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**NORTHERN ONTARIO MAY
HELP SOLVE TAX PROBLEM**

Limit of Taxation Reached, but North Land Wealth Developed May Aid the Province to Success, Suggests Hon. Mr. Lyons.

On several occasions The Advance has taken occasion to point out the good work done by the two Ontario Cabinet Ministers who may be said to particularly represent the North Land. Hon. Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines, has a surprisingly wide knowledge of the mineral resources, an apt way of stating those resources, and an intelligent anxiety to let the world know the opportunities available to those ready to build up the mining industries of the North Land. Hon. Jas. Lyons has shown an equally effective goodwill in his attitude towards the North Land, so far as concerns his department in the Government—the Department of Lands & Forests. Hon. Mr. Lyons appears to have a thorough knowledge of the North and its needs and possibilities. He is ready and able on all occasions to preach the gospel of the North. With him, it is no foolish cry of "Let's Boost!" or other meaningless slogan. He presents his case in forceful way, and properly leaves his able advocacy to do the "boosting."

In a recent address at Hamilton Hon. Mr. Lyons gave a big audience a lot to think upon and consider, and undoubtedly his address will result in attracting much of the right kind of attention to the North Land and its possibilities. One of the suggestions that he made was to the effect that the North Land offered a solution for the burdensome taxation suffered at present. Develop the resources of the country, he pointed out, and the taxation problem will be well on the way to solution. Some months ago an editorial article in The New Liskeard Speaker suggested that the North Land in years past, through the wealth coming from its timber resources, had saved Ontario from direct taxation. It is only fitting that the Speaker should now emphasize Hon. Mr. Lyons plan whereby the North may now assist all Ontario from the present burden of taxation. Last week The Speaker gave due prominence to the address by Hon. Mr. Lyons, quoting press despatches relating to the speech, as follows:—

"In Northern Ontario there is an investment of \$13,000,000 in the pulp industry and thousands of people are employed. There is also an investment of \$75,000,000 in saw mills, with 22,000 people employed. These figures will give you some idea of the benefit which accrues for the whole of the Province as well as the North Land. We should extend the development of our mineral and forest resources, for production of raw materials will assist those who manufacture it into finished product and the whole province will share the success. We, in the North, support Ontario manufacturing in the purchase of all our supplies.

"There is in the North Land raw material, development of which will bring into this country a flow of wealth, and there was never a time when there was a greater need for it than today. Ontario is faced with a deficit of \$15,000,000 and it is not a book-keeping debt; it is a real genuine one. This sum means a direct assessment of \$5 per head on every resident of Ontario.

"Total taxes of Federal, Provincial and municipal governments amount to \$100 a year, and against this there is an indebtedness of \$500 per capita against every resident of the Dominion. We have reached the limit of taxation.

"The sales tax collected from the manufacturer is added to the cost of his product and is paid by the consumer. The laboring classes and the farmers are paying the greatest portion of taxation today. I believe that they are suffering to greater extent than any other class but development of our natural resources can overcome this condition."

Explaining how the North Land could solve the problems of Ontario, the speaker said that if raw materials were taken advantage of, industries would be made busy in finishing the output into the finished product and employment would be provided for the laboring classes. It would follow that they would create a market for farm produce and all classes would share the benefits.

The speaker told of the agricultural advantages of the North Land and assured the meeting that it was not a land of rocks and forests entirely. Fertile land, could be acquired at as low as 50 cents an acre, he said, and it contained eight to ten cords of pulpwood, which could readily be converted into cash.

The Northern News last week says:—"Mr. Clair Severt arrived in town on Monday from Timmins for a short visit here."

**THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
TOWN NEWSPAPER**

The importance of the Town Newspaper is ably set forth by The St. Mary's Journal-Argus. As The Journal-Argus points out, the Town Newspaper is a community organization in which everyone should have a personal interest, and in which everyone should co-operate to have it fully and completely reflect the progress and ideals of the Town. The Journal-Argus says:—

"There is, after all, no newspaper in the world that means so much to one as his own town paper. The daily, with its flaring headlines and its sensational news, coming red-hot off the wires, that tells us what is happening in the great outside world, is a very necessary visitor to our breakfast tables. But there is another world—the world of our own home town—where all the actors on the stage of life are known to us, where the way each acts his part in the drama of life is a matter of personal interest to all, where sickness and death, losses and accidents arouse something deeper than the passing curious interest with which we read of such happenings to unknown persons in the daily newspapers, and where the outstanding success or the winning of distinction by members of this little world become matters for pride and gratification to the whole community. And the recorder and chronicler of these happenings is the town newspaper. It is a community organization in which everyone should have a personal interest, and in which everyone should co-operate in an effort to have it present each week a correct history of the town and district that week, to voice correctly the public opinion of the community and to take the right stand on all public questions that arise."

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