

Premier Asks for British Men and Money for Ontario Mines

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson Tells Mining and Metallurgical Congress of the Potentialities of the North Land. Presentation to Hon. Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines for Ontario

At the banquet given in Hart House, Toronto, on Thursday evening last to the members and guests of the Empire Mining and Metallurgical Congress, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario, took occasion to give those present at the event a stirring picture of the potentialities of the North Land in mining and other lines. The premier stressed the fact that Canada needed money and people to develop its great resources. For

his part, he preferred British capital and British people to share in the development of this British country. "Public men must recognize," he said, "that the spirit and possibilities of the Empire depend upon the virility and development of its newer parts rather than of the Old Country."

Hon. Mr. Ferguson made a plea for closer consolidation of the nations of the Empire, pledging unhesitatingly Canada's share. "Notwithstanding the nebulous, intangible rumours that there is an insidious influence from our southern neighbour, they across the line will have to get more than their eyes or more than their 'hooks' on us before they can pull us away from the British Empire," he said.

In opening his address Premier Ferguson said that the Province was deeply sensible of the honour paid to Canada in having the second triennial Empire Mining and Metallurgical Congress held in this Dominion this year. He emphasized Canada's position among the "constellation of British nations," when the foundation stock, the area, wealth, ideals and visions were considered, and then turned to Ontario, pointing out that in that Province one-half of the wealth of the soil, factories, minerals and forests was to be found.

"We are anxious to encourage the interest of capital," he said, and promised that the Province was prepared to reward the man who would spend money rather than the speculator who would stake property and hold up capital.

"It is the policy of the Government and would be the policy of any Government to encourage and subsidize the pioneer effort necessary to reveal the great resources which rest in the North Country."

The ideas expressed by the premier were picked up and carried along by Sir Richard Redmayne, former Chief Inspector of Mines in Great Britain, who declared that before long Ontario would be the centre of the great mining industry of the Empire and Canada would be the "centre of gravity" as regards the production of gold within not only the Empire, but the world.

During the evening there were three presentations of great significance.

Charles McDermid, Secretary-General of the Empire Council of Mining and Metallurgical Institutions, asked the Ontario Department of Mines through Hon. Charles McCrea, to accept the custody of the gold medal awarded in 1915 to the late Willet G. Miller, in recognition of his eminence as an economic geologist.

Mr. McCrea in turn presented to the institution through its president, R. E. Palmer, a portrait, by Wylie Grier, of Sir William Logan, the forefather of Canadian geologists.

The third was the gift of the nickel industry of Canada to Mr. McCrea and the Department of Mines. Oliver Hall, of the Mond Nickel Company, presented a large galleon modelled after an early British ship, entirely out of nickel.

At the head table were his Honour Lieutenant-Governor W. D. Ross, Premier Ferguson, Hon. Charles McCrea, Sir Richard Redmayne, Sir A. Kitson, Sir Robert Falconer, Sir John Aird, G. C. Bateman, the chairman, P. W. Beyers, Hon. Canon H. J. Cody, J. L. Agnew, C. McDermid, R. E. Palmer, Oliver Hall, H. Williams, Scott Turner, and J. P. Bickle.

Among the papers given at the session of the Congress at Toronto was one reviewing in very comprehensive way the silver mining industry in Canada. This paper was by Arthur A. Cole, mining engineer of the T. & N. O. Railway.

WONDERFUL COUNTRY FROM LISKEARD TO ENGLEART

The following is from the editorial columns of The St. Mary's Journal-Argus last week, the first paragraph being from a recent issue of The Advance and the second paragraph being The Journal-Argus reply or comment:

"If there is a finer looking country anywhere than our Western Ontario at the present season we would like to see it," says The Journal-Argus of St. Marys, Ontario. In reply, The Advance would invite The Journal-Argus to come and see the stretch of wonderful country between Englehart and New Liskeard. There is not anything more attractive in any country at any time.—The Porcupine Advance.

Yes, brother, we well recall the first day we set eyes on that "stretch of wonderful country between Englehart and New Liskeard," as with open eyes we exclaimed: "Just look at this. 'Tis a piece of our Homeland from Western Ontario dropped down in these Northern wilds." And we have never passed through that section of country since without giving expression to our feelings in some such remark. 'Tis a wonderful stretch of country, sure enough!

McINTYRE WINS SECOND FROM SILVER CENTRE

Pretty Game in Northern Ontario Baseball Championship Series on Thursday of Last Week

As noted in The Advance last week, the McIntyre team won the first of the district baseball play-off games on Wednesday last by a score of 14 to 8. In that game Silver Centre seemed to be outclassed by the McIntyres. The second game here on Thursday last was a better one, both teams showing up better than on the previous day. The McIntyre team, champions of the Northern group of the Temiskaming Baseball League, again showed their class and won from Silver Centre, the score standing 8 to 6 at the close. At the beginning of the ninth-inning the score was 8 to 3, but the Silver Centre boys had a genuine rally, in which they made three runs, and for a time it looked as if they might actually tie up the game.

The line-up was as follows:
Silver Centre—Cross, c; S. Lemon, 2b; S. Cowden, cf and rf; H. Cowden, ss; Scott, 3b; Howes, 1b; St. Cyr, lf; R. Lemon, rf; Mullins, p; McCann, cf in eighth and ninth.

McIntyre—Chisholm, cf; Rothwell, ss; Fitzjohn, c; Angrignon, 3b; Gauthier, 2b; Nottingham, 1b; Valentine, lf; Valin, p; Park, rf; Stevenson, rf in eighth and ninth.

Mullins struck out three men, issued two passes and hit one, while Valin struck out six of his opponents.

Umpires—E. Binkley, New Liskeard, at the plate, and W. D. McIntyre, Schumacher, on the bases. Time of game, one hour and 55 minutes.

One of the features of the game was the good sportsmanship of both teams, there being no "erabbing" about decisions, or questioning the work of the officials.

The general interest in the series was evidenced by the large attendance of spectators, despite the fact that it was not a half-holiday, but the day after one. The weather was O.K. for the event.

The general opinion seems to be that Thursday's game was a nice brand of good ball. Neither side scored in the first two innings, but McIntyre made up for this in their half of the third, when they scored four runs. The outstanding hit of the day was the three-bagger by Fitzjohn in the third. After the fourth, fifth and sixth innings were gone through without another run being scored by either side. Several rather noteworthy double plays featured the game.

Hill-Clark-Francis have the contract for building a fine new school for Elk Lake, and work on the construction is now under way. It is expected to have the building ready for use by Nov. 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pexton left on Sunday for Toronto where they will attend the Toronto Exhibition. They motored through from Timmins to the city, over the Ferguson highway.



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