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Head of Associated Boards Talks on Problems of North

Mr. C. W. Wright Refers to Indigent Question, Agriculture in North, and Other Questions at Annual Banquet of the North Bay Board of Trade Last Week.

Mr. C. W. Wright, president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, whose address recently at Timmins made so pronounced an impression by its earnestness and eloquence, was the chief speaker at the annual banquet of the North Bay Board of Trade on Thursday evening last.

In his inspiring address Mr. Wright spoke on the problems confronting the North Land,—questions that the Associated Boards sought to solve. One of the chief of these was the matter of indigents from unorganized territory. Up to the present the expense of caring for these indigents from unorganized territory had fallen on the organized municipalities. When an indigent from unorganized territory became ill or could no longer manage to eke out any sort of existence he or she came to the nearest town to be a burden on that municipality. Mr. Wright made it plain that the Government should look after such indigents from unorganized territory. A resolution passed at the last meeting of the Associated Boards, held at Timmins some weeks ago, pointed out that the Government was the only body receiving any taxes or fees from unorganized territory and so the only one entitled to meet such calls as those of the indigents. Towns of the North Land have enough to do to look after their own, without being burdened with indigents from outside. The Dominion Government looks after all indigents in its unorganized territory, and there does not seem to be any fair reason why the Ontario Government should not do the same. Mr. Wright held that the Government is morally responsible for the care of indigents in unorganized territory in case of illness or want. This is one of the questions that will be taken up by the Associated Boards of Trade with the Government, a delegation to go down shortly to meet the Government and discuss this and other vital questions of interest to the North.

Referring to the agricultural problems of the North, Mr. Wright said that an endeavour is being made to have Hon. J. S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, pay a visit to the North Land and address three big meetings to be called. One of these meetings would likely be at North Bay. Little attention had been paid to the agricultural possibilities of Northern Ontario, in comparison to the importance of the matter, Mr. Wright thought. Experiments have shown that the North is an ideal growing ground for such crops as potatoes and barley, and Mr. Wright considered that the possibilities of the North in this respect should be made the most of.

Mr. Wright referred to the projected motor crusade to the North Land this coming summer by the Orillia Board of Trade, to be joined by others in the South. He asked on behalf of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade that North Bay give the crusaders a good send-off on their trip to the North, as he

understood that it was the intention to assemble at North Bay and begin the crusade to the North from that point. The crusade would be along the lines of the trip last year from the North to Toronto and the South. Mr. Wright made eloquent reference to the future of the North Land. He saw before the North a glorious future. "We have in Northern Ontario," he said, "three wonderful assets: good agricultural lands, rich mineral resources, and fine timber. To these may be added: an energetic body of people, splendid transportation facilities, and a good highway." Referring to the fact that North Bay is called by its own citizens and others, "the gateway of the North," Mr. Wright said that he could not close in better form than by these words. "Wide is the gate that leads to the North, broad is the way, and many there be that find it."

Among the other speakers at this annual banquet of the North Bay Board of Trade was another notable friend of the North Land, Mr. Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission. Mr. Lee gave some interesting figures showing the great store of wealth already yielded by Northern Ontario. He pointed out that there is yet wealth untold in the North. In the not-far-distant future the T. & N. O. would extend to James Bay, opening up a country which he felt sure was rich in coal, iron ore and clay deposits. The power resources in the territory touched by the railway was also referred to as enormous. Mr. Lee also mentioned the agitation in the South for further train service, reference to this point being made elsewhere in this issue.

Among the other speakers at the North Bay Board of Trade banquet were:—A. Halkett, general superintendent of the C.P.R., Algoma Dis-

trict; W. E. Wolfe, of Sault Ste. Marie; and Mr. Carl Saunders, the retiring president of the board.

Mr. Wolfe, who was formerly secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie board of trade, gave a valuable suggestion to the North Bay board. He outlined some of the results obtained by the Sault Ste. Marie board from the adoption of a scheme of a graduated scale of fees. He pointed out the advantages of such a plan. It brought to the board a very large and enthusiastic membership, assuring the co-operation of all. All were able to take membership, the little businesses, as well as the big ones, and in addition the plan assured a large amount of funds to the boards with which to carry on. Mr. Wolfe thought a similar plan to that adopted at Sault Ste. Marie, and the one now in use at Timmins, would solve the problem of the North Bay board.

In the address of the retiring president, Mr. Saunders, reference was made to the money spent to advertise North Bay. Mr. Saunders felt that the only way to put North Bay and the North on the map was by advertising. He thought that money spent in certain of the States along the border would bring real dividends through the additional tourist traffic secured. He also suggested the establishment of a tourists' bureau somewhere in the South, to give information relative to North Bay and the North Land.

The following officers were elected for the North Bay Board of Trade for the year:—second vice-president, H. P. Charlton; third vice-president, H. Stockdale; secretary, A. Anderson; treasurer, W. B. Gorman; executive, N. J. McCubbin, T. M. Mulligan, H. Stockdale, James Bourke, D. T. Millard, W. E. Wolfe, A. Halkett, J. E. Holmes, W. R. Devenish, E. J. Young, George Stevens, R. H. Thompson, C. O. Baker, S. J. Cherry, P. J. Doyle, J. C. Hollette, J. H. McDonald, G. R. Moyer, A. B. Currey, J. Halliday, S. Waiser, R. A. Beamish, Geo. W. Lee, M. J. Wallace, J. McPherson, C. A. Washburn, Daniel Barker and W. C. Mitchell. Mr. Barker had been slated as president and Mr. Mitchell as first vice-president, but as both declined the honour it was decided to leave these offices to the executive who will name incumbents from their number.

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Annual Report Shows Excellent Progress Being Made. Erection of Mill Practically Complete.

and there remained only the preparatory work, show a very promising outlook. One of the specially noteworthy items in the reports is the fact that the cost of the mill project will be somewhat below the original estimate of \$400,000.00. Usually estimates are exceeded, but in this case, good management and foresight have kept the figure below what was expected. The reports deal with the fiscal year ending Dec. 31st, 1927.

It was expected that upon completion of all construction and equipment, said President R. W. Leonard, there would remain in the treasury on July 1st, 1928, a balance of approximately \$100,000, which it was believed would be sufficient to carry on operations until the mill was in the production stage and paying its own way. Practically the whole issue of bonds and stocks offered to the shareholders late last year was taken up and arrangements were made for the sale of the balance.

The erection of the mill was practically completed. A large amount of the mechanical equipment for the 500-ton cyanide mill and crushing plant had arrived at the property, and there remained only the preparation of foundations and minor interior construction necessary to its installation.

Exploration work during the 1927 was confined to the 850, 1,250 and 1,500-foot levels, said General Manager F. D. Reid. The main shaft was sunk to a depth of 2,111 feet and two new levels were established, one at 1,750 feet and the other at 2,010 feet. The veins drifted upon the 1,500-foot level were, generally speaking, longer than at the upper levels, and the ore was of a much higher grade. There was, however, no improvement in the width of the veins. The possibilities of finding ore on the upper levels were by no means exhausted. The mill

was expected to be ready in June, and would, at first, treat from 250 to 300 tons a day. The milling practice will resemble closely that of McIntyre Porcupine Gold Mines.

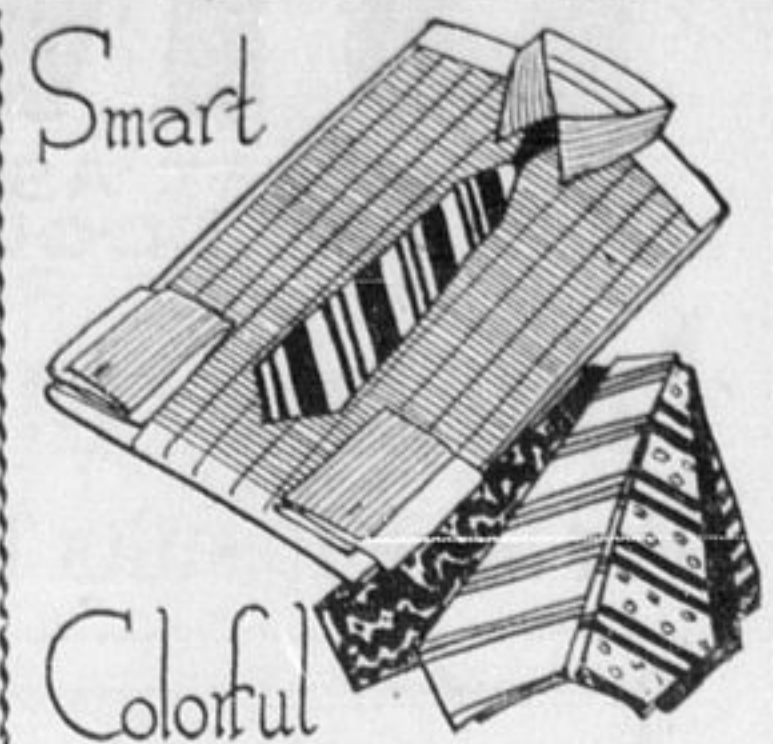
During the year 4,598 feet of drifting, 5,130 feet of crosscutting, 495 feet of shaft sinking, 2,322 feet of raising, and 12,488 feet of diamond drilling was done. Results of the ore developed by drifting at the property to January 1st, 1927, were given in detail. During 1927, 113 feet on the 850-foot level, 3.2 feet wide, yielded \$8.37. On the 1,125-foot level, 101 feet, 2 1/2 feet wide, gave \$16.71. On the 1,250 one branch of the vein ran \$4.34 over 117 feet, and the other \$5.10 over 443 feet. On the 1,500 values were higher, showing for the 7 vein, all the way from \$7.08 to a maximum of 20 feet of \$78.50; for the 8 vein \$5.47; for the 12, \$4.39 in one direction and \$28.25 in the other.

Current assets of \$61,259.04, and current liabilities of \$11,386 were shown by the balance sheet. Investments amounted to \$600,863.60; capital assets, \$3,459,691.06; deferred charges, \$228,612.77, and discount on stock, \$1,802,160. Capital stock outstanding was \$5,380,400, and bonds outstanding, \$760,800.

London, England, Daily Chronicle: Daffodil weddings are proving very popular with girls who are to be married this spring. Many soon to be brides, were among the guests at the Hamilton wedding when they saw how attractive is a bridal colour scheme worked out from daffodil tones.

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