

Interesting Discussions at Associated Boards Meeting

Co-Operative Marketing, the Organization of Townships, Special Week-End Rates on the T. & N. O., Coal Freight Rates, Canada's Jubilee Year, and Roads, Roads and Roads, Among the Subjects.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, held in Haileybury June 28th, and 29th, developed some very important discussions in regard to matters of direct interest to the North Country.

In addition to this discussion, there were two outstanding addresses, one by George C. Bateman, Secretary of the Ontario Mining Association, who gave an extremely optimistic view of the mining situation in Northern Ontario and drew a very rosy picture of mining in the years to come. It was a very wonderful exposition of the history of mining, its present condition here and the glorious future which awaited it.

The other outstanding address was by L. H. Hanlon, Assistant Superintendent of the experimental farm at Kapuskasing, who gave one of the greatest agricultural addresses it has ever been the privilege of anyone in the North Country to hear. He dealt with actual experiments done in the North Country, proving quite conclusively that Northern Ontario will not only be an agricultural country in the future, but actually at the present moment. For full development, a great deal has to be done, the chief necessity at the present moment being greater faith on the part of the people of the North Country including the farmers themselves.

The delegates feel very grateful towards George T. Smith, the President of the Haileybury Board and the members of the Haileybury Board for the splendid hospitality shown them during their visit.

Among the matters dealt with by the meeting were the following:

Co-operative Marketing

A resolution introduced by John Vanier, of Iroquois Falls in regard to bringing the farmer and the purchaser of farm products closer together was discussed at considerable length and C. W. Wright of Englehart made a suggestion that an organization for the disposal of farm produce be formed similar to that of the creameries. Mr. Wright and Mr. Vanier redrafted the resolution, which in its final form was moved by C. W. Wright and seconded by John Vanier as follows:—

Whereas the agricultural area of Northern Ontario already produces a surplus of farm products and is capable of tremendous extension and whereas there are situated throughout the North large consuming industrial plants requiring farm produce in quantities and because it would be to the advantage of all to bring the Northern producer and the consumer as closely together as possible, be it resolved that we ask the Ontario Government to extend to a General Co-operative Marketing organization the same terms and conditions as now apply to certain Co-operative Creameries.

In the discussion Donald McEachren of Cobalt thought that an abattoir in the North Country was urgently needed and it was agreed that this should be laid also before the Government. The resolution passed as above.

Unorganized Townships

There was considerable discussion on an item arising out of the minutes regarding the organization of Townships. It was pointed out that Townships at present failed to organize even when fully settled, being under the impression that they would get less from the Government than if they remained unorganized. The resolution at the previous meeting of the Boards was that such Townships should be forced to organize. It was also pointed out by one of the delegates that an organized Township would get more money from the Government than an unorganized one, they would get dollar for every dollar spent on roads etc.

Mr. James Sinton, chief engineer of the Department of Northern Development pointed out to the meeting that the Government had no power to force townships to organize, but that they were doing everything in their power to encourage them to organize.

In view of this information John Clark, of Englehart and E. H. Orser, of Swastika, re-drafted the resolution requesting the Government to enact such legislation as is necessary to

bring about the organization of Townships in the Temiskaming and Cochrane districts that are or will be settled up to 50% of the total agricultural land. Also that all Townships thrown open to settlement should have at least one road North and South and one East and West before it is thrown open to settlement.

Ask Special Week-End Rates

The Haileybury resolution asking the T. & N. O. to grant return week-end tickets as at single fare between points on the T. & N. O. to increase travel and a better knowledge of the whole North among the people living in the North, had the thorough approval of the meeting.

Coal Freight Rates

A resolution from Iroquois Falls, in regard to Alberta coal was made by John Vanier and seconded by E. H. Orser. The resolution asked that the Government make every effort to get the seven dollar rate on Alberta coal again in force and that it apply to all points on the T. & N. O. which was excluded from the previous agreement, until such time as the coal of Northern Ontario is sufficiently developed to be on the market.

Aid for Youth of North

Another resolution from Iroquois Falls was unanimously passed. It pointed out that in the three basic industries of the North, mining, forestry and agriculture, the experts required here had to be brought from other places and frequently from abroad. The Government is requested to encourage the youth of Northern Ontario to qualify themselves for such positions either by the granting of scholarships for courses or in any way they thought fit.

Cups for Cattle

In connection with the encouragement for agriculture, J. D. McDonald, of Haileybury, suggested that one of the biggest things that could be done was the encouragement of stock breeding in Northern Ontario and suggested a small cup for each of the fairs at New Liskeard, Englehart, Charlton, Matheson, Porquis Junction, Cochrane and South Porcupine, be donated for the best bull or cow of any breed at the fair, the cup to be held permanently by the winner. This was seconded by A. E. Stevenson of New Liskeard and the President announced he would guarantee that this expense would be looked after.

Canada's Jubilee Year.

Donald McEachren, of Cobalt, seconded by E. H. Orser of Swastika brought in a resolution that as 1927 will be Canada's diamond jubilee year and that in Temiskaming and Cochrane the trunk road connecting with the South will be open, that all Boards of Trade, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs and all other organizations of the district be asked to make Dominion Day 1927 the greatest day the North country has ever seen. The resolution was passed and the secretary instructed to notify all Municipal Councils, Rotary Clubs, Local and Federal representatives and the Ontario Government.

Greater Annual Grant.

There were some matters discussed at some length left over to the next meeting. Several times the Associated Boards have laid before the Government the necessity of a greater annual expenditure in the North Country, which would be in the nature of an investment as returns in revenue would more than justify it. This was referred again to the local boards for discussion, so that a strong resolution supported by details can be brought in at the next meeting in such form as to influence the Government to take action.

The question of indigents in the North Country and the burden they are on the municipalities, although they are not residents of those municipalities, was left over for further information as it was understood legislation at the last session partly remedied the situation.

A resolution from Iroquois Falls in regard to the reduction of motor license fees was referred back to the Iroquois Falls Board, as the delegates felt that the greatest hardship on automobilists in the North Country was to get insurance or the excessive cost of insurance and the Iroquois Falls Board was asked to redraft this resolution for the next meeting, bringing in the question of insurance.

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Ansonville had a resolution in regard to the organization of municipalities in the North Country something after the style of the County Councils of Southern Ontario. It was pointed out in the discussion that followed that there were only twelve organized municipalities, towns, and townships in the Cochrane District and of these only two were not represented on the Boards of Trade. In other words, the Boards of Trade was at present a wider organization than the proposed council. The resolution was therefore dropped.

Splendid Address on Roads

On Monday evening the delegates were entertained to dinner by the Haileybury Board of Trade, when Mr. Henry T. Smith, the president, acting as chairman gave the delegates a warm welcome. The feature of the evening was the splendid address by James Sinton, chief engineer of the Northern Development Department, who dealt with the expenditures of the Province on roads in Northern Ontario, giving figures showing that during the past year the districts of Temiskaming and Cochrane had received 25% of the total amount spent in the eight districts of Northern Ontario. Mr. Sinton also answered any questions not only at the meetings but in private conversation, which went to show that the Department was using every effort to develop the road system of the North, keeping in mind at the same time that all the revenue of the Province could not be expended in that way.

On Tuesday evening the delegates were the guests of the Kiwanis Club at Cobalt, when Mr. Hanlon gave a splendid address on agriculture in Northern Ontario, in which without minimizing the hard pioneering work which was necessary, he painted a glowing picture of the future of mixed farming in Northern Ontario.

The place for the next meeting was left in the hands of the officers.

The world moves along not only by the gigantic shoves of its great leaders, but by the millions of tiny pushes from the rank and file of honest workers. —The Link.

TIMMINS L.O.L. CHURCH PARADE, SUNDAY, JULY 11

The annual church parade of the L.O.L. will be held on Sunday, July 11th, at 11 a.m. to the St. Matthew's Anglican church, Timmins.

FIRST ISSUE OF RED LAKE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER

The Advance this week received a copy of Vol. 1, No. 1, of the Red Lake Lookout and Patricia District News. Mr. Richard Brinton is the editor, and the new newspaper is an attractive appearing journal, with many items of interesting news. It is also apparently well patronized by the merchants of the new gold camp and so is evidently well away to a good start. It is published at Sioux Lookout. Some of the items that may be of special interest in this camp are as follows:—"Mr. Digby Salkeld of The Sioux Lookout Engineering and Assay Office, on a wire, filed in and out of Woman Lake to make an examination last week." "Dr. Sloan and party are in Woman Lake, doing assessment work having passed through Sioux Lookout some time ago from Timmins. Mr. Digby Grimston of the same town is also interested in the same locality." "Jack Munro, the old boxer, war warrior, and old timer, got off the train at Sioux Lookout on his way into Red Lake, and shook hands with some old friends. He was taking in a few men to do some staking and assessment work." "Messrs. Gauthier, of Timmins, and Cap. Tripp of Port Arthur, have made a good find near the south-west end of Woman Lake and near the narrows at Medicine Rock. They brought out some fine samples of free gold a few days ago and took them to Port Arthur, staying at Sioux Lookout over night. They are returning in a few days to further explore."

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