

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO PARLIAMENT**

Notice is hereby given that Application will be made by the Corporation of the Township of Tisdale to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario at its present session for a Special Act:—

1.—To ratify and confirm a By-law of the Corporation dated the 19th day of June 1925 and numbered 308, being a By-law for the raising of \$200,000 by the issue of debentures on the instalment plan, bearing interest at five and one-half per cent. per annum to cover the cost of construction of the water and sewerage system and to meet the cost thereof, to levy a special rate for repayment of the aforesaid borrowing on all the assessable property of the Township of Tisdale lying within the limits of School Section No. 1 thereof as at present constituted.

2.—For authority to levy a special rate on all the assessable property and income on that part of the Township of Tisdale situated within the limits of School Section No. 1, as at present constituted thereof, for any further expenditure covering the installation, extensions or alterations of the water and sewerage system within the limits of that part of the Township of Tisdale hereinbefore described.

The existing debenture debt of the said Corporation is as follows:—

- 1—Debentures issued for Schools \$301,967.70
- 2—Debentures issued for Waterworks and Sewers, \$325,000.00
- 3—Debentures issued for Local Improvements, \$10,000.00

W. G. BOWLES,  
Solicitor for the Township of Tisdale.  
Dated at South Porcupine, Ontario, this 7th day of February A.D. 1927

**Ontario to Have Extensive Policy of Reforestation**

**People in Barren Sections to Get Homes in the North's Great Clay Belt. New Forestry Bill Outlined by Hon. Mr. Finlayson. Meets With Very General Favour from All Sides of the House.**

According to despatches from Toronto last week Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, took Friday—the 100th anniversary of the date of Ontario's first authorized timber sale—as an appropriate time to stress to the Legislature the urgency of the reforestation policy the Government now proposes to effect and to sketch from his own vision a glowing picture of the publicly owned timber and pulp enterprises—as great as Hydro—that is to follow within the next generation the operation of this rehabilitation programme.

"This House and the Province at large," said Mr. Finlayson, speaking to the second reading of his Forestry Bill, "must realize we have to face a reforestation policy, and that we must make necessary appropriations from year to year to rehabilitate the timber industry of Ontario."

This Forestry Bill, which is the policy of the Ministry in legislative terms, seeks to divide Ontario into three sections for the purpose of reforestation. In Southern Ontario a determined effort is to be made to interest farmers in planting out their waste land. All manner of departmental aid and instruction will be forthcoming, and as a special inducement to subscribe to the scheme the Government assures the farmer who

agrees to bear the expense of placing 10 per cent. of his acreage under reforestation that he will be exempted of taxation on the acreage involved. It is also proposed to depopulate the Laurentian shield (Central Ontario), which is particularly adapted to reforestation, and to transfer the settlers, all expenses paid, to the clay belt farther north, and there provide them with land holdings equal to those abandoned. Up where extensive "stands" of valuable timber are still to be had, the Government's policy will be one of "giving nature a chance," with the ever watchful eye of the forest air patrols ready at all times to aid in the furtherance of that policy.

Mr. Finlayson spoke in the House Friday for the first time since he was taken into the Ferguson Cabinet, and his speech was enthusiastically acclaimed by Government and Opposition supporters alike. Liberal Leader W. E. N. Sinclair and J. G. Lethbridge, for the Progressive group, paying him marked compliments and expressing the desire of the two groups to assist the Government in every possible way to preserve the timber welfare of the Province. Mr. Finlayson gave an exhaustive account of the work of his department, and vigorously entreated the country's support of the reforestation policy the Government is launching. It was his charge that a member of the House would be sadly amiss in his duty if he failed this year to acquaint his constituents with the aim of the Government, and to bring pressure to bear on county councils in order that the work of reforestation, especially in Southern Ontario, where the seriousness of the timber situation is not so apparent as elsewhere, might get early headway.

"Our timber wealth must remain," said Mr. Finlayson, in deploring the fact that in the infant stages of the industry there had been no efforts at conservation. "Timber must be treated as a crop and not as a mine." Governments had erred in the past, he said. Lumbermen themselves had erred. Money in good timber that had gone up in smoke in Ontario sawmills, he contended, would have gone a long way toward paying off the Province's debt. Old methods of lumbering, he added, had been designed apparently for no other reason than to invite fire and disaster.

"One of the fixed policies of this Government," said he, in referring to the rapid growth of the pulp and paper industry in Ontario, "is to stop the export of pulp as soon as possible." The first pulp woods sale had been made in 1891, he said. Today Ontario was producing 2,600 tons of pulp daily, and in the next three or four years would raise that figure to a daily output of 4,500. He was glad to note that poplar, which long held second place in this industry by virtue of the fact that spruce is extensively used for newsprint, was now coming into its own, in the field of finer paper.

In this connection Mr. Finlayson flashed a warning. The Government he said, was hesitating now to make further commitments as to the expansion of the pulp paper industry in Ontario. The possibility of the market being unable to absorb production had, he inferred, influenced this hesitation.

Leading up to a valuation of Ontario's forest industries, Mr. Finlayson ridiculed the belief that white and red pine were things of the past. Ontario still possessed, he contended, the finest stands of white pine in the world, and even at the present rate of consumption, they would last for fifty years, quite unimpacted by the reforestation work of the present day.

Ontario's timber production for the last five years, he valued at approximately \$120,000,000. In view of the fact that the Government spends nearly a million dollars yearly in its fire protection for the industry Mr. Finlayson thought that the lumbermen—particularly those who bought their tracts under the old system that gave them Crown as well as cutting rights to the limits—should pay a more adequate fire tax than they do at the present time. Out of this fire protection tax the Government last year drew a revenue of \$306,119.51.

Ontario, stated Mr. Finlayson, employs 1,001 men for fire protection, 52 of which remain on duty all winter. The value of their equipment is \$750,000. At the Sault, he stated, is what he considers the finest equipped aerodrome on the North American continent. In eulogizing the work of the forest patrol, in its capacity of not only spotting but fighting fires, Mr. Finlayson paid a tribute to the foresight of his predecessor in office, Hon. James Lyons, in bringing the service under the Government, and not hiring planes as is the administrative policy in Quebec and in several States of the Union.

In conclusion, Mr. Finlayson reiterated his faith in the reforestation policy. No member in the House, he said, would live to see the results that operation of the policy would bring, but he prophesied a day when there would be no more timber sales—when there would be strings of State sawmills across the Province—a public-owned enterprise, as great in its way as Hydro.

**WINNERS OF CURLING AT SOUTH PORCUPINE RINK**

Other Items of News from The Advance Correspondent at South Porcupine.

South Porcupine, Feb. 16th, 1927. Special to The Advance.

Mr. Bill Parnell has gone to Kirkland Lake.

Mr. C. B. Morgan has returned to his claims in Northern Quebec.

The prizes for the Knights of Columbus euchre and bridge are now being displayed in the window of the B. L. Pillsworth store, and are certainly handsome. One, an elegant floor lamp, did not have name of donor; a satin cushion is donated by Mrs. Paul Michaud; a leather handkerchief case by M. Legate; a set of pipes in cases by D. Cattarello; a leather collar and handkerchief case, Sol. Sky; a perfume set in satin case, O. M. Henderson; a beautiful framed painting, Mrs. T. J. Wright; a box of fruits by Feldman & Co.; a silver ash tray and cigar cutter, by Porcupine Hardware; a humidifier jar with tobacco, B. L. Pillsworth Estate; a china comport and fruit dishes, D. Deacon Hardware.

The games played for the Laug Shield at the curling rink during the past week were:—Feb. 9th, Horne 9; Cross 8; Walton 8; W. D. Pearce 9; H. Boyle 11; Rutherford 3. Feb. 10th—M. Legate 11; Rowe 2. McPhail defaulted to Doelle. On the 11th the surprise of the season was sprung. It is a well-known legend what a Scotchman or Jew can do when it comes to getting the better of a plain Canadian but when it is a rink composed of three Scotchmen with a Jewish skip up against a group of ordinary Canucks in a curling rink—well—ask Jas. Boyle what his score was. A. Buecovetsky's was 13. At that, we are told he gave one to the other rink through sympathy. On Feb. 14th, Russell 14; Horne 8; Walton defaulted to Evans.

Mrs. Robert Clark, of Castleford, was the guest of her son, Mr. Milas Clark, for a few days last week.

The Meaford Express of last week had an account of the 58th wedding anniversary of Mr. Alex. Londry, Mayor, and Mrs. Londry, on Saturday February 5th. Mr. Londry has been a business resident of Meaford for over 50 years. The Express says he is still the first man to have his store open at 7 a.m. Mr. A. Londry, of Feldman and Co., here, is the youngest son of the family. Your correspondent has enjoyed many a hospitable meal in Mayor Londry's home, when at school in Meaford. We join their many friends in wishing the estimable Mayor and his wife many further years of happiness and prosperity.

Born—On February 10th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hudson, of the Paymaster Mine—a daughter. Congratulations.

**TRAGEDY NEARLY FOLLOWED USE OF PROVINCIAL GUN.**

The Haileyburian last week recounts the following thrilling story of a masquerade dance, a borrowed revolver, and the accidental wounding of three people. Here is the lurid tale as told by The Haileyburian:—

"News of a near tragedy at Elk Lake, which occurred over the weekend, reached Haileybury this week. The report states that at a fancy dress ball, a provincial officer left his belt and revolver in the ante room while he enjoyed a dance with one of the ladies present. While he was inside, a lady who was dressed as a cow-girl thought that she might make her costume more complete by the addition of the proper armament which according to the movies, goes with the western styles. In some manner while she was either flourishing the revolver or passing it over to another lady, she pulled the trigger and as far as can be ascertained, the bullet passed through her limb, through the limb of a companion and into the foot of another lady. Fortunately none of the three suffered any serious injury only flesh wounds being inflicted, but they have probably learned that firearms are not to be lightly handled."

At Cochrane recently Yaka Pajan was sentenced to two years less one day for stabbing E. Laine in a drunken fight. He pleaded self-defence. He will think that the court knifed him just as he knifed Laine.

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