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Better Passenger Service Necessary on T. & N.O. Railway

Citizens and T. & N. O. Commission Do Not Fully Realize the Importance of This Matter, Says Mr. R. A. McInnis, Manager of the Abitibi Power & Paper Co. Growth of Industries in North Warrants Improvement in Service. Sault Ste. Marie Better Served Than This Section.

McInnis touches on a matter that business men from these places to should have the closest general atten- make the journey, so that business is tion. Mr. McInnis shows very clear- not so satisfactorily arranged as it ly the necessity for a better passen- should be. In the reverse direction ger service on the T. & N.O. to meet the it is the same. In order to spend an menal growth and expansion of in- Toronto it takes two business days dustry in this North. Under the on the train, making a three day trip chairmanship of Mr. Geo. W. Lee the for a couple of hours of business. T. & N. O. Railway Commission has courage the Commission to that effect. "Better service to meet pre- district he loses two office days. sent conditions" should be a topic taken up by all the Boards of Trade of this part of the North. The question should be given the most careful consideration by the T. & N. O. Railway Commission. The letter from Mr. McInnis outlines the case in very effective fashion :-

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Timmins, Ont.

that it is much improved over what it following morning. was formerly, I agree with you, but interests of Northern Ontario.

coming so large and so important that ronto or Montreal many times during it is necessary for the best results to the year it means an enormous loss of With the present rail service this THE TRAIN. means two business days on the train from either Montreal or Toronto to do a few hours business. The result

In the following letter Mr. R. A. is that it is almost impossible to get conditions arising from the pheno- hour or two hours in Montreal or

If we look at Northwestern Ontario, greatly improved the service to this we find they have a much better rail North Land, and for this The Ad- service. The Soo, for instance, is vance has upon occasion expressed due practically the same distance from appreciation. But praise for good Toronto that Porquis Junction is, yet work done is simply meant as an in- business men from Toronto can make centive to further effort for improve- the journey to the Soo in a day and ment and public service. The T. & back with several hours of business N. O. has done well. That should be at the Soo in a day and a half, as gladly admitted. But if the T. & N. against two and a half days to Coch-O. can do better, then all should en- rane, Timmins or Iroquois Falls.. To the Soo he loses one office day, to this

Going to the Soo a Toronto man leaves at night, gets there noon next day, can do his business that afternoon, leave at night and be home the following morning. One day and a half of time occupied in the trip but only one-half a day of sunlight on board the train. To Timmins, Iroquois Falls or Cochrane, a Toronto man leaves at night, same time as for the Soo, spends the whole next day of sunlight on the train arriving too Dear Sir :- I note in a recent issue late to do business which he has to an item praising the service on the do the following day and leave at T. & N. O. Railway. If you mean noon in order to arrive in Toronto the

Business men from the North going I cannot agree that the service on the to Toronto are even worse off taking T. & N. O. is what it should be in the a half day longer and spending two sunlight days on the train. When A number of the industrial enter- you figure that a large number of prises in the North Country are be- men in the North have to go to Tohave business done on the ground. time. ONE TRIP A MONTH TO That means men from Montreal, To- EITHER OF THESE CENTRES ronto, New York, Buffalo, Detroit, etc. | MEANS PRACTICALLY A MONTH coming to the North to do business. OF DAYIGHT HOURS SPENT ON

Yours very truly,

JUST BEFORE THE LAST GREAT CHARGE ing saint,

The following is a favorite poem of Her heart will be broken when I am an old-time and present reader and friend of The Advance. "I like this I will see her soon I know. poem," he says, "and I would like other readers of The Advance to have the opportunity of reading it."

Just before the last great charge Two soldiers drew their rein For a shake of the hand and a part-

in g word; They never might meet again.

One had blue eyes and curly hair-Nineteen just a month ago, Down on his chin and on his cheek, He was only a boy, you know.

The other was tall, slim, dank and proud.

This world to him was dim. He only thought of those he loved And those most dear to him.

The tall, dark man was the first to It was then they turned with a horspeak,

Saying, "Charlie, my hour has come. So promise to me little trouble to

When you find that I am gone.

"I have a fair face on my breast, I will wear it into the fight, With a sunny smile and bright blue

It is like the morning light.

'And that morning light it is dear to

For it gladdens a lonely life, But little she thought of the form of

When she promised to be my wife. "Write to her Charlie, when I'm

Send back that fair, fond face. Tell her gently where I died And where is my resting-place.

"Tell her my spirit will wait for her On the border line, between Heaven and earth until she comes, It won't be long between."

eyed boy, His heart was low with pain,

"I will do your bidding, comrade

If I nide back again.

'But if I should fall and you return, Will you do the same for me, For I have a mother that is waiting at home.

Write to her tenderly.

R. A. McInnis. "She is waiting at home like a weep-

Her face all covered with woe.

"She has no one left to care for her

For she has buried a husband and I was the last my country called;

She kissed me and bade me on."

Just then the order was given to manch. An instant hand touched hand,

Answered they and on they rode, 3 This brave and devoted band. They rode till they came to the foot

of the hill Where the enemy's shot and shell Poured drifts of death among their

ranks And jeered them as they fell.

rible yell, For the heights they could not gain. So all that doom and death had

spared Rode slowly back again.

Among the dead that were left behind Was a boy with eurly hain.

And the stern, dark man that rode

by his side Lay dead beside him there.

So there is no one to write that blueeyed gir!

The words her fond lover had said On the mother at home that's waiting her son Little knows that he is dead,

Or little they know of the last fond words. Those words to soften their pain,

Until they cross the dark river of death And stand by their side again.

A Scotsman and a Jew had been

The tears they dimmed the blue- dining together. Both had taken too much wine, and on the way home the Jew thought he would have a joke at his companion's expense. He started singoing "Maxwelton 3

> Praes are Ponnie," and with that he measured his lenght on the road. The Scotsman looked down at him

and added, "Whaur early fa's the Jew."-Tit Bits.

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