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COMMENT ON THE IDEA OF CONTRACTS IN PERPETUITY

(The Toronto Telegram)
 If and when Ontario takes over the Abitibi Canyon power plant the province will by no means control the power situation in the northern mining area. Private interests, it has been pointed out, are strongly entrenched and several mines are bound to them by contracts which run with the life of the mines. Already a suggestion has come from a Liberal source that it may ultimately be desirable for the province to take over the private power plants in the interests of northern development.

The suggestion is not likely to be welcomed by anyone except, perhaps, those mines directly concerned. The people of the province generally are satisfied that the province has gone quite far enough in the power-buying market.

It is not, however, beyond the bounds of possibility that if the rates at which the private companies supply power are beyond what is equitably justifiable, the province may have to consider whether contracts in perpetuity are in the public interest. If the high cost of power is holding up the development of low-grade ore properties, it may be desirable for the province to assume control of the rates charged or to place some restriction upon the term for which a contract may run.

The province is no more interested in the profits of mining corporations than in those of power companies. But it is interested in seeing that the cost of power is not so prohibitive as to prevent a full realization of the mineral resources of the country. Competition between Hydro and private power corporations might prove beneficial for the north country. But competition cannot have much effect where perpetual contracts are in force.

Powassan News:—"You're getting along when you can remember the time when it was considered a luxury to be born in a hospital."

NEW LISKEARD AND NORTH LOSES A GOOD CITIZEN

Many in Timmins and especially those interested in Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade work will regret the removal of C. E. Rea from New Liskeard to Toronto. Mr. Rea was an active and able worker for the North, using the Associated Boards for his efforts along this line. His quiet friendly ways won him many friends here. In referring to his removal to Toronto, The New Liskeard Speaker last week says:—

"On Friday of this week New Liskeard will lose a citizen who has been a live wire ever since coming to New Liskeard, but a few years ago. We refer to the departure of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rea, who have decided to make their future home in Toronto. Mr. Rea first came to New Liskeard as the manager of the Chainway Store, a position he held here for about a year and a half, when he purchased the insurance business then being run under the name of McCrea-Moseley-Williams. Mr. Rea has been very successful in his insurance business here, and, believing that a greater future was in store for him in Toronto, he has decided to open an office at 1498 Yonge street, where he will continue to carry on in that business. Although he has decided to go to the city, he has not disposed of his New Liskeard business, which will be conducted under the management of Mr. H. A. Hughes, who has arrived in town for that purpose, and will take up his residence in the Kingston Apartments. At the time Mr. Rea decided to leave town he was a member of the town council and president of the New Liskeard board of trade, as well as secretary of the hockey club and prominent in Anglican church and Kiwanis affairs, so that he will be missed from many local circles. Mrs. Rea has also taken her part in many local affairs and her departure will also be regretted by many friends, who will wish both Mr. and Mrs. Rea every success in their new home."

Milverton Sun:—"In the midst of all the discoveries and inventions it may not be generally known that the art of printing from movable type is perhaps the greatest invention ever devised by the mind of man. It provided the facilities for the giving of knowledge to the masses. Through the medium of books, pamphlets, newspapers and other forms of literature knowledge previously in the hands of monks spread throughout the world. To the mind of man it gave light, where formerly darkness prevailed. It is almost impossible to estimate the progress that has been made in the world through this great invention."

Red Cross Reports Tell of Good Work

Nurses do Courageous Work in Isolated Sections. Outpost and Hospital Work in North Worthy of Support.

Some weeks ago The Advance referred to the fact that the Ontario Red Cross was finding that it must either get further funds or it would be necessary to curtail the outpost work of the society in the isolated sections of the North. The Advance pointed out that there are now twenty-four outposts in Ontario maintained by the society, equipped by local branches, financed by gifts from all over the province, and directed from the Ontario headquarters in Toronto. The first of the outposts of the Red Cross were established at Wilberforce in 1922, and there are now ten other single-nurse outposts—Whitney, Reddith, Quibell, Loring, Lion's Head, Kakabeka Falls, Coe Hill, Northfield, Atikoken and Apsley. In addition there are twelve regular hospital outposts with a staff of nurses each. These twelve are Englehart, Kirkland Lake, New Liskeard, Nakina, Bancroft, Hornepayne, Rainy River, St. Joseph's Island, Thessalon, Blind River, Dryden and Bracebridge. There is a staff of 49 trained nurses in charge of the outposts. One of the outposts is a Red Cross railway car which travels wherever there is need of its services and rails to carry it.

In commenting on the suggestion from the Ontario headquarters that some of the outpost work of the Red Cross might have to be curtailed unless further funds were secured, The Advance said:—"The general work of the Red Cross is deserving of full support, but there would seem to be reason for special interest and help to the outposts and hospitals and nurses. It would seem to be too bad that any one of the outposts should need to be closed for lack of money where there are funds available in the province. Anyone who can spare a few dollars would seem to be investing it well from the good citizenship and humanitarian standpoint if they contributed to the outpost work of the Red Cross."

Any consideration of the good work done by the Red Cross outposts will emphasize the desirability for their continuance. It would seem to be a pity indeed if their usefulness were curtailed even for a time. Official reports of nurses in charge of the 24 Red Cross outposts in Ontario to Dr. Fred W. Routley, Director of the Ontario Division, reveal an amazing amount of relief work done in isolated sections of the province, beyond the reach of hos-

Value of Training in Athletic Enterprises

On several occasions The Advance has taken occasion to speak a good word for those who undertake the training of those who engage in sports and athletics. The praise has sometimes been for individuals and at other times it has been for the idea of training and coaching in general. Even natural talent and aptitude will not make up for the advantage of the experience and the skill of the gifted trainer, whether it be running, boxing, baseball or whatnot that may be considered. It is for this reason that The Advance recently said the good word about Jas. Campbell and his plan to train boys in various lines of athletics. The record of good work done by him is proof of the value of this form of training. It was for similar reasons that The Advance gave a good word to Al. Pitcher when he announced his intention of opening an athletic club at Timmins. Al. Pitcher has a wide reputation for the advantage he has given boys who have trained under him for the ring.

A reference to this idea of the value of training was made by The Northern News of Kirkland Lake last week. The reference, it will be noted, has a direct interest for Timmins and district. In an editorial article The Northern News says:—

"The value of training in athletic enterprises was aptly illustrated at Culver Park, last week, when fleet-footed track stars of McIntyre and New Liskeard carried away the lion's share of prizes in the Kirkland Lake Marathon Amateur Athletic Association's annual field day. These visitors displayed that degree of speed, stamina—and lastly—careful training—that enabled them to outrace the best that Kirkland Lake put forward in the way of competition. In Kirkland Lake, with its 12,500 population, there is probably just as much good material available to produce outstanding athletes as there is elsewhere. But, for some reason or another, the community has shown lack of public interest in the development of track stars, and the result was shown at Culver last week. Maybe it is due to two things. Athletes must be properly trained to become top notchers. And they must be provided with proper facilities to enable them to make the most of their natural potentialities. It is to be regretted that Kirkland Lake has not seen to it that these things have been provided in the cause of athletics. The need of a proper sports stadium is as acute one here. And unless this need is provided Kirkland Lake cannot hope to produce the kind of sprinters, runners, and marathoners that will win prizes against the pick of the North."

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George W. Field, candidate for re-election as Clerk of Real County, Texas, wanted to be sure of re-election. He placed an advertisement in his hometown weekly paper stating that he wanted "400 people to vote for me in the July primary." When the ballots were counted, he had exactly that number—one more than his opponent, who received 399 votes.

RIGHT AND WRONG VIEW ON THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC

A recent issue of The Midland Free Press contained an illuminating article on the right and wrong way to instruct children in regard to the rights of others and especially the rights that the general public have in what belongs to the public in general. The Midland Free Press says:—

"Two mothers walked in the park the other afternoon. Two children romped along with them.

"One mother saw her child plucking the bright blooms from the bushes. She said 'If you see a policeman, throw the flowers away quickly and walk straight ahead.'"

"The other mother called her child's attention to the various forms of loveliness. Time after time she said 'Smell but do not touch. These flowers belong to everybody. Other children will be glad to find them here tomorrow. We have some at home, remember.'"

"Two mothers were educating two children as no school will ever be able to educate them. The first mother was saying, it is right enough to break a law if you don't get caught. The second was saying the law is the expression of common sense and decency: observe it to the profit of all."

"The children were being moulded and shaped to be citizens. The one to be a mean-spirited citizen whose service to the law was lip service. The other to be a citizen with that indefinable quality called public spirit."

"The time will come in the lives of both youngsters when the episode in the park will have been forgotten. But the example and counsel of those two mothers will never be erased."

WATCH OUT FOR THE BAD CHEQUE PASSERS IN NORTH

There have been a lot of towns in the South victimized by well-dressed and plausible crooks passing bogus cheques on merchants and others. It is a fact that as soon as any sort of racket is started in the South, the North is sure to be made a stamping ground for the same racketeers. When the South starts to wake up to the game in progress, the crooks apparently say to themselves, "Let's go north; things are good there." And then the trick is attempted on the business people of this country. In the past year there have been several cases where this sort of thing has been stopped so far as the North is concerned, simply by the people here being warned by the newspapers. This is the best plan. Learn from newspapers, rather than from bitter experience. At present the chief graft by the slick racketeers in the South is the passing of bad cheques. Read what the newspapers in the South say and then be forewarned. Leave the cashing of cheques to the banks. The racketeers that can sting the bank will be good indeed these days.

The Lindsay Post reports that Bad Cheque Artists are active there: It says:

"About one hundred dollars have been taken from Lindsay merchants in a little over a week by rubber cheque artists who 'worked' the town on two occasions and police have at present circled the province for one man and are on the lookout for others."

"In the meantime a warning has been issued which all merchants in the town and district should heed if they do not want to find themselves out considerable money. It is 'Cash no cheques for strangers no matter how plausible their story may be, or how positive their identification.'"

Brantford Expositor:—"For the first time in the history of the University of Toronto three dentists have been given honorary degrees. This demonstrates that the members of this profession are developing an even greater pull and that due recognition is given of their services to University pupils after they have finished grinding their teeth over examination papers."

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pital and doctor. The reports also unconsciously tell tales of heroism, self-sacrifice and courage unparalleled in Ontario's pioneer days.

The story of how a nurse saved the life of a 12-year-old Finnish boy is dramatically related by Miss M. E. Bartlett, in charge of the Red Cross outpost at Reddith. "He was attempting to reach home before dusk after fishing in a lake four miles distant," reports Miss Bartlett. "He was about to jump on a freight train, missed his footing and fell. The car wheel crushed his right foot and leg badly, mangle both. Unable to move, he sent his comrades three miles away to the nearest outpost. The nurse went out to him applied a tourniquet to the leg, had the next train flagged, and took the patient to the nearest surgeon, 129 miles away. Temporary aid was rendered here, and the lad was then taken by the same nurse in the caboose of a freight train to the hospital, many miles beyond, where the leg was amputated and blood transfusions given.


Miss G. M. Finnemore of the Red Cross outpost at Fort Loring reports that in 54 obstetrical cases in 22 months in her district about two-thirds of the mothers were unable to get medical assistance. Yet in every case the baby and mother made good recovery, she reports.

"It is very gratifying work, but calls for tact and initiative in improving equipment, because many of the homes into which these little ones are born have not the bare necessities of life," she reports to Dr. Routley. Miss Finnemore tells of being called upon to attend five births in five days—this in addition to doing pre-natal and post-natal work, infant welfare activities, pre-school and home, school and welfare work.

"Many parents are fearful of surgery," states another nurse, in reporting on the work of a newly organized tonsil clinic in her district. "They are filled with strange and superstitious ideas, some of them claiming that tonsils protect lungs, preventing tuberculosis and will harmlessly disappear when the child grows up, so that it is with greatest difficulty that parents are shown the necessity of removing tonsils." In spite of this fact a tonsil clinic was established to take care of the needs of the 15 schools within a 25-mile radius. A specialist and his son volunteered to come a distance of 43 miles and give of his skill for whatever the parents could afford to pay.

Brandon Sun:—"In olden days there were parking problems, but the laws against the evil were enforced. In London, when Charles II. was king, in 1680, the following decree was issued:—"Whereas the excessive number of hackney coaches in the City of London are found to be a common nuisance, the streets and highways being thereby made impassable and dangerous. We command that no person or persons permit or suffer the said coaches to stand or remain in any of the streets."

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