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Settlers Convened at Northern Centre

Number of Settlers Gather at Kapuskasing on Friday of Last. Several Expected Speakers Disappoint the Gathering Last Week.

As noted in The Advance in recent issues a mass meeting of the settlers of all the northern district of Cochrane riding was planned for Saturday of last week. The hope was to have a very large and very representative meeting of the settlers of North Cochrane and to have the crowd addressed by leading public men of the province and Dominion concerned in agricultural matters and settlers' problems. Reports from Kapuskasing where the meeting was scheduled to be held suggest that on both sides there was disappointment in the results. The attendance is said to have been much less than hoped for, while the several cabinet ministers and members of the legislature expected to be present failed to show up, with the exception of A. V. Waters, M.L.A. for North Cochrane.

According to the reports from Kapuskasing it would seem that the settlers in the area affected did not respond to the call for the meeting in anything like the numbers that the directors had hoped to secure. This was due to several causes, one of them being the point of ten emphasized by The Advance in

dealing with settlers' problems and that is the fact that in view of the way the settlers are scattered over a very wide area and the further truth that few of them find it possible to spare much time or money on account of the never-ceasing struggle they are forced to maintain to keep on their feet, the settlers find it difficult to give a couple of days or more to attend any meeting, and still more difficult to spend the money involved in an journey for many miles and to meet the necessary expenses of such trips. The settlers may be ever so much interested in their own problems but it takes more than interest and enthusiasm to meet hotel bills and railway fares.

The fact that many prominent men expected to be present were unable to attend was also due to several reasons. In the first place public men have so many calls that it is not always possible for them to arrange to attend any particular meeting, no matter how important, and especially is this true when it is necessary to travel long distances as required by most meetings in this North. Some of those attending were also inclined to feel that those organizing the meeting should have arranged the affair so that all advertised on the announcement were able to be present, even though such a plan might have meant the change of date of the meeting. In other words the speakers should have been absolutely assured and the date set to suit them.

This suggestion may have been only an evidence of the critical attitude of many of the settlers towards the officers and executive of the Northern Ontario Settlers' Association, under which auspices the meeting was called. There was a decidedly critical attitude in some particulars at the meeting, at least to judge from one report sent out. This despatch from Kapuskasing dated Saturday last and published in several outside newspapers says:—"The convention of settlers called to meet here yesterday by the Northern Ontario Settlers' Association president, failed to come up to expectations. Of the many Cabinet Ministers, M.P.'s, M.L.A.'s and public officials invited, only A. V. Waters, local member for North Cochrane, was present. No agenda of business had been prepared, and apart from Mr. Waters' cordial expression toward the association and his resume of the efforts being made by the provincial government on behalf of Northern settlers, the day was spent in desultory discussion of matters which had been under review by a previous convention several months ago. Prominent among these were the land clearing bonus and drainage proposals, but nothing new was brought out. They are still under advisement by the Cabinet at Toronto. The directors did not make a report nor was a financial statement given to the meeting. It is understood the funds of the society are very low and their disposition has been questioned. The attendance dwindled away in the afternoon, and the gathering adjourned at 5 p.m. The directors met at night. Several resolutions were passed."

Scottish Humorisms Local and Otherwise

Legion Drummer Recovering from Shock from Query About Bagpipes. The Latest Wise-crack from the American Side.

This week a reader and friend of The Advance (they usually go together as one and the same) sends in the following to be passed on to the rest of the family, especially to the Scottish side: A few weeks ago an employee of the Hollinger, as well-known for his ready wit as for his skill as a Legion drummer, was wending his way towards Timmins proudly carrying a set of bagpipes, on which a compatriot was going to perform at the Scottish concert in the Goldfields theatre. He was accosted by an official of the Hollinger with the query:—"Hullo, Pat, where are you going with the vacuum cleaner?" "What the? who the? where the? why the? O, my head," was Pat's reply! His many friends will be pleased to learn that Pat is now out of danger, but still a very sick man and not yet in condition to calmly discuss the merits of carpet sweepers.

The latest about a certain man in the North Land! An Englishman informed this man that he had spent a lot of money in buying several kinds of hair restorers, as he was losing his hair. The Aberdonian said he was also losing his—but he had sold his brush and comb. The decision of Tisdale council meeting, as announced in your valuable paper last week, to repair several bad spots on the Gold Centre road, reminds me of the busy man who was deputed to inspect a road along with another member of council. He said to his fellow sufferer:—"It'll need to be a Sunday, as that is the only day I have any spare time. I'll try to select a good day, although I may tell you that a good day is not a good day to go and see a bad road."

The latest wise-crack I have from the American side is:—"There's only two kinds of men, honey! Those you can trust as long as you're watching them, and those you can't even trust while you are watching them."

At the Kiwanis International held last week in Miami, Florida, and which was attended by Reg. Smith, as the delegate from the Timmins Kiwanis Club, there were 4,000 delegates and visitors. It was the 15th annual convention of the organization. One of the specially interesting features at the convention was the report of Capt. C. E. Jackson, of Brantford, Ont., vice-president of Kiwanis International, as to the value of active Kiwanis clubs in Canada. The 69 clubs in the Dominion completed hundreds of community and welfare activities during the past year and all are now engaged in many projects for community development. A part of a large statistical record

from the official monthly reports of clubs shows the following results in activities:—

Clubs Engaged	69
Vocational and educational work	58
Playgrounds, recreation, athletics	57
General charity work	57
Assistance to under-privileged children	54
Juvenile work, boy scouts, etc.	54
Improvement civic conditions	54
Agricultural projects	46
Citizenship and patriotic	31
Health, sanitation and hospitals	27
Aid to business and industry	29

Believes Sweepstakes Would be Beneficial

(From The London Star)

"The conclusion seems to be that the Government cannot enforce the law. We are drifting in this matter into the position of the United States on the subject of prohibition. Not the least of the evils in the American situation is the discredit which the open repudiation of prohibition brings upon the authority and prestige of the law as a whole, and unless that evil is to be experienced here measures must be taken promptly to prevent its development. Personally, I should rejoice if the law could be enforced, for I deplore all the accompaniments of these monster gambles—the grotesque prizes, the unwholesome excitement, the mass production of the most pernicious forms of cupidity and the distraction of the public mind from the realities of life to the illusions of sudden and unearned wealth. But if the law cannot be enforced and if there is such a powerful current of public feeling behind these enterprises as makes its enforcement impossible, then the fact should be frankly faced, and we should endeavour to control a mischief which we cannot eliminate."

ICE CREAM DANCE BY THE TIMMINS CITIZENS' BAND

The band will hold another dance in the Oddfellows' hall, Timmins, on Saturday, May 16th. There will be the usual band dance novelties. For the best fox-trotting couple there will be a prize of \$5.00 value. For the best waltzing couple a similar prize. A prize of \$2.50 value will be given the lady who can talk the longest and the same amount to the gentleman who can whistle the longest. There will be a first door prize of \$2.50 and four prizes of \$1.00 value each. To cool off the dancers ice cream will be served around 11 p.m.

The last two band dances have been popular and this ice cream dance will be up to the usual standard. The band's dance orchestra will provide music for the dancing. Judging for the dance prizes will be by ballot. Dancing will start at 8.30 p.m. and the band promises all patrons a real live, snappy, Saturday night's dance.

Hopeful of Future of Matachewan Area

Mining Corporation President Looks Forward with Great Hopes to Development of Properties in New Gold Area.

A change in the capital structure of the Mining Corporation of Canada has been approved by the shareholders. The company had an authorized and outstanding capitalization of \$8,300,250 in \$5 par value shares. Approval was given for a capitalization of 2,000,000 shares of no par value, of which 1,690,050 shares, equivalent to the present \$5 par value stock, will be issued to shareholders. This would leave 339,950 shares available in the treasury for issue as opportunity offers.

J. C. Watson, president of the company, addressed the shareholders and outlined the activities of the company and of the companies in which Mining Corp. is interested, in part, as follows: "I expect that you will be most interested in the development of the Ashley Gold Mining Corp., which was formed to take over the claims staked by Messrs Ashley and Garvey for the corporation in the Matachewan district. The total length of company property along the strike of the Ashley vein is over 5,000 feet.

In addition, the corporation has jointly with the Huronian Mining & Finance Co., an option on 80 per cent. interest in mine claims known as the Mosher group lying to the north of the Ashley-Garvey group.

The Ashley vein, as you have previously been informed, has been shown by the sinking of 10 diamond drill holes, to contain commercial ore over a length of approximately 900 feet open at both ends.

The corporation also has a 77 1/2 per cent. interest in nine prospective gold claims staked in Tyrrell township adjoining the claims belonging to the McIntyre Porcupine Mines. These claims will also be prospected during the coming season.

In giving a general view of the results obtained in endeavouring to broaden the scope of the corporation's activities by the acquisition of new properties and large share interests in other mines, it is noteworthy that all such acquisitions of importance until recently have been in the fields of silver and base metals. This has been merely an accident of fortune.

For years our search for gold properties has been prosecuted just as vigorously as has been our search for silver, copper, lead or zinc mines. With the development of the present depression, our efforts in this department has been concentrated almost entirely in the search for gold, and it is interesting to note that in three districts in which promising gold discoveries were made last year, the corporation has holdings of property through staking. I refer to the discoveries in Banockburn, Pascoals and Tyrrell townships, and in the former developments have encouraged us to hope that at last we have secured what we have for so long wanted to add to our holdings—a good producing gold mine."

Toronto Telegram:—"The appearance of a child near the roadway, or a parked car or other obstruction from behind which a child might dart out, ought to be a warning to motorists to drive carefully and to be on the alert. The fact that seven children have been killed already this year in motor accidents on Toronto streets indicates that the warning is not always taken. With the practised motorist, driving becomes such an automatic business that he is apt to allow his attention to be diverted and so to be unprepared for any emergency that may suddenly confront him.

Christian Science Monitor:—"An offer is reported from Ohio, based upon a belief that the moon is only 300 miles aloft over a flat world, of a fund to reward aviators \$5,000 a mile for efforts to reach that satellite. The successful aviator, presumably, would eat a piece of the green cheese and bring back some more for proof.

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