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### BOYS' PARLIAMENT HOLDS INTERESTING SESSIONS

Big Event at Toronto. Roy Hardy Member for This District of North Land.

Roy Hardy returned last week from Toronto where he attended the Boys' Parliament of Ontario gathered there the week after Christmas Day. He was the Member for this section of the North Land, having been duly elected by the boys after a regular election contest.

The proceedings of the Boys' Parliament this session were of particular interest the boys conducting affairs in a very creditable way indeed. Every section of Ontario was represented. The boys had been granted the use of a room in the Parliament Buildings for their sessions, and the business was carried on in a manner that would do the greatest credit to any regular Government and Parliament. The boys issued a sort of "Hansard" that gives a review of the work accomplished and the fine addresses.

The formal opening of the fifth Ontario Older Boys' Parliament took place on Dec. 28th, 1925. For the opening, Mr. S. B. Gundy, President of the Toronto Board of Trade, was His Honour the Lieut.-Governor, Albert W. Tucker, Esq., the member for District 11, Toronto, was duly elected Speaker and made appropriate response to the honour. Then followed the Speech from the Throne outlining the work of the Parliament. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to His Honour. The Premier then announced the personnel of his Cabinet. Here, as a hint to older parliaments, may well be inserted a paragraph from the official report:—"The Leader of the Opposition congratulates the Premier on his choice and expresses the hope that the same good judgment may characterize all the actions of the Government."

There was a regular debate on the Speech from the Throne, different members taking up various subjects. The budget showed that \$12,675.00 would be necessary to provide for this year's work, there being an increase due to the appointment of a field secretary. The various items of expenditures and receipts were clearly outlined. The chief revenue is from grants and the sale of bonds.

The second day was largely given over to the reading and passing of bills. There was first "An Act providing for the organization and promotion of a bond-selling campaign to raise funds for the Boys Work activities throughout the Province, defining the total objectives, districts and their award, etc." Under this Act the parliament accepted the responsibility of raising \$11,000.00 by selling bonds. In the debate on this bill the Member for Temiskaming (Roy Hardy) said:—"Mr. Speaker: In connection with our bond-selling campaign I have arranged with the field vice-president of my district to travel throughout my constituency and give all assistance possible and push it to the limit. I can say with security that the District of North Temiskaming will greatly exceed the objective." The campaign of bond selling is to extend from Jan. 30th to Feb. 11th. The objective set for this district is \$40.00.

"A Bill to Provide for Pioneer Promotion was designed to allow the privileges of the C.S.E.T., Taxi Boys and Trail Rangers to boys of teen age isolated in rural districts all over Ontario and who cannot attend regular group meetings.

A resolution was passed that in the interests of Boys' Work in the Province and for the instruction and information of the Members of the Boys' Parliament that the Boys' Work Board be asked to provide a library of fifty volumes, the same to be selected by the Board in conjunction with the Minister of Education.

"A Bill re-defining electoral district in keeping with the changed conditions throughout the Province," was duly passed. Under this bill Porcupine Mining Camp, Cochrane, North Bay and Cobalt-North Cobalt-Haileybury-New Liskeard-Latchford are included among the towns and cities as separate ridings. Toronto has ten seats, Hamilton, London and Ottawa three each. Sudbury, Capreol and Copper Cliff form a riding. In the county districts there is included Temiskaming and Nipissing, other than the ridings specified under the heading of towns and cities.

The parliament decided to inaugurate a news service syndicate for the better publicity of the Boys' Work movement.

Another important resolution passed was the following:—"That we believe that there is a real need in Canada to-day to develop a stronger national consciousness, particularly on the part of the youth, and that one of the best ways to accomplish this purpose is through a conference of the Premiers of the various provincial Older Boys' Parliaments, and that this House should send its premier to such a conference if one is held. We are of opinion that such a conference might well be held in Central Canada in the early autumn of 1926."

A recommendation was made that debating unions be formed in the various counties, or other suitable divisions of the Province to bring together the squares of the district and to develop public speaking.

It was resolved to co-operate in every way possible with the Social Service Commission of Canada in

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Efforts were made to increase the number of trained and qualified leaders for Trail Rangers, etc.

One of the most interesting measures before the House was the "Bill to outline the policy and programme of the Older Boys' Parliament. The preamble to this bill says:—"Whereas there is a need of objectifying, in terms of definite activities, the aims and purposes of this Parliament; and whereas it is important that the members of this House shall feel a responsibility for promoting certain activities within their constituencies; and whereas the Parliament should have some definite plan of serving in a co-operative way the boy life of Ontario throughout the entire year, he it therefore enacted, etc., etc."

The enactments include assistance in the promotion of:—Conclave and Grand Camps, Bond Selling Campaign, Bible study examinations, hikes and weekend camps, local and area camps, provincial leadership training camps, county and district boys' work conferences, mentors' training clubs, election for Boys' Parliament, and the Parliament itself. The Member for each district is to meet under the leadership of their Cabinet Minister at least twice during the year, with Cabinet meetings at least once in the year, and that each Member be asked to make a brief monthly report on the progress of the work in his district to his Cabinet Minister. Each Member is expected to make a full report of the recommendations of the Parliament, as far as possible, to the groups in his constituency. Each Member is to assist in securing and maintaining a suitable organization for Boys' Work in his constituency. Many points in this bill might be adopted with profit by the regular houses of parliament.

A resolution was introduced suggesting the extension of the franchise to the C. G. I. T. girls.

During the session the Member for this district (Roy Hardy) spoke on several occasions, paying especial attention to questions in which the North Land is particularly interested. He was also on some of the Committees of the House.

The House adjourned on several occasions to hear addresses from prominent public and professional men, including Hon. N. W. Rowell. The boys were particularly pleased with the kindness and sympathetic attitude of the "Lieutenant-Governor," Mr. S. B. Gundy, President of the Toronto Board of Trade.

Mr. Gordon Lapp, ex-Premier was selected as the delegate from this House to attend the World Conference of Boys' Parliaments at Helsingfors, Finland, this year.

There are smiles that make you want to hit the smiler.

### FUR BUYER LOSES SPEECH WHEN WOLVES ATTACK HIM

This, at Least, is the Romantic Story Sent Out From Cobalt Last Week Man Now in Hospital.

Last week The Advance had an article in which Mr. Jos. Moore, the well-known old-time trapper of this district, was quoted as saying that wolves would attack men just before dusk and just before dawn, but that in the daytime and during most of the night they would not attack human beings. Following this article, there came a very romantic story from Cobalt, and no doubt this story will be given the widest publicity. It will give another flip to the "wolf" yarns. It is much more clever than the usual "wolf" yarn and has much more interest to ordinary folks. It is the kind of story that will be very greedily devoured by the Hearst papers, for instance, and by journals of the type of The Utica Saturday Globe. It will also be "meat" for The News of the World once it gets across the ocean.

The following is the story as given in despatches, dated Cobalt, and it is submitted without prejudice or preference, and with the idea, as a popular humorous paper phrases it, that you "Judge for yourself." Here is the despatch:—"Dumb from fright as the result of being attacked by a pack of wolves, north of North Temiskaming, Thursday evening, a Toronto fur dealer, named Benison, is in hospital at Cobalt, slowly recovering from the shock of his experience. According to members of the party that brought him in from North Temiskaming, Benison was on his way into that place with a load of furs and a dog team. The howling of the pack was heard by him and he at once tried to speed his dogs up. However the wolves gained steadily and finally Benison was cornered. He shot four of the animals and drive the remainder of the pack, which numbered about twenty, away, but not before they had killed all but one of his dog team. Hospital authorities have not yet been able to secure any details from Benison, owing to the fact that he has not yet recovered his power of speech."

MATHESON BOY HURT BY HORSES THAT KICKED

A Matheson boy received injuries some days ago in an odd accident. The boy was driving a little sleigh drawn by his dog, and the sleigh in some way or another slid under the feet of a team of horses standing on the street. The horses were naturally startled and kicked out, the boy being struck in the face by the horses' hoofs. The lad who was Teddie, the little son of Mr. Harry Johnson, was rushed to the hospital. There it was found that the injuries though painful were fortunately not at all serious, and the lad will not be disfigured or suffer long from the accident.

The annual convention of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association will be held at Haileybury on Thursday, Jan. 21st. Representatives of all the fire brigades of this North Land are expected, and the Haileybury Fire Brigade will tender a banquet to the visitors in the evening.

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