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Logical Present Route for the Trans-Canada Highway. Agitation for This Route Should be Continued by the North Land

During the past few months The Northern Tribune of Kapuskasing has given a large amount of space to discussion of the route for the proposed Trans-Canada highway. In view of the importance of the matter to the North Land the space thus taken has been profitably used from the standpoint of advantage to the North. In the last issue of The Northern Tribune there was another extended editorial reference to Trans-Canada highway questions. This editorial is given herewith as follows:—

"If Premier Bennett's cabinet would show anything like the same courage in settling the route of the Trans-Canada highway that it showed in summoning Parliament, grappling with unemployment, and altering the tariff root stem and branch, it would gain in estimation and assure its own political well-being in future years. In the midst of a clamour of local importunities to bend the highway this way and that, the safest course is to run the straight line. Let the chips fall where they may." The route from Quebec City to Winnipeg offers a wonderful diversity of scenery that would satisfy any tourist: it would offer the security and convenience of contiguity to a transcontinental railway line; it would be used all the year round by Canadian citizens as well as by tourists; every mile of it would be materially benefitted from being a link in the national highway; urban and rural population would be greatly augmented throughout its length. It would be a priceless unit in national defence if ever so required.

"A Northern contemporary suggests that politics may affect the location of this highway in Ontario. There was never any doubt on that score, because Fort William and Sault Ste. Marie in particular have left no political wire unpulled to gain their ends. Hon. James Lyons recently told a meeting at the Soo that "with regard to political influence in connection with locating the highway, the cities and town furthering the Lake Superior road have not anything to worry about," and he went on to boast of the results of a "personal survey" of both political and federal members from the North. His listing simply shows that the members residing close to the suggested Lake

winter will soon be here. However, he can console himself with the thought that winter has its pleasures, and prepare for them."

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Superior route naturally favour that route, as they must do, while others are opposed for similar reasons. The lake-head cities and the Soo admittedly command far more influence than the towns along the suggested claybelt route, but that does not say that their cause is any better on that account. If the arguments in their favour were as strong as their influence and as potent as their peculiar political methods, the provincial and federal governments would not have hesitated week after week to announce a decision as to the route chosen. Premier Ferguson has plainly said that the choice of route is a federal matter (with which we agree), while the Ottawa ministers have just as plainly said that Ontario has the say.

"Announcement has just been made that an estimated total of about \$5,000,000 will be allocated to Ontario from the \$20,000,000 emergency vote put through Parliament last month. Out of this amount the Trans-Canada project will draw perhaps \$1,000,000, which was our estimate some time ago. Word comes from Toronto that two sections of road will be started at once, as to which there has been no dispute regarding their need. These are from Pembroke to North Bay and from Port William to Kenora. Whether they become a part of the Trans-Canada highway, or remain part of it when the national project is completed from coast to coast, does not alter the fact that there is every justification for their construction now. No advocate of the clay belt route would deny their value, on the basis of the communities they will serve.

"We are not disposed, however, to have our own claims set aside on that account. The road runs straight from Cochrane to Hearst, and should be carried on straight to the head of Lake Nipigon. On the one hand, it is unthinkable that this important highway should be left standing abruptly against the bush at Hearst; and on the other hand, there is no good reason why cities away in the south should have any say in deflecting the course from its logical one. The gap from Cochrane to La Reine should also be quickly built. In two years a direct highway from Ottawa to La Reine will be open for traffic—upwards of 500 miles—and unless we build before then the 43 miles or so of link to bring this road into Cochrane, the "missing link" will be at once conspicuous as a monument to provincial boorishness and shortsightedness. North-western Quebec is equally interested with Northern Ontario in having egress along a national coast-to-coast highway, and will resent exclusion. It might be said here that a high-grade type of construction is not expected at this time. If an ordinary road is pushed through, improvement can be made from time to time as justified and as public finances warrant. This is in contradistinction to the insatiable ambition of the lake towns for a paved highway at once. If the Trans-Canada highway is once routed through the Soo, there will be unending demands on the authorities for continuing heavy expenditures for its improvement and upkeep. The greatest good to the whole of Canada, now and in the future, will be served by having the national highway traverse the productive clay belt and carry on with minimum mileage through promising mineral fields and rich timber tracts to the prairies."

Simcoe Reformer—While the Federal Government is empowered to lower or remove any duty in the event that producers raise their prices in consequence of the duty, this provision applies only to manufactured goods and not to agricultural products. Premier Bennett made this plain in the House of Commons when he declared that no duties would be removed from agricultural produce because of increases in price. In this case the differentiation between farmers and manufacturers will be widely approved.

NEED OF FIRE PREVENTION URGED IN PROCLAMATION

Recommendations Made in Proclamation for the Observance of Fire Prevention Week in Canada. And This is Fire Prevention Week in the Dominion.

This week is being specially noted as fire prevention week all through Canada. The week is proclaimed for observance by order-in-council.

The causes set forth in the preamble of the proclamation for designating fire prevention week are the following: that the average yearly fire loss in Canada is over forty million dollars; that over 200 persons lose their lives annually and that the loss to the nation from this cause lays such a heavy burden on the nation that it is deemed necessary and proper to take steps to remedy this condition.

The proclamation recommends as follows:

1. All dwellings and their surroundings be carefully inspected by their occupants and all conditions likely to cause or promote the spread of fires removed.

2. All public buildings, stores, warehouses and factories be inspected and cleaned of rubbish in order to reduce fire hazards and maintain health and safety.

3. All hotels, theatres, asylums, hospitals and other institutional buildings be inspected and provision made for all changes necessary to protect the occupants from danger in the event of fire.

4. Fire drills be held for the children in all schools, for the inmates of all institutions and for the employees in all large stores and factories in order that a greater degree of safety may be ensured by acquainting the occupants with the best and most expeditious mode of exit in time of danger.

5. Special instruction on the subject of fire prevention be given by the teachers and by municipal officials in the schools and that such appropriate literature as may be made available be distributed to the pupils.

6. Boy Scout leaders give instructions to the troops under their control as to the best means of co-operating with municipal fire departments in the prevention and extinguishment of fires and especially as to the desirability of qualifying for the firemen's badge.

7. All legislation and regulations enacted or issued by Dominion, Provincial or Municipal authorities dealing with fire prevention be given publicity by the municipal officials and that by public meetings or otherwise as may be seen most fit, they endeavour to impress upon the citizens the national importance of safeguarding life and property from loss by fire.

LOCALS

Miss Edla Morrison, of Latchford, was a recent visitor to Timmins.

F. M. Burke left on Sunday for a visit to Toronto.

L. Halperin is a visitor to Toronto this week.

There were 39 cases at police court at Kirkland one day recently, which was a record for the year.

Messrs. J. Benson and W. E. Grandall, of Boston, Mass., were Timmins visitors last week.

T. J. Shields has returned from a holiday trip to Detroit, Boston, New York and other southern centres.

The next regular meeting of the town council will be held on Monday afternoon, October 13th, commencing at 4 p.m.

A branch of the Women's Institute has been formed at Scotty Springs in the Workston section on the main line of the T. & N. C. north of Swastika.

Mr. C. R. Murdock, of Kapuskasing, was among those attending the meeting of the Eastern Star at Timmins last week.

J. R. Gordon, of Toronto, formerly one of the pioneer merchants of the North, was a visitor to Timmins this week.

Mrs. Ralph Sullivan, of the Sissee Mine, was a visitor to Timmins last week to attend the meeting of the Eastern Star Lodge here.

Rummage sale, auspices of Girls' Club United Church, Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 9 a.m. in church basement. Special:—Limited number of men's overcoats for sale. -41

A lady who had an advertisement in The Advance last week for a maid received no less than thirty-two replies. "Advertising in The Advance certainly brings results," was her comment on the matter. The moral should be plain to all.

C. R. Murdock, town engineer and townsite manager, of Kapuskasing, formerly town engineer at Timmins, was a visitor to town this week, being here as a delegate to the session of the Presbytery, and also to seek information in connection with rink matters in view of the fine new rink being completed now at Kapuskasing.

Robert Dickson, a pioneer of the Halleybury district from 1906, passed away recently at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Peacock, Main street, Halleybury. He was 83 years of age and had been in his usual health until the day before his death.

Kirkland Lake is planning to provide a permanent market building for that town. Idea at present is to erect building that may also be used for purposes of a curling rink. Estimates made suggest that new structure would cost about \$10,000.00, and would provide facilities for a community hall.

A column is run each week in The Halleybury giving news notes from the paper's files of 1923, the year after the big fire that destroyed a large part of the town. Last week among these items was the following:—"Mr. J. A. Solomon, formerly of Halleybury, is now in charge of the McIntyre Recreation hall at Schumacher."

Travellers north on the T. & N. O. on Sunday morning between North Bay and Temagami noted a mirage in the sky. The mirage dimly pictured the outlines of a big city with the sky line showing of factories and skyscrapers. The mirage was seen for a few minutes and then vanished.

While on a hike through the bush one Saturday recently Kirkland Lake Boy Scouts found a number of articles of clothing. They took the goods to the police station where it was found that the clothing was part of a quantity of goods stolen the previous evening from a Kirkland Lake home. The thieves had entered the house through raising a window while the family were down town.

Many friends will be pleased to know that Mr. J. E. Tremblay, Pine street, north, who was ill in the hospital for three weeks, was sufficiently recovered last week to return home where he is improving in excellent way and soon will be back to normal health. At St. Mary's hospital Mr. Tremblay was operated on for hernia, the operation being successful, and the patient now being on the way to early recovery.

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SMOKY FALLS GREETING THE ARRIVAL OF THE FALL

The Smoky Falls correspondent of The Northern Tribune writes last week as follows:—

"Construction of the new unit of the powerhouse is progressive, fast, furious and noisy. Bedlam is about the only word that describes the powerhouse just now. With rivetting guns rattling the only way to hold conversations is with the hands in the same way as the mutes do. It's great exercise for the vocal chords and a wonderful opportunity to become proficient in the art of lip-reading.

"In spite of a vast amount of optimism we are forced to admit that fall is here and another summer has gone. Evidence is overwhelming. Looking across the river, we set the green splashed with masses of red and yellow. The gardeners are harvesting their vegetables, new perennial borders are being prepared, lawns remade or renovated, bulb catalogs have arrived and bulbs are ordered. Piles of wood are being savagely attacked and stored.

The fall and winter catalogues from the mail-order houses are very much in evidence at night and womenfolk are busy checking over all serviceable clothing left over from last winter.

"Most of our summer birds have gone and others are gathering together in large numbers and holding open-air meetings—discussing, we presume, probable dates for leaving to winter in Florida. The flower borders are bedraggled, foliage thin and yellow. The sweet peas, asters, carnations, snapdragon, violas, oriental poppies, marigolds and golden glow are bravely striving to keep some colour in our gardens to the end.

"Over in the single men's quarters the young men's thoughts have turned to rifles, traps and moose and duck. We see catalogues around open at the pages for rifles and ammunition. Radios and stoves are in operation. The field mice are invading our homes, and traps are busy. The mornings are crisp, the river covered with vapour, the air heavy with wood smoke. The most confirmed optimist must admit

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