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**Resolution Passed Regarding Chicago- to-Europe Flight. Seems to be That Government Officials Interfered at Last Minute to Have Cochrane Side-Track. Cochrane Citizen Writes Sarcastically About the Matter.**

This week The Advance received the following letter, cleverly written and sarcastic, and all that, but, perhaps, itself needing a little sarcasm in reply: Cochrane, Ontario,

July 27th, 1929  
The Editor, Porcupine Advance,  
Timmins, Ontario.

Dear Sir:—The resolution of the council of the town of Cochrane requesting Premier Ferguson and the Ontario Legislature to investigate why the Chicago-to-Europe aeroplane side-tracked Cochrane as a refuelling station in its recent flight, is unquestionably the most ridiculous request that has been brought to the attention of any Government since the days of ancient Greece when the inhabitants of the island of Iona petitioned the state to have the island drawn three kilometers closer to the mainland.

It is doubtful if among all the political howlers, selected to represent the viewpoint of small-minded and self-centred municipalities, this could not be chosen for the booby prize and we trust it escapes the Premier's waste paper basket on that account only.

It does not appear to have dawned upon the intelligence behind this absurd resolution that the Chicago-to-Europe flight was a private venture and that the choice of any route across Canada was subject to permission of the Federal Government to the convenience and comparative safety of the aviators engaged in the venture, and due consideration of other salient points understood only by the navigators and pilots of the plane; and that any attempt by the citizens of a municipality along the route to divert attention and compel a landing for advertising purposes, or to foster the self-conceit of individuals, must appear to the outside world to be absurd, presumptuous and impertinent, and that

any public expression of resentment, as shown in the resolution referred to, reflects shamefully upon the good sense and feelings of the entire community.

Loyalty to a cause, or to the interests of a striving town or city by the people thereof, is in most cases to be admired, but in the above instance it has far exceeded the bounds of propriety and commonsense, as it precludes all recognition of the rights and good judgment of the parties engaged in the flight and is both undignified and humiliating to the citizens of any town or city within the bounds of the British Empire.

If it becomes the duty of Premier Ferguson or the Ontario Government to investigate matters of such trivial and nonsensical a nature as this in the interests of individual municipalities, we should immediately set about petitioning kind Heaven to dwarf our bodies to fit our intellects, so that we might become in reality the Lilliputian people immortalized by Dean Swift in "Gulliver's Travels."

When we have reached this stage of development we might then approach Premier Ferguson with the following resolution:—

1. Whereas the Lilliputians of the Town of Lilliput have suffered serious inconvenience, loss of prestige, and trade because of the neglect of the adjacent States to recognize their importance and strategic location among the nations of the world.

2. And whereas they are desirous to be seen, heard and understood before the Council chambers of the League of Nations, and before all other official bodies wherein peoples of like interests are usually seen, heard and understood.

Be it therefore resolved:—

1. That legislation be immediately enacted compelling all tourists entering Canada at any point along the 3000 miles of international boundary to visit the Town of Lilliput.

And be it further resolved:—  
1. That said tourists be compelled to distribute freely of their wealth and appurtenances thereof among the inhabitants of said Town of Lilliput, for the encouragement of business and the development of industry, and that all amounts so distributed shall be exclusive of all purchases from Government Control Stores and Warehouses.

2. That said tourists be compelled to visit the Disposal Plant, the Town dump, the Chinese Laundry and at least three other points of scenic and national interest.

3. That said tourists be compelled to attend at least one meeting of the Board of Public Worries, and attentively listen to the momentous questions therein discussed, taking such reference notes as justified by the elaborate descriptions of illimitable resources, the turning of the first sod, and such other things that all tourists should know and believe to their souls' health.

To which the following rider is appended:—

It is hereby understood and agreed that Doctors and Nurses will be always in attendance at such meetings and should any or all of such tourists succumb to the ordeals to which they are subjected, resuscitation will be immediately applied, and should that fail such tourists will be assured of any interment themselves or their relatives desire.

It is hoped by the above legislation the Lilliputians of the Town of Lilliput will obtain the notoriety and development they apparently enjoy.

Yours very truly,  
J. LANNING.

First of all The Advance is tempted to say to Mr. Lanning:—"Deah fellah, for the love of mud, do keep your shirt on!" If the matter is so inconsequential and Lilliputian why waste so many gigantic expletives upon it, and such a flood of sarcasm to drown so tiny a thing.

If the matter is to be taken so seriously, why not be fair to the town council of Cochrane? Or is there some rule against that? As The Advance

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**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL I.O.O.F.  
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Big Yearly Event to be Held This Year on Aug. 14th, at Wilson's Farm, Golden City.

The Oddfellows' fifteenth annual basket picnic and children's field day will be held this year at Wilson's Farm, Golden City, on Wednesday, Aug. 14th. The event this year as in many past years will be held on the town of Timmins and the township of Tisdale's regular half-holiday. In the past fourteen years the Oddfellows' picnic has always been one of the most enjoyable events of the summer, and always largely attended. This year's event promises to be even more successful than in ordinary years.

There will be a big programme of sports with lots of good prizes for the events. Children's races, all ages from 6 to 16 years, will be featured. Softball and football games will add to the interest of the day, the Timmins and Porcupine lodges contesting in these sports. Two handsome cups for the softball and football games.

Tea and coffee will be served free, and there will be a refreshment booth on the grounds. Those attending should take their own dishes, as the event, as usual, is a genuine picnic.

To conclude a big day of pleasure there will be a dance in the I.O.O.F. hall at South Porcupine in the evening.

Transportation facilities for the occasion are unusually good. The train leaving Timmins at 11:40 will stop at the picnic grounds, the train to return leaving at 5 p.m. In addition, buses leave every hour for South Porcupine, returning on the half hour. Also, as usual, there will no doubt be large numbers motoring out by car for the big annual event of the Oddfellows of the camp.

Sudbury Star:— Anyway that sun-tan resembling brown stockings on the legs, won't wrinkle or slip down.

While out early in the morning one day last week, for the purpose of picking berries, Mrs. Jas. Ogle, of Hatleybury, came unexpectedly upon a large black bear. The bear apparently was roused from his night's rest and made a very hurried trip to the nearby bush. Mrs. Ogle went on with her work of picking berries, and though she kept a close look-out for this or other bears, was not disturbed again. The berry patch was within a couple of miles from Hatleybury.

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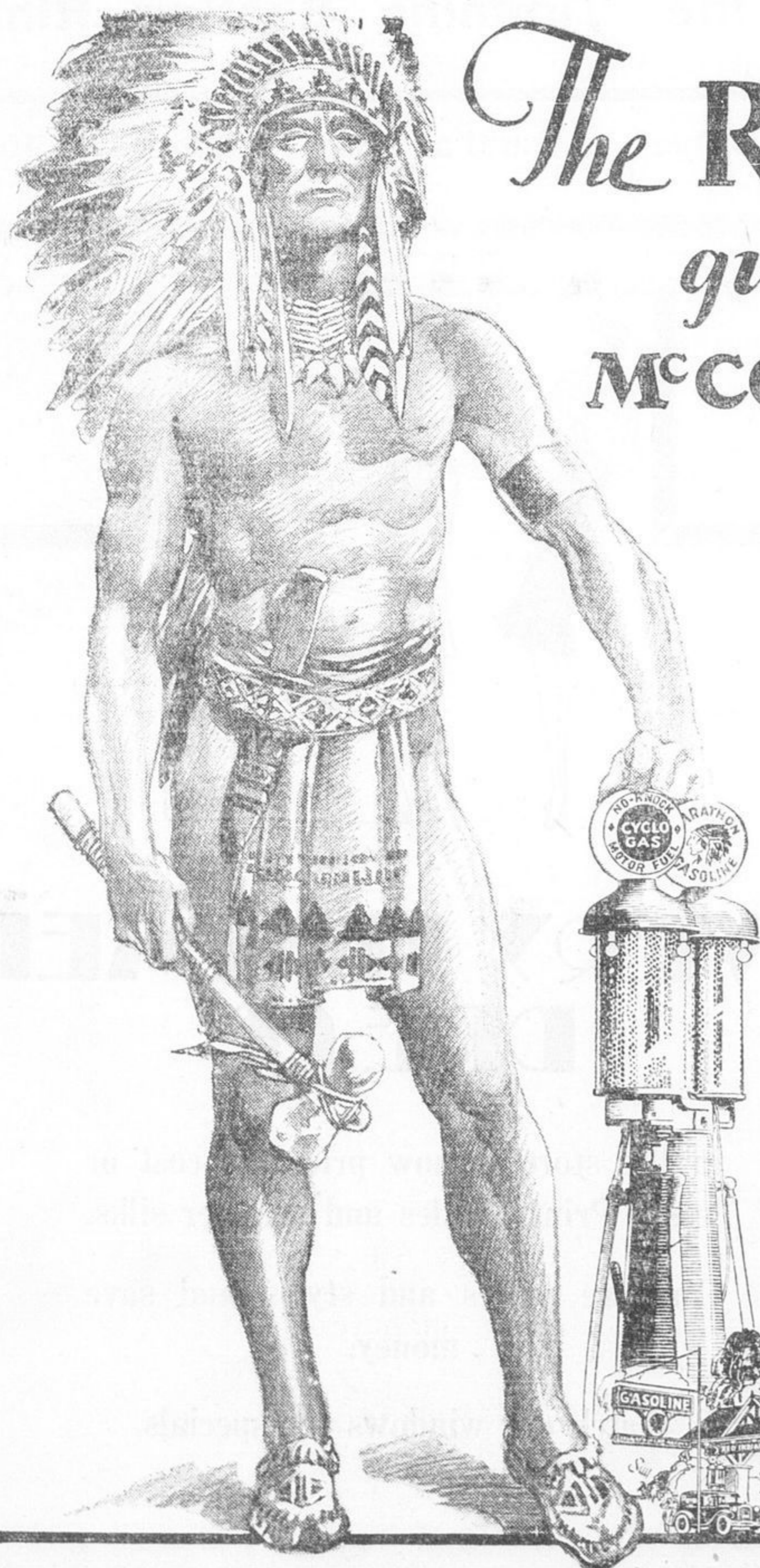
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reads their resolution, the councils chief objection is to the idea that Ontario Government officials at the last minute unfairly and improperly persuaded the airship men to change their route. If this were actually done, the Cochrane council would be fully justified in any protest made. If the council were wrong in their inference in this regard they were at least entitled to a denial or explanation in the matter. Of course anyone determined to find fault with the Cochrane council could easily feature the fact that the council attached to their protest some publicity for their town as an airport, but the average loyal man will not hold that sort of thing as any very serious matter for condemnation. As a matter of fact, the Cochrane council would have been derelict in its duty had they failed to register a protest, believing, as they appeared to believe, that Cochrane had the most suitable airport and that its use was prevented on the occasion by improper pressure brought to bear from official or semi-official circles. The Advance does not pretend to weigh the advantages of the two fuelling stations; that is for the experts to decide. The Advance does not presume to say whether or not any official or semi-official pressure was wrongly brought to have the air flight route changed at last minute. But The Advance does believe that even a town council is entitled to a fair deal. Town councils give enough good service to a community that they are entitled to courtesy, consideration and some measure of fairness from all.

To give readers the side of the picture not covered by Mr. Lanning's clever letter, the actual resolution passed by the Cochrane town council is given below:—

Whereas Cochrane is in direct line on the Northern circle air route of the intended commercial air flights via Greenland and Iceland between the industrial centres of the United States and Central Europe;

And whereas the relative position of Cochrane for airflights to and from all large cities of the Dominion of Canada and the United States is the same as Reykjavik, Iceland, holds for the cities of Europe and this must necessarily develop Cochrane into the eastern terminus of the Northern Circle Route;

And whereas Cochrane now has a runway which has been found eminently satisfactory for landing and taking off of land planes as demonstrated during last year's trial flight over the Northern Circle Route;

And where Lake Lillabelle, just north of the town limits of Cochrane, is admirably fitted as an air station for sea-planes and has been and is now being continuously used by the General Airways planes in their commercial flights between Amos and Cochrane and to and from James Bay;

And whereas the Chicago Tribune announced right along that their plane, making a trial trip over the Northern Circle route last week, would refuel at Cochrane, coming up from Sault Ste. Marie and only in the last minute changed the route to refuel at Remi Lake, being persuaded, according to press inferences, to this effect by Ontario Government officials;

And whereas Remi Lake air station, of the Ontario Government Flying Patrol is most unsuitable for any commercial route, being inaccessible and cannot, in the least, be compared with Lillabelle Lake as a refuelling station;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipal Council of the Town of Cochrane respectfully request the Ontario Government to make investigation why the Town of Cochrane was thus sidetracked and on whose advice the route was changed from Cochrane to Remi Lake and to prevent a recurrence of sidetracking Cochrane for future flights;

And be it further resolved that copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario and also to the daily press so as to insure the suitability and safety of Cochrane as an airport.

North Bay Nugget—KLEPTOMANIA loses much of its thrill when called sneak-thieving by the London merchants: there is too much tendency to white-wash ugly things by pretty names. After all a spade is pretty much of a spade. ReNements may refine the heart out of common honesty.

The North Bay Nugget last week said:—"H. J. McDonald, formerly manager of the Eaton Groceteria, Main street, east of Wyld, has been promoted to the position of supervisor of Eaton Groceterias in Northern Ontario with headquarters here. Mr. McDonald's territory extends from Pembroke to Sault Ste. Marie and from North Bay to Kapuskasing. He succeeds T. G. McGaw who has been transferred to London to be supervisor of the Western Ontario district."