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### MEMBER FOR COCHRANE TALKS ON HOME BANK CASE

In reference to the sittings of the Legislature last week at Toronto, The Mail & Empire contains in its report of the proceedings the following reference to an address by the Member for this riding:—

"Resuming the debate after the recess, M. Lang (Liberal, Cochrane), deprecated the injection into the debate of the amendment by Hon. W. E. Raney following the agreement made by the various party leaders to close the debate last Tuesday. He agreed with the remarks of the Prime Minister respecting the observance of procedure agreed upon.

"Mr. Lang went on to review the Home Bank Commissions and the evidence of M. J. Haney.

"J. A. Currie: "Was not Mr. Haney the treasurer of the Liberal Party of Ontario?"

"Mr. Lang: "He was once a considerable factor in the Liberal Party."

"Mr. Lang went on to say that no credence could be placed on the evidence of M. J. Haney on Hon. Thomas McGarry.

"This drew protests from W. Finlayson and J. A. Currie, who pointed out that Mr. McGarry went into the witness box, and this was not what any of those proven guilty did.

"Mr. Lang closed his remarks by saying the province would not be satisfied until more was done in the matter."

In reference to the closing sentence of this brief report, it is not too much to say that the people of this riding would be "more satisfied" if Mr. Lang were heard more frequently in the Legislature on questions of direct importance to this North Land. "The Home Bank Case" seems to be more or less of a scandal all the way along, but there are scores of men in the Legislature in better position than the Member for Cochrane to speak on this particular topic. There appears to have been enough talk on this question. If the Member for Cochrane would do well in the matter of "scandals" there are some that might be taken up with advantage to the North Land,—matters that Mr. Lang should be conversant with, or can easily secure all the facts in the cases. Just to mention two, for a start:—there is the Power charges in this north, and there is the matter of the Mattagami Pulp & Paper and the Settlers. Charges in this country for power and light surely amount to a scandal. Why should the public here be paying so much more for power and light than is paid in the South where the Ontario Hydro Commission sets the rates? Why should the North be the one section where the Ontario Hydro does not come? As Mr. T. F. King told the Associated Boards of Trade recently, the Power Question is one that should have publicity. Who is in better position to give the needed publicity than the

## NEGLECTED HISTORY OF MINERAL DISCOVERIES

Preamble of Bill for T. & N. O. Construction Warranted by Results in North Land

It is a fact that most people forget that the T. & N. O. Railway was not built completely and altogether with agricultural development in consideration. The mineral wealth of the North Land was considered by some far-seeing people when the construction of the railway was purposed. The preamble to the bill for the construction of the T. & N. O. proves this. Of course, the chief thought regarding the People's Railway was that it would be a "colonization road." After the mineral discoveries and the commencement of the mining industry along the line, however, there was a tendency to forget the "colonizing" idea in the idea of making the railroad pay. If the T. & N. O. Railway were directly a losing venture it would be well worth while for the indirect value it has been and for the wealth its "colonization" uses have brought to Ontario. The Toronto Saturday Night suggests that people should not always think of the T. & N. O. Railway as a "colonization railroad." The Advance suggests that it should not be forgotten that after all the T. & N. O. is a force for colonization and worth much along this line. Its colonization value should be kept in mind; it should not be always viewed from its direct money-making side.

Remembering the T. & N. O. as a "colonization road," it will be all right to read the following from a recent issue of Toronto Saturday Night. The Saturday Night says:—

"An article recently published in Saturday Night on the life-work of the late Willet G. Miller has had two important results. The mining men of Northern Ontario have adopted a suggestion made in that article and will erect a monument to his memory at Cobalt; and it has also brought about the disclosure of forgotten history with regard to mineral discoveries in that region. The remarkable development of mining in the country north of the height of land, as many are aware, was a direct consequence of the construction of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, now known as Ontario Government Railways, which began in 1902. The impression which prevailed at the time it was projected and which has since been widely accepted was that the railway was a colonization line aimed at agricultural development, and that mineral possibilities were unthought of.

"The impression is inaccurate; because an examination of the preamble of the bill for the construction of the railway passed by the Ontario Legislature in the winter of 1902, shows that it contained these words: Whereas exploration... has shown that in the district between Lake Nipissing and Lake Abitibi and northwest from Lake Temiskaming there are... deposits of ores and minerals which are expected upon development to add greatly to the wealth of the Province. "It is but seldom that a prophecy in a preamble is so amply verified; and it reflects remarkable credit on the foresight of Hon. Frank (now Mr. Justice) Latchford, Minister of Public Works in the Ross cabinet which was in power at the time, who was the author of the bill. Mr. Latchford was not going it blind. Though a lawyer by profession he had been a student of geology and mineralogy for many years and knew that the Huronian system—the great mineral bearing rocks of northern United States and Canada—came within sixty mile of North Bay and extended northerly and westerly for an indefinite distance. A mine of galena containing silver had been operated on the East shore of Lake Temiskaming for many years by an old family friend, Mr. E. V. Wright."

Member for Cochrane? As to the Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co., that also is a matter that may be remedied by publicity in the Legislature. The settlers sold pulp to the company in good faith. They were induced to accept notes in payment. The notes were not honoured at maturity; the settlers were unpaid, and the time for placing a lien on the wood had expired. The Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co., had the protection of a receivership, and the settlers had to suffer very serious loss. Some of them were actually ruined all were seriously handicapped. They still are unpaid, and yet every once in a while there is a glowing report published as to how well the Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co. is doing under the receivership and how much money is being made. Every twice in a while there is a tentative report as to the possibility of a re-organization or a new company. The Member for Cochrane Riding might also be asked to his constituency if he would not see that Power and the Settlers' interests were met.

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