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Will Likely be at Timmins Around the End of This Month.

That M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, B.A., of Toronto, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, A.F. & A.M., would pay a visit to Timmins towards the end of the month, the date to be announced later, was the word brought back to Timmins by W. Bro. W. W. Whyte, delegate of Golden Beaver Lodge, No. 528, A.F. & A.M., to Grand Lodge meeting at Fort William last month.

Mr. Whyte returned last Thursday night from a very enjoyable vacation, part of which was spent at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F. & A.M., and reports a splendid time, both at Port Arthur and Fort William and on the cruise

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M.W. Bro. Rowland will visit both Porcupine and Golden Beaver Lodges of the craft at Timmins, and as the exact date of his visit is not known just now, Masonic brethren are asked to try and be in Timmins for the last of this month. While in the north Mr. Rowland will visit Cochrane and Abitibi Lodges at Iroquois Falls, and will also hold a joint visit to Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard Lodges. Other lodges in the district will be visited at Englehart.

The large number of delegates present for the Grand Lodge meeting was representative of the growth of the Masonic Order in Ontario, and the size Grand Lodge had grown made it inadvisable that any but the larger cities in the province be selected for the meetings of the head body of Masonry in Ontario, was the opinion of Mr. Whyte. Next year the annual meeting will be held in Guelph, the home town of the Hon. Mr. Martin, Minister of Agriculture in the Ferguson government in Toronto, and Deputy Grand Master of the Craft this year.

Mr. Whyte was also enthusiastic in his praise of the spirit shown by the citizens of Fort William and Port Arthur during the meeting of Grand Lodge. Everything that could be done to make the stay of the delegates pleasant seemed to be the desire of the citizens of the Twin Cities.

Special activity is reported in the mines and prospects in Daek and Skead townships, near Englehart, and Englehart has hopes of becoming a mining centre as well as a railway town.

PREMIER MEIGHEN SPOKE AT COBALT AND LISKEARD

Said There Was No Constitutional Question, but Real Issue Was Honest Government.

Hon. Arthur Meighen, Premier of Canada, spoke at Cobalt and New Liskeard last week in the opening meetings of the election campaign for Dr. Armstrong, Conservative candidate for South Temiskaming. The Premier said the pretended "constitutional question" raised by Hon. MacKenzie King was simply a "cloud of dust" designed to obscure the customs scandal and the other proven evidences of the incompetence and maladministration of the King Government. The Premier read from the findings of the committee (appointed by the King Government) to prove how scandalous had been the administration of the Customs Department and how industry had been injured and money lost to the country. Hon. Mr. Meighen showed how the Conservative policy of protection would benefit the country and bring back prosperity and progress. He said that the Robb Budget did not benefit the working people of the country, though it was of decided benefit to the well-to-do in many ways. The railway problems of Canada were also dealt with by Hon. Mr. Meighen. His addresses at Cobalt and New Liskeard were listened to by very large audiences, and apparently made a very deep impression. The Premier was accompanied on the trip by his wife and family and by Hon. Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines for Ontario. The addresses by Hon. Mr. McCrea were also specially informative and helpful. He dwelt chiefly on the North Land and its problems and prospects, pointing out how the Conservative Party had aided in the development of this country. He suggested that a Conservative Government at Ottawa, co-operating with the Government at Toronto will still further assure progress and prosperity for this North.

A wealthy American is to attempt to swim the Channel this year. We understand that if he fails he will buy the thing and take it back home to practice on.

Obituary report says one man established his fortune by dressing chickens. That's one of the best ways to lose it these days.

—New York American.

CHARGES FOR INDIGENTS FOR HOSPITAL AND DEATH

Another Step Forward, but Still One More Needed in Justice to Hospitals, Etc.

The Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade for some time past has been impressing upon the Government the need for more equitable treatment of hospitals and municipalities in regard to care and burial of indigents. The following letter will show that some progress has been made. One of the big injustices has been removed. Another trouble, however, still remains. That is the case of indigents coming from unorganized territory. Who is to pay for them? Surely not the municipality upon whom they are foisted? Surely not the struggling hospital in this North. The Advance has maintained that as the Government is the only one to receive any revenue from the unorganized territories, the Government should pay for those from the districts not organized. In other words, the Government should take the place of the municipality so far as unorganized territory is concerned. People coming to Timmins, for instance, from Hoyle or Barber's Bay or any other place without municipal organization can not be allowed to die on the street, even though without means to pay for hospital care. Yet there is no reason why Timmins should pay for the expense incurred in such cases. As a matter of fact neither municipalities nor hospitals in this North can afford such losses, although to date they have been forced to do so. This could be remedied, and should be remedied, by the Province taking the place of the municipality in cases where there is no other organization. With this addition to the present law, conditions would be much improved, indeed.

Here is the letter from Mr. Alec Dewar, President of the Associated Boards, relative to the matter:—

Iroquois Falls, Ont., Aug. 2nd, 1926.

To the Secretary Timmins Board of Trade.
Dear Sir:—At the recent meeting in Haileybury the question of the care of hospital and death charges for indigents was discussed and it was decided to get definite information from Toronto as to the recent legislation before taking any further action. I now have before me a copy of the act which provides for hospital care and Government payment in regard to indigents.

Hospitals receiving Government Grants must accept such cases. The municipality in which the patient is to pay total charges for treatment, and burial expenses, in the case of the patient's death. The new law, however, has given relief to the municipality in defining the word, "Resident." Sub-section 3 of section 23 reads as follows:—
"Residents—For the purpose of this section shall mean actual residence within the county, city or separate town for the period of three months, within five months next prior to the admission to the hospital."
Sub-section 6 provides: "That the Superintendent or other officer of the hospital, upon the admission of any indigent person shall by registered letter notify the clerk of the county, city or separate town of which the patient represents himself as being a resident, giving such particulars as may be available to enable the clerk to identify the patient."
Sub-section 7, "Unless the clerk within 30 days after the mailing of such notice notifies the Superintendent or other officer of the hospital by registered letter that the patient is not a resident of the municipality he shall for the purpose of this act be deemed a resident of such municipality."

This new law seems to meet the objections which the Associated Boards laid before the Government almost a year ago, so that the Associated Boards and the local Boards may feel that they have done good work for the municipalities in being instrumental in having this legislation passed.

If, however, any of the local Boards

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feel that this does not sufficiently meet the situation in the North Country, I would be very glad indeed if they would communicate with me.

Yours truly,
A. M. DEWAR,
Pres. Northern Ont. Assoc. Boards.

FIRST TO DRIVE BY AUTO FROM TIMMINS TO COBALT.

Mr. Vincent Woodbury has the distinction of being the first to go from Timmins to Cobalt by automobile. The story of the earning of this honour is told last week by The Northern News, of Cobalt, as follows:—

"The honour of being the first individual to drive an automobile through from Porcupine to Cobalt falls to Vincent Woodbury, well-known citizen of Timmins. Mr. Woodbury got his machine south of Ramore on the regular roads, then for eight miles had to be hauled along by a team, afterwards coming down the railroad ties for four miles. He found it rather bumpy going. He will return by train."

SUGGESTS SOFT BALL LEAGUE FOR THE NORTH

The increasing popularity of soft ball is very evident, not only in the North, but all over the country. The game has certainly caught on. In the North Land it has taken a noteworthy grip on popular fancy. Many towns of the North now have thriving soft ball leagues for which the public show special favour. A league to include all the towns of the North has also been mentioned. In this respect The North Bay Nugget last week says:—

"A Northern Ontario softball league either in 1927 or 1928. There is a probability that is being talked of now. Softball has certainly caught on. Every town in the North has its league and all of them, judging by reports has a fair kind of team. There's no doubt about such a league being feasible. All it needs is for someone to start the ball rolling."

FRED LABERGE UNANIMOUS CHOICE FOR NIPISSING

Last week Mr. Fred Laberge was unanimously chosen by the Conservatives of Nipissing as their candidate in the Dominion election. Messrs T. J. Palton, John Ferguson and E. J. Young were also nominated but all withdrew. A Timmins man commenting on the choice said this week that the Conservatives of Nipissing were lucky in their candidates, describing Mr. Leberge as one of the finest citizens in the county and referring to his business ability, his generosity and his unflinching friendliness. The same man had a few good words for Mr. John Ferguson, who withdrew his name. Mr. Ferguson was the candidate in the last Dominion election and put up a wonderful fight. This year he withdrew his name at the nomination meeting, but as he has a great interest in this country and is particularly public-spirited it is more than probable that he will give much time and effort for the election of the choice of the convention.

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