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Says Game Wardens Not to be Dismissed

Story Published in Toronto Star Denied by Hon. Harry C. Nixon. Only Inefficient and Negligent Ones to go.

Sometimes, the question is asked why The Advance credits other newspapers with items of news instead of following the plan of simply clipping the item as some papers do. One reason may be found in the case of the alleged dismissal of all game wardens as reported in The Toronto Star last week. The Star is recognized as a Liberal organ and thus should be in close touch with the new government and should be able to get accurate information. As it turns out The Advance was in luck to credit the information to The Toronto Star instead of fathoming the item itself. Later reports from Toronto say that Hon. Harry C. Nixon, new Minister of Game and Fisheries, denies absolutely that any game wardens, deputy game wardens, or supervisors had been dismissed from the provincial service or were in line for dismissal. Hon. Mr. Nixon, however, said that a complete re-organization of the service was contemplated in the near future, but just how far this re-organization would go he would not state at the present time. Hon. Mr. Nixon is further quoted in despatches from Toronto as saying that no changes or dismissals had been considered to date, and that the policy of the department would be to retain the services of those who had been faithful and efficient, while ultimately, of course, the incompetent and indifferent ones would be dropped.

At the same time it is only fair to The Toronto Star to say that the opinion of those close to the government is that a similar policy will be followed in regard to the Game and Fisheries Dept., and, indeed, of all other departments, as was pursued in the case of the Hydro. In other words all employees will be asked for their resignations. Some will be immediately re-employed; others will be offered lower salaries; still others placed on probation, as it were, while the remainder will be dropped. It appears, though, that the report of wholesale dismissals from the Game and Fisheries Dept. was premature, to say the least, and that for the present there have been no wholesale dismissals.

Hon. Chas. McCrea Enjoys Well-Earned Holiday Now

Word from Sudbury is to the effect that Hon. Chas. McCrea is taking a long-delayed and well-earned holiday from politics and business these days. After 23 years of political life, with 11 years as a Cabinet Minister, at the beck and call of this and that section of the public every minute, and without a real minute that he could call his very own, Hon. Mr. McCrea is a free man these days and enjoying the

unwonted liberty of action and interest. There have been the usual rumors as to what Hon. Mr. McCrea may do, but these reports are the kind that men credit to the radio. One of the rumors was that Mr. McCrea would be placed on the Dominion Railway Board. Undoubtedly, he would be a good man for the position, as he would be for any place he may accept. But when asked about this report Mr. McCrea is credited with replying:—"I am not accepting any public office, but am looking forward to a release from the cares and worries of public life for some considerable time at least and until I feel fit again." It is worth noting that after all his services to the public Mr. McCrea was the loser in the last election simply because of the swing-over that routed the government. Mr. McCrea is still as enthusiastic as ever in regard to mines and mining and Sudbury and the mining industry, he suggested, will in the future take up his chief interests and activity.

Anxious to Co-operate with Mines, Says Premier

"We are anxious to co-operate with the mining industry in every way," said Premier Hepburn last week to The Northern Miner. "We appreciate," he continued, "that it has problems and we recognize its importance in the welfare of the province at large." Mr. Hepburn further suggested that he would be glad to discuss with the industry, in company with whoever of his Ministers were interested, any problems that might arise in connection with the mining industry.

Neil O'Connor's Boy Hurt When Hit by Motor Car

Friends of the family in Timmins will regret to learn that Franky O'Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil O'Connor, formerly of Timmins, was rather badly injured recently when struck by a motor car. All wish the boy an early and complete recovery. In referring to the accident The Northern News last week says:—

"D. McDaniels, Lake Shore employee, will be charged with causing bodily injury under the Criminal Code because of an accident at Main and Government Road on July 12, a week ago, in which Franky O'Connor, 13-year-old son of Neil O'Connor, mine captain at the Toburn, sustained a ruptured left kidney which will necessitate his remaining in bed a month at least. According to the police report on the accident, the O'Connor boy was riding his bicycle east on Government and McDaniels was driving a friend's car west on the same thoroughfare. When the boy was hit, the driver claims he stepped for a time and then drove away to notify the owner of the car. The boy was first attended by Dr. Armstrong and is now under the care of Dr. Harris. Police say McDaniels had no license to drive a car. He reported the crash at the police station later in the same evening it occurred."

FORMER TIMMINS MAN TO RESIDE IN VANCOUVER, B.C.

The Northern News last week says: "Bill Thompson, Larder Lake, is leaving the north country for Vancouver, where he will make his home in the future. He and his family are making the long trek by motor, but in an unusual manner. A specially constructed trailer will provide them with every possible convenience, with the added advantage that they will be able to stop for the night wherever they wish. A former resident of Timmins and a member of Tisdale township council, Mr. Thompson had been in charge of the old Crown Reserve mining property at Larder Lake for some time past."

Kirkland Lake band intends to compete in the band concerts at Toronto exhibition again this year and is making plans now for financing the trip.

Some Kirkland Lake people were all excited because a car belonging to some campers at Kenogami had all the gasoline siphoned from the tank, leaving the campers stranded. The siphon trick is an old one in this camp—so old, in fact, that it may start again any time, some bright young person thinking it is new. One man in Timmins was caught twice one summer siphoning gas from standing cars in Timmins.

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Object to Dismissal of District Health Officers

Last week The Advance referred to the proposal to dismiss the district medical health officers throughout the province. The North Bay Nugget was also quoted as against the plan. Later last week The Nugget published another editorial going into the reasons why the plan should not be followed. In this connection The Nugget says:— "The Nugget was right in assuming that the proposal of Hon. Dr. Faulkner, newly-created Minister of Health, to abolish District Medical Officers of Health, would provoke protests from all parts of Northern Ontario.

"It is possible that Premier Hepburn now has a number of resolutions of protest before him and that he has already advised Hon. Mr. Faulkner to move cautiously and with consideration for the needs of those these official serve.

"North Bay City Council sent a formal protest. This was done more in the interests of settlers in unorganized areas who are entirely dependent on the provincial medical service for the maintenance of healthful conditions. "Dr. B. E. Eakins president of the Port Arthur Liberal Association, is definitely opposed to Hon. Dr. Faulkner's effort to effect a saving in his department. "I am of the opinion that it would be a mistake to eliminate the district medical officers of health in unorganized territories," he stated. "In fact, I think there should be two to properly serve Thunder Bay district."

"This is the opinion of a medical practitioner thoroughly conversant with the needs of the people who push into Ontario's forests to spread civilization, and should be worth a great deal more than the view of the new health minister who, in all probability, has little or no knowledge of the North.

"Dr. Eakins further stated that he could understand a move to abolish the offices in settled areas of Southern Ontario, where urban and township health officers cover the entire area, but in the North, where there are large unorganized regions, sparsely settled and with few modern services, a district health officers is essential.

"This is identical with the opinion expressed by The Nugget in Monday's issue, and can be taken as the view of the North, in general."

Value of Pay Roll Here to Town and Province

The following under the heading, "Porcupine Gets \$200,000 a Week," is an editorial from The Northern Miner last week:—

"On Tuesday, July 10th, the mines of Porcupine had their regular payday. The miners of Hollinger, McIntyre, Dome, Coniarium, Buffalo Ankerite and other properties received their wages on that day. The Porcupine Advance estimates that the amount disbursed was \$400,000 and states that this is a record for the camp. As this outlay comes every two weeks there is indicated an annual payroll for the camp of \$10,400,000.

"In addition to the larger mines named there are an unusual number of other active developments in the Porcupine camp at this time. Central Porcupine, Paymaster Consolidated, Marburn, Pamour and other lesser projects are working with sizable crews.

"The population of this area is estimated at about thirty thousand. We doubt if there is another area in Canada of similar population that has as high a wage roll. As The Advance says, "It will be admitted that \$400,000 is a comforting amount for any town or series of towns to have as a pay roll in a two-week period."

"We will freely acquiesce. In fact, this rate of disbursement equals \$347 per capita, men, women and children, for the area from the mines alone. If Toronto industries paid the same rate of wages, the income to the city from working people only would be \$260,250,000.

"At \$347 per capita, the ratio of five people to a wage earner brings the total income per miner to a close approximation of the government's report of \$1,800 annual earnings in the gold mining industry. This compares with \$900 per wage earner in the Canadian manufacturing industry. The Stevens committee alone knows how low the annual earnings of shopworkers and sweatshop operators have now gone."

Why Cochrane's Big Day was Postponed

Chairman of Committee Explains Conditions that Made Necessary Deferring of Opening of Memorial Park at Cochrane.

Because Timmins town council agreed to hold civic holiday here on Aug. 4th to co-operate with Cochrane and also because the Legion in Timmins and elsewhere in the North was specially interested in the matter, it may be well worth while to explain why Cochrane found it necessary to defer the formal opening of the Memorial Park at Cochrane. A letter from Magistrate E. R. Tucker, chairman of the Cochrane Memorial Committee, makes the matter plain.

It may be said that in connection with the formal opening of the new Memorial Park at Cochrane, designed as a memorial to the Cochrane men who served overseas, it was intended to have a big day of sports and other features in connection with the formal opening ceremonies. In view of the fact that the park was a memorial to the soldiers the event was of special interest to returned men. Accordingly, all the branches of the Legion in the district were specially invited to attend and take part in the big day planned for Cochrane. Practically all the Legion branches replied to the effect that they would be present and take part in the event at Cochrane on Aug. 4th. Then it was decided to ask the various municipalities in the district to proclaim Saturday, Aug. 4th, as a civic holiday, so that all in the big district might have opportunity to enjoy the field day and official opening of the Cochrane Memorial Park.

Practically all of the municipalities responded by expressing their readiness to hold their civic holidays on Saturday, Aug. 4th, so as to make it possible for Cochrane to draw a crowd from all over the district. In referring to the field day and official opening of Memorial Park, Mr. Tucker points out that the town of Cochrane had been compelled to defer the official opening of the park for two main reasons. One reason was that the weather had delayed progress on the completion of the park, and the other was that after Cochrane's dates had been announced it was found that soldiers' re-unions in Toronto on the same dates would seriously interfere with the attendance and chances for success at Cochrane.

These facts are made plain in the letter recently written to the Timmins town council by Mr. Tucker, chairman of the Cochrane Memorial Committee. This letter is as follows:— Cochrane, Ont., June 25th, 1934 To the Mayor and Council of the Town of Timmins, Ont.

My Dear Sirs:—In reference to my letter to you of April requesting the proclamation of August 4th as a civic holiday in your town, and the subsequent resolution of your body of your intentions to co-operate by granting our request.

Due to the fact that owing to a continued wetness and the lateness of the season we were unable to carry on any work on the grounds for at least a month later than we had anticipated, thus making it impossible to complete the grading and shrubbery scheme in time. Also the re-union of the Canadian Corps in Toronto on the same dates (August 3, 4 and 5), which had not been given any publicity at the time we selected our dates, and to other unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, our committee has decided that under the circumstances it would be advisable to postpone for a

year the official opening of our Memorial Park.

I trust that this change in our plans at this date, which we have decided on with considerable reluctance, will not result in any inconvenience to you in any plans for a civic holiday which you would otherwise have made. On behalf of the Memorial Committee and the citizens of Cochrane, I desire to express to you our sincere appreciation of your generous action and the assurance of co-operation which you have in this case afforded to a sister community, which I trust at some time in the future we may be able to reciprocate.

Yours very truly E. R. TUCKER, Chairman Cochrane Memorial Committee.

To the above it may be added that the town of Timmins after the receipt of the above letter changed the date of the civic holiday for Timmins from Saturday, Aug. 4th, to Monday, Aug. 6th, the latter being a more acceptable date to the majority here. Also, it may be noted that Aug. 6th has also been set by the Cochrane council as the date for their civic holiday this year. On that day it is intended to hold a sports day of a local character in Cochrane, but this, of course, has nothing to do with the arrangements previously made and will, of course, be on a much smaller scale.

THIRTEENTH CHILD STAYS IN BED ON TH THIRTEENTH

About the best story of the "thirteenth" comes from Sudbury, where lives Fred Faught, aged 29, former pro hockey player. Freddie was so afraid that something might happen to him on "Friday the thirteenth" that he is reported to have actually stayed in bed all day, not even leaving the bed for meals. He is said to have commented that he considered every "thirteenth" more or less unlucky for him, but thought he'd be the safest place for him on "Friday the thirteenth."

"I've had two bad accidents in my life and both happened on the 13th. So I figured it would be best to stay in bed all day to-day, even though it is my birthday," he said.

Freddie, born on a Friday, is the 13th of a family of 13 children. Last year on Aug. 13th he was badly burned and was in the hospital seven weeks. While playing hockey on March 13th Freddie had his nose broken. He could not play the following night and his team lost.

Freddie played for Hamilton for five years and for the Toronto Ravens for one year.

It is two years from now that Freddie wants to look out for. He will be 31 years old then, and that's 13 backwards.

Even Lightning Shoots the Bull in This Case

One of the oddest freaks of this province of freak actions, lightning, is reported from Ville Marie district last week. At the farm of August Gironne, Ville Marie area, both doors of the barn were standing wide open when a sharp electrical storm came along suddenly. A bolt of lightning entered the barn, hit the bull on the head as the animal stood up tied in his stall. The lightning did no other damage to the barn or other stock and did not so often accused of doing start any fire or anything like that. Nothing was injured or damaged in any way except the poor bull which was as dead as if he had been shot through the head. The bull was killed instantly, and down the entire length of his body there was formed a spiral strip where the hair had been burned off.

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Do Not Think Russia's Gold Output so Great!

Last week The Advance mentioned the fact that Russian newspapers were being quoted in New York journals as predicting that Russia would take second place in world production of gold this year, ousting Canada from that honour. Some other newspapers went much further and suggested that Canada had already been ousted from second place in world gold production, the place being taken by Russia. Of course, the year not yet being over, this was not possible. In any case, however, all those in position to know throw doubt on the idea of Russia's gold production exceeding that of Canada. The figures of gold production claimed by Russia are apparently only approximate and figures for the year so far do not appear to bear out the contention made. One authority points out that Russia is Oriental in the character of its people and so there has been very naturally a large amount of gold hoarding among princes, peasants, merchants, and everybody else. A large amount of this hoarded gold has been "dug up" by the secret police and also by circumstances, but it can in no way be classed as "production," though it adds materially to Russian receipts from gold and also makes possible the export of large quantities of gold. Russia has been buying considerable goods from Germany and paying for them in gold. This gives some colour to the stories of increased gold production. Commenting on the matter The Northern Miner says:—"Russia from time to time, has been about to swamp the world with new copper and other base metals, including nickel. The money spent in mining and smelting works has been enormous, as many American engineers can attest, but the plants have not justified the high hopes, especially as production plants were often far ahead of underground ore."

A Rouyn taxi-driver was recently fined for speeding down some of the main streets of the town at 48 miles per hour.

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Kirkland Lake High School Also to "Stagger" Classes

A couple of months ago The Advance reviewed the plan whereby classes were to be "staggered," as the term is, so that all the new pupils at the Timmins High and Vocational School might be accommodated. Sudbury had such a plan in force for a time at its High School, but this year the method was not continued, some of the need being met otherwise. Some time ago Principal W. W. Tanner, of the Timmins High and Vocational School, worked out a plan for the staggering of classes so as to meet the largely increased needs after the vacation. At Kirkland Lake High School it is expected that the "stagger" system will also be in use after the holidays. Principal C. A. Danard, of the K.L.H.S., was at London, Ont., in May to study the stagger system in use there. He has a plan prepared now for use after the vacation, Kirkland Lake High School expecting an enrolment of at least 400 after the holidays.

Paris—Stavisky may smash another government over forgery charge. French ex-Premier's clash over alleged misuse of Tardieu's name.

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