

**SUGGESTIONS FROM SOUTH  
END TO NEW PREMIER.**

Hon. E. C. Drury Premier of Ontario, and his party stopped for an hour or two on Saturday at South Porcupine on their way to visit the Town of Timmins. At South End the Premier and party were given a hearty welcome. Reeve C. B. Morgan presented two resolutions for the special consideration of the Premier and his Cabinet. One of these related to the fees in connection with the securing of patents by prospectors, the idea being that at present the prospector is handicapped by unnecessary red tape and fees that could be reduced with general advantage to the country. The other resolution asked for the influence of the Provincial Government in inducing the Dominion Government to reduce or remove the duty on diamonds for diamond drilling work. At present the duty is 7½ per cent. and is a matter of some concern to those interested in diamond drilling work. In addition to the added expense through the duty in the matter of ordinary diamond drilling it was pointed out that there were many localities with sand and other overburden that offered very attractive fields for the prospector if they could only be tested out by diamond drilling. Under present conditions the cost was practically prohibitive. A removal of the duty would help along this line.

Mr. Chas. V. Gallagher, President of the Board of Trade, also interviewed the Premier on behalf of that body and the citizens generally. The Board of Trade had crystallized its points into three brief resolutions that were submitted to the new Premier for consideration. One resolution dealt with the needs and requirements as regards timber and pulpwood limits. The second asked for the construction as soon as possible of a good wagon road between Porquis Junction and the Porcupine Camp. The third asked that Commissioner Geo. W. Lee be named as T. & N. O. Chairman, with the second member of the Commission a North Land business man and the third a representative of the operating branch of the railway.

In replying Premier Drury and the Cabinet Ministers present promised the most careful attention and consideration to the matters referred to.

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**PREMIER HOLDS OUT NO HOPE TO LIBERTY LEAGUE.**

On his visit last week to Cobalt Hon. E. C. Drury, Premier of Ontario pro tem, referred to the agitation carried on by the Citizens' Liberty League for a recount on a different basis of the voting on the recent Referendum, or a new plebescite on a ballot that would more clearly express the desires of the people. The argument of the Citizens' Liberty League has been that the recent Referendum ballot was a trick ballot and that it was designed to conceal the wishes of the majority. The League hold that although according to the common expression, "prohibition carried by a big majority," the ballots in reality showed a majority against prohibition as all who did not vote "No" to ALL four questions were necessarily in favor of liquor in some form or another. Mr. Drury said he could not honestly hold out any hopes for success to the agitation of the Citizens' Liberty League which he understood had its birth in Cobalt. To quote from despatches from Cobalt, Hon. Mr. Drury said:—"The Government now in power was elected on a prohibition platform and there was no hope of a response to the League's demands while this Government was in power. He had received numerous letters from this portion of the country, and from them he realized fully that the citizens of the North were wide awake, but he and his colleagues of the Government were satisfied that every question on the Referendum ballot had been given a fair test, and he would see to it that the mandate of the majority was carried out."

As Mr. Jas. Hylands would say, "All please rise and sing:—There is a land of pure delight."

Since the issue of The Advance last week referring to the proposal of the Timmins Board of Trade to have the Customs Office, Recording Office and Division Court Clerk's office, removed to this live centre of the Camp, the South Porcupine Board of Trade is said to be having a special meeting every night. It would seem that any agitation stirs up things. Seriously, however, other Boards of Trade might well take example from the clever and unsleeping work of that same South Porcupine Board of Trade.

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