibili-  
ties in the North Land.

He estimated the total mineral out-  
put in gold and silver for the next  
five years at \$200,000,000. He also  
touched on the possibilities of the de-  
velopment of water powers, etc., and  
mentioned the possible development  
of agriculture in the North. Homes  
and work for returned soldiers, he  
said, could be acceptably provided in  
the great North.

Mr. Wright is certainly enthusias-  
tic enough about the North Land and  
all will trust that the next five years  
will fully justify his vision of what  
may be.

**WATER AND SEWERS  
MOST PRESSING NEEDS**

According to Ratepayers' Association  
Meeting—Which also Discussed  
Sanitary Questions and  
Other Matters.

Although there was only a small  
attendance at the meeting of the  
Ratepayers' Association on Friday  
evening last in the Timmins Council  
Chambers, there was much lively  
and interesting discussion of munic-  
ipal matters. Mr. Wm. DeFen, the  
first president of the Association, oc-  
cupied the chair for the evening.

Mr. H. McQuarrie was one of the  
members delegated to attend all the  
Town Council meetings and report to  
the Association as to the proceedings.  
When asked on Friday evening if he  
had any report to make, Mr. Mc-  
Quarrie walked up to the front of  
the railing before the president,  
"Mr. Chairman and gentleman," he  
said, "I have a full and authentic  
report in detail of the last Council  
meeting. And there it is!" And he  
threw down on the table a copy of  
the last issue of The Advance. Then  
he took his seat again, his work well  
done.

Later in the evening Mr. McQuarrie  
referred to Councillor Brazeau's pro-  
posal that the Council advertise ask-  
ing for all who wished sidewalks  
built to make the necessary petitions.  
Mr. McQuarrie thought that it would  
be unwise to spend all the money av-  
ailable on sidewalks, while water-  
works extensions and better roads were  
so badly needed in some parts of the  
town. Some of the residents of the  
town, he said, had to carry their pro-  
ceries home on their backs like pros-  
pectors, and plough through the mud  
to their knees on account of the bad  
condition of the roads. "Most of us  
would be ready to do without side-  
walks for another little while," he  
suggested, "if we had good roads to  
walk on and if the money were  
spent on road improvements, sewers,  
waterworks extensions, etc." Practi-  
cally all present agreed with Mr.  
McQuarrie's suggestion, and a resolu-  
tion was passed asking the Council  
to give first consideration to sewers,  
waterworks and improved roads, even  
if the sidewalks remained unbuild  
for the present.

The matters of sanitary dairies,  
meat inspectors, etc., were again dis-  
cussed. The meeting considered sani-  
tary dairies, inspected meat and  
wholesome foodstuffs as vital to the  
health of the town. The appoint-  
ment of a third policeman, allowing  
Officer Burke to act as special sani-  
tary inspector, was considered as  
helpful by some, but some believed  
that an expert on sanitary matters  
should be secured for the work. To  
this end a resolution was adopted  
asking Councillor DeFen to bring be-  
fore the Town Council the question  
of Tisdale and Timmins uniting to  
secure the services of a first-class ex-  
pert sanitary inspector to look after  
meats, dairies and the general health  
of the two municipalities.

Mr. J. A. Theriault suggested that  
an effort should be made to adver-  
tise the Town of Timmins, so as to  
help in the growth of the Town. He  
thought an advertising campaign in  
the outside daily papers would soon  
make known the advantages of the  
town and attract more men and more  
capital to the place. The question,  
however, was looked upon as of par-  
ticular interest to the Board of  
Trade and so the meeting left it with  
that body to deal with.

In the view of the constitution not  
allowing a member of the Town Coun-  
cil to hold a place on the executive  
of the Ratepayers' Association, there  
were two places to fill.—Mr. DeFen's  
place as president, and Mr. L. S.  
Newton's as a member of the execu-  
tive committee. Messrs. D. Laprairie  
J. K. Moore and J. P. Bartleman  
were nominated for the presidency.  
The two former retiring in favor of  
Mr. Bartleman who was elected presi-  
dent by acclamation. For the execu-  
tive member, two names went to a  
ballot.—Mr. D. Laprairie and Mr. J.  
Moore.—Mr. Moore being elected by  
a plurality of one vote.

The meeting adjourned to the call  
of the executive.

A soldier who had been unable to  
change his socks for several days,  
felt that a blister was coming on one  
of his toes. On removing his sock he  
found a little roll of paper which  
caused the trouble and on it was  
written, "God, bless your poor tired  
feet."

In the past North Bay post office  
has been open during certain hours  
on Sundays for the convenience of  
box holders. Changes in the train  
service recently have made this less  
necessary and so the North Bay post  
office will be closed hereafter on Sun-  
days. Also it will close each even-  
ing at 10 p.m. instead of 11 o'clock  
as heretofore.

**TIMMINS TO HAVE LODGE  
OF ORANGE YOUNG BRITONS.**

It has been decided to organize a  
lodge of the Orange Young Britons  
in Timmins and all members of the  
Order holding certificates of other O.  
Y.B. lodges should communicate with  
Past District Deputy Grand Master  
Percy Craig, of the Curtis Drug Co.  
staff, within the next week or two,  
for the purpose of setting a date for  
holding the organization meeting.  
Organization work is to be begun at  
once. It is the intention of the O.  
Y.B. Lodge, when organized, to have  
a club here for the benefit and en-  
tertainment of the members.

**INDIAN WING PROPOSED  
FOR COCHRANE HOSPITAL**

An addition with seven beds is now  
proposed to be built to the Lady  
Minto Hospital at Cochrane for In-  
dian patients. The plan is to con-  
nect it with the present hospital by a  
large sun-room, constructed of special  
glass. At the recent meeting of the  
Cochrane Hospital this and several  
other matters were discussed. The  
total number of cases at Lady Minto  
Hospital in 1918 was 272. Of these,  
111 were surgical cases, with 57 op-  
erations. There were 13 deaths in the  
hospital during the year. There  
were 165 day patients, contributing  
\$4365.70; and 76 non-pay patients.  
Cochrane had 66 patients and 30  
more came from the immediate dis-  
tricts. There were also 15 from  
Hearst, 10 each from Matheson and  
Frederickhouse, 9 from Kapuskasing  
and Moonbeam, Low Bush, Monteith,  
Jacksonboro, Clute, Porquis Junction  
Ramore, Kelso, Smooth Rock Falls,  
McIntosh Springs, Nushka and other  
places. The Emergency Hospital for  
the "Flu" epidemic was conducted  
by one of the Lady Minto Hospital  
nurses and handled 68 cases with on-  
ly 6 deaths. The Hospital had 17  
others cases, with one death. The  
receipts for the Lady Minto Hospital  
for the year totalled \$9362.40, while  
the expenditures on 1917 and 1918  
account were \$1337.46 more, or \$10,  
699.86. Mr. A. T. H. Taylor is chair-  
man of the Board for 1919, Bishop  
Anderson vice-chairman and E. W.  
Orde, secretary-treasurer.

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