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Salient Points in the New Pensions Report

The salient points in the bill which was reported from the Parliamentary committee on returned soldiers' problems by Major C. G. Power (Lib., Quebec South) in the House of Commons last week and which took the form of amendments to the Pensions Act are:

- (1) The establishment of a pension tribunal of nine persons, to hold office for ten years, this tribunal to be divided into four regional boards of two members each, residing in various parts of the country.
- Chairman's salary—\$7,000 per annum.
- Member's salary—\$6,000 per annum.
- (2) Establishment of a pension appeal court of three persons, to reside in Ottawa.
- Chairman's salary—\$8,000 per annum.
- Member's salary—\$7,000 per annum.
- (3) Establishment of a "veterans' bureau," to be administered by a "chief pensions advocate," to assist in preparation and presentation of pension applications before the tribunals.
- (4) Provision of pension for widows of veterans of 80 per cent. disability, irrespective of whether the pensioner died from injury or disease attributable to military service.
- (5) The pensioning of widows of war pensioners provided they married the deceased pensioners prior to January 1, 1930.
- (6) The hearing in "open court" of all claims for pension before the pension tribunals.
- (7) Hearing before the tribunals to be made at the request of the applicant for pension, and provision for a private hearing if the tribunals consider a public hearing might be disadvantageous to the applicant.
- (8) Pension applications shall be entitled to the benefit of the doubt, which means that it will not be necessary for them to adduce conclusive proof of their right to a pension, but that the

Mineral Output Higher For the First Quarter

Ontario's mineral production for the first three months of 1930 registered an increase of \$1,383,632, or 7 per cent. above the production for the corresponding period in 1929, according to the quarterly statement of the Department of Mines issued last week by Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines.

Gold and silver produced was \$196,912 more than that produced during the first three months of last year, despite the fact that the Porcupine Camp output, due to the destruction by fire of the Dome mill last October, was \$452,320 less than in 1929. This decrease however, was more than offset by the gain at Kirkland Lake, where a total of \$4,063,616 was recovered for the quarter, as against \$3,415,742 a year ago.

Production of nickel and copper for the quarter shows that the expanding development previously reported has been well maintained. Despite the low price for silver, the output of this mineral showed a considerable gain over the first three months of 1929.

No iron ores from Ontario mines were smelted during the quarter. All ores charged were imported, as formerly, from the United States.

The Cobalt correspondent of the Northern News last week says:—"Dan Eisnor and Joe Barber of Timmins, who are motoring to Nova Scotia, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Clemens, en route. A. S. Stevens accompanied them to Cobalt to spend a few days with Mrs. H. S. Stevens and family before going on to Toronto for medical treatment."

SEEK THE POETRY OF EARTH IN THE SHADOWS OF LIFE

"The Poetry of Earth Whose Music Ceaseth Never" is the Subject of Essay by Jessie Farley, Formerly of Timmins High School.

A reader of The Advance last week sent in a copy of "St. Joseph Lilies," the quarterly magazine of St. Joseph's College, St. Alban street, Toronto. The magazine is for March, 1930, and its table of contents is a most interesting one, including articles headed as follows:—"The Lure of Ireland"; "Three Valiant Women"; "The Dream of Gerontius"; by Dr. Catherine A. Burns; "The Existence of Hell," by Rev. K. J. McKee; "Addison as an Essayist"; "The Group of Seven in Canadian Art"; "The Greatness of Dr. Johnson"; "Influence of Women"; and many others as well as notes about the students and the college. The reader of The Advance was particularly interested in the essay, "The Poetry of Earth is Ceaseth Never," by Jessie Farley. '32 This will also hold special interest for Advance readers generally, Miss Farley being a resident of Timmins for several years during which time she was one of the most brilliant pupils at the Timmins High School. Her literary gifts were noted then and several of her compositions were published in The Advance. Her essay, "The Poetry of Earth is Ceaseth Never," as published in "St. Joseph Lilies" for March, 1930, is as follows:—

"They say this is the day of enlightenment, the day of advancement, of reality. It is the day of racing cars, swooping planes and multi-coloured lights, blinking their bold message to the hurrying passer-by.

"Certainly the wheels of the swift trains have done much to take away the magic of distance, the lure of the purple hills, and of the blue ridge where the sky dipped into the unknown. The rows on rows of street lights have done much to blind us to the beauty of the first shades of dusk mingling with departing day. The white stare of hundreds on hundreds of apartment windows, show windows, hall windows, banish the darkness, giving us the steady glare of the workaday world,—yes, and the wavering glare of a play o' night world.

"If you would see the poetry of earth seek it in the shadows. In the rush and bustle of main street of life you may catch a glimpse of it, but only a glimpse, for the next sign and the next will crowd up and hide it from you. For the poetry of earth lies a-tipt the bud of a flower, or lilt in the singing of a brooklet, or glistens in a lovely thought, the brook may quench the thirst of a weary traveller and sing of hope and journey's end; and the flower may be broken by the hand of love and passed on to another. And should that other later pass a lonely chapel where behind the tiny glow of a small red lamp waits the Prisoner of Love, and lay the opened flower to spread its faint perfume o'er the altar,—flower of joy becomes flower of prayer,—is this not the hidden poetry of earth?

"There are many who cannot hear the poetry of earth. The passing wheels and horses' feet, the clang of street cars, and the cries of newsboys, keep its voice from their din-accustomed ears. Could they stop and think, let the shadows close around them of an evening and listen; listen for the waterfall of childhood days—it was peopled by naiads and mermaids, that stream,—listen for the memoried voices of loved ones; listen for the hidden motive that would make that act of harshness of this morning seem merely a misunderstanding; watch with to-day and listen for the footsteps of to-morrow; then bit by bit it would return. Little by little it would creep into their hearts, that poetry of earth; until they could carry the music of it even into the drab world of business and cold, calculating thought.

"And when that lyricism sings within us, its voice slipping easily through the shouted commands of necessity, let us pass it on. Pass it on to the child by a smile of comradeship. Pass it on to the tired mother by an understanding glance and helping hand; to the blind beggar by a friendly word to take away the bareness of a coin. Some of it may be lost, but some will live. For the child may lip a prayer of blessing that night—and clouds melt away before innocents pleading; the mother may bring a thought of cheer to a troubled home; the beggar may share his small store. And so through this workaday world it may rattle—each echoing the voice you, too, heard,—the poetry of earth whose music ceaseth never."

FERGUSON HIGHWAY TO GO EVENTUALLY TO JAMES BAY

Hon. W. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, Tells North Bay About Plans for the Development of the North Land.

The Ferguson highway will eventually be built to James Bay, Hon. W. Finlayson told the people of North Bay last week. The statement was made at a banquet tendered Hon. Mr. Finlayson and the members of the Toronto Board of Trade party touring the North. The banquet was given by Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission. In addition to the visitors from Toronto, members of the North Bay city council and board of trade and a large number of the citizens of North Bay were guests of Mr. Lee.

Hon. Mr. Finlayson in his address to the gathering touched upon the Ferguson highway and its value to the North. He also referred to plans for the future in the way of improvements and extensions. He said that he had found the Ferguson highway between Temagami and North Bay in good condition. The touring party had made this part of the trip by auto over the highway and had been well pleased with the road at this time of the year. Hon. Mr. Finlayson told the gathering that extensive improvements are planned on the highway between North Bay and Huntsville within the next two years. In four years' time he hoped there would be a hard-surfaced roadway all the way from Toronto to North Bay.

When the railway bridge over the Moose river is constructed in connection with the extension of the T. & N. O. Railway to James Bay Mr. Finlayson said that provision would also be made for a highway bridge. This was in preparation for the eventual extension of the Ferguson highway through to James Bay.

Other speakers at the banquet included:—Mayor Rowe, of North Bay; J. H. McDonald, president of the North Bay Board of Trade; C. L. Burton; Frank Ralph, president of the Toronto Board of Trade; Horace Grant, C.P.R.; W. T. Moodie, general superintendent, C.N.R., North Bay; T. Hambley, general superintendent, C.P.R., North Bay; J. H. Gundy, and General D. M. Hogarth, of Port Arthur, who has been mentioned lately as a prospective Conservative standard-bearer for Nipissing, in the coming federal election.

POPULAR PASTOR LEAVES NEW LISKEARD FOR COBOURG

Many friends and acquaintances in Timmins and district who know Rev. Geo. N. Simmons, of New Liskeard, will read the following paragraph from The New Liskeard Speaker with much regret, feeling that the loss of Rev. Mr. Simmons is not only a loss for New Liskeard and district but also for the whole North Land. Rev. Mr. Simmons has visited Timmins on a number of occasions and has many friends here who will feel the loss to the North through his removal. He will be followed with the kindest of good wishes to his home. Under the appropriate heading, "A Beloved Pastor," The New Liskeard Speaker last week said:—"The people of the town in general, and the local Baptist Church in particular have suffered a severe loss in the removal from New Liskeard of the Rev. Geo. N. Simmons, who left by motor for his new home in Cobourg, on Monday last. Mr. Simmons has been pastor of the Baptist church here for the past nine years. During that period the original church was burned to the ground—(just four years ago, on Mother's Day, 1926)—but Mr. Simmons guided his

people through this crisis, and the present building is a monument to him and the local members. We consider Mr. Simmons to be a great pastor, in the true sense of the word. He was always visiting his people, not only in town but throughout the length and breadth of this part of Temiskaming. He helped carry on meetings at Hilliardton, Brethour, Casey and even as far north as Dack, and at times, to Dane. Wherever he went he was loved and always welcomed."

The Sudbury Star last week says:—"A letter has been received by the town clerk from the Harry Lottridge Shows refusing the proposition made them by the council. In former years the license fee of \$600 has been turned over to the Children's Aid Society. Mr. Lottridge was informed that he could play here for one week provided he turned \$1,600 over to the Children's Aid. He replied that that was too much for one week, but he would be willing to play \$1,600 for the weeks of June 9 and July 28, no other shows to play in the meantime. The mayor will inform him that he cannot have the week of July 28, as the Rotary Club has charge of the celebration that day."

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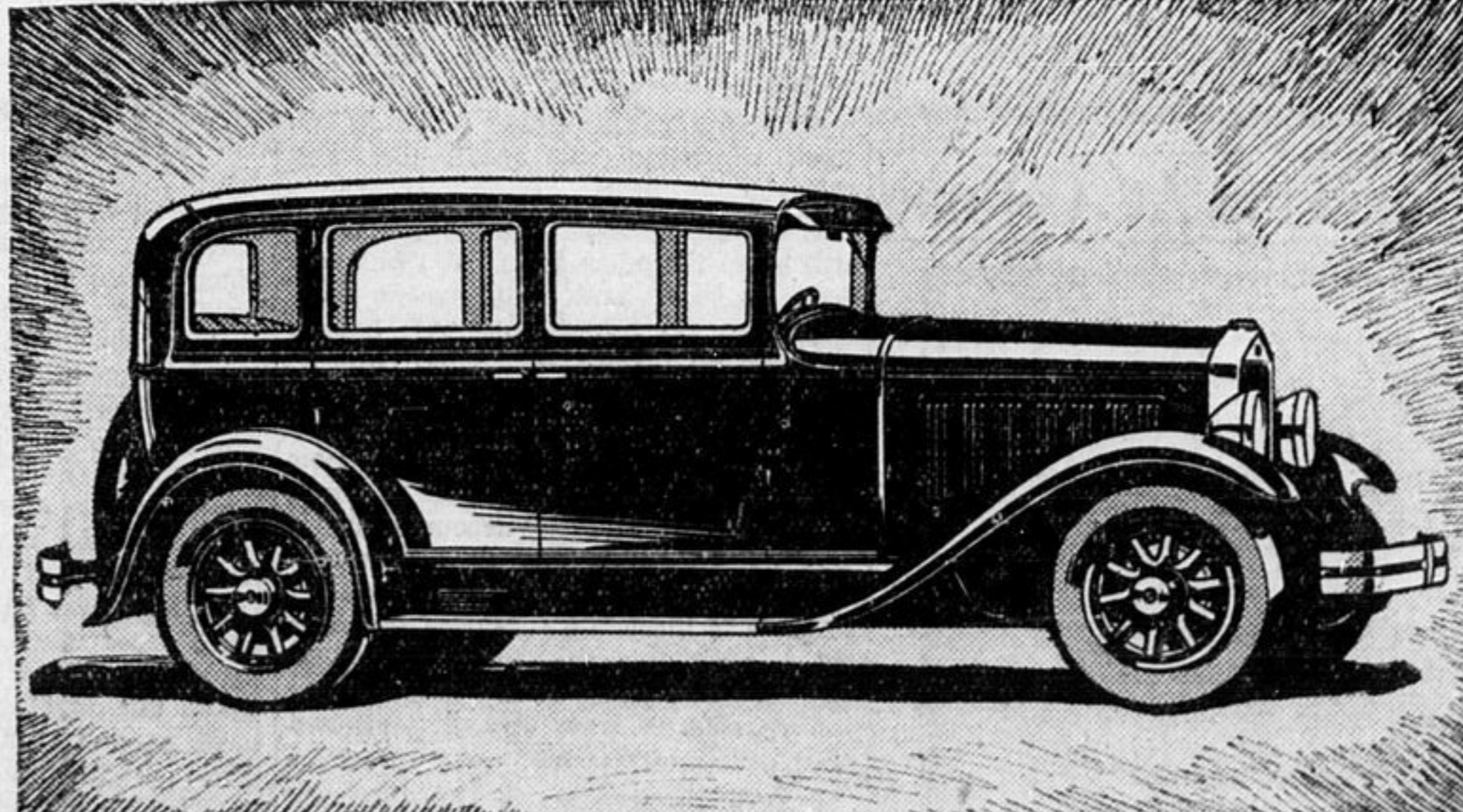
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MAJOR GEO. E. COLE TO COMMAND THE ALGONQUIN RIFLES

Col. Malcolm Lang, M.P., for Temiskaming South, has resigned as commander of the Algonquin Rifles and he will be succeeded within a few days by Major George Cole, chief mining inspector of Manitoba, and formerly mining inspector for Porcupine. It is announced that Col. Lang is resigning his command, following the usual practice of relinquishing it at the end of three years. Major Don Cameron, of Sudbury, is the likely appointment, as second in command, to succeed Major Cole. The new chief and his assistant will be in charge when the Algonquins go to camp in July.

During the past week or two several cars have come up the Ferguson highway to Timmins, the cars coming from such centres as Sudbury, North Bay, Toronto, Detroit, Buffalo and New York City. Although it is early in the season the roads may be considered as open for traffic in this North Land.