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Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Commencement of T.&N.O.

Official Tour Recently Considered the Situation and Looked Over the Territory. Vast Timber Lands. Railway Problems in Quebec. Many Items of Interest Relative to Rouyn and Abitibi Area.

Preparations are now nearing completion for the observing of the 25th anniversary of the commencement of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, the railway that has done so much to develop the North Land and that to-day is serving this country with the most creditable efficiency and courtesy.

The T. & N. O. was started on Sept. 12th, 1902, and Monday, Sept. 12th, 1927, is to be fittingly observed as the silver anniversary of the opening of the road that opened up the silver country of the North Land, and

also aided so materially in the development of the gold mines, in the latter way laying proper foundation for the golden anniversary in 1952.

For the event on Monday of next week at North Bay, arrangements have been completed for Premier Ferguson and Mrs. Ferguson, along with members of the Provincial Cabinet to be in North Bay for the occasion. One of the special features for Sept. 12th will be a railway banquet in St. John's Parish Hall, North Bay, in the evening, at which Premier Ferguson will be the chief speaker. Invitations are being sent to representatives of other railways, civic officials and business and professional men of the city to attend the affair, and it is expected that on that occasion the T. & N. O. will be hosts to approximately 300 North Bay people, according to a reference in The North Bay Nugget.

At the dinner, Premier Ferguson will formally present the 30-acre east-end park site to the city. This gift from the T. & N. O. has been known for some time, but Chairman Lee has been waiting until the Premier could visit North Bay before making the presentation. Soon after their arrival in the city, Premier Ferguson and party will be taken on a trip of inspection of the T. & N. O. shops. Under the auspices of the North Bay Rotary Club, a public luncheon will be held for men at noon in the Pacific Hotel, while a ladies' luncheon will be held at St. John's Parish Hall. The Premier will speak to the men and Mrs. Ferguson will address the women. Following the luncheon, the Premier will be at the offices of the T. & N. O. Commission to meet delegations.

The anniversary will be concluded with a dance in the Blue Room in the evening.

FURTHER FINANCING OF HILLTOP MINES REPORTED

Arrangements for further financing of Hilltop Gold Mines Limited have been completed between the directors of the company and a syndicate, and supervision of operations of the Hilltop property will be carried out by D. H. Angus, president and general manager of Gold Hill Mines Limited, according to an announcement made to Hilltop shareholders.

The matter was discussed at the last meeting of Hilltop shareholders, and in a letter to the shareholders President Marland Woolnough points out the advantage of the new arrangement, inasmuch as the Gold Hill property adjoins Hilltop. Directors of Hilltop propose to effect an agreement with Gold Hill Mines so that the latter will carry development on the 800-foot level of Gold Hill to the eastern boundary of Hilltop, distant some 700 or 800 feet. Four veins have been cut in Hilltop at the 400 level, all of which are promising, according to President Woolnough's statement.

The Hilltop Mines are about three miles from Boston Creek station, and the Gold Hill Mines property a couple of miles further distant from the same station on the T. & N. O.

We Americans are a great race, and seem able to maintain our independence in Nicaragua under even the most trying conditions.—El Paso Times.

Nicaragua generals are ready to talk peace. The supply of privates must be giving out.—Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

North Land Farms Should Be One Hundred and Sixty Acres

Settlers Handicapped by Present Regulation Limiting Homesteads to Eighty Acres. Concensus of Opinion Seems to be That the Government Should Do Away with the 80-acre Limit.

Strongly worded resolutions have been submitted to the Government from the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade urging that the limit now set on farms for settlement in this North Land be changed back from the present 80-acre limit to the former one of 160 acres. There is a general feeling that it is a decided handicap to a settler to be limited to an 80-acre farm, and this viewpoint has been earnestly urged upon the Government, but the handicap of the 80-acre farm still remains. It seems to be a case where the settler would be helped, and no one hurt if the former plan were re-adopted.

The question was recently discussed by two thoughtful newspapers of the North Land. In referring to the question The Cochrane Northland Post says:

"The question of 80-acre farms in Northern Ontario came up once more for lively discussion at Tuesday's meeting of the Cochrane North District Liberal-Conservative Association. 'Whatever induced the Government to cut down the old 160-acre homestead lots to 80 acres is difficult to understand. Like many other things in connection with the colonization policy for the North Country, it shows a lamentable lack of understanding of conditions here. As several of the speakers at the meeting pointed out, it is impossible for a farmer here to make good on only 80 acres.

"If consideration is given to the fact that the country here is remarkably well adapted for dairy farming, a fact which the Government has freely acknowledged, as is shown by the assistance given the settlers here to increase their holdings, and the encouragement given to establish creameries in the district, it must be obvious that 80-acre lots cannot be made an attraction for incoming settlers, with the consequence that the development of the whole country is greatly retarded if not altogether held up."

Upon the above article The New Liskeard Speaker makes the following comment and extension:

"A few years ago, when we first learned that the Department of Lands had decided not to sell more than 80 acres of land to one farmer, The Speaker took strong grounds against the change from 160 acres in a series of articles, and published several letters from Temiskaming farmers of experience expressing disapproval of the change. No one offered a word in defence of the course taken by the minister, and yet the change was made. There has been an election since then, and yet, so far as we know, no reference was made to the action of the Minister of Lands, and hence we came to the conclusion that Temiskaming must have been satisfied with the change made by the Minister of Lands.

"We have since thought that perhaps the minister had in mind the idea of preventing timber sharks from purchasing land chiefly for its spruce instead of for its usefulness for agricultural purposes. However, it does not seem right that the actual farmer should be punished because there are those who taken land for no other purpose than that of making money from the timber on it.

"Surely the minister might pass regulations to protect the Crown in the case of all land sold.

"We still adhere to the belief that 80 acres are not sufficient for an enterprising farmer, and there are not

many land-hunters in Ontario who would come here if they knew they would not be allowed more than 80-acre lots.

"We are aware that the Government proposes to give the farmer a second 80-acre lot when he has 'made good' on his first purchased lot, but unless this second lot adjoins the first lot he would be at a disadvantage in clearing and working it. It would be far better to give him his land in one block. At least he should be allowed to purchase 120 acres."

LIQUOR CANNOT BE TAKEN FROM ONE HOME TO ANOTHER

A decision that will be of very general interest was given last week by Magistrate Brunton at Toronto in regard to one matter in connection with the Liquor Control Act. The case apparently establishes a precedent for infringements of the law in regard to the purchase and conveyance of liquor from one legal place to another. After having adjourned the case from a previous court to allow him to go very thoroughly into the question at issue, Magistrate Brunton last week fined the accused, Patrick McFadden, \$100.00 and costs, and two months in jail. The case was the first to be decided in Ontario. According to the evidence given McFadden was out in his car and was stopped by the police who accused him of reckless driving. Although it is not customary to make a search of the car in such a case, the police did this in the case referred to. A quart bottle of liquor was found in the back of the car, and when McFadden was asked for an explanation as to the reason for the liquor being in transit, he explained that he was taking the drinkable stuff to his brother's house. The police held that this was not permitted under the Liquor Control Act, and so McFadden was invited to tell it to the judge. Counsel for McFadden submitted that his client had a perfect right to convey liquor from one legal place to another. The argument of the Crown was to the very opposite effect. Commenting on the argument of McFadden's counsel, Magistrate Brunton said: "The act does not bear on this case but it also does not give authority for the liquor to be conveyed from one place to another except from the legal vendor to the home of whoever made the purchase. Section 36 specifically states this. It permits the liquor to be conveyed to legal residence, but a man has no right to take it to another place. I contend that the common sense application of the law gives that power," said counsel for the accused. "However," he added, "your worship is deciding the case, and if that is your interpretation of the law, then I must say that the law should most assuredly be altered, and altered as soon as possible." On the charge of reckless driving, McFadden was allowed to go on suspended sentence. According to the magistrate's ruling in this case, the best way of transport liquor is to carry the liquor inside the person. This was the safest way under the unlamented Ontario Temperance Act and it appears to still hold good under the Liquor Control bill.

An old Chinaman, delivering laundry in a mining camp, heard a noise and spied a huge bear sniffing his tracks in the newly fallen snow.

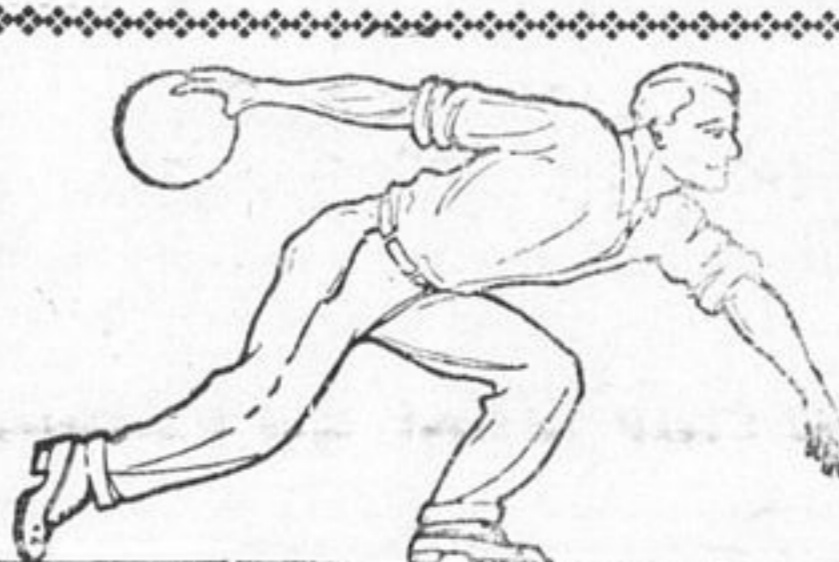
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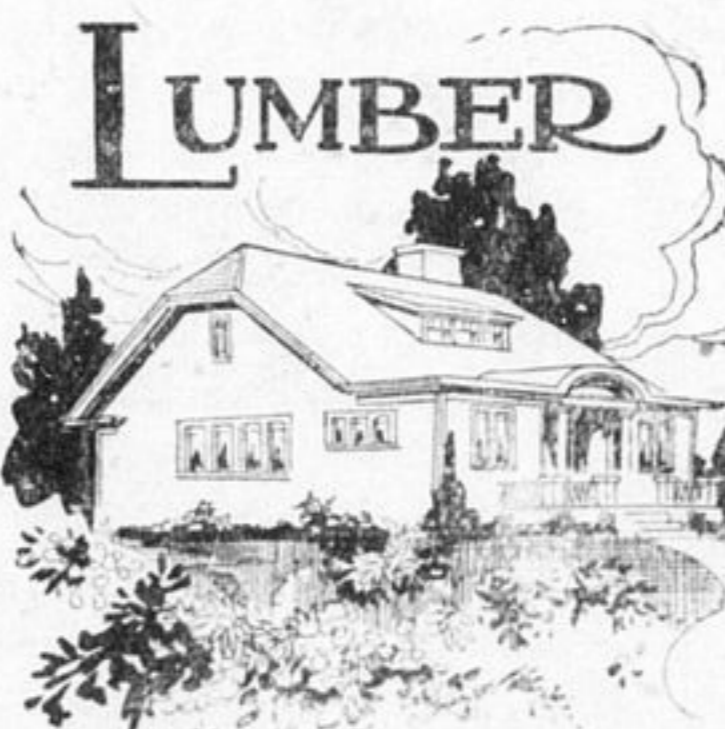
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