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Mountjoy Settlers Place the Situation Before the Public and the Authorities.

The following letter explains itself.

August 16th 1924
To the Editor of the Advance.

Dear Sir:—The daily newspapers are continually reporting the number of settlers and the value of their effects, leaving Canada monthly for the United States. This in spite of all the efforts the emigration department can do to increase the influx of settlers and keep them on the land. The Government and the railroads seem to set great value on the man who will stay on the land, and the wise ones keep repeating that we must get back to the land, and they figure the farmer is worth to the country the equal of three city citizens.

In this north country it is much harder to clear a homestead than in the West, and the farmer here, in the course of clearing his homestead, is adding his bit to the Timber industry of the country and is therefore of double value to the man who homesteads in the West, but the Timber on a half section will not last forever and eventually the farmer here has to raise a crop and sell the produce to live on or move off the lot and let the weeds grow up.

I have been on my homestead five years and have lived there continually, and am only one mile and a half from Timmins and have about thirty acres in hay and a small truck garden, but on account of there being no road to my place I cannot market a dollar's worth of goods, and so there is no use plowing up the hay to grow vegetables that I cannot sell, or clear any more land. The saleable Timber is all cut off and now I must seek some other line of work to make a living or pack my implements and emigrate to the States.

Timmins is growing very rapidly and is almost a city now, and the people who patronise your growing market would appreciate, I am sure, what produce I could lay before them, if I had a road to get it there.

The Government insisted before I took up this homestead that I pay to them \$400.00 cash, which I did, as did also the homesteader on the other side of me, and he also has no road, and we both are paying school taxes to the Town of Timmins.

In the course of clearing our land we are enlarging the fire wall around your thriving town and saving much in your insurance rates and incidentally saving the government the expense of having to clear away the bush in another year or so to protect Timmins.

Do you not think it would be better for the Government to spend some of the \$800.00 we paid in on a road for us now, instead of waiting until after we pack our implements and follow this large migration to the States. Then it will be too late.

We cannot live on a farm without road communication and it is absolutely the road now, or weeds.

I think the market committee should report this state of affairs to the council, so that they may use their influence and bring it to the attention of the proper persons.

Thanking you for your valuable time and space, I remain,

Yours Truly,

Homesteader on
S $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 3 Con. 1
Township of Mountjoy.

It has been decided to postpone the annual show of the Haileybury Horticultural Society, owing to the late season. The event will be held on Sept. 3rd and 4th at Haileybury.

HOLLINGER WINS 4 TO 0 FROM TOWN BLACK AND AMBER.

The Hollinger Football team strengthened their position at the top of the P.D.F.L. table by taking two points on Thursday last from the Town Black and Amber with a 4-nil score.

The match was a fine one from the spectators' viewpoint and the youngsters worked hard against their strong opponents and were very unlucky on two or three occasions when close in on their opponents goal area, the ball either going too high or too wide. Brown in goal for the youngsters played a fine match and pulled off some very good saves especially one in the closing stages of the match when Sathrang got through and drove in one of his famous ground shots from ten yards out; Brown came full length and saved, only to be robbed of the rebound off his hands when Sathrang kicked it back into the net.

The match was a combination one, both teams were swinging the ball across the field and kept the play more in centre field.

The teams were as follows:—

Hollinger—Dedrickson, goal; Halley and Hetherington, backs; Stephenson, Sintern and Warne, half-backs; Dunbar, Sathrang, Peterson, Johansen and Ford, forwards.

Town, Black and Amber—Brown, goal; Hackett and Bolt, backs; Twaddle, A. Roberts, jr. and McGowan, half backs; W. Roberts, Driver, McKay, Dunsmore and Landers, forwards.

Referee—A. Davidson.

FOUR-HUNDREDTH REGULAR MEETING TIMMINS I.O.O.F.

Timmins Lodge No. 459, I.O.O.F., will hold its 400th regular meeting on Tuesday evening of next week, Aug 26th. The occasion is to be observed by a special evening's programme that will include cards, refreshments, addresses and dancing.

LIQUOR CASES AT POLICE COURT FOR THE WEEK.

Liquor cases, big and little, will feature the police court to-morrow (Thursday). There will be half a dozen or so ordinary and extraordinary drunks and spifficated guys. The Town Police charge Otto Toko with having liquor in a public place when he shouldn't Otto. Not to be outdone by the Town Police, Provincial Officer Simpson charges D. Byers with the same breach of the O. T. A.,—having liquor in a public place.

The court list for to-morrow also includes a charge against A. Koski, for having cows at large upon the city streets, contrary to the Town laws.

Also a local taxi driver will answer to the charge of parking on the wrong side of the street.

FOOTBALL MATCH ASSAULT CASE DISMISSED, THURSDAY.

After hearing evidence in the assault charge preferred by G. Hendrie of the Dome against C. Warne, Magistrate Atkinson last week dismissed the case.

For fighting on the street H. Niekford was fined \$50.00 and costs. A similar charge against B. Irmesku was dismissed. Irmesku was quite cut up over the affair, having a big gash in one hand, inflicted it is said by an axe. He got much the worst of the encounter, though Niekford was also considerably damaged. At the time of their arrest both men had to have surgical attention. Niekford had a cut on his head and a very sore finger. He said the injury to his finger was caused by the other guy biting it.

Ten drunks were lined up for judgment. Ten dollars and costs each was the sentence, all paying up.

In the "Social and Personal" Mrs. Campbell, Barrie, to Dr. Ralph items in The Toronto Globe last week, James Neelands of Smooth Rock there was the following announce- Falls, Ontario, son of Mr. and Mrs. ment:—The engagement is announced J. C. Neelands of Forest, the mar- of Miss Beatrice Campbell, B.A., riage to take place quietly about the youngest daughter of Rev. Neil and middle of September.

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