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WEDNESDAY, APRIL, 21st., 1920

T. & N. O. HEAD OFFICES ARE COSTLY IN TORONTO.

A gentleman who has taken an active and thoughtful interest in public affairs, particularly those matters affecting the North Land, asked this week why the T. & N. O. Railway maintained its headquarters in the city of Toronto. He said that the cost of maintenance of the T. & N. O. headquarters in the city exceeded \$150,000.00 a year, and much of this expenditure might be curtailed if the head office of the railway were established in the North Land where it ought to be. The old Grand Trunk paid dearly for the attempt to conduct a railway in Canada from headquarters in London, England, and the T. & N. O. is by no means proving that a railway can successfully maintain its headquarters a long distance from its railway line. "Why is the office of the T. & N. O. Railway in Toronto? The question seems a puzzler from a business standpoint. The railway is all in the North Land and all its interests and affairs in a business way suggest the North Land as the proper place for the head office of the concern. It may have been of convenience to some of the big men in the Commission to conduct the executive affairs of the railway from Toronto, but it does not seem to be to the convenience or advantage of the North—and the railway is supposed to be for their service and convenience—nor is it to the convenience or economy of Ontario in general—and Ontario foots the bill. With the head office in the North Land, the T. & N. O. Railway might save money in maintenance costs, and the Commissioners, as well as all other officials would have their offices so much nearer the job. The increased attention given to the public interests and advantage in the past few months when the work has fallen more into the hands of Commissioner Geo. W. Lee gives a suggestion of the benefits that come from North Land interests being in the hands of North Land men. Mr. Lee lives at North Bay and so is in closer touch with the great North and its needs than a city man could possibly be. Perhaps, if the head office of the T. & N. O. were moved to the North Land, experience and closer touch with conditions and men would bring the T. & N. O. administration to the place where "the People's Railway" becomes the people's railway in every way.

LADY ALGY PROVES TO BE A REGULAR FELLOW.

What the city press notices describe as one of the most attractive specials offered to the film-loving public in many moons is the play, "Lord and Lady Algy," coming to the New Empire Theatre on Friday and Saturday of this week, April 23rd and 24th. The plot of the play has to do with a woman's pluck and pride in the face of what seems like the unfaithfulness of her husband. The lady, Lady Algy proves herself a regular good fellow when her husband needs her most, and so saves him and another man's wife from the most embarrassing moment of their lives. Lady Algy's action is all the more commendable in view of the fact that Lord and Lady Algy have been estranged. The situation results from the flirtation which Lord Algy's brother had been carrying on with the wife of a rich soap manufacturer, but the soap man learned of the affair and at once suspected Lord Algy. However, the latter's wife had good sense enough to trust her husband, even though she was unofficially separated from him. One evening her husband followed and broke into the room where Algy's brother and the soap man's wife were talking. Algy takes the blame on him self to save his brother, but Lady Algy saved the situation. Lady Algy unofficially separated from Lord Algy because he broke a promise to her not to bet on horse races any more. She kept on the friendliest sort of friendly terms with him, however, and after he is ruined by betting his whole fortune on a horse that lost, she replaces the fortune by her own spectacular winnings on another horse. The play leaves them both happy and loving, but before this stage is reached, the audience has had a pleasant evening of excellent scenes, interesting situations, witty sayings and much humour and sound sense.

OPEN SEASON FOR DEER CUT NOW TO 15 DAYS.

The Fish and Game Committee of the Ontario Legislature last week reduced the open season for deer in the North to fifteen days, commencing October 15th. The C. N. R. and C. P. R. both entered protests against this shortening of the open season for deer on the grounds that it will greatly injure tourist traffic. The shortened deer season applies to all Ontario north of the French and Mattawa Rivers.

LEGISLATURE APPROVES LIGHT RAILWAYS BILL.

Last week the Ontario Legislature approved the bill to incorporate the Northern Light Railways Company which is to run a light railway similar to those constructed in France and Belgium during the war, from Elk Lake to Gowganda, a distance of 28 miles. The Company has ample capital behind it, and is only asking for permission to build and operate, according to the supporters of the bill.

T. & N. O. EMPLOYEE FACES CHARGE OF \$12,000 THEFT.

Last week while on his way to Heaslip to take charge as station agent on the T. & N. O. at that point, S. Messor formerly operator at Cochrane, was placed under arrest by the Provincial Police on a serious charge of theft. About \$12,000 worth of furs were stolen from the Ontario Fur Company at Cochrane, and suspicion was directed towards Messor in the matter. Eventually, the police are said to have found the furs, or a large part of them, in the car in which Messor's household goods were being taken to his new home at Heaslip. His arrest followed. He was taken back to Cochrane and appeared before Magistrate Dempsey in police court there. Messor pleaded not guilty, through his counsel, Mr. Geo. Mitchell, of Cobalt. He elected to go before a jury, and he was committed to stand his trial at the sittings of the District Court at Haileybury in June of this year. In the meantime he is out on \$3,000.00 bail.

OFFICIAL MAJORITY IS 2128 FOR ANGUS McDONALD.

Sheriff Geo. Caldwell, the returning officer for the recent by-election in this riding, last Saturday made his official count of the ballots from the various polling places in the riding. According to the complete returns, the vote was as follows:
McDonald, 5222.
Slight, 3094.
Pullen, 2996.
This is slightly different from the unofficial figures as published last week, but the result of the election is not altered in any way. The official majority for Mr. Angus McDonald, M. P., is thus 2128. Mr. Slight received 98 more votes than Major Pullen. The total vote was 11,460, there being 148 spoiled ballots thrown out of the count.

Mr. McDonald, the Member-Elect leaves this week for Ottawa, and it is expected that he will be formally introduced to the House and take his seat on Monday next.

O. Y. B. PRESENT JEWEL TO WOR. BRO. W. McHUGH.

At the last meeting of the Timmins Orange Young Britons, Wor. Bro. Wm. G. McHugh was given a special and pressing summons to attend, and when the Lodge got him there the members presented him with a Past Master's Jewel in recognition of his generous interest and unflinching services. The following address was read:

To Wor. Bro. Wm. G. McHugh, Timmins, Ontario.

Dear Worshipful Brother:—As a Past Master of Gold Leaf Lodge, Loyal Orange Young Britons, No. 324, the officers and members of the Lodge desire to present you with a Past Master's Jewel. Please accept this as a slight token of the valuable services rendered by you. May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live, and we hope you will always be pleased to wear this Jewel and that it will bring to you pleasant recollections of the past and of us.

Yours Fraternally,
Gold Leaf Lodge, O. Y. B.

J. P. CRAIG, D. D. G. M.

Though completely taken by surprise Wor. Bro. McHugh made appropriate response to the presentation address.

The annual meeting of the Timmins Amateur Athletic Association will be held in the Council Chamber tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 8 p. m.

Geo. Rutka, a young fellow who walked away from the Cobalt jail and was arrested at Oshawa, was fined \$10.00 and costs for the drunk charge that caused his arrest in the first place. He was allowed out on sus-

MEDAL LOST—Three-Star Medal, 1914-15-16, lost on Golf Course. Finder please return to Corp. G. H. F. Adams, Timmins.

WANTED—DISH WASHER. Strong girl preferred. Hotel Goldfields.

MAID WANTED—Maid wanted for general housework. Apply Mrs. H. J. Marshall, 12 Hemlock street, Timmins. —15.

FOR SALE.

For Sale—16-foot Chestnut Canoe, first-class condition. W. D. Stroud, Hollinger Mine.

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MINERS WANTED.

Miners, machine runners and muckers are wanted by the British America Nickel Corporation at their Murray Nickel Mine, near Sudbury. Workmen's trains run for each shift between town and mine. —16-18.

HIGH-CLASS HATCHING EGGS,—Brown Leghorn, Rose Comb, Henning Farm stock, \$2.00 per setting. Phone 1 A Dome Extension, or write Mrs. E. Prickett, Dome Extension, South Porcupine. —16.

DRY JACKPINE FOR SALE—Commencing April 14th we will have a limited amount of 16-inch Dry Jack Pine for sale in the town of Timmins. Immediate delivery. Terms cash to teamsters on delivery. Phone 99 B Schumacher. J. S. Wilson & Co. —15-16 p.

SETTINGS.

An especially fine imported cockerel heads my breeding pen of Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds this year. A limited number of settings will be sold at \$3.00 per 15 eggs.
Also White Wyandotte settings at \$2.00 per 15 eggs.
Forteen Rhode Island Red pullets, laying, for sale at \$3.00 each.
W. S. MACPHERSON, Town Office.

Fire Protection

CLOSE SEASON IN FIRE PROTECTION

AN Order-in-Council has been passed changing the Close Season from April 15th to commence May 15th, Northern Division, after which date permits to burn must be secured from the Fire Ranger

E. J. ZAVITZ, Provincial Secretary

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