

Suggests Judicial District for South Part of Cochrane

Well-Known Timmins Barrister and Solicitor Urges that New Judicial District be Created to Meet the Needs of South Cochrane. Notable Array of Arguments marshalled to Prove Case. Benefits that Would Accrue to Timmins and District.

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The Editor,
The Porcupine Advance,
Timmins, Ontario.

Would you be kind enough to grant me some space in your valued paper concerning a matter which I believe is of interest to the majority of the people in the southern part of the judicial district of Cochrane?

In the early days of development of Northern Ontario, North Bay was the judicial centre for that vast stretch of country between North Bay and James Bay and from the Quebec boundary to west of Hearst on the old Canadian Northern Railway, then called the district of Nipissing.

As time rolled on and the country opened up by the T. & N. O. Railway became more thickly populated there grew an incessant demand for a new judicial district with the inevitable result that the Ontario legislature created the district of Temiskaming. Haileybury became the district judicial centre or "county town" as it is called in Southern Ontario.

Later with the development and activity of the northern part of Temiskaming the provincial government very wisely in the year 1922 carved out a new district, calling it the Judicial District of Cochrane. It filled a long-felt want and has saved the people in the northern part of what was then Temiskam-

ing, many thousands of dollars, many days of annoying lost time, and much inconvenience.

Since 1922, however, conditions have changed and a great deal of water has passed under the bridge. It is time for further change. North of Cochrane we have seen much new country opened up by the pushing of railway steel to tidewater at Moosonee on James Bay and amongst other things the construction of the gigantic hydro electrical development at the Abitibi Canyon. But the activities in that part of Ontario north of Cochrane do not concern the topic of this letter. It is the development south of the town of Cochrane with which we are concerned.

The history of the North shows that as time goes by and certain sections are developed and business activities are increased the governments in the interest of the people and for the better and more efficient administration of justice create new judicial districts in this large North Land. This is as it should be.

Conditions between the town of Cochrane and the township of Teck (in which are Swastika and Kirkland Lakes) now justify a further change—the establishment of a new judicial district.

The Judicial District of Cochrane extends south to within twelve miles of the township of Teck and therefore Kirkland Lake need not be affected by

the change. A new district can be made out of the southern portion of the present district of Cochrane. Roughly speaking the southern boundary could be about the same as the southern boundary of the present district of Cochrane with some changes perhaps in the southwest portion, and the northern boundary could be at about Nellie Lake to take in Iroquois Falls and Ansonville. In other words very much the same as the present electoral riding of South Cochrane excepting Swastika and Kirkland Lake.

The rapid strides made by the Porcupine camp and the town of Timmins particularly justify the request for a change. The somewhat slower but gradual advancement of other parts of South Cochrane also contribute to the necessity of such re-arrangement.

The first question which might be asked is how does this affect the people of Timmins as a whole? The many ways in which this town in general would benefit are too numerous to set forth in this letter but in the space at my disposal I shall endeavour to enumerate some of them as briefly as possible.

First, it would mean the construction of a large court house in Timmins which being the largest centre and from where most business emanates would be entitled to it. A court house would cost the people of this town nothing for court businesses are built and maintained by the province and not the municipality. The construction of this building at a cost of perhaps \$250,000.00 or \$300,000.00 (I do not know the cost of those at Cochrane and Haileybury) would provide much work for many needy men now having difficulty in making ends meet, and firms selling building materials would benefit accordingly.

There are no provincial buildings in Timmins although badly needed. The Ontario Provincial Police, the Mining Recorder, the Crown Timber Agent and

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The Children's Aid Inspector could all be accommodated in the court house instead of the province paying rental for quarters elsewhere. A Crown Lands agency which is badly needed would not doubt be opened in Timmins if there were a court house here and probably a fully staffed office of the Game and Fisheries Department.

The space in the already crowded town hall now used for police court proceedings could be advantageously used for other town purposes with a large court room in the proposed court

house. In passing it might be mentioned that the present court room in the town hall is considered unfit for division court proceedings and the judge who comes here eleven times a year to preside over the division court holds it in the Oddfellows' hall and the rental of the hall is paid by the town of Timmins. Probably arrangements could be made with the province to house persons arrested by town police in sanitary cells in the proposed court house instead of in the poorly ventilated, and entirely antiquated and inadequate cells at the present town police station about which so many complaints have justly been made in the past.

Every transfer of land, every mortgage, every discharge of mortgage, every bill of sale—in fact all legal documents which require registration in the district of Cochrane—must be sent to Cochrane thus involving delay and considerable extra expense which could be avoided by the people of the Porcupine camp involved in litigation.

Those interested in the administration of the estates of deceased persons, in bankruptcy matters, in naturalization, in examinations of discovery in civil matters and in other affairs too numerous to mention would readily see the difference if a change were made and no doubt would appreciate the saving in time, expense and inconvenience.

Four times a year jury men are called to Cochrane to attend the Supreme and District courts and the Porcupine camp, having the largest population of any single part of the present judicial district, usually sends the largest quota. I need not point out to those gentlemen from Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine who have attended jury sittings in Cochrane, the inconvenience of so doing or the great advantage it would be if this duty could be performed in Timmins.

Surely our merchants, hotels and restaurants would benefit if four times a year jury men and parties to litigation and their witnesses were to assemble here, not to mention the innumerable other times out of town persons would be here on legal business.

I have skimmed over in a very brief way the many advantages which would accrue to the people of this community if there were a new judicial district with Timmins the county seat, and any one who will take time to ponder carefully the situation with all its ramifications will think of many more reasons why a change should be made.

Some one will say "How can this be effected? The provincial government will say it cannot afford an expense of say from \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00 for a court house and Land Titles Office." (I cannot vouch for these figures—they are merely a guess).

At Ottawa now there is a conference of provincial and federal governments and it has been announced that a huge programme of expenditure for public works to relieve unemployment and to stimulate business activity involving many millions of dollars has been decided upon. The money is going to be spent somewhere in the Dominion of Canada and why should not this locality receive its just share?

Under this public works programme to be launched as a result of inter-provincial and federal conference agreements Toronto is to have a new headquarters building for the Ontario Hydro Commission. You may be sure Toronto will get its share. The Hydro Commission already has a five-storey headquarters building and if it needs another why not use some of that huge surplus the Hydro says it has? In addition there is spoken of for Toronto a Women's College hospital, the hospital of the Sisters of St. John the Divine and an addition to the Toronto Western hospital.

Hamilton says it should receive first consideration and expects a new post office and customs headquarters.

London is asking for a new C.N.R. station at a cost of \$400,000.00 and coupled with this is an item for completion of a C.N.R. grade separation to cost \$300,000.00. London's demands are modest for in addition to the above two items totalling \$700,000.00 it wants a new public library at \$150,000.00 and two bridges at \$50,000.00 each, making a total of \$950,000.00 all for one city. And probably if London fights hard enough it will get all it asks for.

A few years ago there began a strong agitation for a federal building here—a post office. Many treated it lightly, some went as far as ridiculing the idea. Those behind the proposal stuck to their guns, worked hard and the result is a modern post office and customs building costing around \$85,000.00. And there is no one who can say it has not benefited our people as a whole and is not a credit to this town.

The proposal the writer is advocating is for the benefit of all the people of a section of Northern Ontario which is entitled to what the writer considers is a necessity. The revenue derived by the provincial treasury from South Cochrane by way of mines royalty, crown timber dues, liquor profits, gasoline tax and automobile tax not to mention a host of other sources surely entitles us to ask that this necessity be granted.

This letter is written by me not as a member of any political party and not as an attack on or a censure of any government but as a citizen of a community entitled to something which probably can be obtained if strong enough pressure is brought to bear and quick action taken.

If the council of the town of Timmins, the local Board of Trade, the Kiwanis Club, our local member of the Legislature and others interested put their shoulders to the wheel, work in unison and "stand up on their hind legs" and fight, something might be obtained for the south end of the district and at the same time unemployment be materially alleviated.

And could there be a more suitable name than "The Judicial District of Porcupine!"

Thanking you, I am
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Timmins Citizens' Band Gave Programme Over the Air on Sunday. Many Radio Fans Enjoyed the Programme.

Timmins Citizens' Band gave a programme over the air on Sunday from 5.45 to 6.15 p.m. It is understood that the band intends to present programmes on the radio during the winter in place of the former indoor concerts at the Goldfields theatre. The following was the programme given by the band last Sunday afternoon:—"National Emblem," march. "Stars and Strips," fantasia. "Death of Nelson," euphonium solo by Bandsman Arthur Willford. "Hallelujah Chorus." "Laurentian Echoes," potpourri of French-Canadian airs. "Number Four," march.

A Hancock, prominent in the activities of the Cochrane Band and a frequent visitor to Timmins, phoned from Cochrane after the concert by the Timmins Citizens' Band to say that reception was good at Cochrane and the Timmins band could be clearly heard there for a short time, but that then the Timmins programme faded away as other more powerful stations came on the air and crowded CKGB off.

Report for Three Months Connaught Public School

The following is the report of weekly examinations held in Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec. at Connaught public school:

V.—Max Lehto 83.
Sr. IV—Daisy Warren 84, Ella Clement 75.
Jr. IV—Harold Ferguson 85, Lillian Bass 77, Melburn Warren 74, James Veitch 74, Esther Weiss 72, Clarence Ferguson 64, Ruby Weiss 64.
Sr. III—Imi Mantyla 90, Ronald Veitch 66, Irene Bass 63, Edna Reid 62, George Grant 60, Marion Veitch 57, Lewin Bass 54.
Jr. III—Elsie Cameron 88, Catherine Aitchison 79, Helen Mantyla 79, Shirley Weiss 71, Mildred Knox 69, Arthur Grant 63, Roy Ferguson 49.
Second—Rose Sekulic 80, Harold Weiss 77, Irene Heline 70, Edith Robinson 62, Edna Robinson 57, Ray Mantyla 56.
First—Annella Aitchison (ex.), Alfred Weiss (good), Lloyd Sheppard (good), William Veitch (fair), Muriel Moore (fair).
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