

"ATTABOY, BILL!"

(From The Toronto Globe on Saturday last).
Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, had the hearts of his Legislature audience "pit-a-patting" yesterday afternoon. He had been talking about Northern Ontario—its wonders and its possibilities—and had expressed the belief that every person should "go up and see for himself" before criticizing

Government policy of expenditure with regard to development of this part of the Province.
"I sincerely trust," said he, "that some way will be found this summer to take the Legislature on a trip up there."
There were no "Hoorahs," for House rules and regulations, won't permit them, but from one section of the Opposition benches an enthusiastic "see everything that's possible" member piped a faint:
"Attaboy, Bill!"

BOYS WILL BE BOYS, BUT THEY SURE NEED WATCHING

Some time ago The Advance called attention to the dangerous practice indulged in by some boys of this town who travelled out to the sand plains near town and there climbing the framework of the equipment for transporting sand to the Hollinger for back-filling, stole rides in the bucket and generally had a good time, though a dangerous one. The practice was apparently stopped by the stern attitude taken by parents after one boy had sustained injuries from a fall or jump from the bucket which happened to stop leaving the lad imprisoned up in the air. Evidently they have boys in Cobalt as well as in Timmins. Indeed, boys will be boys wherever they may be. The Cobalt lads did not have a sand bucket, but like the druggist of old they had "something just as good." The boys discovered a new use for the Forestry tower at Diabese Mountain. The Government built this tower for observation purposes, but the Cobalt lads found the apparatus provided a very jolly natural slide. They would climb about 60 feet up the brace arms and then slide down the guy wires to the ground. It was an interesting and thrilling game. Provided none of those unexpected little slips or accidents occurred, the game is all right for the boys. It tests the strength and skill and so makes especial appeal to the boyish boy who is hundred per cent. boy. But all know how slips will occur and how accidents will happen even among boys. Indeed, the wonder is that the boys escape as often as they do from serious consequences from some of their tricks. The sliding down the guy wires accordingly may be set down as a very serious and foolish chance for boys to take. Older boys have very properly been warning others against it and the authorities are now being asked to so protect the guy wires so that it will not be possible for the lads to take such foolish risk with their limbs and lives. It is to be hoped that the game will be discontinued before some lad is seriously injured or other sad accident occurs.

Some days ago about twenty young people were thrown into the water at Mill Creek, North Cobalt, when the ice suddenly gave way under them. They had been enjoying a little late season skating and were quite oblivious of the danger until the ice suddenly collapsed under them. As the shore was quite close by, they were all able to escape, but not without first having a cold plunge into about eight feet of icy water.

THIS HAPPENED HERE IN TIMMINS NOT ABERDEEN

A Scot in Timmins very kindly passes along the following original little sketch:
"A warm spell had commenced to soften the icy snow on the sidewalks and a suggestion of the coming spring was in the air. Passing along Pine street I encountered a man in front of a well-known men's outfitter's, who was labouring excitedly and with great earnestness and speed. Great beads of perspiration rolled from his forehead as he hacked and picked and shovelled at the winter's covering of the sidewalk. What a typification of industrious toil! Indeed so much was I impressed that I entered the store to make some apposite enquiries.
"Hullo, Dayton, old top, you seem determined to clear off your sidewalk. In these days of the independent proletariat and all that bally rot, you know, it is extraordinary to have a man work that way. You must have given him a good contract."
"Nothing doing!" was the unexpected reply. "I'm not paying him one red cent. As a matter of fact he's a Seottly who some time before Christmas dropped a nickel on the sidewalk."

ASK THE N.O.H.A. TO LOOK AFTER INTERESTS OF NORTH

Practically every newspaper in the North Land has had something to say in praise of the fine work in the South of the South Porcupine hockey team. There has also been a general unanimity of opinion in objecting to the unfair treatment accorded the lads from the North in regard to what The Advance termed "a sort of relay race in which South Porcupine had to make the full course against a succession of relieving teams." It remained, however, for The New Liskeard Speaker to bring out one point that is especially worthy of notice. The Speaker puts the matter up to the N.O.H.A., believing that the latter body should take action to have the injustice righted. In passing it may be asked if this is not a duty of the N.O.H.A. as The Speaker suggests. It will be recalled that the same sort of unfairness prevailed in regard to the North in the football finals. And who led the big kick that resulted in a change? It was the N.O.F.A. and the North Land representatives on the Ontario Football governing board. It does look like a useful service for the N.O.H.A. The paragraph from The New Liskeard Speaker referring to the matter is as follows:—

"Five games during the week was the handicap the South Porcupine N.O.H.A. champions ran into when they undertook to win the senior hockey championship of Ontario. First the N.O.H.A. champions had to fight it out with the Intermediate O.H.A. champions, for the right to play the Senior O.H.A. champions. This meant three hard games, the Porcupine boys coming out on top. They were immediately pitted against the strong Kitchener team, games being called for Friday evening and the following Saturday afternoon. In the first game the Kitchener team won by the narrow margin of 3-2; but this was nothing to daunt the fighting spirit of the boys from the North. However, although the spirit was willing the job of playing five strenuous games in the week was too much for the Northerners and they had to submit to a defeat and the loss of a championship which was almost theirs. The South Porcupine boys made a name for themselves and incidentally put South Porcupine on the map by their games in Toronto. Although defeated the fans of the North take off their hats to the gallant team. The Porcupine boys are not the first N.O.H.A. team to be trimmed by the unfair ruling concerning final games between the O.H.A. and N.O.H.A. teams. Both Sudbury and the Soo teams have been kept out of the championship, because they had to take on the handicap experienced by the Porcupine team last week. What's the matter with the N.O.H.A. officials that they allow this unfair method to continue? The continuation of this unfair arrangement has done more to kill senior hockey in the North than any other feature connected with the game."

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Daily Chronicle, London, Eng.:—A Streatham citizen, who recently obtained a copy of his son's birth certificate, made the astonishing discovery that "Archibald George" was registered as a girl. A letter pointing out the error was sent to the responsible authorities, who replied that the matter would be rectified on payment of 7s 6d. As neither father nor son is prepared to pay this amount, the young man seems likely to retain his female status in the official records. One cannot help wondering, however, whether complications may not ensue in certain circumstances.



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