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POOR STATION SERVICE BLAMED ON THE VANDALS.

Some weeks ago The Advance made reference to the complaint so well voiced by the Cochrane Board of Trade regarding the lack of accommodation for the public at such stopping places on the T. & N. O. as Nellie Lake and other alleged stations. The Cochrane Board of Trade urged that Nellie Lake and all other stations of similar importance be provided with heat and light and platform accommodation. The Cochrane Board of Trade, as yet, has not secured its desire in this particular, but in any event it has roused the T. & N. O. officials to a reply. At the last meeting of the Cochrane Board of Trade Mr. J. Drinkwater was present representing the T. & N. O. and referred to the resolution regarding the accommodation at Nellie Lake and other similar stations. Mr. Drinkwater pointed out that there was now a cinder platform of standard length in Nellie Lake and that owing to wilful damage to station property which has been committed in the past it was found almost impossible to bring the station, without an agent, to a higher level. A stove, brand new last year, had been smashed, lamps carried away and other vandalism carried on. According to the Cochrane Post, the T. & N. O. is equal to the best operated railroad on the continent, but less sacred institutions like the C. P. R., the Lehigh Valley, the New York Central, the Wabash, etc., protect their own property. They do not take the attitude that a man should refuse to buy wood, but should arrange to freeze to death, because the neighbors make free with his woodpile. However, it must be admitted that the T. & N. O. is improving. Attention is now paid to any legitimate complaints from the public. Things undoubtedly have been a lot better since Mr. Geo. W. Lee has been Acting Chairman of the road. Possibly, if he were Chairman in reality and the Commission were re-organized with only North Land Men on it, the people might secure a service and accommodation that would be entirely satisfactory to all fair-minded people. Under Mr. Lee's acting chairmanship it has not been necessary for the ordinary people to take off their hats and their boots before entering the presence, and at least the people have been given some courteous promises. Of course, all the promises have not been fulfilled. For instance, about nine months ago it was promised that improvements would be made to the

service at Porquis Junction. But conditions are still most undesirable at that Junction point. Nevertheless, much has been accomplished recently on the T. & N. O., even if much still remains to be done. It should be remembered, however, that further improvement will not come from fulsome flattery of the Commission. Telling them that they have the best railroad on any earth will not get us anything, or get us anywhere except to that undesirable place without the door where liars congregate.

GOVERNMENT GIVES \$3000 GRANT TO CHILDREN'S AID.

The Ontario Government has made good its promise, given some time ago, in regard to assisting the work of the Children's Aid Society in Temiskaming. To enable the Children's Aid Society in this district to liquidate its indebtedness and get the Shelter at Haileybury in running order again, the Government has made the grant of \$3000. Mr. Geo. T. Smith, the treasurer of the Society, has been chiefly instrumental in obtaining the grant, according to The Haileybury. (Note: The Haileyburian did not get this from The Nugget, so the information is absolutely correct). The Children's Aid Society has had a useful but difficult life in Temiskaming. On account of the extent of the territory and the amount of the extent of the territory and the amount of work to hand, together with the lack of a general appreciation of the value of the work, the C. A. S. has always had a struggle. This year, finances were so low that the Children's Shelter was closed down altogether, though arrangements were made for carrying on the work on a reduced scale. The Government was appealed to with the hope that it would understand the value of C.A.S. work in building up good citizenship. The three thousand dollar grant is the Government's reply to the appeal.

There was an excusable, even a laudable, delay in the T. & N. O. train leaving North Bay one day last week. The train waited an extra half hour for a bunch of passengers bound for New Liskeard and coming in to the Bay by another railroad. This bunch comprised a number of Finlanders who were going to work for a lumber company operating in the New Liskeard district. The men were all ex-soldiers having served on the side of the Allies during the war.

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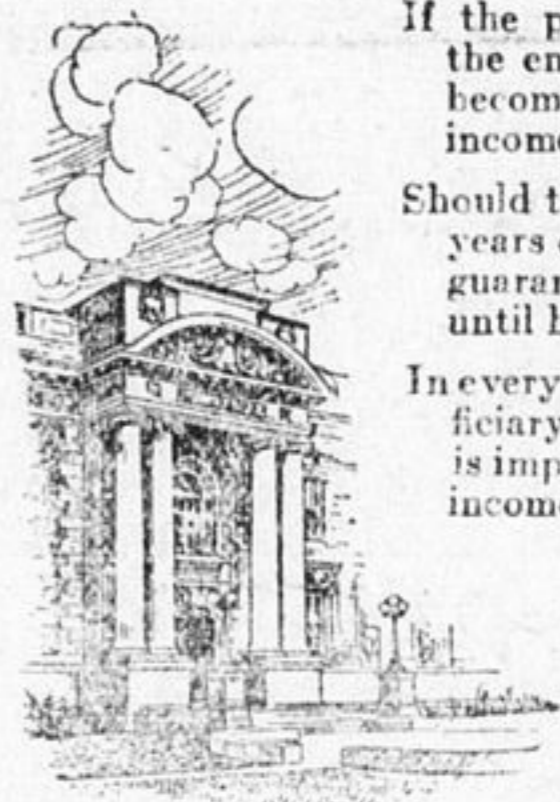
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