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Friday evening the popular Canadian artist will offer a superb presentation of "The Brat," a play with a thousand laughs, and a tear or two. On Saturday evening a new comedy of old Erin, "Peggy O'Neil," will be presented.

CONTRACTS LET ALREADY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF QUINZE

According to information coming here last week before the signatures on the Quinze power lease were dry the Northern Canada Power Company had let contracts in connection with the transmission line to Porcupine and with the power house site itself. These went to Sutcliffe and Neelands and Gordon Summers. The company declares that it is going to push development at the utmost speed. They will be disappointed if the new energy is not flowing into the gold camp by summer of next year.

An estimate of the cost of this development has not been given yet, but it will run into many millions of dollars. The whole proposition is financed with big money. The men behind it are probably better posted on the chances of the gold mining industry than anybody in Canada. That they should be quite willing to put millions into a project that will be many years returning their investment, and which doubles the Porcupine power supply, is about the best evidence the smaller man should desire that a tremendous expansion of the gold mining industry of Northern Ontario is certain.

The fact that Sutcliffe & Neelands are the contractors for the work would suggest that speed and good work may be expected. Sutcliffe & Neelands handled the contract for the Great Northern Power Co. in the development of Matatchewan power and made a record for speed and capability of handling in that work.

The eighth annual Ball of the Timmins Fire Brigade will be held in the Masonic Hall, Timmins, on Monday evening, May 21st. Wolno's orchestra will furnish the music. A happy evening is assured.

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VICTORIAN COSTUME BALL AT SCHUMACHER ON MAY 24

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PROBLEM OF CLEARING LAND WITHOUT DANGER

There has always been discussion and difficulty in evolving regulations that would allow settlers to clear their land by the use of fire and still not endanger life and property through the menace of bush fires. Despite the fact that when bush fires of serious proportions occur there are always those who are ready to affirm that the trouble originated from fires started by prospectors, lumbermen, campers, or almost anybody else but the settlers, there is a general feeling that settlers can endanger life and property by setting out fires, even to clear their land. On the one hand it is perfectly apparent that if the settlers are to be allowed to clean up farms the use of fire must be permitted. On the other hand it is equally apparent that cleared land may be secured at the price of altogether too great a risk. Among the settlers there is often agitation to secure less stringent regulations regarding the setting of fires for clearing purposes, while others in the country are frequently inclined to advocate more rigid rules as to the use of fire even for clearing purposes. Naturally it is felt that the safety of the people of the country, including the settlers themselves, is the paramount consideration. On more than one occasion it has been advocated at meetings of the Matheson Board of Trade that winter burnings be adopted as the basis of a plan for restricting fires through the rest of the year. On the other hand The New Liskeard Speaker has favoured more lenient treatment of the settlers in the matter of permitting the burning of slash, brush and so on. In this connection the following article from the last issue of The Speaker will be of more than passing interest. The Speaker says:—

"The system for fighting forest fires has undergone a change, for the better, it is hoped. Mr. Poole, Fire Inspector for the Northern Division, which is from Cobalt, north, and from the Quebec boundary on the east to the Algoma boundary on the west gave us a call on Saturday. He says the Chief Ranger will have an office in New Liskeard, which will be headquarters for this end of the division. He will have a staff of 12 or 15 men who will each have a horse. Saddles are already here, and horses will be here in time for the work to start. System of relay pumps will be used; 5,000 feet of hose will be available. Excepting some territory adjoining the Quebec boundary, permits will not be issued, and nothing will be done to hamper the farmers in the older parts such as we have between Cobalt and some distance north of Englehart, in land-clearing. This is along the lines we have always asked for. It seemed so absurd to tell the farmers they must clear their land or it would be taken away from them, and at the same time tell them they must not start a fire in their fallows except when it would be the least likely to burn. However, if the weather should be very dry, and there should be danger, prohibitory notices will be issued, and we hope and believe that all farmers will to the utmost of their power try and comply with these notices. In the meantime all the strength of the fire-fighters, with their pumping outfit will be concentrated on the danger spots."

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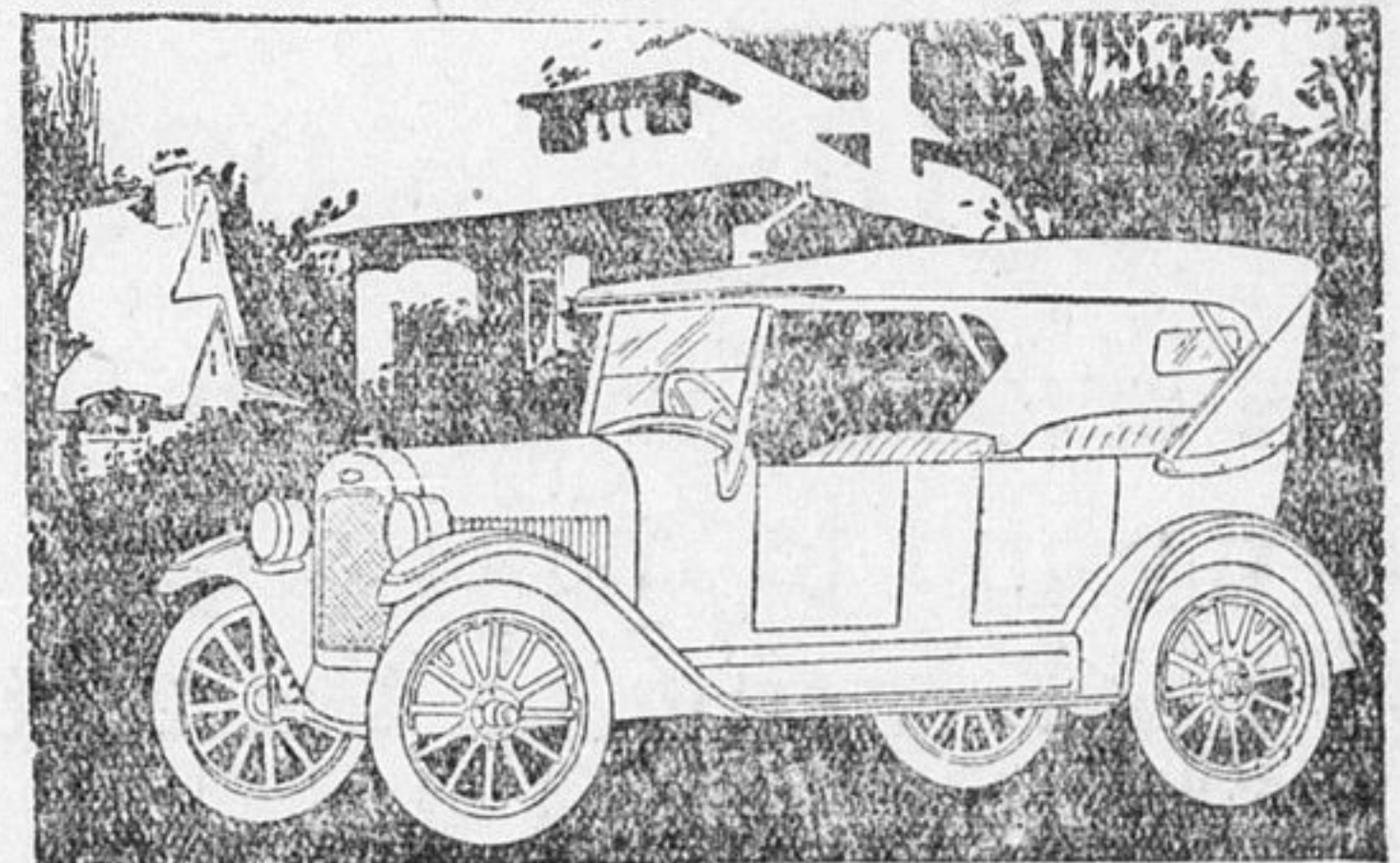
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