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Latest Probe to be Into the Air Service

D. W. Lang, Brother of A. W. Lang of Timmins, Appointed Commissioner to Enquire into Complaints Alleged Against Service.

The latest probe reported from Toronto as to be made in the near future is one into the Ontario air service, which is under the direction of Capt. Roy Maxwell. Premier Hepburn is stated by despatches from Toronto to have announced on Thursday last that Daniel W. Lang, K.C., has been appointed to enquire into what the premier is credited with calling "innumerable complaints and charges" in regard to the air service. This will be a great surprise to many who have been inclined to believe that the air service was one of the Government activities about which nothing but good could be said.

"In view of the serious nature of the complaints, a thorough check is necessary," said the premier. "Drastic economies will be effected. The provincial air service last year spent \$440,000. We are going to examine the books, records and accounts and see how all this money was spent and how we can reduce it materially."

Premier Hepburn said there would be no suspensions from the service at present as any action would have to await the outcome of the investigation which is scheduled to take place soon. It is believed, however, that Capt. Maxwell's resignation will be asked for in any event.

The provincial air service is engaged almost entirely in fire ranging and the reduction of timber losses due to fire in recent years is said to be largely due to the high degree of efficiency with which the service is operated in the heavily-timbered district of Northern Ontario. Salaries paid members of the service total approximately \$200,000. It is understood the government has in mind a reorganization of the entire service with a view to cutting down on personnel but without impairing the efficiency of the work.

The impending shake-up is seen as the first move on the part of Hon. Peter Heenan, minister of lands and forests and northern development, to clean house in his department. So far the former minister of labour in the King Cabinet has been keeping his own counsel on what he intends to do in the lands and forests department. No public statement being issued, but the belief that a radical reorganization of the entire North Country is on the way is based on Premier Hepburn's statement at the time he announced the inclusion of Mr. Heenan in his cabinet. The premier declared that the new minister would "clean up Northern Ontario and put an end to prevailing abuses."

T. & N. O. Railway a Model of Efficiency Under Lee

The suggestion of changes in the T. & N. O. Commission has roused many newspapers on both sides of the political fence to object to any proposals for the summary dismissal of Geo. W. Lee and the other T. & N. O. Railway Commissioners. In regard to this, The Simcoe Reformer last week had the following editorial reference:—"Premier Hepburn and his cabinet have inaugurated a policy of retrenchment in the administration of public affairs in Ontario that deserves commendation. In his zeal for economy the new Premier will inevitably make mistakes. He has already laid himself open to censure in the case of dismissal of able public servants. It is now reported that a shake-up is imminent in the administration of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway and that George W. Lee, chairman of the Commission may go. It is scarcely creditable that the Liberal Government would summarily dismiss a man who has been with the T. & N. O. Railway almost since its inception, who has made it a model of efficiency and one of the few paying railroads in the world to-day, and who has played a very important part in opening up the rich mineral and agricultural country of the north. Premier Hepburn will be well advised to move slowly in considering the dismissal of such a loyal and capable public servant."

The New Liskeard canning factory has opened for the canning of peas, but though there is a large crop of blueberries available it is understood that the factory will not can any of these this year.

North Should Continue Objection to Radio Deal

Hitherto the comments of The Cochrane Northland Post have not been very helpful in regard to the radio question, being confined largely to attempting to slur some of its contemporaries, instead of considering the interests of the North. However, apparently someone has got the ear of the Northland Post and prevailed upon that newspaper to face the facts of the case in reasonable way and without political prejudice or personal animus, but with the interests of the people of the North in view. As a consequence The Northland Post last week had the following editorial comment of interest:—"It is regrettable that too often the voice of a member of parliament, when dealing with matters pertaining to his own constituency falls on deaf ears. This year, at Ottawa, Mr. Joseph Braddette, our member, voiced very strong protest at the treatment accorded the North in radio service, or lack of it, and he offered the timely and reasonable suggestion that a powerful station be erected at some convenient point in the north would go a long way toward overcoming present difficulties and dissatisfaction. In no sense can the two or three five-cent stations now alleged to be operating at different points along the T. & N. O. be regarded as giving service at all much less adequate service. We have repeatedly offered the suggestion that if the Radio Commission is not prepared to give service in the North, they should refrain from collecting license fees, yet sporadic efforts are being made to collect the fees. Why should the radio users (and there are many thousands of them) in the North be required to pay a two dollar license fee to the Canadian Government to listen to United States stations? With the suggestion that a high-power station be erected at Moosonee, we are not altogether in agreement. It is true that such a station would furnish service to a wide territory in the North, but at the present time we believe that a station located at either North Bay or Sudbury of forty or fifty thousand watts power, would give greater service to a larger number. At the present time, being located on the Trans-Canada wire systems, it would need the very minimum of cost for service, for it is quite obvious that a station to be of any use at all must depend almost entirely on chain programmes. There is no centre in the North capable of furnishing adequate local talent to satisfy the radio public. We would suggest that the efforts of the local member of Parliament, Mr. Jos. Braddette, be backed up by letters of protest to the Radio Commission and the Government, and we further suggest that any person writing such letters extend to Mr. Braddette the courtesy of sending him a copy of such letter. It will materially strengthen his hand on future occasions, for we may be assured that Mr. Braddette will not let the matter rest in its present entirely unsatisfactory state."

McAdoos Divorced



McADOO'S DIVORCED Mrs. Eleanor Wilson McAdoo, daughter of the late President Wilson, has been granted a divorce in Los Angeles, from William Gibbs McAdoo, 71-year-old junior senator from California, shown above. The decree was granted within 20 minutes after she filed the suit.

CONVICTION OF MATACHEWAN L.C.A. OFFENDER IS UPHOLD

The appeal of W. E. Vannier, of Matachewan, against the decision of Magistrate Atkinson in a recent case was dismissed by Judge Hartman some days ago. This confirms the judgment of the magistrate who sentenced Vannier to three months on a charge of keeping liquor for sale. Vannier is said to be in hospital suffering from tuberculosis, but this fact is apparently not going to save him from a term, as he will get good treatment in jail and his health will be helped there rather than prejudiced.

Pembroke Standard:—A Berlin rumor has it that Hitler is under the observation of alienists. It was felt that in time that moustache was bound to catch their eye.

Jury Find Jas. Fennessy Not Guilty of Bigamy

The case against James Fennessy, of Renfrew, charged at Campbell's Bay, Quebec, with bigamy, has held some interest in Timmins and district, because Fennessy was the Renfrew town councillor who brought forward charges against the chief of police of Renfrew, Moses Greer, who was formerly chief of police at Timmins. The charge of bigamy against Fennessy last week was dismissed. After deliberating three hours and three-quarters, and being sent back twice to reconsider a jury in Court of King's Bench at Campbell's Bay, found Fennessy not guilty of bigamy. The bigamy charge dated back thirty years. Fennessy was at once discharged on the formal request of Frank Callaghan, K.C., of Montreal, defence counsel. Crown Attorney Francis Caron, of Hull, told the court he had no objection to the discharge. Twice Mr. Justice Philemon Cousineau sent the jurors back to see if they could not agree. At the request of the jury the judge explained points of law. Eventually they reached a verdict of not guilty. At the beginning of the trial strong exception was taken by the prosecution to the suggestion that Mr. Greer had intimidated the charge. The Crown explained that the charge was laid by the proper authorities and that Mr. Greer had nothing to do with it. Defence counsel also stressed the fact that no action had been taken for 30 years, though one of the parties concerned had been living happily married to another man and would not care to have the case re-opened. The Crown counsel answered this by saying that a prosecution for bigamy could be brought any time under the law. The suggestion that Fennessy's whereabouts had not been known until recent years was countered by defence council showing that he had lived in Renfrew for twenty years and more and had been well known and prominent in the district.

It is reported in despatches from Campbell's Bay that the jury at first being sent to 3 for acquittal and after being sent back narrowed the margin to 11 to 1 for acquittal. "Isn't there some point you gentlemen wish explained?" the judge asked. Asked by the foreman to explain again the effect of the New York State annulment of the 1898 marriage, the judge reiterated that even if the first marriage was declared void after the second marriage had taken place, the annulment was retroactive and made the crime of bigamy disappear. "That's enough," said the foreman. The case against Fennessy was to the effect that while he had been married in 1898 in New York State, he had gone through a marriage ceremony in 1903 with a girl from the Campbell's Bay district. The 1898 marriage was annulled by the New York State courts in 1904. The defence counsel claimed that the case against Fennessy was so based on such uncertain grounds and started at so late a date as to be most objectionable.

Settlers Doing Well in Abitibi District

Canadian National Railway Officials Well Pleased with Success of Plan in the North. Officials on Tour of Railway Lines.

After inspecting the road in the Abitibi region of Ontario and Quebec and visiting some of the most important industrial and mining plants last week, Hon. C. P. Fullerton, K.C., Chairman of Trustees of the Canadian National Railways, now on inspection tour with S. J. Hungerford, President of the System; J. Edouard LaBelle, Trustee; Alistair Fraser, Vice-president in Charge of Traffic; W. A. Kingsland, General Manager of the Central Region and other officers, stopped at LaFerte in the heart of the new district being settled under the Gordon-LaFerte colonization plan. The chairman called on several families located on the Taschereau-Noranda branch line of the Canadian National Railways, talked to the settlers and showed keen interest in their work. He complimented them on the remarkable amount of clearing done in a very few months and encouraged them to persevere. To Vitallien Villeneuve, General Inspector of Colonization, who accompanied him during his visit of the settlement, he expressed his admiration for the good colonization work now being done and for the courage of the settlers. He also expressed the wish that more unemployed would have the opportunity to settle on the land as the country at large cannot but benefit by the present colonization movement.

Friday night the party visited the Spruce Falls paper mill at Kapuskasing. They were shown over the plant by F. C. Seaborn, General Superintendent and W. G. Brubacher, Superintendent of the Sulphite Department, who explained the various operations by which 340 tons of chemical pulp and 250 tons of newsprint are turned out daily five days a week. At present this very modern plant takes a log and converts it into newsprint in 20 hours. It employs 750 men at the present time. At Noranda the C.N.R. officials visited the Noranda Mines under the guidance of H. L. Roscoe, manager. The tour of inspection continues over the eastern section of the transcontinental line and the Laurentian division.

Winners in Finals Golf Championship

Championship Final Won by Dr. C. E. Taylor. W. Laidlaw Wins the Consolation. Other Winners in Event.

The following is the list of names and players in the finals of the championship and other flights of the Timmins golf club trophy.—

Championship Final Dr. C. E. Taylor won from Geo. Lake Consolation W. Laidlaw won from S. R. McCoy First Flight Final L. Pare won from D. A. Macleod Consolation Geo. Adams won from W. H. Pritchard.

Second Flight Final Dr. Porter won from W. M. Widdifield Consolation J. G. Woolley or A. W. Young. Prizes will be awarded each winner.

"TOBY" BUDARICK GIVEN SIX MONTHS' TERM AT COBALT

At Cobalt recently "Toby" Budarick was sentenced to six months in jail on a charge of keeping liquor for sale. He admitted a previous conviction. The court room table with the "exhibits" from a police raid on Budarick's place looked like one of the new beverage rooms under the wine and beer regulations. Police evidence was to the effect that on raiding Budarick's place about 57 bottles of beer were found. A man in the house claimed it was his beer, and Budarick said, "It's mine, all mine!" or words to that effect. Budarick and the other man between them had about 220 pints of beer and other liquor. Evidence also suggested that the police officers had heard a man ask Budarick what price liquor, and Budarick had replied, according to the police, to the effect that the price was 35c.

Kirkland Lake Kiwanis to Play Golf Here August 22

Kirkland Lake Kiwanis Club members expect to visit Timmins on August 22nd and play a game, or games, of golf, or as the case may be. The information is confirmed by the following item in The Northern News last week reporting the regular meeting of the Kirkland Lake Kiwanis Club:—"Most of Tuesday's Kiwanis meeting in the curling club was taken up with plans for the carnival tonight and tomorrow but thoughts left the Mardi Gras scene long enough to commit the club to sending a delegation of 15 golfers or members who can carry the clubs around and hit the ball, to Timmins on August 22nd, to have luncheon with Timmins Kiwanians and play an All-Kiwanis match with the Porcupinians in the afternoon."

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