

Ask Appointment of a Second Agent

Val Gagne Agricultural Society Urging Government to Appoint Agricultural Representative for South Cochrane.

On several occasions The Advance has urged the appointment of a second representative of the Dept. of Agriculture for all the immense area from Hudson's Bay to below Ramore and from the Quebec boundary to beyond Hearst on the west there is only the one representative for the Dept. of Agriculture, D. J. Pomerleau, whose headquarters are at Cochrane.

has done the best that any man could do, and it is the recognition of this that has, perhaps, kept many from objecting as strongly as they might otherwise to the lack of proper representation of the Dept. of Agriculture in this new country where the work is so valuable.

Some days ago at the annual meeting of the Val Gagne Agricultural Society, Val Gagne, Ont., a resolution was unanimously passed asking the president and secretary of the association to again take up with the Minister of Agriculture the question of appointing another representative of the Dept. of Agriculture for this part of the North.

for South Cochrane. The meeting understood that the Government was considering the discontinuing of the demonstration farm at Hearst. This would relieve experts for use elsewhere in the province, though it would also add greatly to the need in this area of the North.

With the closing of the Hearst farm more of the progressive farmers and settlers would be turning to the district representative for help and guidance and his already overburdened shoulders would be still further imposed upon.

1.—Whereas the directors of Val Gagne Agricultural Society consider the present territory, now served by Mr. D. J. Pomerleau, official agricultural representative, is too vast for the latter to be in a position to give adequate assistance to the farmers of the community, to promote efficiently agriculture, the Val Gagne Agricultural Society, through the directors of the said society, humbly prays the Honorable Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario, to seriously consider the division of the official agricultural representative's present territory so that there may be an official agricultural representative located in this part of the division, possibly, Matheson, which point appears to be more central for the location of such representative, and thereby render the necessary and better assistance to progress of the farming industry, in the said division, including all lines as at present.

2.—Whereas the biggest majority of farmers around this community are French-Canadians and perhaps not able therefore to speak and understand so fluently the English language, it was received unanimously that the Val Gagne Agricultural Society, through the directors of the said society, humbly prays the Honorable Minister of Agriculture, for the Province of Ontario, to kindly nominate, in such division, an official agricultural representative, who shall be able to speak both French and English. The move and nomination of an official agricultural representative, as aforesaid, is sure to be a better encouragement to the farmers, which beyond doubt the Honorable Minister is aiming at, and therefore stimulate the ambition of the farmers and help them to get to a better standard of agriculture, which will eventually result to the good credit of the Province of Ontario.

In forwarding these resolutions the Val Gagne Agricultural Society asked for special consideration for the idea of the appointing of a second agricultural representative for Cochrane district. In view of the fact that no such second representative has been appointed, the society at its meeting some days ago suggested that the question be taken up again with the Minister of Agriculture, and accordingly, it is understood the officers again wrote Hon. Mr. Kennedy in reference to the question.

In reference to the first resolution as quoted above it is doubtful if any man in this whole section of the North would question its advisability. There is very general belief that the territory now under the care of Mr. Pomerleau is altogether too large for any one man to handle with any degree of efficiency. There will be equally general agreement as to the suggestion that the new headquarters be located at Matheson. To most people that seems the logical place for it. There may be some who may not favour the second resolution, but this, of course, is a secondary consideration, the big need now being for a second representative able to take over charge of the big district of South Cochrane and relieve in some measure the undue pressure on the representative who now has to care for the whole immense territory.

S. Alexander Freed by Order of Attorney-General

The Halleyburian last week says:—"Sayed Alexander, who during the past few years has established a record for legal actions in the North Country, was released on Tuesday from the district jail here, where he had spent the time since December last. He had appeared at the assizes for the second time to face a charge of arson laid in connection with the burning of a store occupied by him at Kirkland Lake in 1930. The jury disagreed and Alexander failed to procure the bail set by the crown. This was the second disagreement of a jury in the case and an order of "Nolle prosequere" was entered by the Attorney-General. This in effect means that there will be no further prosecution on the charge and is the customary outcome, according to legal gentlemen here, when no decision has been reached after two trials, although there are exceptions. Alexander first came before the courts when he entered an action for damages against the Canadian National Railways, following an accident at Kapuskasing when he lost a part of one leg. This was fought four times, and finally he lost out after being awarded damages on one or two occasions only to have the decision appealed. In the fall of 1930 the arson charge was laid and, after being set down for the December assizes, was traversed to the spring. In both spring and fall of 1931 the juries disagreed."

TEACHERS' BOWLING TEAM SCORES FOR JAN. 20 AND 27

Table with columns for dates (Jan 20, 27) and teams (A, B, C, D) with scores for individual players and standing of teams.

Winners of Prizes at Club Bonspiel

Geo. Lake's Rink Wins Club Trophy, Alf. Prout's Rink Wins Ecclestone Cup and the President's Event in Local Bonspiel.

Three important matches were played at the Timmins Curling Rink over the week-end. The match between Lake and Hall for the winning of the Club event in the recent bonspiel, that between Prout and Ramsay for the possession of the Ecclestone Cup and the match between Jackson and Ecclestone for the consolation prize.

In the first named event, that for the Club trophy, Geo. Lake got away to a big start on R. H. Hall, but the latter kept creeping up, and the final end saw Lake four up. The personnel of the two rinks is as follows:—Geo. Lake, skip; R. Wynne, vice-skip; C. Desaulniers, second; W. Burns, lead. R. H. Hall, skip; A. G. Carson, vice-skip; McClesney, second; L'Amien, lead.

The match between Prout and Ramsay was a hard fought battle. Prout got a lead in the earlier ends, but Ramsay crept up, and got ahead of him, the match having to go to thirteen ends to decide the possessor of the Ecclestone Cup for this season. The personnel of the rinks is as follows:—C. P. Ramsay, skip; J. J. Davies, vice-skip; R. Eddy, second; Burt, lead. A. E. Prout, skip; H. J. Marshall, vice-skip; O. Farman, second; W. McDermott, lead. The winners of the Ecclestone Cup are also the winners of the President's event in the local bonspiel.

In the consolation event, Ecclestone had a comparatively easy win over Jackson. The personnel of the rinks in this event is as follows:—J. W. Ecclestone, skip; M. Belanger, vice-skip; J. Burke, second; Heath, lead. H. Jackson, skip; I. E. Dunn, vice-skip; Dr. Porter, second; Dr. Day, lead.

Handsome prizes were awarded the winners and the runners-up in all the events.

Hearst Round the Club House While the Games Were on—and After.

Mr. J. S. McGuire ("Dad") was receiving the congratulations of the club members on his seventieth birthday. "Dad" says he feels like thirty-five.

After his defeat at the hands of the rink skipped by Geo. Lake, with Bob Wynne as second, Mr. R. H. Hall observed that you could never lose when you had a Wynne to start with.

Favourable comment was made on the decorations of the Club House, Mr. Frank Rodger receiving commendation for the splendid "Welcome" signs arranged round the Club Rooms, and the splendid display of Union Jacks, and other bunting which lends a gay appearance to the curling rink.

On Sunday evening Piper O'Neill and Drummers Cherry, O'Neill and Bertie Hornby were on hand at the station to welcome the visiting curlers with real curling music—and this despite the cold which made playing the pipes at least harder than usual.

Wils Lang was wondering, witnessing the crowd at the station, if any members of the club were absent. The visitors sure had a great reception committee to meet them. And the train was over ten minutes late at that.

N.A.M.E. Has Funds for the Coming Season's Work

As a result of the sale of a group of claims in Great Bear Lake, Northern Aerial Minerals Exploration, Limited, has been provided with sufficient funds to enable it to carry forward exploration and development work at its coppermine property.

The company is sending in a crew and materials, which will include a drilling outfit, early in April by aeroplane. Before the end of next season some definite data should be forthcoming regarding the downward extensions of the various copper deposits, some of which are unusually rich on the surface.

Coppermine area is within 40 miles of tide water and is regarded by the management as readily accessible. The use of tractors will make transportation over land of high grade ore profitable, officials state.

One of the finds on N.A.M.E. ground is chalcocite, running 70 per cent. in copper, and a large showing of bornite runs 48 per cent. copper. Another discovery, which is described as tremendous and "low-grade" average 10 per cent. copper. Officials estimate that recovery, transportation and reduction of copper ores will be profitable, based on a price for the metal of 5 cents per pound. The company has secured water power resources at Bloody Falls ample for all its requirements.

N.A.M.E. officials report that in Great Bear lake region there are excellent chances of finding gold in quantity, because of the nature of the formation observed in many places along the air routes. This supports recent reports that gold discoveries had been made in the district.

Huntingdon Gleaner:—An average of 400 persons—more than one a day—change their names every year in France. Statistics show that personal reasons are, for the most part, the cause. Apparently, many are even unwilling to bear the same names as a notorious criminal for figures show that every time one is condemned the French council of state is besieged by scores of persons, similarly named, wishing to change. According to reports everyone in France called Landru changed his or her name following the execution of the French "Bluebeard."

Near Paradise for the Bear Hunters

Bears May Be Seen in Numbers from Cook Mountain and the View Alone is Worth the Trip. "Take a Camera with You."

Writing from the O'Connor House at Schumacher, H. A. Preston, old-timer of the North, says:—

"I wish to tell F. M. Wallingford, of Timmins, if he and a few friends want to have one grand time killing bears this coming spring, they sure can have it and get enough to make three or four bearskin coats for themselves. Let him just go east of Timmins to Ramore and follow the telephone line to that tower on Cook Mountain, which he can see from the highway. There is a good road to it, and also right to the top of the mountain. At the foot of it is a lot of elegant camp ground, and lots of dry wood and no danger of fire. There are sand plains for a distance. Fetch a couple of tents and 303 British rifles. Go up on the mountain and walk all around it, for it's quite easy to do. On the north end he can look down on an old road and see Mr. Bear right below him 600 feet down. I have seen four not far apart on this road. I have seen a she-bear with her cubs and watched them for hours. Go up on the tower any fine morning or any time during the day and up to dark, and I'll bet Mr. Wallingford he will see a dozen bears some close enough to shoot, and others a mile or two away. In the evening he

may get a crack at two or three together right near his tents. If I had been allowed a rifle while there fire-ranging, there would be twenty bears less in Ontario. I advise Mr. Wallingford to be ready just as soon as the warm days come in May, around the first week, and then until June 21st when the leaves get too thick to see far. If Mr. Wallingford or any of his friends will call on me, I'll draw a map showing him where to go at distances, and where I could see bears, and it's all so easy to get there. After he and his party have seen the view from Cook Mountain and come home with their bears, I'll guarantee they will feel like new men and like the North better than ever. In the country they will see from the tower there must be a billion dollars of gold hidden below. It will be one of the most enjoyable hunts they ever had and only four miles to town on a good road to get provisions if needed or to telephone home. Take a kodak also and get some pictures of bears off the mountain.

Pembroke Standard:—This is what happened on Pembroke street on Wednesday afternoon. A farmer was bringing in a load of logs for one of the local industrial plants and his horses got stuck on the pavement from which snow and ice had been melted in the mild weather, and were unable to move the sleigh any farther. Louis Kahl drove up with the Pembroke Electric Light Co. truck when the teamster was in the midst of difficulties and, hitching his machine to the load in front of the horses, hauled the sleigh, team and all, up the street.

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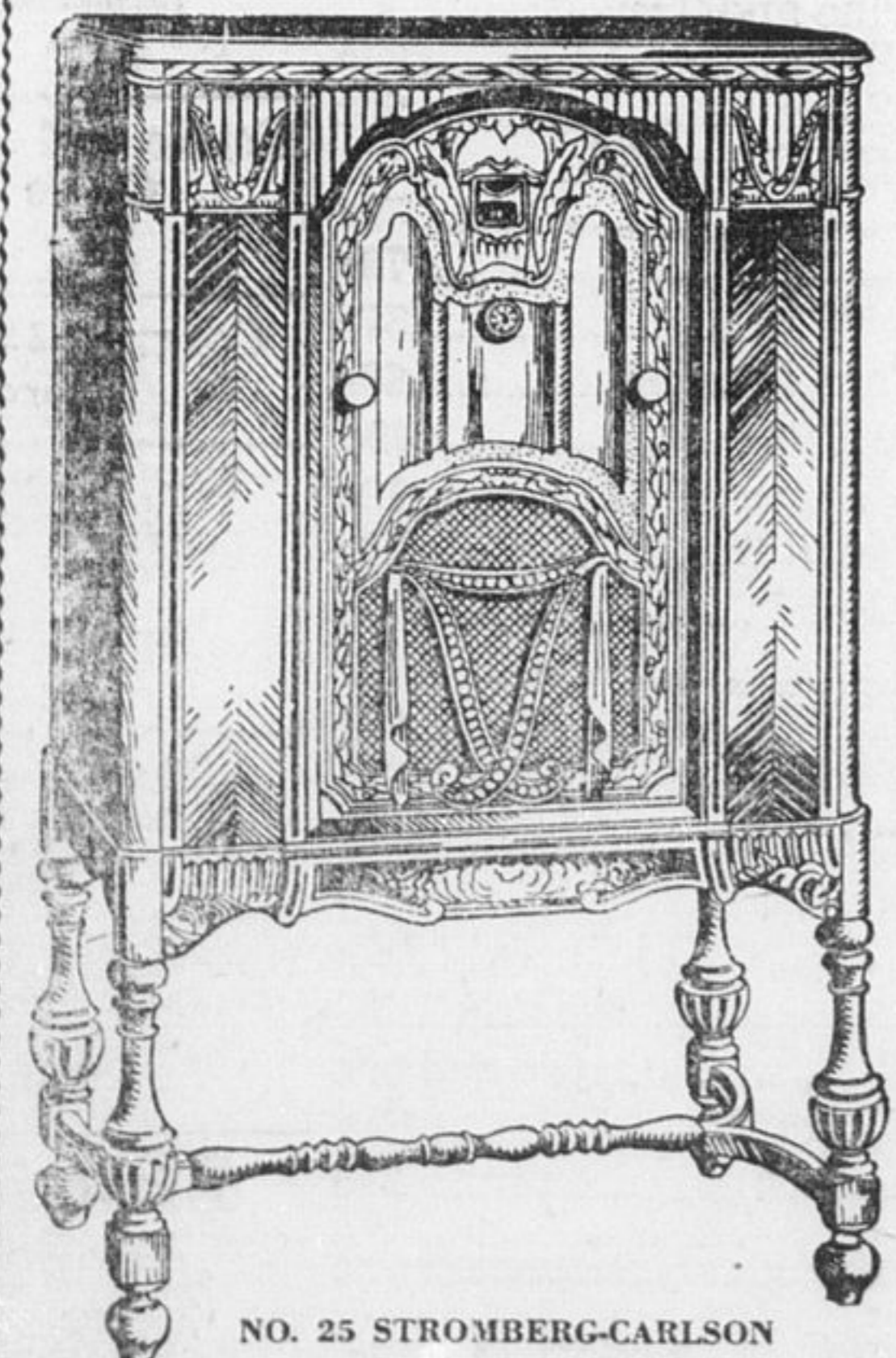
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