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NORTH SAVED THE SOUTH FROM DIRECT TAXATION

Provincial Treasury Received Large Sums from Sales of Timber, Etc.

The following from the last issue of The New Liskeard Speaker should be self-explanatory:—

“Commenting on our article in reply to the criticisms of the Bracebridge Gazette, in which we gave a brief resume of the revenue Old Ontario has drawn from Northern Ontario, The Financial Post, in large headlines, asks ‘‘Hase North saved Old Ontario from Direct Taxation, etc.?’’ Following up the foregoing quotation as a heading the Post says: ‘‘That income derived from timber sales and mineral taxes of Northern Ontario saved Old Ontario from direct taxation, is the contention set up by Editor Stephenson, of New Liskeard Speaker. He recalls that many years ago, when he was an Ontarian he often heard platform orators tell how the government was guarding the people against having to pay a provincial tax. He adds they were, but at the expense of the Northland. The cash received from the millionaire at the annual sales of the pine timber provided the funds the province carried on with.’’

“The Post also reproduces a portion of our article. It might be of interest if we were to very concisely state why we made the statements we did: The Bracebridge editor came across a news paper article published by us some 44 years ago, in which we expressed the belief that the Northland would be of great value to the Province. Instead of frankly admitting that our predictions have been verified, the Bracebridge paper, as the Porcupine Advance says, ‘‘made sarcastic references to it.’’ We then wrote and published the article to which the Financial Post makes reference, and which was reproduced in the Porcupine Advance.

“Our statements were well within the mark. We might have added that, during the Oliver Mowat regime, money was coming into the Provincial Treasury at such a rate from timber sales, that the Government of the day handed to the various municipalities of the Province the sum of either five or six million dollars, to be spent on public works, such as roads, etc. ‘‘However, we also have this to say, that in time of need, the south has never failed to be generous in helping the people of the North.

J. N. LEVINE TO BE JUDGE AT PITTSBURGH DOG SHOW.

The selection by the Pittsburgh Kennel Club of Mr. J. N. Levine to be judge of the Collie class for the annual Dog Show at Pittsburgh this year should be of special interest. Mr. Levine is the judge in the dog classes for the Porcupine Poultry and Pet Stock Association's first annual show at Timmins this week. The fact that the old-established and successful show at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has secured Mr. Levine's services as judge indicates that the Porcupine Show was fortunate in securing him as judge of the dog classes, as he is evidently recognized as an expert and an authority by those in the best position to know. The Pittsburgh Kennel Club will hold their show on April 4th and 5th. Mr. Levine received notice last week of his appointment by the Pittsburgh Kennel Club.

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MEETING OF A.S.D. CLUB ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

On Wednesday evening the members of the A.S.D. Club enjoyed their usual dance in the Club room in the L.O.O.F. Hall. The best of music was provided by Scotty Wilson and Frank Rodger. Refreshments were provided by the lady members of the Club. The meeting this evening will be the usual cards and dancing. All the members are requested to attend.

\$300 REWARD OFFERED FOR MATTICE ROBBERS

The Hudson Bay Company has offered a reward of \$300.00 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the thieves who on Dec. 30th broke into the Hudson Bay Post at Mattice and stole \$5,000 worth of furs. The furs included fox, marten and otter. In the meantime North Land authorities are closely checking up shipments of furs in an effort to locate the thieves who are thought by some to be an organized gang of raw fur robbers.

OVERALLS BURNED FROM SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

The Haileyburian last week tells of an odd start to what might have been a dangerous fire. The incident occurred on Tuesday evening in the new Jory block. The Haileyburian says:—‘‘One of the painters who was just finishing up the building, left his overalls on the floor when he finished for the day, and on returning in the morning, found that they had been burned to a crisp, and the floor was scorched beneath them. Apparently the goods in the overalls had been soaked with paint oil and took fire from spontaneous combustion. The damage to the floor was slight and occupants of the block consider themselves lucky that the fire did not spread.’’

RUNAWAY HORSE KILLED AT PORQUIS JUNCTION.

Last Thursday afternoon a horse was killed and a sleigh smashed up when a T. & N.O. train collided with a runaway team. One horse escaped any particular injury. The team had run away and were tearing down the track at a mile a minute clip, more or less. The engineer did not see the team in time to stop the train before hitting the outfit. The accident occurred at a curve near the Junction. According to passengers on the train, the engine was not injured, but the train was delayed a few minutes by the accident.

SUGGESTS MEETING OF OWNERS OF RADIO SETS.

In the last issue of The New Liskeard Speaker the following paragraph appears under the heading of ‘‘Town Radios.’’ What applies to New Liskeard applies with equal force in Timmins. It might indeed be a good idea hold a meeting or a series of meetings for the radio fans of both towns to discuss various topics of interest. The Advance understands that there is a radio club at Sudbury and that the radio owners there have found it of much assistance. If New Liskeard and Timmins each organized a club or other organization to help in the solving of radio problems, it might even be worth while to extend the idea of organization to include the whole North Land. Radio has taken so great a grip of the interest of the people that any such organization would be likely to be earnestly supported. There are a number of radio fans at Iroquois Falls. Some of their difficulties have been solved by the fact that the Town Council at the Falls passed a Radio By-law for the purpose of regulating in various ways the use of the wireless. Cochrane and other towns in the area also have their representation of radio sets. The North Land can show a long list of radio users, and no doubt any sort of organization for the protection and advantage of radio fans would prove popular and helpful. Radio in the North Land is climbing to a high place in the popular lines of recreation and entertainment. The paragraph from The New Liskeard Speaker is as follows:—
‘‘There are at present thirty radios installed in the homes and offices of Liskeard citizens, and those of us who have had a radio for about a year, imagine there is now more interruptions than at first. This is attributable to the fact that there are many local fans all ‘‘tuning in’’ at the same time, but from different broadcasting stations. The squealing sound is particularly attributed to this cause. Constant turning of the dials is not only hard on the tubes, but spoils the mellow flow of music to others who have radios. Perhaps it will be found necessary for New Liskeard radio owners to have a meeting and agree upon some system by which the local radios can be used without so much ‘‘static.’’

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