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Important Announcements At Sturgeon Falls Banquet

Hon. Jas. Lyons Says Forty Miles of Trunk Road Between Cobalt and North Bay Will be Graded This Year. Start on Colonization Road from Sturgeon Falls to Temagami. Highway to be Completed in 1926.

The Town Council and Citizens of Sturgeon Falls last week tendered a banquet to Hon. Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines for Ontario, and Hon. Jas. Lyons, Minister of Lands and Forests. The event was attended by over a hundred, and in point of enthusiasm, hospitality, interest and importance was one of the outstanding events of its kind ever held in the North Land.

Hon. Mr. Lyons gave the gathering the long-awaited announcement of a new Colonization Road north from Sturgeon Falls to Temagami Lake, to be linked up there with the Cobalt-North Bay main highway, the announcement being received with tremendous applause. The Minister also announced that forty miles of the trunk road between Cobalt and North Bay would be graded this year and the remaining forty miles in 1926, when it would be possible to motor from Toronto to Cochrane and to almost any point contiguous to this territory.

The new Colonization Road north from Sturgeon Falls is to be commenced without delay and will be completed concurrently with the Cobalt-North Bay highway. From surveys and reports the new road north from Sturgeon Falls will open up a country—that, for scenic beauty, mineral and agricultural possibilities, is unsurpassed in the North.

The Minister of Lands and Forests outlined the ever increasing demands for trunk and lateral roads in the north and reviewed the tremendous rate at which the country is opening up. Last year over 1,900 settlers' families took up land in the North in

excess of 250,000 acres and these all had to be served with means of communication with the outer world. This year they will complete the trunk road from Kenora to the Manitoba Boundary, linking up therewith the Manitoba highway and will also complete the remaining portion of the trunk road between Fort William and Dryden, when it will be possible to motor from the Head of the Lakes to the Pacific Coast. This, with the trunk road from North Bay north and the Colonization road from Sturgeon Falls to Temagami together with all other roadways under construction or maintenance comprised a most extensive programme.

Hon. Chas. McCrea, made one of the characteristic speeches that are making both the Minister of Mines and the North Land known and esteemed throughout the Dominion and beyond. He paid generous tribute to the pioneers of the North, and reviewed in very effective way, the progress of this wonderful land, with a few well pointed references to the possibilities of the North. He compared the mining possibilities of South Africa, Australia, India and Siberia with the possibilities at hand in the great pre-Cambrian area of Northern Ontario and stated that it was only a matter of time, coupled with sane administration, before Ontario would be the leading mineral producer of the world. Other speakers during the evening were—Col. Jones, manager of the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Co.; A. A. Austin, ex-M.P.P.; Z. Mageau, M.P.P. Mayor Lillie presided very capably, and the gathering was widely representative of the town and district.

BUT HOW COLLECT FOR WOOD SOLD FOUR YEARS AGO?

The suggestion is made by the Wawbewawa correspondent of The New Liskeard Speaker that if the settlers would stop selling pulpwood for a time, or stop trying to sell the pulpwood, the price would go up. Now, The Advance is publishing the paragraph by the Wawbewawa correspondent along this line, and will be still more delighted to publish another paragraph, if the Wawbewawa correspondent can furnish it, suggesting any way for the settlers to collect for pulpwood bought from the settlers by the Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co., previous to 1921. The Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co. has been in a receivership for four years, while the settlers have gone without their money for that time. It is a shame that this should be the fact, but it is true, nevertheless, and no one in authority seems to give a hoot about it. The settlers are told that the manner in which they have been kept out of their money is a perfectly legal one and no one can do anything about it but weep. A new law is being put into force to help the Home Bank depositors. Surely, if this is good policy, it would also be good policy to see that the settlers are not kept waiting longer for the money due them for over four years by the Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co. If the Paper Co. can be protected by a Receivership, and if the Home Bank depositors can be relieved by a special law, is there no protection or relief for the settlers who are the men who are the pioneers and the backbone of this North Land?

Now here is the Wawbewawa correspondent's plan to better the price of pulpwood:—

"Pulpwood is beginning to peel. But it's a wise settler that won't cut any this year. At the price that is being offered per cord, a settler would have to lose a dollar or more for each cord of wood he takes out this year. The trouble with pulp is, that too much of it is being cut. Thousands of cords of last year's wood are still on the sidings. As soon as settlers stop selling at the present price, the price will go up. So don't cut any pulpwood this year unless you must."

Now, trot along a plan for collecting that money due for pulpwood from settlers,—money four years overdue!

The Rev. J. O. Watts, of the Haileybury Presbyterian church will speak this week at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada when that body meets in Toronto. His subject will be "Home Missions in New Ontario." This will be the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the Union Church taking in the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches in the Dominion.

GOOD LUCK IN FINDING DENS OF WILD ANIMALS

According to the Uno Park correspondent of the North Bay Nugget:—"Some of the young men of the vicinity are having unusually good luck in discovering dens of wild animals this spring. During the past week K. Leverre, while passing through a slash on his father's farm was attracted by the strange actions of a mother fox, which was apparently endeavoring to lead him away from that particular place. After a short search, the den was discovered, which, when help arrived, was dug out. The family consisted of seven very cute baby foxes, two of which were smart and clever enough to make good their escape when the den was reached."

ACROSS CANADA AND BACK

The wonder trip of the coming Summer will be conducted by Dean Laird, of MacDonald College, to Victoria B.C., and back.

Inspired by the success of the trip to Victoria last year on the occasion of the Teachers' Federation meeting at that point, and filled with patriotic motives for everyone to see their own country, the Dean has arranged for a special train of standard sleeping cars to leave Toronto on July 20, visiting Port Arthur, Fort William, Winnipeg, Regina, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, Vancouver, thence Steamer to Victoria.

Returning, the trip will be via the Okanagan Valley, Nelson, the Kootenay Lakes, Windermere Bungalow Camp, from which place the party will be motored to Banff, 104 miles over the newly completed Banff-Windermere Highway, the most charming and awe-inspiring trip it is possible to conceive, with stops at Radium Hot Springs, Vermilion River, and Storm Mountain Bungalow Camps—another day at Banff, then Edmonton, Saskatoon, Devil's Cap Bungalow Camp, near Kenora on the Lake of the Woods, steamer from Fort William to Port McNicoll, thence rail to Toronto, where the trip will terminate on August 10.

Everything is included at the price of \$325.00 from Toronto; transportation, sleeping cars, accommodation in hotels and bungalow camps, meals in diners, hotels and on steamers, sightseeing tours at points visited and all gratuities.

While appealing primarily to teachers, the tour is open to everyone desiring to go.

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