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Hydro Plans for the Advantage of North

Forecast Made in Address Before the
Legislature Last Week to the
Effect that Hydro Plans to
to Help Mining Camps.

A. C. Burt, Conservative member in the Legislature for Norfolk County, made an address to the Ontario House last week in which he suggested that cheaper power for the North Land would be available before long if the plans of the Hydro were carried through.

In copies of his speech handed to the press, Mr. Burt had the following to say with reference to mining and electrical power at low cost:

Authority Already Given

"The Government is endeavouring to stimulate this field of activity in order to further aid development of Northern Ontario, and in pursuance of this policy has already authorized the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario to construct and acquire the necessary development plants and transmission lines, and enter into contracts for ad-

ditional power from the Ontario Power Service Corporation, which organization, it will be recalled, had failed to sustain its program, and the Government found it in the interests of and advantage to the province to take over these properties and hold them in the general interests of northern development.

"While the Government assumes all responsibility for obligations resulting from the purchase and operation of the Ontario Power Service Corporation properties, in promoting the utilization of these properties, it is working co-operatively for the municipalities, large or small, that can be served from this development to obtain power at fair and reasonable rates upon a suitable form of partnership basis, which will be equitable to municipalities having regard to the amount of power taken and other factors.

Hydro to Be in Control

"As in the case of the more populous districts in the province, the Hydro-Electric Power Commission will be in control of the administration of such co-operative arrangements as may be made between the Government and northern municipalities. The necessary legislation to more effectively carry out this programme will be presented at the coming session.

"In pursuance of its policy of aiding agriculture, the Government gives assistance to rural electric services in three ways. First, by grant-in-aid toward the initial capital cost of supplying electrical service, amounting to 50 per cent of the total cost of rural distribution lines. The aggregate amount of the grants already paid approximates \$8,000,000. Second, by granting to the commission the authority to put into effect a limiting maximum service charge in rural power districts, the Government carrying any deficit that may result, subject to repayment out of future surplus. Third, by enabling the commission to make loans to farmers for the purpose of assisting them to install the necessary electrical equipment. Up to the end of October last, about \$65,000 has been loaned for this purpose to over 260 farmers.

"The grant-in-aid and guarantees given by the province make it possible to extend Hydro-Electric power service to those engaged in and connected with agricultural pursuits in the less densely populated districts. It is a matter of satisfaction, notwithstanding the trying economic conditions of the past year, no less than 3,933 rural consumers were added and about 526 miles of rural primary line were constructed."

WAR DEBTS DISCUSSIONS

(New York Times)

Meanwhile, it is clear that the path to negotiations is being made smoother at Washington. Mr. Roosevelt is plainly anxious that the first steps should be taken in the most friendly way. Whether it be due to suggestions and appeals from him or not, the temper of the Democrats in Congress has been, on the subject of the war debts, much more moderate of late. This has fallen under the notice of Representative Snell, Republican leader of the House, who declared yesterday that while the Democrats had been "more insistent against cancellation than our fellows," it seemed to him that they were almost making up their minds to "do a complete turnabout." As for himself and his party, Mr. Snell asserted that their sentiments would not be changed, unless they could be "convinced that there are good reasons for it." Those good reasons are exactly what it is hoped that the coming discussion between the British Government and ours will furnish to the country. The delegates from London cannot wish to fall into what Canning called "the fault of the Dutch"—that is, in matters of commerce, "giving too little and asking too much."

Radium-Bearing Ore Reported in North

Another Precious Metal Said to have
been Discovered Not far from
Gogama in the Sudbury Area.
Government Reports on
the New Find.

According to despatches from Sudbury, last week, Northern Ontario will likely contribute another precious metal to the wealth of the province's natural resources with the substantiation of reports that a sensational find of radium-bearing ore, which has been agreed upon by both the Federal and provincial Departments of Mines as being radio-active, contains 3.4 milligrams of radium. The radium-bearing ore is located on 31 claims of the Bethel Mineral Waters, Limited, at Bethel Springs, about eight miles west of Gogama, on the C.N.R., at mileage 98, Ruel subdivision.

A geological survey sheet dated February 8 was received over the signature of Dr. W. H. Collins, Director of Geological Survey of the Federal Department of Mines, Ottawa. "There are besides quartz and feldspar, three or four different minerals in the specimens you sent, including garnet, magnetite, zirconite, and one or more radioactive minerals. The largest specimen, which appeared to be the richest in radioactive mineral, was ground and tested in the Alpha-ray electroscop against a standard. The specimen showed radioactivity equivalent to 3.1 percent, U₃O₈ contained in an old mineral."

Interesting are the findings of Fred C. Dyer, associate professor of mining engineering for the University of Toronto. He advises the samples contained "quartz, feldspar, magnetite, zircon or malacoon (it would take a chemical analysis to determine which) elworthite and what I took to be a tiny piece of pitchblende. Malacoon, elworthite and pitchblende are uranium-carrying minerals, and are radioactive."

Roads Needed to back up New Power

About the Abitibi Canyon Power and
the Need for the Road from Sud-
bury to Porcupine. Also a
Word About Trans-Canada
Highway.

That old-timer of the North, H. A. Preston writing from Schumacher last week encloses a Canadian Press despatch from North Bay reading as follows:—

"Hon. George H. Chalmers, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Game and Fisheries for Ontario, in an address at the annual general meeting of the Conservative Association of North Bay, said the intent of the Ontario Government in acquiring the Abitibi Canyon over Development was 'to encourage further the development of the natural resources of Northern Ontario. He declared that the Government looks forward to making this power source eventually available to all sections of the eastern part of the northern region at a price that will permit of operations being carried on at reasonable cost. He stated the Government had moved to prevent this gigantic power development falling into private hands. It is planned to distribute this power to the mining regions and at a cost that will encourage the mining of 1,000,000,000 tons of low-grade ore now in sight, and so promote an activity that will mean much to the province as a whole. The Government had made a most advantageous purchase in becoming the owner of the Abitibi development at \$18,000,000, he said, which will make the power available at a cost of \$90 per capital cost. He afterward stated that the cost per horsepower will be approximately \$10, which will allow for delivery to industry at a remarkably low figure. He further stated that the mining region of Northern Ontario, extending from Sudbury and North Bay on the south to the bustling Kirkland, Matachewan, and Porcupine camps, will eventually be in one power unit to be supplied current at a low rate."

Commenting on this despatch Mr. Preston writes:—

"Yes! the above address of Mr. Chalmers sounds good all right and we all hope that the Canyon Power will pay for itself. This power line, we can say, starts at the world's greatest nickel mines and runs through a nickel and copper belt for several miles, and then it passes through a silver belt over eighty miles long and several miles wide and in which there are several silver mines waiting for the price of silver to reach a profitable price. Then this power line leaves the silver belt and passes into a gold belt about sixty miles wide and hundreds of miles long, and in which there are Domes, Hollingers, Lake Shores, McIntyres, and I feel sure there are several more like them not far from the Canyon Power. Don't you think so yourself, Mr. Reader of The Advance. The power ends where there is china clay and lignite. No one knows what else will be found along it. I believe radium is near it somewhere. But before these mines already near it and others to be found can work there will have to be the road from Porcupine to Sudbury to enable machinery and supplies to be brought to them and I am sure there will be some short stretches of road to some of them that the mines themselves will help to pay the cost of cutting. This road will also be a great help to the Forestry Rangers because trucks can load on canoes and pumps and men and get to the fires in about one tenth the time it takes by canoe alone. Canoes can't take trucks to fires."

Then what use is all the steel look-out towers that are close to this power line if there is no road to get to fires quickly? Please will anyone point out to me anything that will do such a lot of good for this part of the North as this road and the Trans-Canada highway

via Hearst. Just show me anything else that will give the employment these roads will and thus give the settlers a chance to sell their products. Has the T. & N. O. Ry. not opened up several mining camps where there are great mines today? If they were not here what would the settlers do? How many would there be living in the North? Well, I am positive the Sudbury-Timmins road will open new camps. Which do you prefer to see: Ontario get new Domes, Hollingers and other gold and silver mines? or Quebec get them? Anyone who does not favour this Sudbury-Timmins road should leave this part of Ontario and move over to Quebec."

Liquor Permit Mutilated Man on Relief is Fined

There may not be general knowledge or understanding of the law in regard to the mutilating of liquor permits. In case this should happen to be fact, it would be well for all to read, mark, and inwardly digest the following paragraph written for The New Liskeard Speaker by Frank Lendrum, of Cobalt:—

"Convicted of mutilating his liquor permit, Joseph Ahrhart, Cobalt resident, was fined \$25 and costs, with the option of 30 days in jail, when he appeared in police court there last Saturday before Magistrate Atkinson. The charge was the sequel to an application for relief made by the accused to the committee at Cobalt. It was alleged by the Crown that Ahrhart had shown to the members of the committee a beer and wine permit which started at page 5, and according to Chief of Police George Delves, he had denied any pages were missing. Two or three purchases were shown on the remainder, and after Ahrhart had been given relief, the chief said he admitted later the mutilation, but made several excuses and would not admit he had done it himself. Accused told the court the permit had been sent out for an order and the pages had been torn out by a lady. The magistrate, convicting, said he thought there was no doubt the permit had been used for purposes of fraud."

BEATTY MINES SIGNS FOR NORTHERN QUEBEC POWER

A despatch from Toronto last week says:—

"Officials of Beattie Gold Mines, Ltd., announced that the contract for power from the Northern Quebec Power Company has been signed for initial mine and mill requirements. The contract is for 1,500 horse power on a life-of-the-mine basis, and leaves the company open to negotiate for additional power as needed. The power company will pay for the transmission lines from Noranda into the Beattie Duparquet property and has awarded the contract to Lang and Ross of Sault Ste. Marie. It is expected that the line will be completed by next April and power will be available for the new mill when it is ready to turn over."

Incident in Handling of Relief in Noranda

There are always unusual and interesting items and incidents in regard to the administration of district relief. There are so many angles to be viewed that odd incidents and peculiar situations are sure to arise. Sometimes people with bank accounts or steady incomes or considerable property are much annoyed when they are refused relief. They are unable or pretend to be unable, to understand why they should be refused relief. Then there is the applicant for relief who has a list of what is wanted. The list may be considered altogether too ambitious for relief purposes, but the applicant again pretends to be surprised that there is a refusal of his request. The man who does not want to work—who refuses work, perhaps, as beneath his dignity—also affects righteous anger that work and relief should be mixed up together by the authorities.

In connection with relief matters, the requests, demands and instances of applicants has been emphasized and their oddities featured. On this account it is interesting to note a case where the municipality makes the demand and leaves it for others to explain and justify. Such a demand is noted in The Northern News last week. It is to the effect that money for relief in Noranda is to be spent in Noranda. The Northern News says:—

Noranda Policy on Welfare Orders

Indicative of the many angles to be carefully watched in the handling of relief funds, especially those provided by the generosity of the people of a specific community, was a conversation overheard a few days ago in Noranda.

A foreigner, resident in Noranda, applied to the local relief officer for aid. Asked whether he purchased the supplies he obtained with relief money the applicant said he did his buying in Rouyn.

Told that in that case he could not be given any aid, the man asserted, "I should have a right to buy where I like."

"Well this money is Noranda money, provided by the people of Noranda, and it must be spent in Noranda," said the official.

"If you want to buy in Rouyn you'd better go and live there. I can't give you help. You can buy here as cheap as in Rouyn. I certainly cannot give you Noranda money to spend in Rouyn," declared the relief officer.

Realizing that this decision was final, the applicant departed.

Perth Examiner.—The Guelph Mercury very sagely remarks:—"The man who built a two-car garage in 1928 was foresighted after all. He keeps the car on one side and lives in the other."

Petrolia Advertiser.—John Fisher is serving his 28th term as reeve of Portsmouth Village according to the Kingston Whig-Standard. Portsmouth alway was noted for long terms.

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TIMMINS

Border Cities Star.—Toronto reports that New York people are taking a great deal of interest in the Canadian mining situation these days. A seat on the Standard Stock and Mining Exchange was purchased by a prominent New York broker this week—at an advanced price—and another sale on behalf of someone in the same city is indicated. Canada's mining wealth is becoming a more and more important factor in the national picture, quite in line with recent statements by the Hon.

Charles McCrear, Ontario's Minister of Mines. Figures we published in these columns the other day—on gold alone—show that there are many reasons why New York financial people should be interested and anxious to get in on the ground floor in a bigger way than ever before.

Hamilton Spectator.—Judge Carpenter, of Hamilton, yesterday ruled that the neck is part of the body. He might have added that in some instances it is the whole make-up.

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Cartoon—"THE UNDER DOG" MALAYSIA

Midnight Show, Sunday at 12.01 a.m.—February 26th—Showing

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