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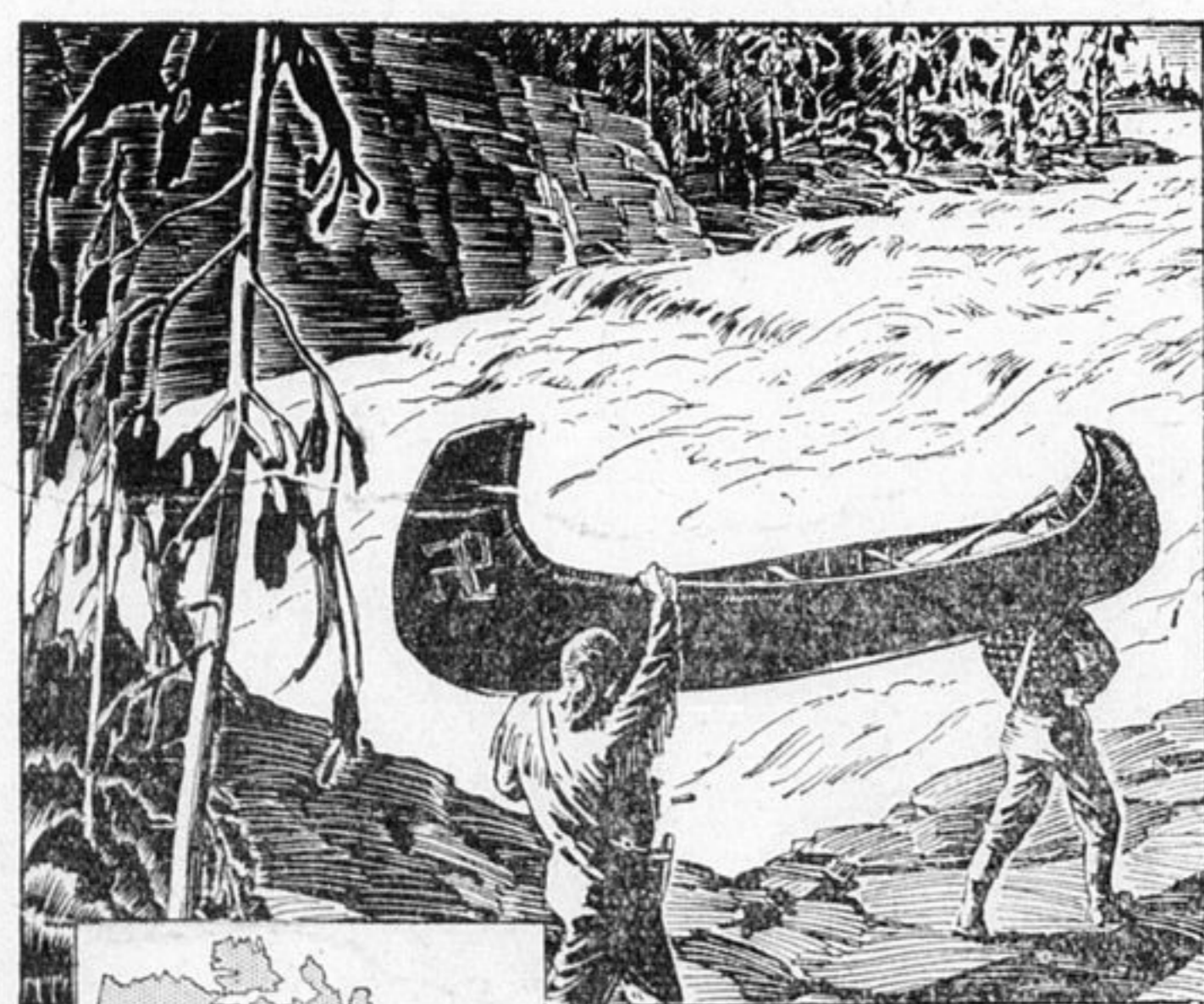
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HON. MR. FINLAYSON TALKS FOREST FIRE PROTECTION

Addresses Members of the National Hardwood Lumber Association at Royal York Hotel in Toronto Recently. Delegates Present from North and South.

At the recent convention of the National Hardwood Lumber Association held at the Royal York in Toronto, one of the special features was the address of Hon. Wm. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests for Ontario. He was given an enthusiastic reception by the convention. He extended greetings to the National Hardwood Lumber visitors and said that Ontario was a large user of lumber. The most of the timber however, was coniferous or softwood species but there was considerable maple and other hardwoods in the North. Mr. Finlayson extended a cordial invitation to any of the visiting lumbermen who might have the time to spend a few days in the hinterland of Ontario and there witness the development in lumbering, mining, agricultural and other resources. "To all who will give us their names," continued Mr. Finlayson, "we will plan an interesting itinerary and see that they are well taken care of."

One of the soundest and most novel features in connection with the administration of the forests was that Ontario did not, when she held timber sales, dispose of the land outright but merely licenses to cut the timber thereon. To-day, under the control of Ontario there are 125,000,000 acres. The people in years gone by had not appreciated the wooded wealth of Ontario but fortunately the land had been kept in the hands of the province.

"A distinguishing feature of our operation," continued Mr. Finlayson, "is that when we sold timber limits, it was on a different basis to limits disposed of in Michigan, Wisconsin and other states. There, the land was disposed of outright; here, in Ontario, we sold the right to cut the timber under a license but never parted with the soil. These licenses are renewable from year to year and in some cases the Province of Ontario had been renewed eighty or ninety times. The state owned most of the timber lands which were under its absolute control."

Mr. Finlayson said that he intended to devote some time to the processes of protecting the property from the ravages of fire. Twenty-five million acres or one-fifth of the state-owned forests were safe-guarded by towers, both steel and wooden, telephone lines, etc. If a blaze broke out on the towers, the scene. The remaining 100,000,000 acres could not be reached by any means of communication other than by lake and river and an aerial patrol had been instituted a few years ago with hydroplanes and pilots. "These planes travel on an average of from 80 to 125 miles an hour and the pilots have the same range of vision as can be obtained from the ordinary watch tower. This meant that each plane afforded a very wide observation."

The province was divided into districts for fire protection purposes and each district was under a technically trained forester with experience in the lumber business. All hydroplanes had certain bases and when a fire was discovered, a wireless message was sent to the transport planes, which rushed with men, hose, pumps, gasoline, etc., to the outbreak.

The fire losses in Ontario differ greatly according to the season, the more severe being in 1923 when there was burned over 2,123,000 acres of timber lands. In 1927 only 35,000 acres were visited by fire. The hazard depended a great deal upon the rainfall. The cost of the aerial fire protection patrol in Northern Ontario last season was \$1,700,000 and a plane would travel about as far on a gallon of gasoline as a Ford car. Mr. Finlayson went on to give some examples of how menacing forest fires had been extinguished by the aerial system, in the way of quick action, rushing pumps, etc., to the scene.

The people of Ontario had treated the forest as a mine, whereas they should regard it as a crop. All operators, who knew how much they were justified in cutting and what the re-growth annually on their limits was, should govern their cut accordingly.

In conclusion, Mr. Finlayson said: "I know that the lumbermen are going through a trying period at the present time but this is one of our great basic industries. It has gone through trying times before, has not failed and will not fail now. You will see that the industry continues in the future as in the past. It is not sufficient for lumbermen to say what is our price or profit, it is far better for them to stabilize their product and seek to cut only what quantity they can sell. It is better to look to a long period than a short one. English speaking people could show world leadership and direction in the management of their timber resources. In the past, the motto had been "how quickly can I cut all the timber and get out of the operation and sell the debris to someone else?" Our chief concern should be "what are we going to do to make the lumber industry a permanent one instead of a temporary one, remembering at all times that the wooded areas should yield a regular annual crop."

In hydro power development and forest protection, Ontario had gone beyond other states or provinces and if any of the visitors could extend their visit so as to take a trip to the North the department would see that they were well taken care of.

COMMONS NEW SPEAKER



GEORGE BLACK, M.P. Member of the Yukon who has been elected Speaker of the Dominion House of Commons.

Mr. Bradette Asks About Appropriation of \$700

In the House of Commons last week Mr. Bradette, member for this riding, asked in regard to the \$700.00 appropriated last session for the purpose of having boulders removed from the Porcupine river. According to the decision of the Speaker of the House Mr. Bradette's question was out of order. The incident is recorded as follows in the official report of proceedings (Hansard) page 260, dated Sept. 16th, 1930:—

Porcupine River Improvements

On the orders of the day: Mr. J. A. Bradette (North Timiskaming): On the report of the engineer in the Porcupine district, the sum of \$700 was appropriated last session to remove boulders in the Porcupine river. Has any cognizance been taken of that fact by the Department of Public Works?

Mr. Speaker: Questions of this nature are more properly a matter for the order paper. If you are to open the door to questions of this nature we shall never get on with the business of parliament.

Mr. Bradette: Speaking on a question of privilege. I would point out, Mr. Speaker that this session has been called especially for the purpose of dealing with unemployment, and I would therefore submit that it is in order for me to ask whether this sum of \$700 which was appropriated for work in the Porcupine district will be expended in order to relieve unemployment.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. gentleman is no more in order now than before.

COAL BILL SUIT IS LOST BY COBALT COAL DEALER

A case of more than local interest to those in the district where tried, was dealt with at Halleybury Division Court last week. The case was a dispute over a half ton of coal sold nearly two years ago. It occupied the attention of Judge Hayward in Division Court at Halleybury. It was a case in which the plaintiff sought to recover from the manager of a mine the amount due for a half ton of coal delivered to the mine. The amount involved was \$8.55 and the plaintiff, A. E. Campbell, Cobalt fuel dealer, lost the action being dismissed with costs. Campbell sued Goff Smith, who contended the coal was for the Windsor Cobalt mine, which was operating at the time, but which subsequently was seized by the sheriff under a mechanic's lien. Plaintiff alleged defendant had said he would pay the bill, but Smith maintained he had told Campbell he (the dealer) was to send in his bill to the company, and Smith would pay when the money was received. The coal man said he had refused to bill the company because of its alleged financial status, but finally did at the request of Smith, who was the mine superintendent.

Cobalt and Silver Centre have formed a league for the playing of cribbage. The crib tournaments are to be played on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Crib will be played every day in the month and twice on Sunday in the local competitions.

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FACES MILES OF SWAMP IN AUTO TRIP ACROSS CANADA

Healy F. Needham, of Toronto, Left Hearst Last Week to Continue His Auto Trip Across the Continent Traveling Only in Canada.

Healy F. Needham, of Toronto, who is making an auto trip across the continent travelling only in Canadian territory and using only a powerful motor car for travelling, was mentioned in these columns last week when it was pointed out that this 1930 Trans-Canada trip had nothing to do with the other Trans-Canada trip planned for 1931. Mr. Needham is understood to be doing the trip to win a prize. The other Trans-Canada trip is to be made by E. Wharton Shaw who will make the attempt in 1931, and whose signs read: "Coast to coast in 1931, via Cochrane." Mr. Shaw's trip is designed with the purpose of advertising the Trans-Canada highway, or, more correctly, giving the idea publicity. In the references to the Needham trip it was shown that he had made a good start. Last week he was able to get as far as Hearst where he stopped for a day or so until he got his equipment in shape. It is worth while noting another important difference in regard to the 1930 and the 1931 trips. In the case of the latter it is planned to use the railroad tracks part of the way. The Shaw expedition is to avoid the railways as much as possible and to try and get across Canada all the way under its own power. Whenever it is necessary to use the railway right-of-way the space alongside the tracks will be used instead, and utilizing mechanical methods for making way across country. Mr. Shaw's equipment will include a tractor for rough spots in the roadway or where the roadway might be carried, while there will also be mechanical means for making a raft to carry the equipment across water stretches, an outboard motor being carried to supply the motive power to propel the raft. Mr. Needham expects to do little travel except by railroad or roadway. All the equipment he has is a high power motor car. Mr. Shaw has been all over the route he intends to take next year, but The Advance has been unable to learn whether or not Mr. Needham has made any preliminary survey on the ground of the route he purposes to follow.

In The Advance last week reference was made of Mr. Needham leaving Ottawa to continue his journey across the continent. He came by way of North Bay, Cochrane, Kapuskasing and Hearst and then on through a new section of the country beyond. According to newspaper despatches, Needham seems to be under the impression that he will have around 600 miles of roadless wilderness between Ontario and Manitoba. Last week he passed through Cobalt and Cochrane on his way through. Those who have been through the country west of Hearst will say that the work of road-building will not be a serious one. It is also believed that the amount of muskeg will be much less than estimated. Despatches from Hearst last week said that Needham driving a powerful roadster, is attempting to cross Canada without detouring into the United States. At Halifax, N.S., the wheels of his car were dipped in the Atlantic ocean, and he hopes to wash them again in the Pacific some time before Christmas.

Accompanied by several hundred people he drove to the outskirts of Hearst on Thursday last, said farewell to members of the city council and the mayor then headed his car into the dark forest. He carries several hundred pounds of trail-making equipment and expects to hew his way through the bush. Muskeg and swamp will face him for 600 miles but on the other side is success for from then on his road will be clear.

Previous to his departure, Needham overhauled the car. In an interview, he told of his troubles on the jump between Kapuskasing and Hearst.

"I left Kapuskasing with the knowledge that there was nearly 12 miles of muskeg and that only two cars have passed over it this Summer, during dry weather. After four days rain, the bottom of the car was scraping nearly all the way. However, I made the trip of 62 miles in 3 1/2 hours. It was heavy going."

ISLAND IN FREDERICKHOUSE RIVER SAID TO BE MISSING

According to references from North Bay one of the islands in the Frederickhouse river near Cochrane may be said to be "found, missing." John Ferguson, of North Bay, recently sent an enquiry about this island which he owned to the postmaster at Frederickhouse in the township of Clute and the answer he has received would indicate that the island is no more visible. Mr. Ferguson held a deed of the land on this island. The extent of the island is not included in the information from North Bay, apparently all being too surprised at the disappearance of the island to make comments on its size. Mr. Ferguson wrote: "I am the owner of Island 'A,' or Douglas Island, Frederickhouse River, in the township of Frederickhouse, situated just south of the main line. Will you kindly advise me at your earliest convenience as to the present condition of the property? I think there was a mill site on it, or that it was used by some person for a considerable time." Postmaster F. Prior using the reverse side of Mr. Ferguson's letter, replied with the following brief, yet fully informative message: "The island you refer to was in front of Ninth avenue. It has not been there for about eight years."

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McLAREN'S INVINCIBLE JELLY POWDERS

CONSIDER IDEA OF AGAIN HAVING TIMMINS F.C. TEAM

Question Brought Before Meeting of the Porcupine District Football League on Saturday Evening. Other Matters of Interest Before Same Meeting.

The meeting of the delegates and officers of the Porcupine District league a sub-committee of the N.O.F.A. was held in the town hall on Saturday last. Much business was attended to and completed. A full representation was present. W. A. Devine occupied the chair.

A matter of interest to all football enthusiasts was carried, this being "that the McIntyre-Dome game in the Dickson Cup final stand as played." This was an amendment to a motion asking for a replay.

Auditors were appointed to audit the books of the League and the N.O.F.A. A summary read out by Secretary-Treasurer E. Finchen showed that the finances are in very good condition.

Medals will be awarded the Dome team for winning out in the district league and the Boxer Cup series, the medals to be engraved "District League and Boxer Cup, 1930." In a short address W. A. Devine outlined the advisability of re-organizing and playing a town team. He suggested that perhaps the Canadian Legion might take a team under its wing, as had been done by the Port Arthur branch of that organization. There were other various ways in which the matter could be arranged, and now was the time to commence. Interest in football would be greatly increased, as in past seasons when the Timmins team was playing in the camp. It was decided to mention the matter to various organization and report at an early meeting.

A smoking concert will be held this fall when the medals won by the teams in the past two seasons will be presented. This was left in the hands of the league committee to arrange.

A motion of interest to all concerned was the bringing forward of the date of the annual general meeting of the association. This will be held on the last Saturday in March in future.

Among those who were present at the meeting were the following:—S. Wheeler, O.F.A., representative; Messrs Jennings and Thomson, S.O.E.; P. Andrews and Richmond, Dome; A. Odgers and A. Snow, Cornish; W. Morgan and F. Bennett, McIntyre. Several others interested in football were also present at the meeting.

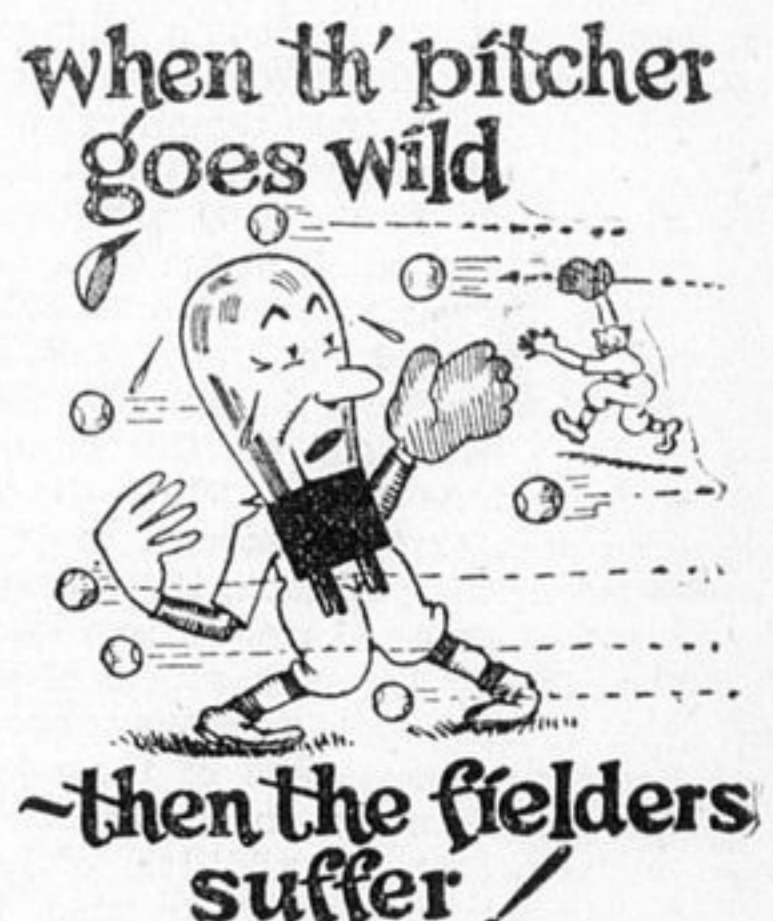
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