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Urges the Formation Here of a Referees' Association

Presidential Address at Porcupine District Football League Meeting Emphasizes the Need for and the Value of Such an Association. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the P.D.F.L. for Past Season Shows Successful Season.

Last week in reporting the annual meeting of the Porcupine District Football League only brief reference was made to the address by the President for 1924, Mr. B. C. Lamble, and to the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. W. A. Field. As the success of the League was very largely due to the good work of the officers, and as the address, and the report are both of special interest, more extended notice is given herewith. The address of Mr. Lamble touched in effective way on the important matter of referees. Mr. Lamble has a plan for better support for the referees. Football fans should be particularly interested in Mr. Lamble's idea along this line.

At the annual meeting Mr. Lamble said:—
"There is not the slightest doubt that the first year's operation of the Porcupine District Football League proved out to be a great success in every way. Not only did the formation of this League give a number of players a chance to get into the game, who otherwise would have been spectators, but it produced keen rivalry—good spirit—and a fine brand of football which must have appealed to the football public, as our finances, and those of the clubs who participated, show. I have to thank the Executive for their help in bringing things to such a successful conclusion, a good measure of our success being due to our capable secretary-treasurer, W. A. Field. We, the League, have to thank the public in general for their generous financial support, and the press in assisting the game by the unstinted time and space given. To the donors of the Shield and Medals,—one emblematic of the League Championship, and the medals a token of success to the members of the Championship team,—the greatest thanks

of the whole football fraternity are given, as such generous acts cannot be emphasized enough. As later on this evening the matter will be dealt with more fully, these few remarks will suffice now.

"There are one or two things I would like to say and they are these: First—A little laxity was shown by the clubs or teams in general not being ready to start at the appointed time. Some means should be added to the by-laws of the League to overcome this.

"Second—Some of the laxity may have been due, to the League not being able to acquire the services of referees to handle the games. Here I would like to say that a great effort should be made by all interested in football to bring about the formation of a Northern Ontario Referees' Association, as with such an organization supplying efficient officials for the handling of all games, I am sure football would benefit greatly.

"Third—That this referee question is of vital importance to all clubs and I would suggest that each club canvass their members and choose two or three whom they know would make efficient officials. These members picked to attend a meeting called at an early date at which an attempt could be made to get the Referees' Association started.

"To finance this Referees' Association the present referee fee of one dollar for P.D.F.L. games be raised to \$2.00; \$1.50 to be retained by the referee and 50c to Referee Association. For N.O.F.A. games fee raised to \$4.00; \$3.00 to be retained by referee and \$1.00 to Association. Something along this line will have to be adjusted as we cannot expect the Referees' Association to finance itself."

THE SPEAKER'S REMARKS ALSO FIT A CASE HERE

Here is a paragraph from The New Liskeard Speaker that touches on a question of more than passing importance. Every once in a while outsiders drop in to the towns of the North Land and flamboyantly advertise by poster and cards urging the public to patronize some event or other and thus aid the finances of some worthy community cause. And the printing matter will bear the imprint of some outside printing office. "Help your community" is the suggestion of the printed matter. The imprint, however, shows that it is another distant town that is being helped so far as the printing is concerned. There are many printing offices in the North equipped to handle anything in the ordinary lines of printing. When expenses and un-advertised commissions on the outside printing are added the work always costs more than it would locally. If anyone benefits, it is some one getting a sort of Peter Smith honorarium

out of the deal. There is not a newspaper in the North Land that does not give hundreds of dollars worth of space and thousands of dollars worth of effort to support and advance community causes. Every newspaper in the North Land is a booster for its district. No newspaper, however, can prosper on "free publicity." The newspaper must have support. If support is given, the boosting of community causes is carried on with right good will. But it should not be forgotten that a business that does not receive the fullest support in some way or another is not in position to do much boosting of anything. Those seeking to advance community work should make a special point of seeing that the means they employ do not run counter to the community.

Commenting on a case coming to its attention, The New Liskeard Speaker last week said:—

"With an up-to-date printing office in the town, we were rather surprised to see in a local store window, a card announcing an evening's entertainment at Cobalt, which bears the earmarks of having been printed in a far off Western Ontario town. Considering the "free publicity" which this organization undoubtedly have had in the news columns of the Cobalt press, it does seem strange to us that they should have to send out to Old Ontario for these cards. Why, either Haileybury or Liskeard jobbing plants might have supplied their order, if there is any special reason why the Cobalt printer was unable to do so. If there is any one line of business which makes it unnecessary to send out of the District for your work it is printing. The printers of Timmins, Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard have all the very best of equipment, and could still further improve their plants and papers if the people who expect "free publicity" would dispense with the out of District printer. Did you ever think about that?"

GEESE RETURNING EARLY THIS YEAR TO THE NORTH

The geese are returning early to the North this year—earlier by some weeks than in usual years. Last week a couple of flocks were noted heading north. One flock had twenty-two birds, and the other had fifty. The northward trend of the geese may be taken as another sign that Spring is here.

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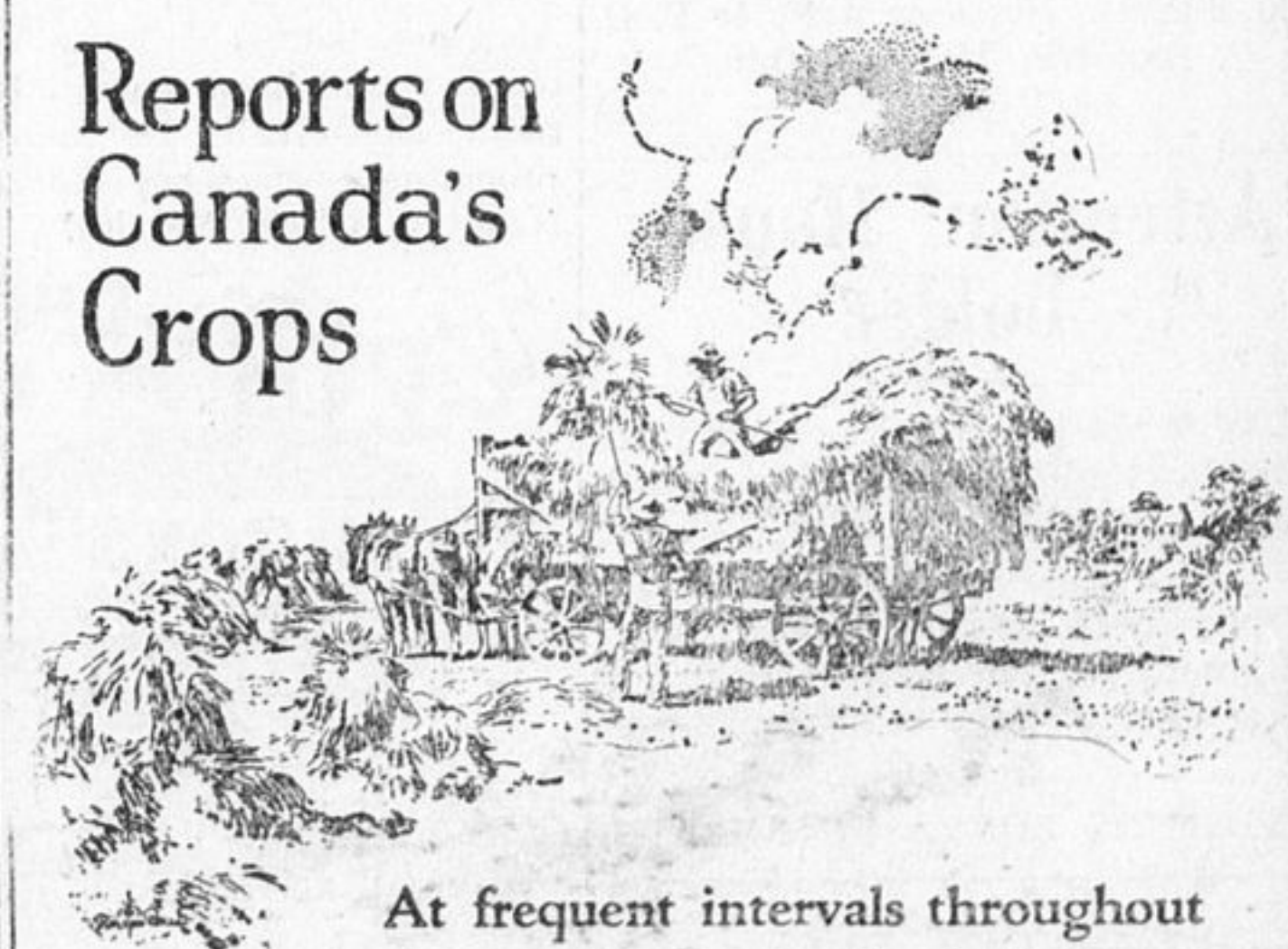
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