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**PART OF PORCUPIS ROAD COMPLETED THIS YEAR**

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Progress has been made in the linking up of roads and the construction of the necessary new stretches to make a continuous roadway from Timmins to Porcupis Junction, where the road will connect with the roadways north, south and east, now built or to be built, thus eventually providing roadway connection between the Porcupine Camp and Cochrane, Iroquois Falls, Matheson and the south.

The public have been somewhat disappointed at the poor progress made, yet it is pleasing to know that some advancement has been made this year in the construction of the road. Of course, the weather has been responsible for considerable delay, but probably a more important factor has been the scale of wages offered by the Government. At the rates offered for men and teams it could not be reasonably expected to get very many men nor to have the men of the best type. In view of the pay given at the mines and in other lines of work in the district, it could scarcely be expected that there would be any undue rush to get work on the Government road, or that men working on the road should give any special energy in view of the poor rate of pay. Despite the drawbacks of the weather and the low rate of pay, the work has been carried along and considerable progress made. Before the closing of the season the road will be completed this year to McIntosh Springs, and the balance of the road will be linked up or completed next year. Just when the whole stretch of roadway from Timmins to Porcupis Junction will be ready for traffic next year will depend on the weather. It is likely that under the new Government provision will be made for paying wages at the rates generally prevailing in the district rather than on a scale set to cover work throughout the Province generally.

The Timmins-Porcupis roadway will be the best type of earth road. There is no corduroy used in its construction and in strips of old road where corduroy was used it was torn out. The several places where the ground was of quick-sand formation the roadway has been filled in with sand and gravel. In some places this was a difficult job but it was done conscientiously and thoroughly. The general result of the work done is that the whole road from Porcupis is a good one. While it is at present only an earth road, it is so constructed as to make a first-class bottom for a more permanent type of road. Indeed, it is understood that the intention is to make the whole roadway a Macadam road eventually. This will not be done perhaps for a year or two but as the usefulness of the highway will be apparent as soon as it is opened for traffic it is not unreasonable to expect that in a short time the authorities will see the advantage of turning the earth road into a Macadam highway.

His many friends will regret to know that Constable W. Patcher is ill at present with typhoid fever. The attack, however, is not a severe one, and he is making good progress to recovery. All will wish him an early and complete return to health and strength.

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**LIGHT DOCKET AT POLICE COURT LAST THURSDAY**

Magistrate Atkinson had a comparatively easy day at the police court session here on Thursday of last week. There were three ordinary drunks, unornamented, and the tax in each of these cases was \$10 and costs. On charges of gambling four men taken in charge some evenings previously by Constable D. Martin, who walked in on their game were assessed \$5.00 and costs each. An assault charge before the court was dismissed, the evidence not being very strong though strong enough in some particulars. Constable Rycroft, of Moneta, added to the business of the day by a charge against G. Flora for having liquor illegally. Flora was fined \$200.00 and costs.

**TRUE MODESTY IS A VIRTUE THAT FLOURISHES HERE**

In an editorial reference to some wonderful surgical operations successfully performed at Vienna recently, the Sudbury Star suggests that some day the doctors will be changing the nature of the mentally deficient by opening their skulls and giving them new brains of a superior sort in place of the old. This may be a moderate prophecy in view of the wonders of to-day in surgical science, but it is pertinent to query The Star as to where the brains are to be secured for such operations. It appears to be a lucky thing for the North Land that the Drury Government is gone, because that Government seemed to think that the North Land was created simply to supply whatever the South might need.

**HAILEYBURY PETITIONS FOR R.C. HEADQUARTERS**

On several occasions since the disastrous fire The Advance has pointed out the fact that Haileybury should be given every assistance in re-establishing the town, and that other towns of the North might assist by using whatever influence may be possible to secure the re-establishing of the various industries and institutions that were formerly in Haileybury. No town of the North should take advantage of the disaster to Haileybury to attempt to secure any institution or industry that had previously been centred in Haileybury. Haileybury will need all that it had before the fire to re-establish itself as a town. Attention has been called more than once to the matter of the R.C. headquarters and hospital formerly at Haileybury. Other towns might have assisted in this matter by urging upon the church authorities to rebuild at Haileybury. At the present time two petitions are in circulation in Haileybury with this end in view. It appears to The Advance that similar petitions might be circulated in other towns and centres of the North asking that the headquarters for the diocese be continued at Haileybury if at all possible. Such action on the part of the North Land towns would show the true spirit of the North Land. The following is from the last issue of The Haileyburian:—

"With the object of using all possible influence to induce the Roman Catholic church to again establish the headquarters of the diocese in Haileybury, two petitions are being circulated this week, one addressed to His Lordship, Bishop Rheanne and the other to the Rev. Mother General of the Sisters of Providence, Montreal. The petition addressed to His Lordship is from the Protestant population of Haileybury and is to correct an impression that has gone abroad to the effect that Protestants are indifferent as to whether the headquarters are re-established here.

The other petition, which is being signed by Roman Catholics and Protestants alike, sets forth the benefit which the hospital has been in the past and expresses the hope that it will be rebuilt. Both petitions are being favorably received and are being signed by large numbers. They will be presented immediately after the consecration of the Bishop, which takes place at Ottawa on October 18th. Up to the present no definite news as to the probable location of the headquarters has been given out. A residence has been purchased in New Liskeard for the Bishop and reports state that other property has been acquired, but whether for church purposes or not is not announced. Citizens of Haileybury are taking measures to let those in authority know that the re-establishment of the church headquarters here is strongly desired by all and the final decision will be awaited with anxiety. This decision, it is said, may be postponed for some months, or even a year or two.

Mrs. H. Patrick is spending a few weeks in Toronto, being called to the city owing to the illness of her sister, who, however, is now making satisfactory progress to recovery.

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