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GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

A magistrate at Sault Ste. Marie recently told a man convicted in court of some crime or another that he might have his freedom on suspended sentence if he promised to leave the Sault and stay away from that pest-ridden city for twenty years. The man promised but a week or so ago broke the promise by visiting the Sault. As a result of his breach of promise the man was sent to jail for six months. This seems an opportunity for those sentimental newspapers that are forever sobbing over criminals and malefactors to pour their abuse on the magistrate and the law. A man who would willingly go to the Sault after once being there deserves the sympathy of all. A man who would risk jail to return to the Sault should be kept by the state, but not in a jail.

The Toronto Board of Control has adopted the strict rule that all men employed on the demolition work in connection with the alteration of some city streets shall hereafter be paid a minimum of sixty cents per hour for their labour. This is better than the rate paid men on relief work on the roads for the Northern Ontario Development Department. In fact it is just twice as good.

J. A. Bradette, M.P., for Temiskaming North, made a speech in the Dominion House last week. Part of Mr. Bradette's address was very good; he quoted an editorial from The Porcupine Advance.

A leading member of the House of Commons last week one day spoke for four hours and a half. It took him half an hour to tell what he knew; another half-hour was taken in telling what he suspected; while the rest of the time was devoted to reading extracts from other people's speeches to show what they didn't know and never suspected. There are mighty few men in the House of Commons to-day who can talk for four hours and a half and say something all the time. A speech stretching over four hours and a half would be a joke were it not for the cost to the country.

For years H. A. Preston, one of the old-timers of the North Land, has been advocating a road to connect Timmins and the intervening country with Sudbury. He called the proposed road plan "the belt line of roads for the North" because it would form a sort of chain that would connect by roadway practically all the centres of the North as well as opening up a new section of country remarkable for its mineral wealth, its agricultural possibilities and its wonderful attractions for tourists. Now, Mr. Preston is advocating what may be termed a belt line of railway lines. His present proposal is that the T. & N. O. be extended from Elk Lake to Timmins, passing through the Matachewan area. Just as The Advance supported heartily the idea of a belt line of roads, so this paper is equally enthusiastic for a belt line of railway lines. The extension of the railway proposed would serve the new Matachewan field in doubly effective way. It would provide for traffic into the camp in a way no other plan could accomplish. It would also place at the disposal of the new gold camp the facilities offered by Timmins, the largest town in the North Land. Timmins has a number of large mining concerns and other big industries and as a result is equipped to supply all sorts of goods on short notice. The contractors at the works north of Cochrane in the past year or two have found that for supplies, repairs, equipment and other necessities required on short notice, as these things usually are, Timmins is in particularly good position to supply practically all demands that may arise. To be connected with Timmins would be a great advantage for the new Matachewan camp. In addition it may be noted that south of Timmins the country is known to be rich in mineral wealth. A railway line between here and Elk Lake would undoubtedly mean the establishment of new mining camps and generally aid in the development of the North Land. It is only reasonable to expect that the extension of the T. & N. O. from Elk Lake to Timmins would be followed by a further extension of the T. & N. O. in years to come to connect this area with Kapuskasing. This would mean much for the whole North, and were there connection by rail and road between Elk Lake and Sudbury it is safe to say that the whole development of the North Land would receive an impetus that would fully warrant the expenditure involved.

Looking at streets and yards in Timmins these days the value of a general clean-up this spring is apparent. In less material ways a clean-up would also be of value. The people in general should be ready to support and assist in both kinds of clean-ups. A clean town, physically, morally and every other way, is the best sort of town for the average man and family. In health and morals the average man has everything to gain and nothing to lose by having the town clean. It is admitted quite frankly that Timmins has been a remarkably clean town in every way, from the general viewpoint. There was a time when it did not need to doff its hat to any other town in the North Land in this respect. That is the way it should be, and it is in the interests of every good citizen and his family that the spring clean-up should be complete and effective.

In an address to the House of Commons last week J. A. Bradette, M.P., for this riding, referred to The Advance as a "good Conservative paper." The Advance will admit only part of this description. It's a good paper, all right, but its policies are more concerned with the North Land and a fair deal than with any party. Mr. Bradette proved this in the quotation he made from The Advance. That quotation was a criticism of the provincial Conservative government for its failure to pay a living wage to workers employed on relief work on the roads in this North.

The city council of East Windsor has passed a resolution urging the Ontario Government to set a minimum wage of fifty cents per hour for all labour employed on Government road work throughout the province. The East Windsor council is asking municipal councils and other bodies to join in pressing this proposal upon the Government. It would be a good thing if the provincial government would adopt a minimum wage not only for road work but for all other lines of government work, the plan to include any work done by contractors. If such a comprehensive minimum wage scale had been in force, there would not have been the grounds for criticism that there were here because men received only two dollars and forty cents per day on relief road work for the Northern Ontario Development Department. It would not have been possible either for contractors on work for the government in this North to have

escaped with the low rates paid labour. In the contracts for the extension of the T. & N. O. labour was protected to some extent by a clause requiring the payment of the "prevailing wages," but the phrase is elastic enough to allow less than a fair rate to be paid simply because other firms in the area may not be paying high enough wages. The government should set an example to private enterprise in the matter of wages paid as well as in other affairs.

A good citizen of the town, who has given much time and effort in the past to beautifying the grounds around his home, last week commended The Advance for some recent articles supporting the idea of a general effort to add to the beauty of Canada. "But what's the use?" he asked. "A man gets a nice lawn and flower garden and his home all fixed up until he is almost satisfied with its good appearance, and then a neighbour opens a wood yard in the vicinity and the beauty of that block is gone." The remarks of this citizen impresses the fact that one man or a group of men can not beautify the town. It needs the co-operation of all. Last year there was a lawn on one of the streets in the lower part of the town and few people passed this lawn without stopping to admire it. The citizen responsible for the fine lawn deserved the fullest admiration because the lawn represented an enormous amount of work to maintain it in decent condition. The greater part of the work involved was due to the fact that neighbours on both sides allowed their properties to bloom as veritable dandelion pastures. Any Governmental plan to beautify Canada will fail unless it has the support and co-operation of all the towns, cities and villages. Similarly, the efforts of individual towns and cities will be nullified unless there is a general support from the citizens. All will have to assist in the work of beautifying the town. The Horticultural Society has done much in past years to add to the good appearance of the town by encouraging lawns and gardens. The natural situation of this town was not particularly beautiful but it is remarkable what has been done to give the town the appearance of a city of attractive homes and attractive surroundings. There are whole blocks of clean and tidy and attractive homes on many streets of the town each summer. The number of these pleasing blocks increases each year. What is needed now is a general support and co-operation for the idea of making the town in general as pleasing in appearance and as agreeable to beauty-lovers as it is possible to have it. If all will work together to this end the town of Timmins can easily be the best-appearing town in the North.

A young Finlander, whom The Cochrane Post evidently believes was a "White" or loyal Finn, was recently stabbed in the arm, back and face by another Finn, whom the Post surmises was a "Red" or communist Finn. The Post seems to surmise that the knife in the hands of the "Red" Finn narrowly missed vital points in the anatomy of the "White" Finn who is loyal to his adopted country. The "White" Finn is described by The Post as "good-natured, even when under the influence of liquor, his worst offence when in this condition being said to be a desire to sing." From this brief account the attitude of The Advance and that of The Post may be summarized. The Advance regrets to see a loyal man in hospital with knife wounds. This newspaper would not like to see him in jail even for getting drunk so long as he kept good-natured. The Advance would not even penalize a loyal man for singing. But to the disloyal, the ingrates who would destroy what the vast majority of the people of this country hold dearest, The Advance would be glad to have all the "Reds" in jail, and none of the "Whites" in hospital. On the other hand The Post apparently thinks that training and education would remedy the matter. In this case it may be true, for with a little more training the "Red" might have missed few vital spots and so the matter would have been settled, except for those who believe with The Advance that the first and chief consideration should be given to loyal people and their safety.

In an address to the House of Commons last week the member for this riding made the ridiculous suggestion that the Bennett Government was to blame for the fact that the pulpwood business in Canada is not what it used to be. Mr. Bradette said that the Conservatives had talked so much about putting an export tax on pulpwood that the United States had eventually decided to buy its pulpwood from Russia. If Mr. Bradette had been as anxious to obtain the facts of the case as he was apparently to make a point against his political opponents he could very easily have learned the truth of the matter, which is considerably different from what he stated. The United States purchased Russian pulpwood simply because of the price at which it could be obtained. The price of the Russian pulpwood, like some political talk, was very cheap. Mr. Bradette also might easily have learned that for a time the Canadian National Railways actually gave a preferred freight rate for this Russian pulpwood so that it might be more effectively compete with the Canadian product. The Bennett Government stopped that vicious discrimination in freight rates against Canadian pulpwood but in the meantime the industry suffered and thousands of workers were idle for a time. As for the Conservative party talking about putting an export tax or embargo on pulpwood, such a statement is certainly far from the facts. The chief talk The Advance has heard in recent years about the proposed pulpwood embargo has been from Liberal party leaders who had a habit of pretending that someone else wanted to impose such a tax. During the last Dominion election Mr. D. Chenier, the Conservative candidate, was called upon more than once to deal with the whispered story that he favoured such an embargo. He gave it very emphatic denial. Hon. Mr. Finlayson also flatly denied that he or the Government or the party leaned to any embargo further than the one already in force in regard to timber from crown lands. Hon. Mr. Ferguson, when premier of the province made similar statements. When a pulpwood embargo was proposed some years ago at a meeting of the Ontario Associated Boards even the strongest Liberals would admit that it was Conservative party men who led the fight and battled the hardest to defeat the resolution-urging the embargo. The fact is that in regard to this pulpwood embargo idea party lines did not hold, for anyone knowing the conditions in the North would almost inevitably object to an embargo because of the injury likely to be done to the interests of the settlers by any such measure. Mr. Bradette seems to be unfortunate when he attempts openly to play politics. The fact that he voted against the spending of Dominion money for a Trans-Canada highway when his party was in power seriously discounts his advocacy now of the procedure he condemned by his party vote. Credit, however, is due to Mr. Bradette for bringing forcibly before the Dominion House, as he did in his speech last week, the wrong done to many of the workers in this constituency who were paid only \$2.40 per day on relief work on the roads. To The Advance it would have appeared better had he left out some of the party propaganda in his address and devoted the time thus saved to urging the Department of Labour to action in the matter of men in this North Land being asked to labour at the rate of \$2.40 per day—a rate that appears to be considerably below a fair living wage under the conditions of this country and this day.

Close Race Now in Mercantile Bowling

Northern Power at Head of List, with Porcupine Advance Only a Point Behind. T. & N. O. a Very Close Third. Anything May Happen in This Half.

Marshall-Ecclestone and The Porcupine Advance each won four points by the default of Ellies Bros. and Hygienic Barbers in the Mercantile League bowling on Monday evening this week while the Royal Studios failed to get going and were blanked by the Northern Power team. Pierce Furniture came back into the running by taking three points from the league leaders, the T. & N. O. team.

Northern Power are now leading with 21 points, with The Advance a close second, being only one point behind, and the T. & N. O. equally close being only one point behind The Advance.

Only two men are on the honour roll this week—A. Sauve, 700, and E. G. Dickson, 681.

The league standing to date is as follows:—Northern Power, 21 points; Porcupine Advance, 20 points; T. & N. O., 19 points; Hygienic Barbers, 14 points; Royal Studios, 13 points; Pierce Furniture, 11 points; Ellies Bros., 7 points; Marshall-Ecclestone, 7 points.

Results of Monday's matches are as follows:—

Porcupine Advance wins four points from Hygienic Barbers who defaulted. Marshall-Ecclestone's win four points by default of Ellies Bros.

ROYAL STUDIOS
A. Sauve 245 236 219 700
K. Tomkinson 151 159 198 508
E. Reid 166 240 186 592
A. Tomkinson 211 188 198 597

Totals 773 823 801 2397
Handicap 27 27 27 81
Totals 800 850 828 2478

NORTHERN POWER
J. Faithful 122 143 169 434
E. Salomaa 208 189 146 543
E. McQuarrie 145 154 212 511
J. Aspin 195 209 144 548

Totals 670 695 671 2036
Handicap 167 167 167 501
Totals 837 862 838 2537
Northern Power wins 4 points.

T. & N. O.
H. Barr 143 186 238 567
C. Alton 187 149 197 533
T. Bonnah 161 170 331
W. Booth 175 160 168 503
C. Brown 153 95 163 411
A. Allan 175 175

Totals 819 760 941 2520
Handicap 139 139 149 427
Totals 958 899 1090 2947

PIERCE FURNITURE
R. Fournier 192 193 160 545
M. Shineofy 245 159 186 590
I. Pierce 156 249 162 567
E. Dickson 259 240 182 681
W. Tonkin 113 158 188 459

Totals 965 999 878 2842
Handicap 95 95 95 285
Totals 1060 1094 973 3127
Pierce Furniture wins 3 points.

Mistaken About the Trans-Canada Highway

(From The New Liskeard Speaker)
An exchange says:—"We fear that the towns along the T. & N. O. weaken their advocacy of the Northern route by entertaining the delusion that the straight north and south Ferguson highway can be permanently incorporated into the coast-to-coast highway, to the utter seclusion of North-western Quebec, and so they will enjoy the monopoly of northbound traffic."

Our friend makes the above statement and then proceeds to point out the "boorishness" of such a policy. Were such the case we believe he would be quite justified in making the criticism he does but, fortunately very few along the T. & N. O. section of the Ferguson highway would be foolish enough to entertain such ideas. As The Speaker has frequently pointed out, Quebec has in the making, and with completion expected very early next summer, a road from the C.N.R. east of Cochrane down through the Rouyn, North Temiskaming and Ville-Marie valleys which will be to North-Western Quebec just what the Ferguson highway is to the districts of Nipissing, Temiskaming and Cochrane. We expect other roads farther east in the Province of Quebec will also be built to parallel the roads we are referring to, just as we expect roads through Algoma, west of the Ferguson highway, would be built to the proposed northern highway. It happens the Ferguson highway is now built and quite naturally would be the main connecting link until roads could be built to suit other territories.

Why prolong the discussion? The Temiskaming Associated Boards of Trade are now unanimous in regard to their demands in connection with the Trans-Canada highway; the Ontario Government, through Premier Henry and the Hon. Wm. Finlayson, say a thorough investigation, including both engineering and aviation experts, will be undertaken before a decision is arrived at and the Federal Government intimate that "funds" are getting rather low for the immediate construction of the through road.

FANCY DRESS BALL BY THE TIMMINS CITIZENS' BAND

The Timmins Citizens' Band held a fancy dress ball on March 18th in the McIntyre hall, Schumacher. The patrons of the event spent a pleasant evening. The prize winners were as follows:—ladies, first, Mrs. Chulak; second, Miss F. Perreault; gentlemen, first, W. E. Bull; second Mr. Ansara. Miss A. Perreault was given the honour of being the "Beauty of the Ball," winning the ten dollar gold piece for this. There were ten dollar gold pieces for the other first prize winners and five dollar gold pieces for the next best. To assist the band in the music Mrs. Huxley's orchestra from Schumacher was engaged. The band's dance music was popular, as was suggested by the repeated encores. The band will in the near future feature another novelty dance with the band as an orchestra.

Waco News-Tribune:—The chief objection to those swell gangster funerals is their infrequency.

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Second Half of the Mercantile Bowling

Balance of the Matches to be Played in the Second Half of the Mercantile League to Complete the Series.

The following are the matches to be played in the balance of the Mercantile Bowling league:—
March 30—Marshall-Ecclestone vs Northern Power, alleys 1 and 2; Hygienic Barbers vs T. & N. O., 3 and 4; Ellies Bros. vs Royal Studios, 5 and 6; Porcupine Advance vs Pierce Furniture, 7 and 8.
April 6—Ellies Bros. vs Porcupine Advance, 1 and 2; Royal Studio vs Pierce Furniture, 3 and 4; T. & N. O. vs Northern Power, 5 and 6; Hygienic Barbers vs Marshall-Ecclestone, 7 and 8.
April 13—Marshall-Ecclestone vs T. & N. O., 1 and 2; Northern Power vs Hygienic Barbers, 3 and 4; Pierce Furniture vs Ellies Bros., 5 and 6; Royal Studio vs Porcupine Advance, 7 and 8.
April 20—Hygienic Barbers vs Royal Studio, 1 and 2; Pierce Furniture vs Marshall-Ecclestone, 3 and 4; Porcupine Advance vs T. & N. O., 5 and 6; Ellies Bros. vs Northern Power, 7 and 8.
April 27—T. & N. O. vs Ellies Bros., 1 and 2; Northern Power vs Porcupine Advance, 3 and 4; Hygienic Barbers vs Pierce Furniture, 5 and 6; Marshall-Ecclestone vs Royal Studio, 7 and 8.
May 4—Pierce Furniture vs Northern Power, 1 and 2; Royal Studio vs T. &

N. O., 3 and 4; Marshall-Ecclestone vs Porcupine Advance, 5 and 6; Ellies Bros vs Hygienic Barbers, 7 and 8.
May 11—Porcupine Advance vs Hygienic Barbers, 1 and 2; Ellies Bros. vs Marshall-Ecclestone, 3 and 4; Royal Studio vs Northern Power, 5 and 6; T. & N. O. vs Pierce Furniture, 7 and 8.

Features Planned for Band Carnival Event

The Timmins Citizens' Band reports arrangements as well under way for the regatta and the band carnival. Admission tickets are on sale in town now. To boost the sale of tickets for the fourth of July, the last night of the carnival, the band is giving some very useful gifts. A valuable watch is to be awarded in one competition. In this contest, the competitors have to estimate the time the watch will stop. The watch will be wound up on June 4th and placed in the vault of a Timmins bank in a sealed box. The box will be opened on July 4th and the one who estimates the correct or nearest correct time at which the watch stops will be the winner of the watch. The band will also give a number of other good prizes in connection with the event. In addition to the regatta at the river on July 1st, the band will open up at the rink at 7 p.m. on July 1st. In addition to the usual midway features the band expects to stage a series of boxing bouts for July 1st.

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