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North Land Has Fine New Building at Toronto Fair

EXHIBITS OF GRAIN AND FARM PRODUCE AT NATIONAL EXHIBITION A DECIDED CREDIT TO THIS COUNTRY. ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE LENT AID IN IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR EXHIBITING.

Perhaps in Timmins and district there is a disposition to think in terms of mining only when considering the development of the country. In Iroquois Falls, the treasures of the forest, and especially pulpwood, may take a foremost place in any consideration of the progress of the North Land. This is all right so long as other important matters are not forgotten or sidetracked. Unless communities look after their own particular industries, the progress of the country can not be as sure or as steady as it should be. The newspapers at Iroquois Falls and at Timmins (The Broke Hustler and The Advance) while keeping first and foremost the industry they believe to be of prime importance—the pulp and paper industry on the one hand, and the mining industry on the other—have not forgotten the need for general settlement of the country and the value of agricultural development. It has been recognized that agriculture is vital to the permanent progress of the district, and that the development of agriculture and the benefitting of settlers mean added convenience and assistance to the two outstanding industries specially upheld. Years ago these newspapers joined the journals published for more exclusively agricultural constituencies in advocating measures for the advancement of agriculture in the North. There was a general belief held that settlement of the North Land would receive a noteworthy impetus if the truth about the country were known,—if its produce could be exhibited so as to refute the false ideas of men like Peter Smith, for instance. In the line of publicity for North Land agriculture, the value of the exhibits from this area at the National Exhibition in Toronto was generally appreciated, as were also the handicaps under which the exhibiting was done. One particular drawback was the building reserved for Northern Ontario at the National Exhibition. Eventually, the matter was taken up by the Associated Boards of Trade, and it is interesting to note that progress has been made, though not reported at the last meeting of the Associated Boards. In reference to the matter The New Liskeard Speaker last week said:—

“Several years ago the New Liskeard Speaker stated that the log building in which place the exhibits from Northern Ontario did not fairly represent conditions in the Northland. We gave our reasons clearly, and, it appears, so convincingly, that the Associated Boards of Trade for Temiskaming followed up our criticism by appointing a committee to look into the matter, and later, a second committee was appointed to get space for a separate exhibit for Temiskaming. At the last meeting of the Board disapproval was expressed because this committee had not reported progress.”

“However, the gloomy-looking log building is a thing of the past, and this year Northern Ontario exhibits are being viewed in the new building called, we believe, ‘The Coliseum.’ The space given to the exhibits is 80 ft. x 20 ft., the lay out is fine, and the exhibit attracts much attention. While we were inspecting this exhibit, several Americans called, and some of them were surprised that there was such a large tract of Agricultural land in Ontario, as shown by the display. The impression obtains amongst many people that Canada's undeveloped land lies in Western Canada.

“The visitor when he first glances over samples of our Northern products is likely to think that Muskoka

puts it all over the other districts. Muskoka's ‘Potato Wizard,’ and expert florist, Mr. Wm. Nasmith, is responsible for this: He fixed up some Muskoka sheaves of grain so beautifully that it was but fair that these sheaves should be given a prominent place, and it was also but fair that the visitor should be told that this grain was ‘grown in Muskoka.’

“The northern districts are all represented in the same apartment, but each exhibit bears the name of the grower, and the district to which it belongs, and hence we think there is no reason for complaint or jealousy. True, the Clay Belt (Temiskaming), is unlike many other districts in this, that in our agricultural belt we have many thousands of acres of land all alike. One farm is as good as another in fifty mile stretches.

“As for the exhibits, some excelled in one variety, while others excelled in some other variety. Temiskaming's Marquis wheat however was the best in the Northern display, but in other respects we but ‘hold our own.’ The display throughout was a good one, and one for a Northerner to be proud of.

“We do not remember having asked the Department of Agriculture to be at the expense of giving separate space to a Temiskaming exhibit. We know that there are those who have desired this. However, this is more than we have a right to expect. The Minister of Agriculture should treat all districts alike. If we of the Clay Belt want to have an exhibit of our own we must pay for it. If enterprising citizens of other districts take pains to beat us in their preparation of their sheaves of grain, then let them enjoy the fruits of their labor.

“The section devoted to Northern Ontario exhibits is to be a fixture: A great deal of pains has been taken in its preparation. Fifty-one large pictures featuring scenes in every district, are to be seen along the upper part of the back wall. These pictures cover the 80 foot space, while portraits of Premier Ferguson and Minister of Agriculture, Martin, are also in evidence mutely asking the spectators what he thinks of Ontario's Hinterland.

“As soon as the fair closes these exhibits will be taken to the Ottawa exhibition.

“In the Ontario building there are many other exhibits from the north in minerals and farm products, and amongst these there is a display from the New Liskeard Government Demonstration Farm sent down by Superintendent Laidlaw. Mr. Nixon, representing the Department of Agriculture, furnished the Temiskaming exhibit in the Northern Ontario display.”

NEW PROVINCIAL POLICE POST AT ISLAND FALLS

Last week The Advance made reference to a despatch from Toronto indicating that a new Provincial Police Post was being established at Iroquois Falls. This was what the despatches stated, but evidently they were in error, ‘Iroquois Falls’ being mentioned instead of ‘Island Falls.’ The new Provincial Police Post is being established at Island Falls where some such service is desirable. Island Falls is the terminal of the T. & N.O. extension north of Cochrane and the railway transportation point for the Hollinger power development work on the Abitibi. A community of some proportions has grown up at this point and with the growth of the place, the need for official representatives of law may reasonably be expected. In reference to the matter

one Toronto newspaper last week said:—‘Upon his return to Toronto after a ten days' tour of Northern Provincial Police posts, Commissioner of Provincial Police V. A. S. Williams announced the opening of a new post at Island Falls, making twelve in all in the Northeastern District. Provincial Constable Moring, heretofore of Simcoe, has been assigned the distant post, and leaves to take up his duties immediately. Provincial Constable Doyle of Toronto will take up Constable Moring's work at Simcoe.’

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