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Committee Endorses Bonus for Settlers

Colonization Committee of the Ontario Legislature Makes Interesting Recommendation for Development of Agriculture in North

Recommending the transfer of agricultural crown land from the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests to the Department of Agriculture under Hon. T. L. Kennedy, the colonization committee of the Legislature last week held its final session.

The committee strongly urged the continuation of a plan under which relief recipients would be established on farms, with federal, provincial and municipal governments each contributing \$200 to the cost. Other recommendations were:

- 1.—Establishment of a publicity department for Northern Ontario.
- 2.—Survey of available land with a view to establishing narrow, long farm lots instead of wide, short lots as in older Ontario.
- 3.—Municipalities to pay only their present share of direct relief with

governments to assume the other portion of settling unemployed.

- 4.—Evolving of a plan whereby farmers' sons may have opportunities to establish themselves in the north.
- 5.—Study of veteran cases, where veterans are in receipt of small pensions and not municipal relief, with a view of evolving some method in which they may participate in a settlement plan.
- 6.—Releasing for sale of a number of desirable veteran and school lots heavily in arrears of taxes.
- 7.—Revision of the public lands' act.
- 8.—Bussing the settlers for land clearing.

Segregate Mining Lands
Recommendations were signed by Hon. Paul Poisson, minister without portfolio, and met with the unanimous approval of the committee. They will be laid before the main agriculture committee of the house this week and will be submitted, with the agriculture committee's report to the government before the session ends.

The committee declared a "careful and gradual survey should be made of that part of the province lying north of North Bay and east and west to boundaries with a view to segregating definitely timber and mining lands from that suitable for agricultural purposes."

Regarding the transfer from the lands and forests department the committee said:

Advise Publicity

Our considered opinion is that all crown lands now designated as timber reserves or under timber lease or otherwise unavailable because of timber agreements be considered as fit for agricultural purposes and be placed under the administration of the Department of Agriculture, such areas as may be found by future survey unsuitable for agriculture to be returned to the Department of Lands and Forests.

"It is our belief the agricultural development of the North will aid materially the lumbering and mining industries, these in turn providing a ready market for farm produce."

Referring to the establishment of a publicity department, the committee recommended that moving pictures be made and shown through rural communities; publicity should be undertaken by a "competent, experienced newspaperman," and efforts be made to tell the "whole story in picturization."

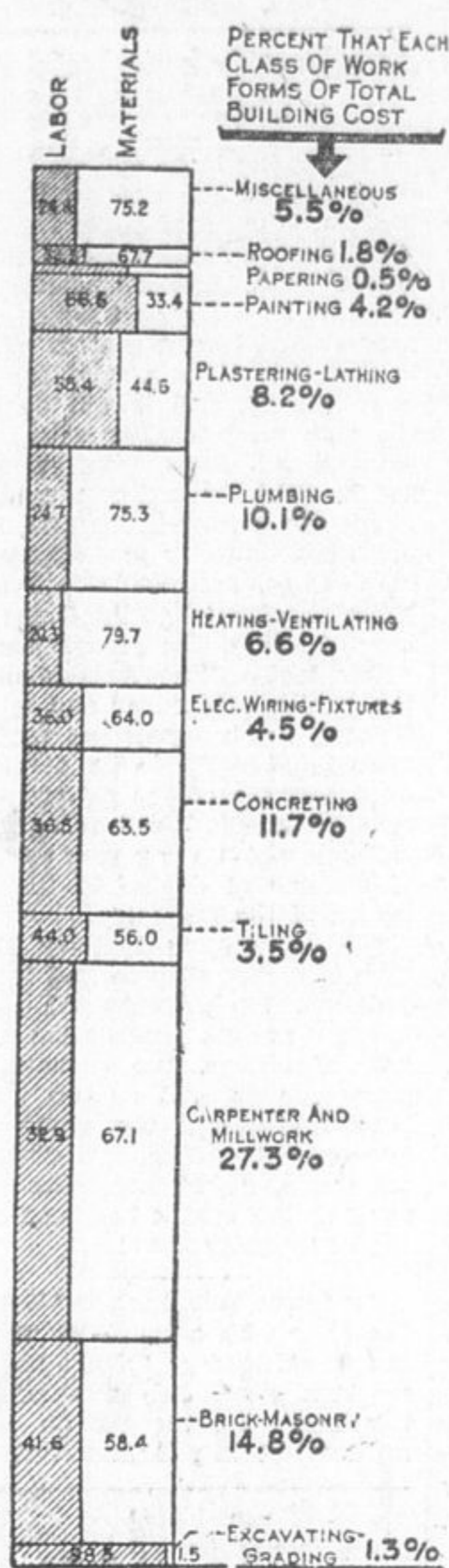
Pembroke Standard-Observer:—Will this investigation at Ottawa result in price regulations? The furniture manufacturers want it, and we imagine that all in the manufacturing business or the retail trade, would welcome the same. Competition under present day conditions is more the death of business than the life of the same.

What You Should Know About Houses

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The following is article No. 6 in the series by the Home Builders' Service Bureau, now running in The Advance:—

RESIDENTIAL COSTS



BUILDING COSTS ANALYZED

Important data concerning the relative cost of material and labour in building construction in 15 representative cities have been produced by recent studies.

For the 15 cities taken as a whole, 62.7 per cent of the money spent in the erection of residential buildings went for material, 37.3 per cent, for labour. For non-residential buildings, the survey showed 64.3 for material and 35.7 per cent, for labour. The average figure for all types of construction was 63.6 per cent for material and 36.4 for labour.

Representative contractors in each of the 15 cities supplied the data from carefully kept records. In each city the survey was based on studies of six typical dwelling houses, two apartment houses, two stores, two office buildings and two factories or warehouses. The cost figures represent only the actual cost of the building from the time excavation started. They do not include overhead expenses, profits, cost of land, finance charges or architect's fees. Cost of material is the actual cost as delivered on the job, including freight and hauling. Labour costs are actual wages paid to labour on the job and do not include shop labour such as that involved in the making up of millwork, etc.

One important fact revealed by the survey is that the relative costs of labour have decreased since 1928 when a similar survey was made in three cities. The comparative figures show that this year labour on residential work received 37.3 per cent, as against 46 per cent, in 1928.

Where the building dollar goes is very clearly shown by the results of the survey. Carpentry work accounted for a larger percentage of the building dollar than any other item in residential building—27.3 per cent of each dollar spent.

In addition to carpentry work, three other items each accounted for more than 10 cents of each dollar spent: brickwork, concrete work and plumbing.

Read the chart vertically to find the distribution of the dollar among various classes of residential work and horizontally to show cost of labour and materials.

Thinks There May be Mine Near North Bay

Gateway City Man Not Sure if it is a Gold, Silver, Copper, or Lead, but he Hopes it is Something.

Reports from North Bay indicate that Tony Baldassaro of that city thinks he has discovered a mine within a couple of miles of the city. He has four men at work and digging and blasting is being carried on with considerable energy and enthusiasm. The property is at Twin Lakes, it will be jake so far as transportation is concerned. Just how it will be as a mine remains to be seen. There isn't any particular reason, except, perhaps, geological formation, to prevent North Bay having as many mines as any place else, but the story of Tony's mine near North Bay hasn't started any stampede yet from any of the older mining camps. Old-time prospectors say that it is not likely to be anything of very much importance or there would have been something heard about before this. However, everybody will be tempted to hope, if hope does any good in such a case, that the property will be a big success and make everybody rich, especially Tony if he has discovered a mine.

While contracting for the Trans-Canada highway evidences of mineral were noted and Tony staked four 50-acre claims on the strength of what was uncovered. In the meantime he is carrying on work with the plan of having a mine if there is good enough ore of the right kind to make a mine worth while.

Up to date, the mine has been termed a mystery mine. The mystery to the cynic may be whether there is a mine there or not. To those of optimistic nature it may be the question of gold, silver, lead, or copper, or some of all four of these minerals are present. Mr. Baldassaro thinks they are or it is, as the case may be. It is to be hoped that it is not the famous iron pyrites. "Deep shades of red, blue brown and black appear prominently in the rock," says one description, with the added words:—"When turned to the light it sparkles with golden specks."

There may be an early decision on the kind of mineral in the ore. Samples have been sent to Cobalt, and other samples to Ottawa for assay. If North Bay has a mine at its door the Gateway City will likely go top-hat.

Annual Banquet Held by the T. & N. O. Telegraphers

The Halleyburian last week says:—"Members and guests of the Order of Railway Telegraphers Division No. 99, to the number of seventy-one, gathered at Hotel Halleybury last Saturday for the sixth annual banquet. It was a jolly affair, with the dining room decorated appropriately with the green of St. Patrick. A pretty little girl, Miss Margaret Holland, also dressed becomingly in green, served cigarettes and favours. North Bay telegraphers and guests came up by a special T. & N. O. train at 2 p.m. Saturday and returned at 9 a.m. Sunday. C. E. Hardwick, North Bay, is general chairman of the Order, and C. T. Smith, North Bay, is secretary. A. T. King, Cochrane acted as chairman and toastmaster at the banquet. Five short addresses featured the affair. Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission, spoke of conditions on the railroad and pointed out the necessity of co-operation among the employees. C. W. Wright, Englehart, past president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, gave a 15-minute talk on Canada's exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair, of which he was in charge. J. T. Wilson, North Bay, general chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Engineers, spoke for the guest Brotherhoods. Mr. Archibald of Camp Wahnapitae at Temagami, with his trained dog, Bijou, entertained and showed moving pictures of the Temagami district. C. H. Stevens, Iroquois Falls, general chairman of the C. D. of R. E. also spoke. Guests included Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission; W. H. Griffin, superintendent, David Hamilton, auditor; Russell Workman, chief dispatcher; and C. L. Ferguson, paymaster. Telegrams expressing their regret at not being able to be present were read from Lt.-Col. L. T. Martin, vice-chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission; E. J. Manion, grand president of the O.R.T.; W. H. Phillips, third vice-president of the O. R. T., Division No. L. These men were called to a conference at Washington on March 15th. The committee in charge of the arrangements was J. O. Belanger, Halleybury; F. G. Holt, Cobalt; and J. D. Allan, New Liskeard. Singing was led by Ernie Fortin, Halleybury and Bert Close of North Bay entertained at the piano."

Prospectors After High Pressure Men

Ontario Prospectors Association Makes Recommendations to Curb Tipsters and Tricksters in the Selling of Mining Stocks.

The following report of the proceedings at a meeting last week of the Ontario Prospectors' and Developers' Association is from the pen of E. D. Loney, financial news editor of The Toronto Globe, and well-known in the North, having carried on his profession as newspaperman in this country for some years, residing in Timmins and Sudbury respectively before moving to Toronto to take the position on The Globe:—

Against Fraudulent Schemes
The Ontario Prospectors' and Developers' Association, representative of those engaged in the business of seeking and opening up the mineral deposits of this province, dealt a lusty blow Friday evening at the invasion of their profession by a coterie of promoters and stock salesmen who are alleged to be sponsoring fraudulent mining promotions under the nose of the Ontario Securities Commission.

Authorities Notified
After a vigorous discussion the association went on record calling attention of the authorities to the illicit operations alleged to be in progress. It was strongly urged that, instead of attempting to regulate the sale of securities, the Commission should display more vigour in the prosecution of those against whom charges could be laid.

On the suggestion of J. E. Day, it was then decided that the association, through its secretary, W. E. Segsworth, should take up with the Securities Commission the desirability of placing a curb on radio salesmanship of securities and the circulation of tipster sheets. It was also urged that salesmen of stocks in mining securities should be obliged to file with the Commission copies of all literature and advertising used by them, to be kept on record in the event of prosecution.

Health Regulations
Another resolution dealt with the public health regulations in unorganized territories. The prospectors com-

plained that these are particularly burdening to prospectors and developers of mining claims in those sections of the country where there is no municipal organization. Relief, they claim has been promised on various occasions from the public platform by Hon. Dr. J. M. Robb and Dr. Bell of the Provincial Health Department. The resolution urged that the authorities implement their pledge forthwith.

EASTER GREETINGS BY TELEGRAPH ARE POPULAR

Owing to the increasing popularity of Easter greetings telegraph messages, the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways have just completed arranging special wire facilities to deal with the additional seasonal traffic of this year. An examination of the Easter business done by the two companies during the past three years shows that there has been a steady increase in the number of greetings filed since 1930, and traffic officers of the telegraphs are sanguine that there will be a further pronounced increase shown for 1934.

Announcement has also been made by both telegraph companies that attractive, low rates will be in effect for the sending of local greeting messages, while special rates will also be given covering selected and appropriate greetings to friends overseas. For the convenience of the public a leaflet has been issued by the two companies containing a number of special messages. Those who desire to wire greetings may select, if they wish, one of these messages which cover a wide selection of greetings. The telegraph companies have also arranged for the acceptance of greetings messages by telephone.

Another important feature of the Easter telegraph business is the sending of flowers by wire. The Florist Telegraph Delivery Association has likewise increased its business proportionately during the past three years and it is expected that this season will set a new high figure in the volume of business done. Flowers may be sent by telegraph practically all over the world.

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Story of the Origin of the Name "Scotty Springs"

The many interested in the origin of place names in the North will be pleased to read the following paragraphs from the "Roving Reporter" column in The Northern News:—

"Scotty Springs, a little agricultural hamlet located some miles north of Kirkland Lake in Benoit township came by its present name reasonably enough. The community appears on some maps as Yorkston, a name it possessed some years ago. As most people know Yorkston is also the name of a wheat-growing and lumbering centre in Eastern Saskatchewan and the presence of the two communities with the same name gave rise to some confusion. Letters for folk in Yorkston sometimes found their way into Yorkston, Ont., and vice versa, and post office department eventually demanded a change. Scotty Springs was the result. The settlement owes its name to the presence of springs of clear, cold water that bubble up here and there through the earth.

"There is another settlement in the T. & N. O. area that can rightfully boast of its fine spring water and that is the farming community of Hill's Lake, in the upper east portion of Bryce township in the Charlton area. Folk sometimes come for miles around to see the bubbling springs at Hill's Lake and the water is believed to be slightly mineralized and 100 per cent pure. The springs are about four rods across, and the supposition is that they represent the outlet of a number of little lakes in the sand hills some miles distant that one can see. Some of the Hill's Lake folk use the expression "radio-active" water when they speak of the health-giving qualities of the aqua pura."

Appealing Account of a Suicide at Powassan

The following touching but no doubt very accurate account of a suicide at Powassan is given by the Powassan News last week:—

An inquest was deemed unnecessary. The indications all pointed to suicide, although there was no apparent reason for the desperate act, the victim being in fairly comfortable circumstances and receiving three square meals a day. We refer to the tragic death of one J. E. Abraham's black giant hens one day last week. At four o'clock in the afternoon it was found lifeless, suspended on a rope which had caught on the roof. The only explanation for the strange occurrence is that a rope with a nose had been left lying around and in some way the hen got the noose over its head. It evidently flew up on the roof and in attempting to fly down again the rope caught in the crack of a board, making a very neat job of hanging."

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