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The following is from the last issue of The Haileyburian:—"Mr. C. Seguin, local taxidermist, reports the sight of no less than eleven humming birds at one time last week. He says that they frequent places where raspberries and blueberries are to be found and that they feed on these fruits."

DR. ARMSTRONG OF COBALT, CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE

At Englehart last week Dr. Armstrong, Mayor of Cobalt, was selected as the Liberal-Conservative candidate for Temiskaming for the coming Dominion election. Dr. Armstrong is a man of high character, marked ability, noteworthy public spirit, and an old resident of the North Land. He will undoubtedly make a good candidate, and a good member, if and when elected. At the convention four names were voted on, and another, Mr. Blair, who was nominated, withdrew. The first ballot was as follows:—Armstrong, 97; Smith, 87; Mitchell, 46; Clark, 38. The second ballot was: Armstrong, 130; Smith, 89; Mitchell, 38. Mr. Geo. Smith, who came second on both ballots, is an pioneer of the North and held in high regard for both his character and ability. Mr. Geo. Mitchell is an old-time Conservative who has given valuable services to his party and the country. Mr. John Clark, of Englehart, is also a pioneer of the North and one who has fought and worked persistently for the district. Accordingly, it will be seen that any choice made by the Convention would mean a good candidate in Temiskaming for this election.

Does Not Agree With the Idea of a Commission for the North

New Liskeard Speaker Feels That District is Making Good Progress, Considering Circumstances and Conditions and That There are Enough Officials Now to Look After Affairs in This North Land.

In giving space to an editorial article in The Nugget recently, The Advance was chiefly moved by a desire to encourage the thinking about and talking about the problems of the North Land. To The Advance it appears beyond question that conditions are by no means ideal for the progress of this great North Land. It appears certain that the country has not received the attention its merits warrant. The country has been held back in its natural development by various causes. The Advance does not lay the blame upon any deliberate attitude adopted by Governments, but rather stresses the fact that lack of full appreciation of facts and conditions had caused the chief difficulty in the past. The Advance believes that open discussion and consideration will do much to right the difficulties. It seems to be a fact that much of the trouble has been due to the people of the North Land themselves. They have too often been too devoted to their own individual requirements to emphasize the general needs of the country as a whole. Representation at the seats of Government has also been too inadequate to have the full case for the North Land kept constantly in view. The Advance believes that if the people of the South were fully acquainted all the time with all the facts in the case there would be little difficulty in the North Land securing all the attention and consideration concerned. Without discussion and consideration the facts can not be fully known. Accordingly every suggestion relating to better ways and means for advancing the interests of the North Land is worthy of the closest attention.

If Temiskaming Riding has made as good progress as it should have done, then that is more than may be said of Cochrane Riding. Unquestionably, part of the North has prospered and progressed in many ways, but the progress could have been, and should have been much more materially assisted. There are pressing problems here crying for discussion, consideration and proper solution. Roads, roads, roads and more roads! Education for the children of settlers in sparsely-settled districts is another great question. The industries here have grown despite all handicaps. The men behind them would not allow conditions to keep back progress. Towns have grown and prospered. But settlement has not kept pace with the other development. The settlers have no organization to press their case. They lack money, time, political power and the other requisites to place their case and keep their case constantly before the powers-that-be and the public. If The Advance is insistent in emphasizing all the time the case of the settlers it is because this paper believes that their need is great and that on the progress of settlement depends the future welfare of this country in large measure.

Whether a Commission, such as suggested by The Nugget, would be the best way to get the most and the best for the North is of course open to question. Frankly The Advance does not believe the Commission idea by any means an ideal one, though it has been a great benefit to the North and to the country in the case of the T. & N. O. Railway, as The Nugget suggests. Of course, the Commission idea would work well with ideal men as Commissioners, but that is trusting too much to improbable luck.

But discussion, consideration and thought by all will undoubtedly lead to a solution of the problem. That is why The Advance published The Nugget article on the matter. That is why The Advance also publishes the views of The New Liskeard Speaker regarding the question. The Speaker says:—

"In the latest issue of the Porcupine Advance there appeared an article credited to The Nugget in which it was made to appear that the Northland was languishing for lack of officials who understand how to develop the country to the best advantage, and it was suggested that an improvement

in present conditions might be effected by the appointment of a "Board after the type of the Railway Commission." "If the suggestion means anything, it means that the members of the Ontario Cabinet whose duties bring them in contact with conditions existing in Temiskaming should place the responsibility for the development of this country, in the hands of paid officials. "We do not like to offer adverse criticism in regard to advice offered by publishers who are as interested in the welfare of the Northland as we ourselves are, but it might be that the Government would think well of this suggested change in administering the affairs of this new country, and hence, we cannot allow such a step to be taken without offering an opinion in regard to the contentions of the article referred to. "The statement made in The Nugget's article practically is that Northern Ontario is not making the progress it should and due to long-range administration methods. "Thirty-two years ago, Temiskaming had its start with one official who was appointed crown land agent and justice of the peace. As the country became settled, other officials were appointed; nor do we believe that the greatest enemy of any one of the three governments under which "we have lived, and moved and had our being," could say the government was negligent in the matter of appointing plenty of officials for the work to be done. Indeed, it too often is the case that the office is made for the man, instead of a careful hunt being made to find the man best suited for the office which it is necessary to have filled.

"For upwards of fifty years the writer has lived in the newer parts of Ontario. We know of no part of Canada in which increase of population or material prosperity has been so great as in Temiskaming. Thirty years ago there were but a few hundred souls in this whole Ontario Temiskaming region. To-day there are, it is said, seventy thousand people in this region. "But why waste time and newspaper space in repeating what everyone knows. Our towns have every indication of prosperity that Old Ontario towns have. We have foundries, machine shops, woolen mills, a cannery, a great wood working establishments such as are only found in the large cities, steam and electric railways, splendid churches, public buildings, and court-houses and even jails. Indeed, we are lacking in nothing which is necessary to indicate a country's greatness. Thirty years ago, Liskeard received mail but one a week, and the nearest post office was in Haileybury. To-day, we get city daily papers from Canada's capital the day they are printed, and we have rural mail delivery all over the district.

"Tourists roads" come in for a share of criticism. Well, our views have always been that the first roads to be built should be for the convenience of the farmer. This is the man The Speaker is interested in. "But we think Temiskaming now has fairly good tourists roads. The roads may not be of cement, but they cannot be so bad since we know that baseball players of Kirkland Lake, Englehart, Charlton, Elk Lake, Milberta, Earleton, Uno Park, New Liskeard, Haileybury, Cobalt and Latchford all use their autos in going to and from these places instead of using the steam or electric railways, as they all might do, although these places are from 10 to 70 miles apart. We understand that Timmins and Iroquois Falls use autos when visiting each other on ball days.

"If this Commission could find our farmers a better market we would fall in line with the suggestions made; but unfortunately such a Commission could not improve the conditions of the farmer. A lower freight rate would be helpful, but the matter of freight rates is already in the hands of a Commission."

Comparison of the tax rate this year in Timmins with the rates paid by other mining centres in the North Land shows that Timmins is not so badly off in this matter as some-feared. The tax rate in Timmins is admittedly high, being 67.6 for public school supporters and 61.6 mills for Separate School Supporters. While the rates are high, the town has to pay for conveniences and improvements and it is difficult to see how money for modern improvements can be expended without affecting the rates. But, as suggested above, there are towns as badly off as Timmins, and in some cases the rates are noticeably higher than here. Separate school supporters at Cobalt this year are asked to pay 116 mills on the dollar. For Cobalt public schools the rate is 67 mills. In the Township of Teek the rate for one school section is 60.1 mills; for S.S. No. 2 it is 44.1 and for separate school supporters it is 55.9.

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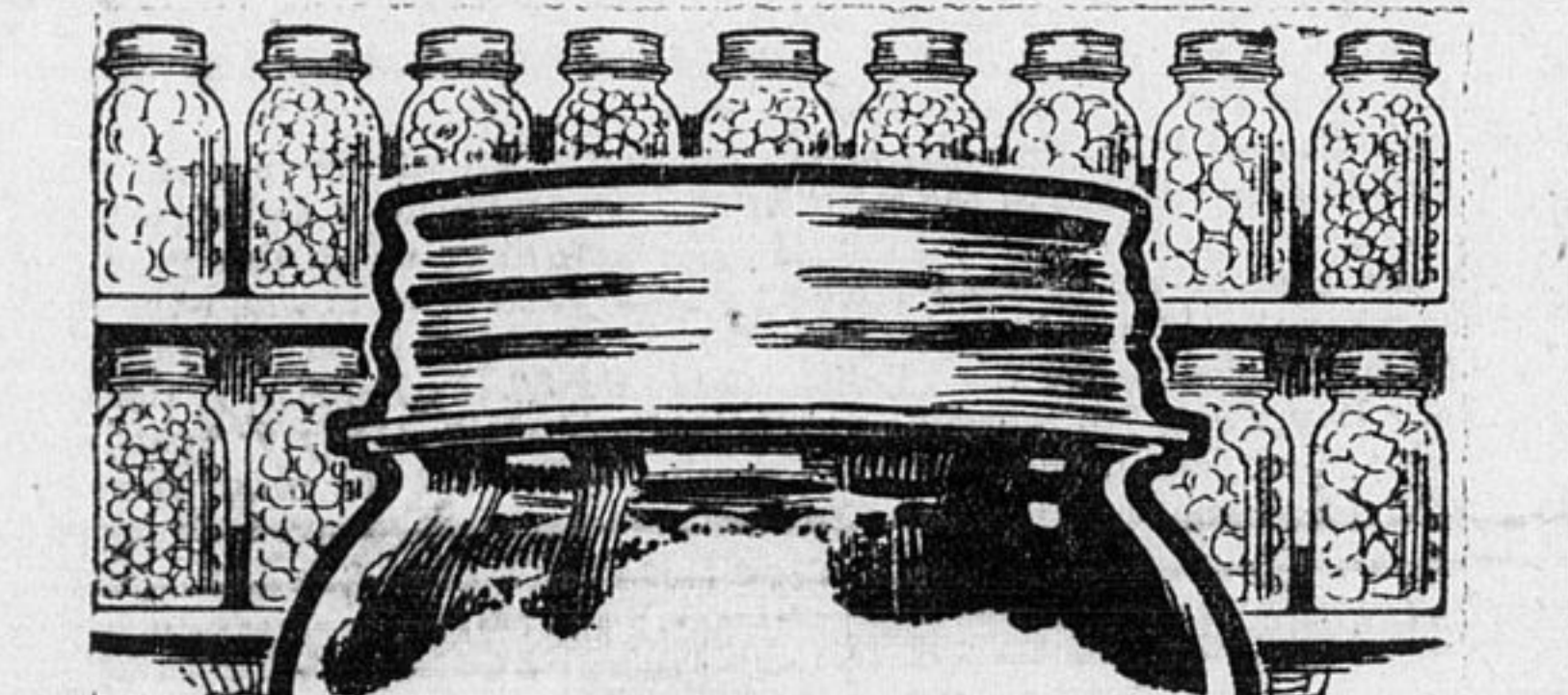
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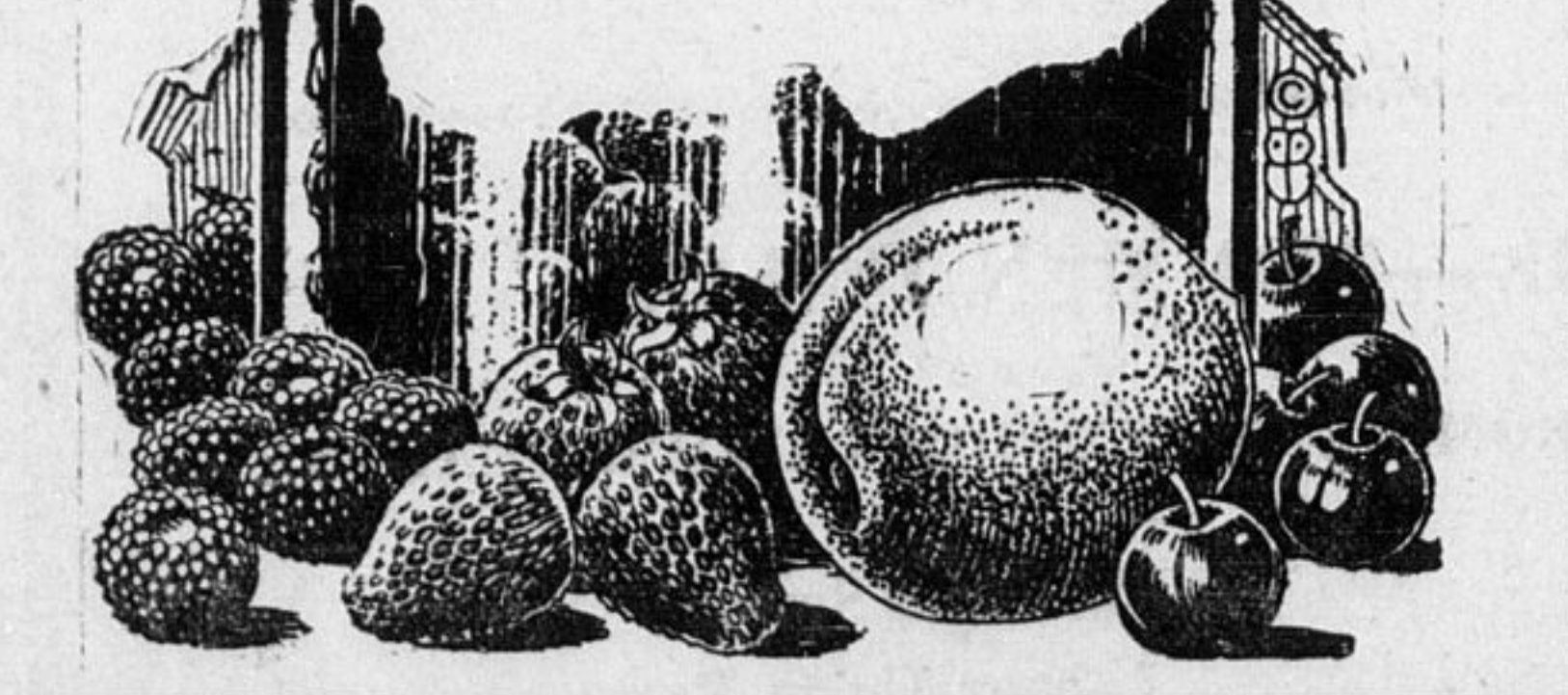
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