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**'BOOST THE NORTH LAND'
CONVENTION, JAN. 15th**

Northern Ontario Improvement and Development Committee Open Office at North Bay.

As noted in recent issues of The Advance, some weeks ago a Committee was formed at North Bay to organize the whole North Land for the better development and improvement of this great country. The question arose at a meeting of the North Bay Board of Trade, where incidental reference was made to the various causes that held back the North Land from the progress and development that the wonderful resources and possibilities of this country suggested as its due. It was decided as a result of the Board of Trade discussion to form a Committee to be known as the Northern Ontario Improvement and Development Committee. This Committee has opened an office in North Bay, and the next step is to be the calling of a monster convention of representatives from all parts of the North Land, on January 15th. In a letter to The Advance this week Mr. John Ferguson, Mayor of North Bay, says it is desired from the outset to keep the public familiar with what is being done in the way of bringing before the proper authorities the wants and requirements of the northern undeveloped portion of our Province. Mayor Ferguson encloses a circular letter which explains itself and reads as follows:—

Office of Northern Ontario Improvement and Development Committee, North Bay, Ont., Nov. 22nd, 1919.

It has been felt in the past that Northern Ontario has not received due recognition from the Governments of the day. The policies adopted in reference to our vast natural resources such as mines, timber and agricultural, have not in a great many cases been suitable for this part of the Province. It is further felt that a greater proportion of the revenue derived from these natural resources should be spent in Northern Ontario. There is also the question of power development, transportation, taxation, education, the refining of minerals and many other matters, which require immediate attention. The proper adjustment of these matters is urgent, and the future development of this part of the Province requires that they be brought before the proper authorities at once. With this object in view, the North Bay Council and Board of Trade, after consultation with the representatives of a number of municipalities, have decided in favour of calling a convention of all the municipalities and representative bodies of Northern Ontario at North Bay to discuss these various questions and any other matters that are of interest to Northern Ontario.

It is proposed to call the convention about the 15th of January, 1920, and we wish to hear from you at your earliest convenience with a list of subjects which you desire to have considered, together with any suggestions you may have to offer. Also advise us as to the number of delegates that will attend from your locality.

JOHN FERGUSON, Mayor.
J. W. RICHARDSON, President of the Board of Trade.

In referring to the matter of this proposed Convention, The Advance some weeks ago suggested that North Bay was not the best place for such a gathering. North Bay is more of the type of Old Ontario towns and so not perfectly suited for the "atmosphere" for the ideal North Land Convention. The Advance previously favoured Cobalt, Haileybury or New Liskeard, as more central for the whole immense territory involved and also more typically "North Land." However, in reply to this suggestion it is pointed out that North Bay is possibly the best town for the purpose from the viewpoint of accommodation as the number attending the Convention will tax even North Bay's powers of accommodation. Perhaps neither Cobalt, Haileybury nor Liskeard could give accommodations to as large a gathering as will meet at this Monster Convention. After the Convention in January, however, no doubt further meetings will be required and these should certainly be staged at the typical North Land towns.

**SUCCESSFUL BENEFIT
DANCE AT SOUTH END.**

The Committee in charge of the arrangements for the recent benefit dance in South Porcupine, for the benefit of one of that town's most popular and esteemed young ladies, have handed their financial report to The Advance for publication. The report shows that the net receipts from the event were \$250.00, a nice neat sum. The event which was held on Nov. 21st was a very successful and enjoyable social affair in every way. The attendance at the I. O. O. F. Hall was unusually large, the music by "Scotty" Wilson's Orchestra was excellent, and everything else

about the evening was of the best order. The total receipts from the event totalled \$290.50. The expenses were \$40.50. The balance thus was \$250.00 even. The expenses are detailed as follows:—for music, W. H. Wilson, \$10.00; "Lefty" Farr, \$8.00; for live ry, Dalton's, \$6.00; printing and advertising, \$6.75; flowers, J. R. Todd, \$6.75; ham, \$3.50. The Committee wish to thank all those who made the event so great a success by their generous assistance in so many ways. The Committee is particularly grateful to the merchants who donated their part of the refreshments for the event; to the ladies who brought cakes, etc.; to Mr. James Reid, who came up specially from Connaught to assist with the music, and who generously refused to consider any charge even for expenses in connection with the trip; to the Oddfellows for the free use of their hall; and to all others who contributed in one way or another to the success of the evening. The Committee in charge of the event were:—Mr. J. E. Boyle, Miss Ollie Orr and Miss Susie Bartlett.

An alarm of fire was sent in to the Timmins Fire Hall on Wednesday last, Pierce's mill, which is outside the town limits, being on fire. Fire Chief Borland had everything in readiness to render any assistance possible in the fighting of this fire but reserved the leaving of the town until such a course was clearly necessary and the required steps were taken to protect the town. In the meantime, however, the staff at Pierce's mill and others in the neighborhood were making satisfactory progress in fighting the small blaze and eventually succeeded in extinguishing it.

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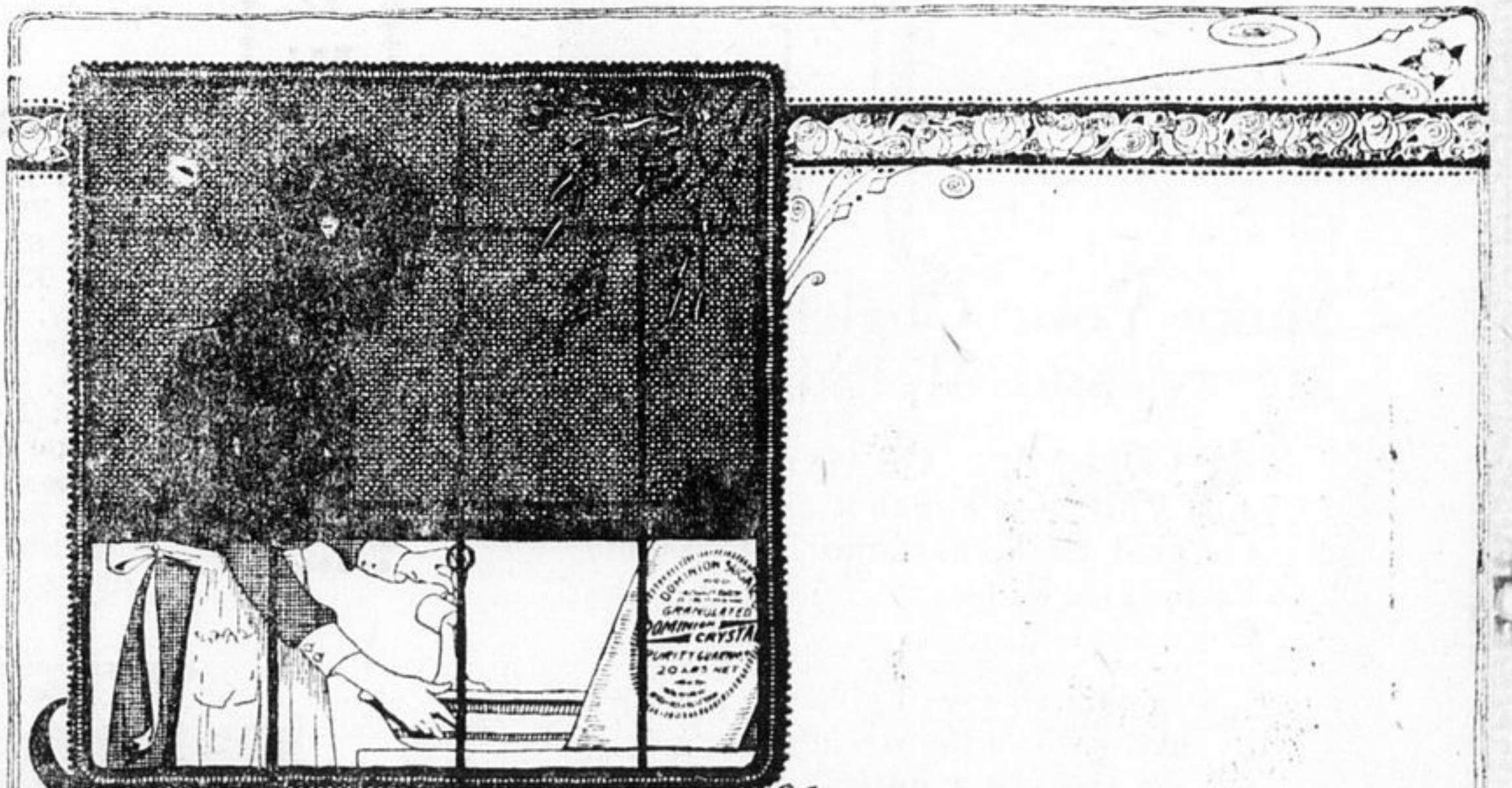
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