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The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine

Much has been published in the papers regarding the convention of the Ontario Provincial Command of the Canadian Legion, just concluded at Oshawa. By these reports one would say it had been a stormy session. First of all complaints were voiced very strongly against the new pension legislation and the holding up of cases for months. A resolution was forwarded to the Dominion Command regarding this issue. A charge of patronage appointments was made by some of the delegates and others made very plain statements regarding the actions of some of the tribunals. Delegate Walters, of Windsor, said:—"Men who have no qualifications for the work have been placed in these positions." Similar statements were made and after a long discussion a resolution was forwarded to the Dominion convention asking for their support in the matter, with the hope that the conditions will be remedied. Another session heard complaints levelled at the Poppy Day fund with charges of disloyalty levelled at officials of the Provincial Command. After a heated argument a committee was named to investigate the complaints.

A brighter side of the convention was the report of Col. Picking, in which it was disclosed that the Ontario Command had enrolled 10,000 new members in the past year, had wiped off a heavy deficit and showed a surplus on hand. The total membership in Ontario now stands at 21,000 and efforts are to be made for the 30,000 mark before next year's convention.

Our president Austin Neame was appointed on the committee to report regarding the establishment of other branches of the Service Bureau and also to assist in its work. This will mean a great deal for the returned men of the district, as President Neame will be in a position to give definite information on its functions.

We have not been informed to date regarding the social side of the convention, but our delegates will tell us that part when we hear them at our first general meeting.

One very important part of all the proceedings was the speech of Earl Jellicoe at the banquet given in his honour. Earl Jellicoe summed up the work of the B. E. S. L. in a very few words, but their meaning is obvious to all loyal citizens and members of the Legion. He said: "The British Empire Service League has two main topics; firstly, it works for the betterment of the ex-service community throughout the Empire; and secondly, it stands to strengthen the ties and the unity of the Empire." "Buying of Empire goods was one of the chief campaigns now being in operation, and this was bearing fruit in England, where the countryside is placarded with advertisements bearing the words 'Buy Empire Goods and promote trade within the Empire.'" This is in keeping with Empire Shopping Week in Canada, but why only a week, we are at a loss to understand. A good slogan would and should be "Buy Empire Goods all the time, as none are better."

Your correspondent received a letter from the Vi-Tone Company stating that the professional swimmers were coming to Timmins on Sept. 18th. No doubt a meeting will be held by the committees of the branch to see what

we can do in the matter. But in any case it would be well to ask them to bring along their fur-lined bathing suits, judging by the weather over the week-end. Col. Scobell has a good proposition if we can get it arranged.

There has been rumours of members resigning from the branch, on account of some of A. E. Mortimer's letters in this paper. It is strange how some people turn. When our secretary first took up his duties, words of praise from all quarters poured in regarding this feature of The Advance, then just because a few strong words were written several have stated supposedly, they are through with the Legion. To the writer this seems to be a very petty matter and one that should be easily cleared up to the advantage of all. The branch does not want to lose any members; in fact we want to get more; but while all this bickering is going on new members will not come in. Let's get everything off our chest before the season is well started. With harmony all round things are sure to go along in good style, and we shall have a season of very sociable times with a long list of new members coming in to enjoy them.

Comrade Forrester voiced a scheme whereby those members who were suspended could come back into the branch by paying a nominal fee. This no doubt will be one of the topics under discussion at the opening general meeting. So keep on the look out for the date, and come with your card. If you have any grievances bring them along too, and above all let's make it one of the biggest and best years in our history.

Word was received just before going to press that Col. Picking, had been elected president of the Ontario Command of the Canadian Legion with McIntyre Hood as first vice president. McIntyre Hood, is the president of the Oshawa Branch. Austin Neame, our president was re-elected to the executive committee and also retains his position as zone representative of this district. A matter of interest to all here was the selection of Sault Ste. Marie as the meeting place for the next convention of the Ontario Command. This will enable us to send a full quota of delegates and will do much to benefit the members in this part of the province.

Don't forget Earl Jellicoe's words—"Buy Empire Goods whenever possible" is the advice of—

W. A. Devine

L. H. SAUNDERS APPOINTED ONE OF ORANGE ORGANIZERS

L. H. Saunders, until recently the business manager of The Orange Sentinel, Toronto, and formerly a well-known citizen of North Bay, where he was a member of the council of the municipality for several terms, has been appointed one of the special organizers for the Orange Order under the Grand Lodge of Ontario West. Mr. Saunders is widely known throughout the North and his friends here will be pleased at his new appointment.

Southerners Should Not be Misled by the Sault

It may be that all the propaganda, and some of the propaganda is little better than misrepresentation,— may deceive the people in the South, but it certainly is not fooling any thoughtful person in this part of the North Land. Just as the recent conference at North Bay in regard to the proposed route of the Trans-Canada highway turned out to be nothing more nor less than a plan to force the Sault route on the country as the alleged wish of all the North, while it represented only the opinion of the Sault, so the "General Council" held last week at Sault Ste. Marie was only concerned with Sault Ste. Marie and district and did not include any material part of the North. In an editorial comment, The Northern News, of Kirkland Lake, says:—"A vigorous drive for the benefit of the iron industry appeared to be the all important subject at the meeting of the General Council of Northern and Northwestern Ontario at Sault Ste. Marie on Monday last. Resolutions were passed asking the Ontario Government to increase the bounty on iron ore and the Federal Government for better tariffs. Other resolutions concerned the improvements of certain health and tourist trade conditions. All very well and good.

"Yet the meeting was reported in the daily press as representing a united north and created a decided impression that Northerners from all parts were there. This is far from the real state of affairs as the representatives were practically all from the southern fringe of this great Northern Ontario. As far as we can learn there wasn't a municipality represented, north of North Bay and yet Southern Ontario is led to believe the chief interest of Northern Ontario is the aiding of the iron ore industry.

"The controversy over the location of the trans-Canada highway in Northern Ontario did a great deal of advertising of the north and was the means of making many Ontarians better acquainted with their own province. But there is much to do in this regard. The announcement of Premier Bennett that the Cochrane and northerly route had been chosen despite a statement by Premier Henry that the matter was undecided, should do much to show the importance of the real Northern Ontario. Southerners should not be misled by all the newsmatter coming from Sault Ste. Marie."

Sudbury Star:—As good a guess as any is that business has turned a corner. In fact, it seems to have turned four corners, and is continuing to walk on around the same old block.

Refers to Value of Trans-Canada Road

Construction Will Create Work for Many Men. Will Attract Tourists and Increase Revenue, Says, Dr. Doolittle.

It will be remembered that a few years ago Dr. P. E. Doolittle, president of the Canadian Automobile Association, spoke in Timmins under the auspices of the Timmins Board of Trade and the Home and School Association. He emphasized the value of a Trans-Canada Highway to all the Dominion and though not pointing out any particular route it was evident to all listening to his address that he felt that what is now known as the Ferguson highway would naturally form part of the route of the All-Canadian highway across the continent. On account of his position as president of the Canadian Automobile Association, Dr. Doolittle recently has attempted to preserve silence as to the route that should be selected for the Trans-Canada highway through this North. This may be diplomatic, but it is not perhaps as patriotic as a frank statement in the matter would be. There is a chance that the most expensive and the least desirable route may be selected simply through political pull and paid propaganda. Unless Dr. Doolittle has changed his opinion from what it was when he was in Timmins some years ago he would be an ardent supporter now of the route by way of Cochrane and Hearst.

At the present time, while keeping away from suggesting any choice of route, Dr. Doolittle is actively urging the immediate commencement of work on the completion of the Trans-Canada highway. In an article in a recent special issue of The Toronto Globe, Dr. Doolittle writes as follows in regard to the value and benefits of the Trans-Canada highway:—

"Hardships and misfortune have a fashion sometimes of not proving a total loss, and an outcome sometimes results that largely offsets the adverse effects. There was a war one time and Canada suddenly found a stagnation of business that threw many out of employment, and to help tide over the slack period a start was made on the Toronto-Hamilton Highway as an emergency relief measure for the unemployed. The emergency quickly passed as demands for munitions and volunteers came which altered the labour situation, but the work had been well begun, and, in spite of mounting prices, it was carried on to a finish.

"So valuable was the highway to the commerce of the Province of Ontario that in a few years it proved quite unable to cope successfully with the great advance in transportation, and the second parallel highway was developed—the Dundas Highway—and already there is an agitation for a third road, which appears to be already a necessity.

"A condition somewhat similar to that which prevailed at the time of the commencement of the Trans-Canada Highway has now developed, and from present appearances the long-boosted completion of the Trans-Canada highway appears to be reasonably in sight. The immense number of unemployed, due to general conditions, has made it imperative to set big undertakings going if these men are to be enabled to retain their self-respect and work out their existence until times improve.

"With the definite assurance of the Prime Minister, when elected, that he would make the Trans-Canada highway part of the Federal programme, the assistance of the Dominion Government to the various Provinces promises a quick start for the completion of the great undertaking.

"The interest aroused in this work extends far and wide, and we have just opened our mail and found in it a letter from Great Britain enclosing a press clipping from the Newcastle Journal of a column or more in length with a vivid description of the completed section of the highway, and also of the territory through which the remainder must be built.

"The value of the highway to Canada, no matter through which part of Northern Ontario it passes, is enormous on account of the facility with which motorists east and west will be able to cross the continent in the summer season through a zone characterized by long summer days and cool nights. The local value will be greatly influenced by the type of country through which it passes and the amount of local interest that will be developed in that community. Tourists out simply for a holiday will linger and spend both time and money in districts which offer fine scenery with local attractions such as hunting, fishing, bathing beaches and comfortable and attractive hotel accommodation. These points will no doubt be taken into consideration by the Hon. Mr. Henry and his colleagues, and although every one will not be satisfied with the indicated route, yet the influx of summer visitors into the Canadian Northland, where they will not all stick to the highway will lend itself to increase business and prosperity through the whole north country.

"The value of the tourists' development in districts that are attractive to wealthy people who want to get away from the heat and bustle of their home lands will result in very many fine summer homes being built by people whose homes are elsewhere but who will spend their money freely where they get the surroundings they desire.

marks, he said: "Ten years ago the assessed value of the State of Maine was \$90,000,000, but in the last ten years foreigners—and by foreigners we mean those whose permanent residence is outside the State—have come and bought suitable sites and built summer homes which have raised the assessments of the State for taxable purposes by \$100,000,000, so that at the present time the non-resident taxpayer is carrying more than half of the entire burden of the State."

"Suitable locations for summer homes exist all throughout our Northland, and we look confidently forward to one of the immediate results of the completion of the highway; of an increased and taxable value of districts through which it passes that will largely offset its cost."

Another Argument for Timmins-Sudbury Road

In urging the completion of the highway between Timmins and Sudbury and thus forming a belt line of roads in the North, The Advance has pointed out the fact that several mining camps now held back because of lack of transportation facilities will be served by the proposed road. One of these mining areas is the Shining Tree districts. Every property in these camps that promises development is an argument in favour of the completion of the road. The latest such argument to be noted is the property formerly known as the Atlas Mine. A despatch last week from Sudbury in referring to the Atlas Mine says:—"A. J. Young, well-known in mining and financing circles of Ontario has purchased the old Atlas Mining property in the Wasipika section, West Shining Tree, and is preparing to operate on a small scale. A shipment of high grade has already been made, according to reports from Shining Tree. The Atlas was once controlled by a company with a capitalization of \$5,000,000 but recently fell under a sale of execution for around \$5,000.

The Atlas Property, originally known as The Ferguson Claims, was the first discovery in the Wasipika section of the West Shining Tree gold area. Spectacular gold showings occur in narrow quartz veins, some of which have been partially explored from a tunnel driven at the base of a 60-foot bluff.

The Evelyn vein was especially remarkable for its enrichment in pockets, and was partially explored from a shaft, sunk to depth of 40 feet. The property has been inactive for several years and until a few weeks ago no attempt was made to review its possibilities.

TIMMINS MEN INTERESTED IN BEAR LAKE PROPERTY

A despatch from Sudbury in The North Bay Nugget last week says:—"Taylor, Bush and Associates, of Detroit, have completed a programme of diamond drilling on the Bear Lake property, consisting of twelve claims which were optioned last fall from Charlie O'Neill and Associates, of Sudbury and Timmins. Sufficient drilling has been done to bring the group to a patent, and the drill has now been moved to

Round Lake where another showing is to be explored. Holdings of Taylor and Bush in the Sudbury district comprise a total of 21 claims all of which were optioned from O'Neill and his Associates. A substantial cash payment was made of a \$200,000 option and it is understood to be the intention of the optioners to form a company for financing further development next year."

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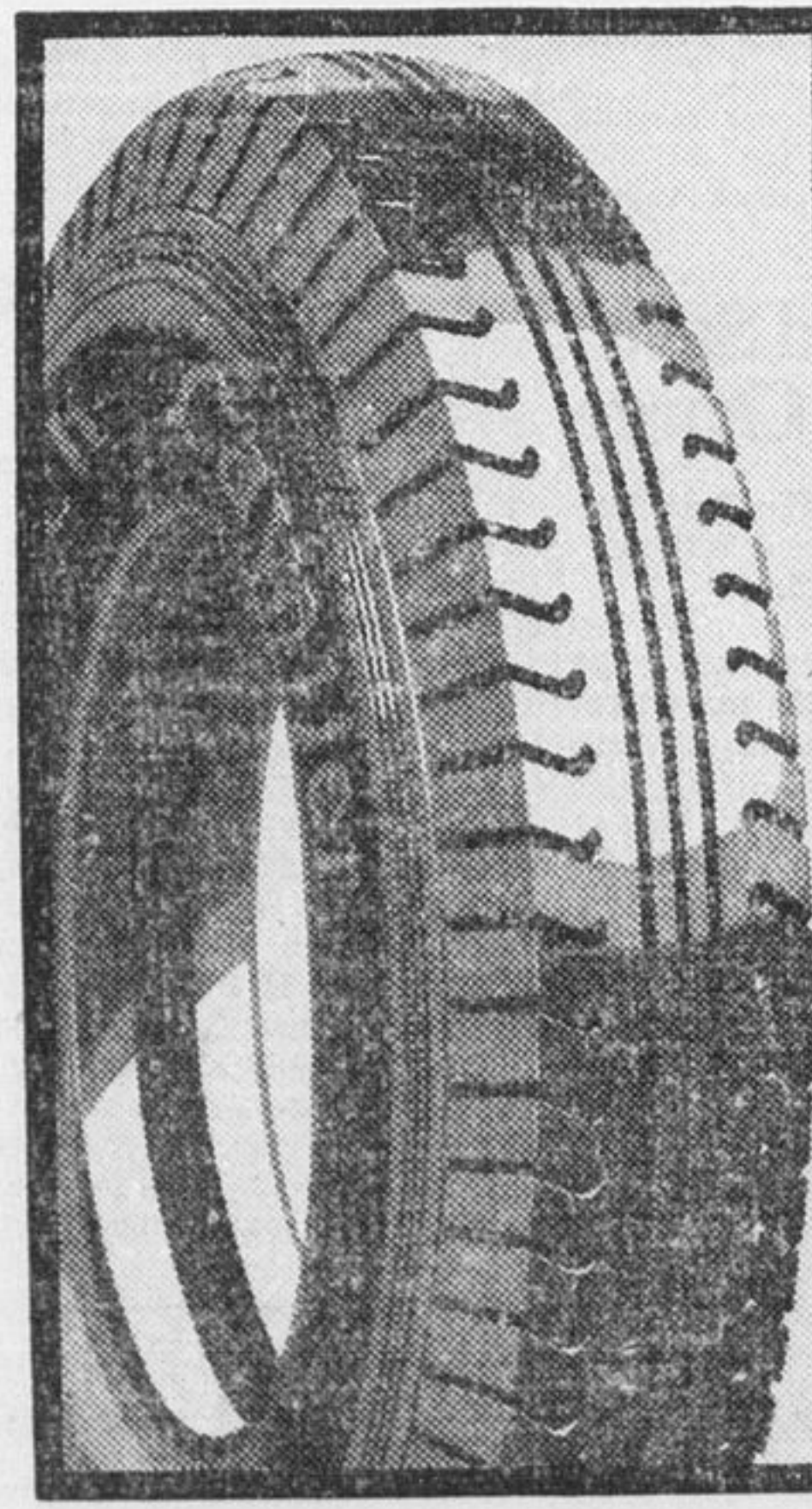
MINING CLAIM HOLDERS

DEPARTMENT OF MINES NOTICE To Holders of Mining Claims in Ontario Not Yet Patented or Leased.

Notice is hereby given to holders of mining claims, wheresoever situate, upon which the work specified in the Mining Act has been prohibited or restricted to a stated period by the Minister of Lands and Forests under the authority of the Mining Act, or where permission to do the work has been given under conditions and limitations designed to protect the timber, THAT under the Forest Fires Prevention Act, 1930, they are required to apply to the District Forester in the District in which the land is situate for a permit to perform such work, and that failure to apply for such permit, or upon issue of the same, failure to perform and record the work prescribed by the Mining Act, will subject their claim to cancellation. The time for performing and recording the said work is extended by Order-in-Council to and including the 15th day of November, 1931. If the work is so done and recorded, the time for computing the date before which further work upon the claim is required, will be computed as from the said 15th day of November, 1931.

The name and address of the District Forester to whom application for such permit should be made, may be obtained from the Recorder of the Mining Division in which the claim is situate. A miner's license in the name of the applicant, or due renewal of the same, must accompany the application and the number or numbers of the mining claim or claims must be clearly stated. T. P. SUTHERLAND, Acting Deputy Minister of Mines. Toronto, December 9th, 1930.

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