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GOVERNMENT BILL TO EXTEND T. & N. O. TO BAY

Premier Says, However, That Present Inopportune for Starting Work.

The Premier, Hon. E. C. Drury last week introduced a bill to the Ontario Legislature, empowering the Government to proceed with the extension of the T. & N. O. Railway to James Bay. The bill, however, is simply to give the Government the power to proceed when it thinks the time is opportune. The Government, apparently, has no intention of entering upon this great work. "The bill simply gives us power to proceed when the opportune time comes," said the Premier in explaining the measure. It is suggested that the measure is really intended as a notification to Quebec that it is the intention of the Province of Ontario to build a line, and is also a guarantee to those who may explore in the big district to be served that the line will be built when the proper time comes.

"There is no intention of pledging the government to build at the present time," said the Premier who added that he frankly considered the present time inopportune.

Those who have advocated the extension to James Bay have now the satisfaction of knowing that the Government is definitely and officially committed to the project, though there will be much disappointment at

the fact that no immediate work is contemplated. However, there are several other extensions that seem more needful and pressing, so far as the present development of the North Land is concerned. One of these is the extension of the T. & N. O. to the C. N. R. near Sudbury. The C. N. R. under private ownership purposed building this line, and it would be even better policy for a Government-owned railway. It would open up a large area of country held back from development only by lack of transportation facilities. The Government should study and consider this, and Premier Drury and his Cabinet should not accept the idea that the present is a bad time to spend money for actual necessities. It may or may not be true that costs will tumble down later, but in the meantime everything can not stand still. It is also to be remembered that it is no more criminal to spend money for public works of necessity in Northern Ontario than in Southern Ontario.

COCHRANE PEOPLE PAY \$2400 IN O. T. A. FINES.

Before Magistrate Dempsey, the nine people recently arrested in Cochrane for breaches of the Ontario Temperance Act were fined from \$200.00 to \$500.00 each and costs. License Inspector Blackwall conducted the prosecution while Mr. W. H. Warke represented several of the defendants. The cases resulted from a series of raids made some ten days ago by the Cochrane and Provincial police. C. Johnston and L. Thomas were each fined \$500.00 and costs each, while T. Snow, L. Seguin, A. LeBrun, D. Mc Kinnon, A. F. Ouimette, A. Geroux and Mrs. T. Tisharrick were each fined \$200. and costs.

DEATH OF CHILD RESULTS FROM EATING GIN PILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. Beland, of the Connaught Hill, South Porcupine, lost their four-year-old child last Thursday as the result of a most unfortunate accident. The youngster in some manner or another got a partly filled box of some description of patent medicine pills and finding them not unpleasant to the taste swallowed about half a box-full of them. The child was taken seriously ill, but the cause of the trouble was not known until several hours after the accident. Every possible medical attention was given the child and every care and effort made to save its life, but all endeavours to counteract the effects of the medicine which had thus been taken in such overdose as to become a poison were ineffectual, and the youngster died a few days after taking the pills. Another youngster is said to have shared in the eating of the pills, but this child did not get enough to cause any serious harm. The sympathy of all will particularly go out to the bereaved parents in their loss through such an unfortunate accident, for which, however, no blame can be attached to them.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR FIRE RANGERS AT S. C. R.

A number of returned men desiring for love of the open air and the attractions of the life to get on the fire ranging staff this year there have been many requests at the Timmins branch of the Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment Bureau for the necessary application blanks. The Ontario Forestry Department however at first took the stand that as all applications must be made individually no supply of application forms could be left at any one place. Mr. D. S. Ryan took the matter up with the Forestry Branch and after much correspondence was able to secure application forms for those desiring to apply this year for positions as fire rangers. Returned men here, accordingly, who desire the life of a fire ranger this summer may secure the necessary application forms and all particulars from Mr. Ryan at the Government Employment Office, Timmins. All applicants must be physically fit, and those found otherwise after acceptance will be dismissed, as the work and conditions, are not such as make the employment of delicate men advisable. In addition to the work of fire ranging, the rangers are ex-officio game wardens and may also be required to engage in certain constructive work when not actively employed in fire-ranging. The application forms quote the pay as \$3.00 per day, the man to furnish his own railway transportation and food supplies. Other necessities, such as canvas, tents, etc., are supplied by the Forestry Department. The work will continue from May 1st to Sept. 15th with the possibility of a week or two extra. In view of a trial here of couple of years ago in connection with the carrying of a gun by one of the rangers who was also game warden, there is an interesting sentence printed on the application form. This sentence is to the effect that fire rangers positively must not carry firearms.

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