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Suggests Highway Timmins to Havana

Col. Rountree of United States Good Roads Association Makes Ambitious Proposal for Route from Timmins to South America.

This week The Advance has received a clipping from The Havana Post, of Havana, Cuba, dated April 18th, 1932, suggesting a highway clear from Timmins to the "southernmost reaches of South America." Many here who have been in the habit of making auto trips to the far south will be interested in the proposal advanced by Col. Rountree, of the United States Good Roads Association, as noted in The Havana Post. It is true that the matter rests with the people of the United States and South American countries. So far as Canada is concerned the highway is already in existence from Timmins to the United States system of roads. Indeed the road in Canada may be followed from Hearst or Cochrane down to the States. Cars from Timmins, Kapuskasing, Cochrane, Iroquois Falls and other North Land towns have gone down to Florida, and cars from Florida have visited the North in past summers and will likely do so this year and following years in increasing numbers. The fact that a great part of the proposed international highway already has been constructed and in use simply proves the proposal is not as visionary as it might appear at first glance to some. In any case Timmins and other North Land towns will find the proposition of more than passing interest. For the present this North Land is probably more concerned with the idea of the Trans-Canada highway than with thoughts of extended international highways, but as Canada's part of the proposed international long distance

highway is already in use, the call for the special attention of this country is not so great, though it may be said that the project will find a large measure of support here. As an added encouragement to the people of the South who are dreaming of a gravel international highway of immense length and interest, it may be noted that likely before the southern connecting links are completed the North Land will have extended its Ferguson highway through to James Bay. It is probable that in the course of the next few years the growth of settlement north of Cochrane and the demands of the tourist and other traffic to Moosonee or James Bay will warrant the extending of the Ferguson highway to the northern sea. In such a case the proposed international highway will have that much added interest.

The clipping from The Havana Post sent to The Advance reads as follows:—
Rountree Envisions Highway Connecting American Countries.
With a vision of an international highway extending from Timmins gold fields in Northern Ontario, in Canada, through the United States, to Miami and Key West, then by ferry to Havana and overland to the western edge of Ginar del Rio, then again by ferry to Yucatan, through Mexico to the Panama Canal, and thence to the southernmost reaches of South America, Col. J. A. Rountree has been in active service of the United States Good Roads Association for more than two decades.

Recently re-elected for the twenty-first time, Colonel Rountree is director general of the organization, in charge of the permanent headquarters of the group and as such was the moving force in bringing 53 commissioners of the association to Havana in a post-convention visit to contact highway officials in Cuba in furtherance of the vast project.

With a varied programme of activities arranged for the commissioners during their visit here, they were received by officials upon arrival here from Key West Saturday night, escorted to the Hotel Plaza which is their Havana headquarters, members of the party were entertained yesterday with sight-seeing trips throughout the city and during the late afternoon were guests of the country club at the Sunday tea dance.

Formal calls will be made today upon officials here, and a business session will be held during the day.

Help Preserve the Lawns and Gardens

Watch to Prevent the Dog from Destroying the Work of Beautifying Homes and the Town's General Appearance.

This is the time of year when people start on their lawns and gardens. The Timmins Horticultural Society is especially active and effective and the result will surely be an improved town and more pleasing home surroundings. Lawns and gardens are a public asset—something that gives pleasure even to the passerby. Lawns and gardens give a town a good name, and better still they make everybody feel better. Probably there is nothing that costs so little in actual cash that brings so great and so widespread pleasure as lawns and gardens. However, it should be specially remembered that lawns and gardens cost a lot in labour. All over the town this summer, as in previous years there will be lawns and gardens and flowers that will be a delight to all who see them. In viewing these lawns and gardens, and at the present time before they may be seen, it would be well for the general public to consider

what an amount of effort and interest the lawns and gardens require. After remembering that point the people in general should resolve to give all possible aid to the furtherance of lawns and gardens as a town asset. Not only should people look after their own lawns and gardens but they should give heed to those of others. There should be a general desire and intention to help preserve the lawns and gardens in general. One of the chief enemies to the garden at this time of year is the wandering dog. In this regard the general public can give great support to the gardens by seeing that the dogs are kept at home. Timmins has a by-law against dogs running at large and it is only natural and reasonable that special attention should be given to this by-law at this particular moment. The Halleyburian last week in an editorial article headed "Dogs and Gardens," had something to say that deserves wide publicity and very careful consideration by people in general and dog owners in particular. The Advance would respectfully suggest to the people of Halleybury who are the owners of dogs that unless they follow the advice of The Halleyburian in regard to playing fair about dogs and gardens they will find that public opinion will force restrictions on the dogs. That is just what happened in Timmins. For years The Advance urged dog owners to restrain their dogs so that they might not become a nuisance and a source of loss to neighbours. There was a general desire not to impose severe restrictions on the dogs in this town, but the dog owners seemed to take advantage of the leniency shown to allow their dogs to become so great a nuisance that eventually stringent regulations were passed and the dogs lost their liberty. The tendency here now is not only to have the dogs under restraint in the summer, but all the year round.

In referring to the dogs and the gardens, The Halleyburian says:—
"At the risk of being accused of harping too much on one subject, we would again remind dog owners in town that the time is almost here when the spring gardening will commence in earnest and we may expect complaints of damage done by the canine population. It is very discouraging to find, after spending hours of hard work in trying to add a little to the beauty of home surroundings, that efforts have been wasted through no fault of our own. A dog can cause a lot of havoc in a few minutes, as many of our citizens can testify, and in some sections of the town there is little or no chance to have a garden. We have been asked to appeal to the sense of justice of those who keep dogs; to urge them to make a special effort this year to see that their pets are kept at home for the next few weeks at least, and thus not only assist in making the town more beautiful, but promote good feeling between neighbours. It is difficult to educate a dog to such an extent that he will respect the property of the neighbours, but something may be done along this line, and we can at least keep them under control for a short time until the gardens get a fair start."

Goderich Signal:—A good story comes out of the recent unpleasantness at Shanghai. When the Japanese took home with them as prizes of war the big guns of the Woosung forts which had given them so much trouble, they found that they had been made in Japan and had not been paid for by their Chinese purchasers. And the Japs are optimists if they think they can collect the bill now.

Inspiring Address on Boys to Kiwanis

P. T. Moisiey the Speaker at Monday's Luncheon. Address on the "Challenge of the Boy" Greatly Appreciated by Club.

The feature of the Timmins Kiwanis Club Luncheon on Monday at the Empire hotel was the address by P. T. Moisiey on "The Challenge of the Boy." The address was a most inspiring one, full of facts and helpful information, encouraging for what had been accomplished in the way of building better citizenship, and imperative in its call for still greater effort to meet the "challenge of the boy."

The visitors for the day were Mayor Geo. S. Drew, Councillor A. Caron and Gus Ribout, all of whom were given regular Kiwanis welcome.
A new member, Rev. Fr. Caulfield, was duly initiated into the Kiwanis. He was introduced by Kiwanian P. T. Moisiey. The Kiwanis button was presented by Kiwanian W. Rhin, and the Kiwanis obligation was given by Kiwanian Rev. Bruce Millar, the ceremony being impressive and pleasing. J. D. Brady, convener of the committee in charge, reported on the progress of the Kiwanis "Buy at Home" campaign and the success being met. He said that very satisfactory results were reported by the merchants of Timmins and district, and also that the public in general felt the value of the campaign. Mr. Brady noted that a number of other Kiwanis Clubs in Canada had adopted plans along somewhat similar lines to help their communities, so the effect of the effort here might be considered not only as beneficial locally but also as far-reaching in its happy consequences.

In opening his address, "The Challenge of the Boy," Kiwanian J. P. Moisiey said that no one had to apologize for speaking about youth, for the greatest of all history have assured us that boys and girls are basic, and that anything we may do for them is, in the nature of the case, fundamental. He quoted the great Disraeli as saying:—"All of the vagabondage of England begins in neglected boyhood." Hugo, the great Frenchman had made the comment that the youth of France are the trustees of posterity. "Any man who helps a boy or girl to become a good citizen makes contribution of the first magnitude to the welfare of society" was a quotation from that great preacher, Phillips Brooks. The great Catholic leader, Cardinal Hayes, was quoted by Mr. Moisiey as making the comment, "Our boys and girls are our real defence; they are more important than armies, navies, or international relationships." "The boy, particularly the underprivileged child," said Mr. Moisiey, "is fearfully and wonderfully made; fearfully made if you subject him to all the influences that make for crime and temptation; wonderfully made, if you see to it that under the influence of your club, your individual leadership, and your institutional leadership, the boy has a chance to develop into all the fine parts of a reliable and unimpeachable type of manhood. The problem of the underprivileged child of to-day is one of cause and effect. The remedy is as clear as crystal to those of us who think, and to those of us who have the Kiwanis ideal of service." Mr. Moisiey touched on the question of the juvenile delinquent, showing that it was not a problem restricted to cities only. He quoted from a chart prepared with the assistance of A. G. Carson, superintendent of the Children's Aid, and Chief Jones showing the

number of juvenile delinquent cases in Timmins in the past three years. While only a very small number of boys had gone to the Industrial School the number of cases was startling. He suggested that here was certainly a good field for Kiwanis endeavour among boys such as the 303 who have appeared in court here in the last three years.

The remedy, the speaker said, started first of all with each man getting the right relationship with his own boy and then extending that influence as far as he was able to take in as many other lads as might be kept in the right lines. Among other things, Mr. Moisiey said:—"Mr. Carson, C.A.S. inspector, is authority for the statement that we in Timmins are much more fortunate in this matter of juvenile delinquency than any other Northern centre, and in an unsolicited statement claims that credit for this should go to the various boy's organizations which are keeping them busy in their spare time viz., Boy Scouts, Holy Name Club, Trail Rangers, Tuxis, and the T.B.A.A. with its hockey and softball teams in which more than 400 boys participate. The same authority also states that 95 per cent. of juvenile delinquency is caused by the gang spirit, or a matter of following the leader. If then, we hold the gang and influence them in clean, wholesome recreation we shall overcome a great part of the difficulty. Boys' clubs are the solution, tried and tested, in some cases juvenile delinquency being reduced 76 per cent. In Canada and the United States, to-day over 1200 cities have places on their budget for recreation, and surely 1200 cities can't be wrong."

Mr. Moisiey proceeded to show the absolute necessity for building up citizenship. The city that does not make man is doomed," he said. He touched on the character of the boy, and in concluding said:—"Let me say to you that any hope that we may have for world peace, any hope that we may have for the improvement of our industrial, social, economic, spiritual, national or international progress, must come from the heart of the growing boy, for only through him, while he is as plastic as clay, while you can inscribe upon him what you will, can you eventually come to a solution of the problems of the world. Kiwanis has helped splendidly in bringing about the new day and the new duty towards our boys. Your splendid work for underprivileged children is one of the encouraging things of our day and generation; put on your armour, work overtime to protect our potential manhood, and then,

High-Grade Samples from Week's Run of the Press

St. Mary's Journal-Argus.—No less than four and a half million receiving sets are now in operation in Great Britain, an immense increase in a short space of time. The programs are entirely provided by the British Broadcasting Co. which is a branch of the government service. The B. B. C. has its own chain of stations and has just opened a five million dollar broadcasting headquarters in London, which is the last word in scientific achievement. All this is provided out of a portion of a ten shilling license fee. With the new license fee of two dollars in Canada, a Canadian broadcasting organization should be able to cut out the invasion of homes, morning, noon and night, including Sunday by salesmen with their sponsored programs.

Milverton Sun.—Some newspapers affect to see a lass of time and money when repartee or bandinage is indulged in in parliamentary debate but we do not know why bright breezy and even caustic sayings should not light up the long dull prosy proceedings once in a while. In the days when Sir John Macdonald and Sir Richard Cartwright occupied opposite sides in the House of Commons many quips and quorks passed across the floor of the House that have become classics in the line of wit. On one occasion the former was charged with stealing the platform of his opponents. "Do you accuse me of petty larceny?" remarked the old chief. It was indeed an effective way of meeting a charge that might have been found difficult to explain away by spacious argument.

St. Mary's Journal-Argus.—Ten St. Marys youths arrived home this week from the northern construction camps, looking fine and fit, in fact in the very pink of condition. Hard work in the open air with plenty of food and proper rest, is a program that the average individual thrives best on. It is nature's way of living and agrees better with the human make-up both from physical and mental standpoints than does modern indoor work. It is brought home to us in this depression that men would have fuller lives if they would find open air occupation on the land rather than become mere units in industry to be thrown to the scrap heap when production slackens.

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