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ADVANTAGES OF SMALLER FARMS FOR SETTLERS

Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests Speaks of 80-acre Farms.

Last week The Advance reproduced an article from The New Liskeard Speaker criticizing the policy of the Ontario Government in cutting in two the size of the farms in the clay belt that may be purchased by settlers. The Speaker thought that the reduction in size of the settlers' farms would be a disadvantage. Mr. Cain, Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests gave the other side of the case at Toronto in an interview last week. The Ontario Government has cut in two the quantity of land in the clay belt that can be bought from the Province by settlers, reducing it from 160 to 80 acres.

"There are many advantages in the change," said Deputy Minister Cain, on whose recommendation the change was made.

"It will lead to more compact settlement and make for greater sociability. The settlers will not be so far from one another and quite a saving will be made in the mileage and cost of roads. In the clay belt, when a man has cleared 30 or 40 acres he thinks he has a pretty good farm and does not clear any more."

"Has there been much profiteering in timber by persons posing as settlers," Mr. Cain was asked.

"We have to be on guard against that all the time, and the regulations are carefully designed to prevent it."

The standard price for land in the clay belt is 50 cents an acre. Veterans are the only ones who may obtain it without price. During the years that they are clearing the land the settlers make out a living by selling their timber. The regulations call for 15 acres to be cleared and for residence on the land six months in the year up to the time that the patent is issued.

In the Sudbury and Algoma districts and in other sections of the Province settlers may buy up to 160 acres, except in the clay belt where the limit is 80 acres. It is claimed that the other districts have land much more rocky and much less fertile than the land in the clay belt, and that this fact is one of the reasons why the limit has been reduced in the clay belt.

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FIELD KITCHENS GIVEN BY HAILEYBURY ARE FOUND

After these many years the present location of the two field kitchens donated by the people of Haileybury to the 37th Battalion in 1915 has been discovered. Mr. W. M. Gladish, of The Ottawa Journal, last week wrote to the Haileybury Council saying that the kitchens in question were in use at a private picnic grounds near Toronto, and asking the Council if they wished the field kitchens returned to Haileybury. The Council turned the matter over to the Haileybury G. W. V. A. for consideration. Commenting on the matter The Haileyburian says that these kitchens, if returned, and set up in Lakeview Park, with proper covering, would be a boon to those who go picnicking there; on field days, lodge or church picnics, they would make it very convenient for those who wish to eat food or make tea or coffee.

The future destination of the field kitchens in question may be of special interest to Haileybury, but what will particularly interest other places and other people is the question that will naturally arise as to where the field kitchens have been since the war, how they got there and why.

ENGLEHART MAN THOUGHT TO BE DROWNED LAST WEEK

The Northern News, of Cobalt last week says:—Jake Timmerley, a man apparently between 50 and 60 years of age, living in Englehart, is reported to have been drowned near Goward, north of Temagami, early this week. Members of the Provincial police, with other men, are engaged in searching for the body, but without success, so far as was known at press time to-day.

From the information available it appears that Timmerley, with Charles Hain, of Englehart, and a T. & N. O. employee named Killins, living at Thornloe, went on a hunting trip. Timmerley is said to have started out from camp alone in a canoe and when he did not return his companions became alarmed and commenced search for him.

A canoe and a man's hat were found floating in a lake near Goward and from these it was deduced that Timmerley had lost his life. Word of the accident was sent to provincial police headquarters here on Wednesday afternoon and, on the instructions of Sergeant Gardner, two officers, Constables Elliott, from North Bay, and Constable Reed, from Haileybury, went to the scene.

Yesterday word was sent back that more grappling irons would be required. Reports indicate that little progress could be made yesterday owing to the stiff breeze which swept over the lake most of the day, and the search was resumed again to-day. Timmerley is reported to have been missing two days before the canoe was found. There is a possibility of the smaller lakes freezing over if the cold spell holds.

"Timmerley's home originally was in Uxbridge, but he had lived in Englehart for many years and was well-known there. He worked last winter as a printer on The Englehart Times and had been engaged in carpenter work also. He was employed for a time as a brakeman on the T. & N. O., it is said. Timmerley was unmarried."

Mr. W. R. Lowery, of Cobalt, is credited, by The Northern News, with the closest election prophecy of the recent pre-election time. Before polling day he said that Col. Armstrong would have a majority of over 800, but less than 850. Col. Armstrong's majority is given as 846.

PROVINCIAL BYE-ELECTION NOT YET CONSIDERED

Premier Ferguson Makes Statement to Press in Toronto in the Matter.

There have been many questions asked as to when the bye-election for this riding of Cochrane for the Provincial Legislature would take place. Some weeks ago Mr. Mac Lang resigned his seat as Member for Cochrane Riding in the Provincial House, so that he could contest South Temiskaming in the Liberal party interests in the recent Dominion Election. Mr. Lang's resignation was no doubt accepted and accordingly the riding is without representation in the Local House. There are other ridings in Ontario in somewhat similar position. It has been expected that as soon as the Dominion Elections were over there would be Provincial bye-elections to fill the vacant seats, unless it was intended to have a general Provincial election in the near future. However, politics seldom follow along the lines expected. According to despatches from Toronto last week such things as Provincial bye-elections and Provincial general elections have not as yet entered into the thoughts of Premier Ferguson who stated, in reply to questions, that he simply had not yet given a thought to them.

According to the despatches referred to, it is deemed probable, however, that bye-elections to fill the vacancies caused by Legislative members contesting Federal seats in the Dominion election, will not be held previous to the Provincial house session which opens in February. Then, if there is to be a Provincial election in the summer, there will be no necessity for holding them at all.

In discussing the possibility of a Provincial general election along about June of 1926, Premier Ferguson remarked that probabilities were for another Dominion election in the near future and that the people could not be expected to weigh the issues of two election appeals at the same time.

KIRKLAND LAKE MAY HAVE A BAND IN NEAR FUTURE

Timmins Citizens' Band is the oldest band in the North Land in point of continuance and active existence, but the North Land has several other bands that are now in good condition and promise still better for the future. Bands in the North Land are increasing in popularity and with the extended support that they are now likely to receive the future for band music in this North is much improved. Among the newer bands is the Porcupine Goldfields Band of South Porcupine, an organization that has made unusual progress and may confidently be expected to show still greater advancement in the days to come. Kirkland Lake is now making plans and preparations for a band there. In a recent issue of The Northern News the following paragraph appears on the Kirkland Lake and Swastika page:—It looks as if Kirkland Lake will have a brass band in the near future. A list of over fifteen players have signified their willingness to join such an organization and all that is required is a competent leader to start things in motion. "Chuck" Thicke is the prime mover and is making arrangements to secure the fire hall for a couple of nights a week for practice.

Mr. R. LeHeup, of Haileybury, has been named as a member of the Permanent Board of the new Training School for boys in the Province, this new institution to open at a very early date. The new Provincial Boy School is at Bowmanville, Ont., and it is understood that it will largely replace the reformatories now used. At the Boys' School trades will be taught to all boys there.

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