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TALK OF T. & N. O. BEING TAKEN OVER BY DOMINION

Premier Drury Said to Look On
Matter Favorably.

Recently there has been considerable talk regarding the Dominion Government taking over the T. & N. O. Railway. Premier Drury apparently started the recent discussion by some remarks made in one of his many recent addresses to the people. He seemed to be in more or less favor of the plan of the Dominion taking over the T. & N. O. The Toronto Mail & Empire and other city newspapers that know all about the North Land through four-day trips in a Government train, also seem to think that the T. & N. O. should be taken over by the Dominion Government. They think this would be a fine thing to round out and complete the present system of Dominion Government Railways. The Globe, however, is not in favor of such a transfer without due consideration. The Globe says:—"The interest of the Province in the railway it built and operates is essentially a colonization interest. Under Provincial Government the road will develop branch lines and feeders serving a growing district. The interest of the Dominion is to secure a trunk line through to the National Transcontinental. Could not both interests best be served by maintaining the Railway as a Provincial enterprise and giving the National system the (most of) running rights at reasonable cost? Unlike other railways, the T. & N. O. was built, not to serve population, but to induce it. It has been eminently successful, and Ontario has reaped enormous benefit from the opening up and development of the great North Land. But the task is by no means finished. The railway must carry on its work. Whether its ownership continues to be Provincial or whether it becomes Federal, the needs of a speedily-settling and steadily-growing country should be before the management continuously, and its requirements from time to time in branch lines and feeders be met in a business-like way."

Right you are, old top!

Also before the move to transfer the T. & N. O. from Provincial to Federal control is considered, the people of the North Land should, for once, have some sort of voice in a matter that so vitally concerns them. Not only is the immediate service to this

North Land to be considered, but there is also a further very important matter to be kept in view. The T. & N. O. is distinctly a North Land institution, built for the assistance of colonization in this country and to aid settlement and development. The whole line is within the confines of the North Land. If this North Land is to separate from the rest of the Province of Ontario, the T. & N. O. would be one of the assets for which it would be very ready to make favorable settlement. The rest of the Province has no right to dispose of so typically a North Land asset without special thought of the future of the North Land. The T. & N. O. was openly built as a "colonization" road. Under proper guidance it is invaluable for this purpose. Ontario has no right to consider the disposal of this railroad at this time to the Dominion Government or to anybody else. Nothing can alter the fact of the importance of the T. & N. O. to the North Land. It has not been without its faults while under the control of the Province, yet the people would assuredly prefer to see it remain as a Provincial property than have it pass into the hands of interests still further removed from the influence and knowledge of this country.

SUED NEIGHBOR FOR CALLING HIM A GERMAN.

At the District Court Sittings at Haileybury a man named Keiser living at Giroux Lake asked \$500.00 damages from a neighbor, Mr. Chitty, because the latter had called him a German. There was a little argument between these two neighbors and in the heat of the moment Mr. Chitty called Keiser "a German" Keiser says he was born in this country, as his father was before him, and he resented the term "German" as the most despicable of insults. The Judge awarded him \$25.00 damages.

Dr. John B. Aiken, of Toronto, has opened a dentistry office in the R. S. building. Dr. Aiken has had six years practice in Toronto as a dentist and has a thorough knowledge and experience in all branches of the profession. He is equipping his office here with the latest and most up-to-date equipment. Some months ago, Dr. Aiken, who has relatives in the Camp, visited Timmins with the idea of opening an office here, and last week he came here and completed arrangements for locating in Timmins.

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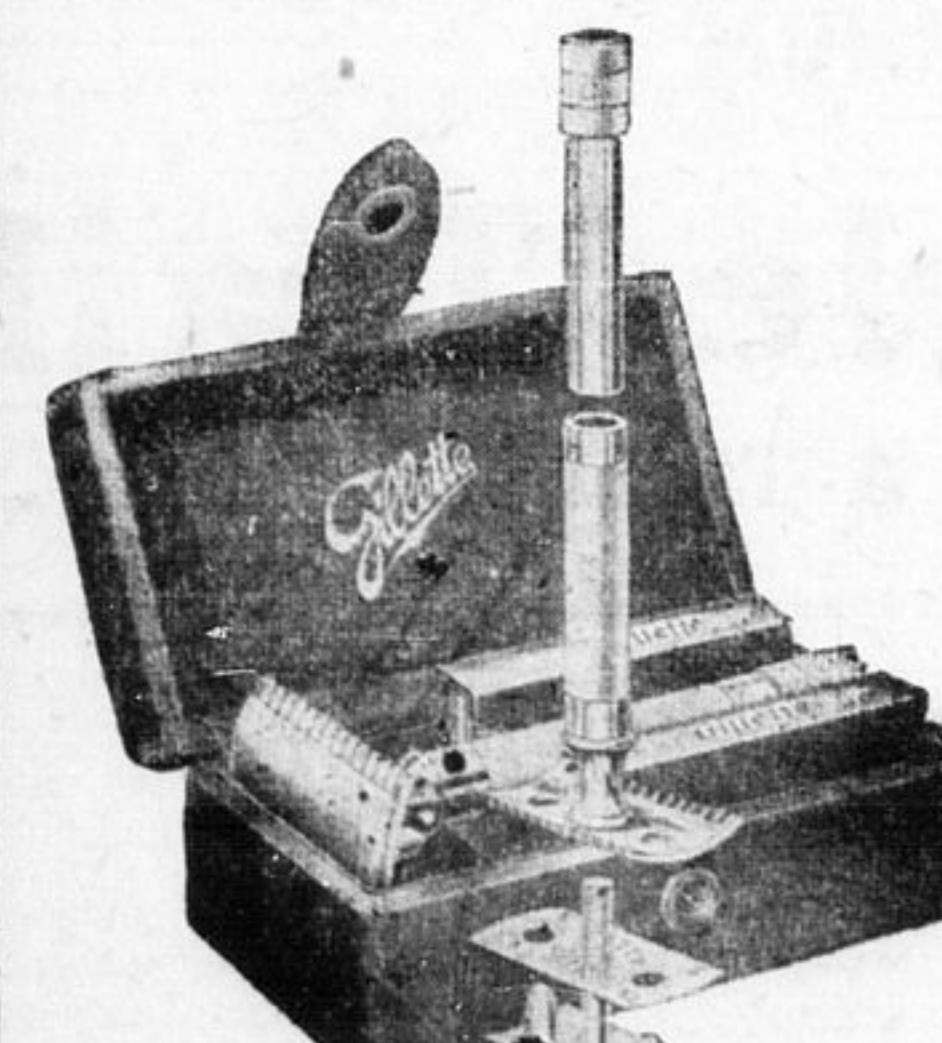
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