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Hon. W. A. Gordon re Settlers at Rouyn

Minister of Labour Refutes the Statements Made by Mr. Pouliot, Member for Temiscouata, in Reference to Settlers.

In the House of Commons at Ottawa last week Mr. Pouliot, member for Temiscouata, Que., made statements in regard to the settlers in the Rouyn district that seemed to call for reply or explanation. According to Mr. Pouliot's statement the settlers referred to had been induced to go on the land through the inducements held out to them by the Dominion Government and others and that now they were actually faced with starvation and were receiving no attention from the authorities. To this statement Hon. W. A. Gordon made effective reply. It is a matter of regret that Mr. Pouliot was not in his place in the House to receive the reply when it was made in the regular course of business. The newspapers have carried the reply of Hon. Mr. Gordon just as they did the address by Mr. Pouliot, but so that the reply may be official and not open to question, The Advance is giving the exact account appearing in Hansard, the official report of debates and proceedings for the House of Commons. Hansard under date of Thursday, April 29th, 1933, says:—

Condition of Settlers in Rouyn and Other Parts of Quebec. Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): Yesterday the hon. member for Temiscouata (Mr. Pouliot) made reference to some settlers in the Rouyn district of Quebec, who claimed to have been in very difficult circumstances and, I believe, was said to be in danger of starving to death, and I gathered from the observations made by the hon. member that this settler was induced to go on the land partly by this government, in conjunction with the province of Quebec and the municipalities. Reference was also made to other settlers. I have received to-day a telegram from Mr. J. E. Laforce, who acts for the Canadian National Railways on the committee with respect to this work. The telegram, if I may be permitted to read it, is as follows:—Relative statement in the Gazette this morning. No families back to land were placed Rouyn or immediate surroundings. No back to land families province Quebec in distress provided they have shown willingness to work.—J. E. Laforce.

I then got the alphabetical list of the names and locations of all settlers in the territory of Abitibi and I do not find amongst them the name of the person who sent the telegram to the hon. member for Temiscouata. I also made inquiry with respect to the placing of settlers in the Temiscouata constituency and I find that, as regards the settlers who were assisted by this government to locate there, we have only two and that they both signify to the committee that they are doing very well. I believe there are other settlers there who were placed by the province of Quebec, and of course I have no report upon their condition because that is a matter essentially for the province to deal with.

Problems of Relief in Northern Municipalities

Municipalities in the North Land are all having their troubles with the wearying cost of direct relief. Many of them do not know which way to turn to get money to meet their obligations. When relief is largely at the bottom of their difficulties the situation seems the more regrettable. It is bad enough to pile up debts to pay for needed services and for advantages, but to collect taxes or incur debts for something like direct relief is a hardship indeed, with nothing to show for it all, but evil results and injury to the future. The Halleyburyan last week had the following to say in regard to the situation of two Northern municipalities:—

"The relief problem continues to bear heavily on the district municipalities, and two of them have asked the Dominion and Provincial governments to assume the entire cost within their bounds. Bucke township and Halleybury have taken this step, and both have had their requests refused through J. A. Ellis in charge of the work at Toronto. Bucke Council met informally on Tuesday night, and as a result the township's financial position will be brought to the attention of Premier G. S. Henry, and Hon. W. A. Gordon, K.C., M.P.

According to Reeve Alex. McRea, speaking to the reporter yesterday, relief is costing Bucke approximately \$400 per month, representing the township's proportion of 20 per cent of \$2,000. He said there were about 400 people in Bucke receiving relief, and Council felt that, if the government would take over the township's share, the municipality would be in a position to keep its schools running. The situation was serious, municipal authorities stated. Halleybury Council will hold a special meeting this week to consider the relief problem. In Cobalt, the relief committee is cut to less than half by resignation and the absence of Rev. Father Martindale, who will be away for four months. Figures prepared in Cobalt show the total cost of relief for the six months ending March 31 was \$17,158.34, of which the town's share was \$3,431.68. In March there were 129 families on relief, with 501 dependents, plus 28 single men, while the March bill alone to governments and municipality was \$3,995.75, of which the town pays 20 per cent., or \$799.15."

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL FOR ALLEGED THEFT OF BOOKS

Samuel Bailey, Widdfield township farmer, was committed for trial Thursday afternoon of last week at North Bay at an adjourned hearing before District Magistrate C. S. McLaughlin on a charge of robbing James Russell, chairman of the Board of Trustees of No. 3 School, Widdfield township, of a cash book, cheque book, bank book and receipts, property of the board, on March 29.

Charged jointly with Bailey, William Villeneuve, was acquitted when the case was first heard on April 5, and since then several remands have been granted in the hearing of the case against Bailey.

The alleged theft was stated to have taken place at a meeting of township ratepayers, when two new trustees, one of whom was Bailey, were elected, and Russell and another trustee, deceased, Russell and another trustee, deceased, Russell by Bailey, on an order from Villeneuve, it was said.

BANQUETTED AT KIRKLAND PRIOR TO COMING TO TIMMINS

The Northern News, of Kirkland Lake, last week had the following:—"Theatrical and sport circles in Kirkland Lake sustained a distinct loss last week with the departure of Jerry Tucker for Timmins. Regret at his departure was coupled with good wishes over his promotion to a post of more responsibility during a farewell party tendered in his honour at the Gold Range hotel last Friday night when he was presented with a handsome cigarette case at a "stag" gathering of about 15. E. M. ("Pep") Paisley, local attorney, made the presentation on behalf of those present, and Jerry, in a neat speech, voiced his thanks and appreciation for the honour by singing out each of his friends for some particular mention. Before the presentation was made the party enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and pledged the departing guest's success in toasts. Jerry has been a resident of Kirkland for the past 20 months, and during this time was assistant manager of the local Woolworth store. He has been promoted to the assistant management of the store in Timmins and left here last Sunday to take over his new duties. While here Jerry was active in a number of theatrical presentations, always giving his services in a cheerful manner, and in sport circles he was identified with basketball and badminton. He was well known for his work in such amateur stage productions as "Calamity Jane," "Peg O' My Heart" and "Stop Thief."

The next regular meeting of the Timmins town council will be held on Monday next, May 8th, commencing at 4 p.m.

An Eye for a Life



HELEN VASKO The centre of a case that is attracting unusual attention, 2-year-old Helen Vasko, of New York, is here shown sitting with her older sister, Mary, oblivious of the interest surrounding her. According to medical opinion, Helen faces death in the not so distant future failing the removal of her tumored left eye. Her parents refuse to consent to the operation and a court order has been issued giving the surgeons permission to operate. The latest news on the subject states that the family, including Helen, has disappeared, leaving no trace of destination.

"PORKY" LEVINE HAS TAKEN UP RESIDENCE AT KIRKLAND LAKE

The Northern News of Kirkland Lake last week says:—"Sammy" ("Porky") Levine, the only Jewish goal-tender in professional hockey, is here in Kirkland for an indefinite stay after playing his usual star game this past winter with the Kansas City Playboys. The one and only "Porky" who appeared in the uniforms of Toronto, Detroit, Seattle, Wash., hockey teams, and a number of other teams, wouldn't be amiss to taking a job here if somebody would offer him one, so that he can keep in shape for next year's ice game, it was learned. He supports himself and his parents on his earnings, but this season at Kansas City the Playboys management ran short of cash and issued some notes in lieu of pay and it hasn't been so good from all accounts. "Porky" is a former Timmins boy. He's 22 now and has been playing "Pro" hockey since he was 17. His address here is at 143 Duncan avenue with K. Kelman."

R. Levesque, of Callendar, was a visitor to friends in Timmins last week.

IROQUOIS FALLS MOTOR CLUB MAY BANQUET FINLAYSON

No! the above heading is not sarcasm! The Iroquois Falls and District Motor Club intend holding their annual banquet some time in May, and they have considered the idea of having the event on a date that will allow Hon. W. Finlayson to be present as a guest. It appears from a letter received at the Falls from Hon. Mr. Finlayson that he expects to be in the North early in May and that he will be glad then to explain and discuss the whole road question. He may discuss it all right, but how can it be explained? What possible explanation can be given for the proposal that the roads of the North be allowed to go to rack and ruin? Where is the three million dollars voted for Northern development by the Legislature at its recent session, if the department now has not sufficient money to carry out proper maintenance as Hon. Mr. Finlayson suggests? It would appear that a banquet to Hon. Mr. Finlayson under the present circumstances would be a form of insult to the people of the North.

TRANSIENTS NOT WORRIED ANY ABOUT THE ILL-LUCK OF OTHERS

The hardships of the transients in many cases appeal to people who on the spur of the moment might be inclined to help out these visitors one way or another. It should be remembered, however, that the first duty is to the bona-fide resident of the community. In this connection it is well worth while to read the following from the last issue of The Northern News and study out all its various implications:—"Warmer days brought with them a flood of transients. And many of them came into Kirkland looking for work. Last Monday half a dozen men came in from Cochrane and a married man reached here from Hearst. Having no money nor any place to eat he turned up at the municipal soup kitchen and told welfare authorities how he happened to come here for employment. "I figured I'd get a job here—some kind of a job," he told township Relief Officer William Johnston. "We've got too many people out of work here as it is," the officer told him. "How about some of our own people getting jobs who've been living here for 10 and 15 years? They come first, you know." The Hearst man, however, revealed little concern over the plight of Kirkland's bona-fide jobless. It wasn't any concern of his, he indicated.

Fordwich Record:—Believe it or not—a tree that was severed completely through at the butt, after being noticed, was so well balanced that it would not fall. So the woodsman—a farmer near Fordwich and an assistant from St. Mary's—left it overnight thinking the wind would cause it to topple, but when they returned next morning the tree was still standing. A crowbar was necessary to overbalance it, and this dangerous task was accomplished without mishap; remember, it was cut right off.

To Close North Bay American Consulate

Official Notice that After June 30th This Year All U.S.A. Business for North to be Handled at Toronto.

From H. C. Von Struve, American Consul at North Bay, Ont., The Advance last week received the following letter which explains itself. On Friday last Consul Von Struve received notice from the Secretary of State at Washington, D.C., that the North Bay consulate would be closed. Conditions at the present time suggest that the work may be carried on at Toronto without serious difficulty and the closing of the North Bay office comes under the general tendency towards measures of economy. The North Bay consulate was opened in 1894, nearly forty years ago. The consuls and vice-consuls at North Bay have always been popular and have won general respect in the North. At the present time the consul is H. C. Von Struve and the vice-consul is James R. Riddle, both of these officials having made wide circles of friends in this part of Canada. Their transfers to other parts will be much regretted. The following is the letter from North Bay:—

American Consular Service North Bay, Ont., April 28th, 1933 To The Porcupine Advance, Timmins, Ontario, Canada.

Sirs:—The following information might prove of interest to your readers, as your community is included in the present North Bay Consular district. The American Consulate at North Bay will be officially closed on June 30, 1933, and the business of the office transferred to the Consulate-General at Toronto. All persons in this part of Northern Ontario desiring to go to the United States or having other business in connection with the United States should after that date communicate with the Consulate-General at Toronto.

This action has been decided upon due to changed conditions that have arisen in the past few years. The consular officers now at North Bay are expected to be assigned to other posts as yet not selected. H. C. VON STRUVE, American Consul.

PRISONER TRIES TO HIT WITNESS IN MURDER CASE

There were some sensational episodes in the recent hearing of evidence at Amos in the case of the appeal for a new trial of Joe Lukawiesky, of Noranda, under sentence of death for the alleged killing of Steve Cleychuk on Easter Sunday last year. One of the incidents was the attempt of the prisoner to hit one of the witnesses as the latter was passing out of the courtroom at the close of the hearing. Lukawiesky called this witness (W. Dumbroski) and held out his right hand as if he wished to shake hands. As the two men clasped hands, Lukawiesky attempted to draw Dumbroski towards him and at the same time tried to strike the witness with his left hand. As the hands of the two men were moist they slipped so that Dumbroski was able to evade the blow aimed at him. The court interpreter and other court officials at once restrained Lukawiesky from further attempts at violence. Dumbroski was one of the crown's witnesses and had been with the convicted man just before the killing. Another dramatic episode was the withdrawal from the case of the counsel for the defence, A. Goodstone, of Montreal, who retired from the case when his objection to the calling of previously-heard witnesses was over-ruled by the court. The crown prosecutor, Felix Alard, of Amos, while claiming the right of the crown to call rebuttal evidence, offered to allow Mr. Goodstone to cross-examine any witness called by the crown, but the defence lawyer refused to do this and left the courtroom. When he saw his lawyer leave the court Lukawieski, who was in the prisoner's dock, sought to follow him but was detained and the situation explained to him.

Not to be beaten Lukawieski immediately took up the cross-examination of the rebuttal witnesses himself, a task at which he showed considerable ability and astuteness, as well as great ability as a linguist, cross-examining the witnesses in their own language, Ukrainian, Polish and English. And during the hearing Lukawieski several times corrected the translations of the court interpreter into English, showing that he was following every word that was uttered with great keenness. The evidence given by the defence witnesses was to the effect that they had been present and seen the events leading up to the killing of Cleychuk, who, they claimed, had been the aggressor and had threatened Lukawieski with a beer bottle. The crown witnesses in rebuttal disputed the statements of the defence witnesses that they had been present, or could have seen what happened.

HOWEY MINE PLANNING TO ENLARGE MILL EQUIPMENT

Howey Gold Mines in the Red Lake district will be sending in full equipment for enlarging the milling capacity to 1,400 tons daily, by the first of June. Complete plans for the enlargement have been laid out, as announced at the annual meeting, and all orders for machinery and equipment placed. The increased plant capacity should be effective by October first.

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