

Berrie Examiner.—At least one newspaper man ran in the recent federal elections—but he was defeated, getting but one vote. Under the Election Act the name of the printer of the ballots must appear on the back of each ballot. One voter of Elmwood, in South Bruce, either did not know the candidates were Dr. W. A. Hall and Foster Moffatt, or else he or she knew the publisher of the Chesley Enterprise, who printed the ballots, for when ballots were counted, one ballot bore an X after the publisher's name.

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Popular Timmins Young Lady to be Wedded Sept. 2

A wedding of interest to the community will be solemnized on Tuesday evening, September 2nd, in Toronto, when Miss Libbie Silver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Silver, of Elm street south, will become the bride of Dr. Saul Breslin, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Breslin, of Brunswick avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

Miss Silver, in leaving the North Country, will be leaving a host of friends and well-wishers, as she has been living in the North Country all her life, throughout which she has endeared herself to many.

Dr. Saul Breslin is an honour graduate of the University of Toronto, and is established in practice in Toronto.

Prior to her departure from Timmins, several hundred residents of the North Country were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Silver at a reception and dance given in honour of their daughter at the McIntyre hall on Wednesday, July 23rd, 1930.

Miss Silver was also the recipient of many teas, showers and affairs given in honour by her numerous friends before she left for Toronto.

Immediately after the wedding, the young couple will leave on their honeymoon for New York, Atlantic City, and other southern points. On their return they will take up residence in Toronto.

The host of friends and acquaintances from Timmins and the North Country extend to the young couple their heartiest congratulations and wish them prolonged happiness.

CHAUTAUQUA TRUCK WENT THROUGH TEMPORARY BRIDGE

While the big tent used by the Canadian Chautauquas was in place and all equipped for the first performance here on Tuesday evening, there was not much time to spare in the work before the hour set for the show and work seemed to be continued right up to the time of the opening performance. Perhaps the reason for the fact that the time for the erection of the tent was cut so fine may be found in an accident encountered on the road. The tent was transported on a truck over the Ferguson highway, the truck being specially equipped for the carrying of the tent and other equipment. Traffic on the Ferguson highway between Cobalt and Latchford was tied up for a few hours on Monday of last week when the heavy truck of the Canadian Chautauquas went through the plank bridge which was being used on the detour at the sink hole in the road about six miles south of Cobalt. The heavy vehicle had to be unloaded before it could be gotten out. No serious damage was done and once the truck was rescued from its predicament it did not take long to repair the temporary bridge. The chief damage done was in the way of loss of time.

ANXIOUS TO MATCH THE CHAMPIONS OF THE NORTH

"Observer" writing in the North Bay Nugget last week under the heading, "Never the Twain Shall Meet," says:—"The Kirkland Lake and the McIntyre Mines team, Schumacher, engage in the first of a home-and-home series for the Temiskaming Baseball League pennant, and the right to playdown in the Eastern Ontario Baseball championship series, at Kirkland this afternoon. The return game will be played at the Timmins athletic grounds on Wednesday next. Unfortunately, the Temiskaming and Nickel Belt leagues champions have different connections and for that reason will be unlikely to meet. This fact makes it improbable that they will meet in a series that would determine the championship of Northern Ontario. The Temiskaming district winners will be vying with Eastern Ontario teams for provincial honours, while the Nickel Belts will travel Toronto towards in search of similar distinction. The regrettable part is that while both may achieve the honours sought, they will not meet unless under some special arrangement. Last season a desire was expressed to arrange a post-season series for the purpose of determining which of the leagues has the highest rating. Since no such steps have yet been taken it is improbable that the desire will develop into a reality."

Sault Ste. Marie Star:—Paper in the Southern States carries this good one: "In a pre-nuptial contract a Virginia couple agreed never to make any claim to each other's property. Obviously there are two automobiles in that family."

SUGGEST MENTAL HOSPITAL FOR THE NORTH COUNTRY

Report of Royal Commission on Public Welfare Makes This Recommendation in Its Report Just Made Public at Toronto.

The Royal Commission on Public Welfare, appointed by the Ontario Government last October, to take stock of the charitable and corrective institutions of the province has submitted its report. The findings and recommendations it embodies are contained in a document of several hundred pages. They are the fruit of months of intensive study on the part of the three commissioners: Dr. P. D. Ross, of Ottawa, chairman; D. M. Wright, M.P., Stratford, and Dr. J. M. McCutcheon, Toronto.

The report points to certain defects in the present system, notably to the jails, branded as "inferior in nearly every sense of the word," and contains many recommendations for improvement as well as indicating at least one method which might be used for the raising of public revenue to defray hospital costs. The commissioners point to the province of Quebec hospital tax on meals, as, in their opinion, a good means of raising revenue. In Quebec all restaurant, hotel and cafe meals costing more than one dollar are taxed five per cent.

In order to carry out the report's recommendations, Ontario would have to spend between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000 in the extension and improvement of its charitable and corrective institutions. Many jails would be modernized in construction and equipment; Northern Ontario would be given a mental institution; a provincial cancer hospital would be built and the accommodation for epileptics extended.

The commission favours the establishment of a department of public welfare to strengthen government supervision of the corrective and social institutions. It would have a minister and his deputy and several directors.

Hospitals and general physical health would be placed under the control of the Department of Public Health rather than under the Provincial Secretary's Department as now. This change the commissioners suggest as being only logical.

Sterilization of criminal or moral defectives is a suggestion of the commission which is bound to arouse considerable discussion. The report cites statistics and science to show that much crime is directly traceable to heredity or moral deficiency. The experience of California with 6,000 satisfactory operations, is quoted and the government is urged to appoint a judicial and medical commission to draft a sterilization act for submission to the legislature.

The commission insists that general hospitals should be a charge upon public funds either provincial or municipal the recommendation being that the province should pay a quarter and the municipality three-quarters of their costs. Amendment of patient classification is asked to include private, semi-private, semi-public and public patients the semi-public wards being occupied by those willing to pay their way, but of small means.

The cost of nursing and of radium treatments should be lowered, says the report.

In speaking of the jails, the commissioners describe them as over-crowded, understaffed in the cases of the larger ones, and breeding places for idleness. Lack of classification and segregation of prisoner types is deplored as is also a lack of medical inspection an occupation. The report blames the whole jail system rather than the officials.

The Province of Ontario is invited to spend between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000 in the extension and improvement of its charitable and corrective institutions, by the report which the Royal Commission on Public Welfare, appointed last October, has submitted to the Provincial Government. The report, signed by the three commissioners, P. D. Ross, Ottawa, chairman; D. M. Wright, M.P., Stratford, and Dr. J. M. McCutcheon, Toronto, contains findings and recommendations based upon months of valuable and intensive study.

Steps are urged to secure legislation for the sterilization of criminal and moral defectives, science and statistics being quoted to show that much crime is traceable to heredity or moral deficiency. The jails of the province are found "inferior in nearly every sense of the word," crowded and without the desirable age and type segregation. Extension of the system of suspended sentences and probation periods is advocated.

The general hospitals, it is submitted, "should be a complete charge upon the public funds, either provincial or municipal."

Another important recommendation concerns the establishment of a Department of Public Welfare, to strengthen government supervision of the social and corrective institutions and agencies. It is suggested the department might include a minister and his deputy and (the commissions add more as a lead than as a concrete recommendation) directors of mental hygiene; psychiatry and research work; child welfare, adult relief, handicapped children, adult corrective institutions, juvenile delinquents; a director of supplies and products and a director of inspection.

Another change in the present system favoured by the commissioners is the placing of the supervision of hospitals and general physical health under the Department of Public Health now existing, instead of leaving them under control of the Provincial Secretary's Department. It is remarked



IN NEW CABINET
Hon. E. B. Ryckman, Minister of National Revenue. He represents Toronto East in the House.

ENGLEHART'S BIG SWIMMING TANK FORMALLY OPENED

Geo. W. Lee, Chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission Officials at Event at Englehart Last Week.

Despatches last week from Englehart say that Trains No. 1 and 2 on Wednesday had an opportunity of witnessing an interesting spectacle there, when the new swimming tank, located just outside the station, was officially opened by George W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. Commission. Mr. Lee was accompanied by his fellow-commissioners, Colonels L. T. Martin and J. I. MacLaren, and by Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Immigration in the federal government, W. A. Griffin, superintendent of the T. & N. O., Harry Oakes and Thomas Maglader, former M.P.P. for Temiskaming.

The tank is one of the two largest in Ontario. Ex-mayor Harry Weeks, to whose energy, optimism and deter-

mination the successful building of the tank owes much, opened the proceedings and announced the financial standing of the project, which has been handled by public subscription. An agreeable feature of his report was that friends and visitors that day had given nearly \$600 toward the cost of the undertaking, and of this amount Mr. Oakes had contributed \$200. The thanks of the citizens was tendered the Commission by Mr. Weeks, who referred to the assistance that had been given by the T. & N. O. to the work.

Mayor H. N. Williams, of Englehart speaking from the high diving board, which served as a rostrum, introduced Mr. Lee, in whose honour the tank has been named. In a neat speech, the chairman of the Commission declared the tank officially open. A programme of events followed, in which was included swimming, diving and trick exhibitions, in the course of which the younger generation showed its appreciation of the facilities of the big pool.

The Lee swimming tank is 100 feet long, 40 feet wide, with a maximum depth of six feet six inches. It is built of concrete, with expansion joints, on up-to-date plans, and is complete with dressing rooms, diving boards, shower baths and water chute. Running water from the town's supply enters constantly and the whole tank is to be emptied and refilled weekly. A temperature of about 60 degrees has been maintained, in spite of cool weather. Materials used include a carload of cement, a trainload of gravel, 900 feet of drainage pipe, 300 feet of galvanized overflow pipe, 400 feet of cement sills under the floors, and over seven tons of reinforcing steel.

The following programme of sports was successfully carried out: Boys' race, double length of tank, won by Riley Archer; boys' race, single length or tank, Ralph Pollock, Bill Gray; girls' race, Ethel McKluskey; girls, race, under 16 years' Aura Pollock, Ethel Wood; longest under water, Oliver MacFarlane; leap-frog race, Bill Doney and Dick Gray; straight dive off spring board, Phyllis Gudgeon; girls' diving, Ella Smith; imitation of human porpoise, Malcolm Clarke; tube race, Ella Smith, Hazel Wood; tube race, Clayton Johnston.

Acton Free Press:—A record that was worth making, in comparison to the poise setting contest, was the one of a twelve-year-old girl, Miss Marie Ireland, who raked her father's 90-acre field of hay and regained lost health in the effort, too.

Toronto Mail and Empire—The editor of The New Yorker reports that he was in Toronto a short time ago and noted the streamer headline, "Let Uncle Sam Go His Way—Our Way Lies With John Bull." But he also noted in the same issue of the newspaper that a young Canadian had established a tree-sitting record at Ottawa. It reminded him of Jimmy Durante's song, "So I went my way and he went my way."

The government is asked to call a special conference of medical men to seek to check the ravages of cancer, "the worst scourge of civilized mankind," while a provincial cancer hospital and purchase of a radium supply are favoured.

In regard to sterilization the report adds: "Why should an immoral defective or an immoral criminal be allowed to propagate more defectives and more criminals and thus promote the burden of misery communities must cope with already?" The framing of a sterilization act by a combined judicial and medical commission, this act to be submitted to the legislature, is advanced as a means of reducing crime and immorality. The experience of California, which has had some 6,000 operations without complaint, is cited.

General hospital costs should be defrayed in the proportion of one-quarter by the province and three-quarters of the necessary amount to be found by the municipality. Four types of hospital accommodation would be desirable, public wards, semi-public, semi-private and private wards. The semi-public would be for patients of limited means wishing to pay their way; the rate would not exceed the amount spent by the hospital on a public patient. Patients willing to pay a little more would be allotted a semi-private ward and those of means private wards. The commissioners believe the cost of nursing and of radium treatments should be reduced.

A mental hospital, it is reported, is needed in Northern Ontario and additional accommodation is required for epileptics of the province. Special educational and institutional care for backward children and their identification and registration by the heads of schools is urged, and auxiliary classes should be formed in the populous centres for this type of children, classes with specially trained teachers.

The Children's Aid Society is commended for its work among children in general. Changes in certain current terms such as "dependent children" and "lunatic" "insane" and "insanity" would be desirable.

The inmates, the report points out, are usually locked up in their cells early in the evening and remain in lonely darkness for 12 hours or more. There is too much delay in transferring those destined for reformatories from the jails and their atmosphere, and prisoners should not be moved in chained satchets for the sake of economy.

Kirkland Lake Northern News:—The height of optimism was shown by Miss Mildred Low, who ran as an independent candidate in Lanark County in the recent election. Out of a total of 17,431 votes, she secured only 72 of them and in her official statement, she said she was quite satisfied with the result of the election.

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