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HOW ABOUT THE NORTH?

For years the North Land suffered from neglect and misunderstanding and was held back in its natural progress and development. Then there came better days when the provincial government seemed to know the North and consequently to have faith in this country. The facts prove how fully this faith was justified. All who know the truth of the matter will gladly agree that the North has been one of the vital factors in assisting the province through the dark days of the depression and hastening the recovery that has seemed to be well under way. Much money was spent in recent years in developing the North and aiding the expansion of the industries of the country. Every dollar of that money has brought the most pleasing returns. Ontario has certainly received good returns for all that it has invested in the North.

At the present time, however, there is a fear in the North that the government attitude towards the North is drifting back to the evil days of ten or twenty years ago. Particularly under the regime of Premier Drury and the former Government in Ontario was there a disposition to misunderstand the North and to neglect the North. A false economy held back the development of the North and thus robbed the people of the province of the returns that might have been theirs from the wise investing of money to develop the wealth of the North.

It would be most regrettable if the Hepburn Government should duplicate the failure of the Drury administration in regard to the North. It was under a Liberal Government that the North was first opened. The T. & N. O. Railway was started by a Liberal administration with the purpose of opening and colonizing the North. The men of the Ross Government had faith and belief in the North and though it proved that the riches of the North in reality far exceeded the dreams of the men who first staked their political lives on the opening of this country, the fact remains that to a Liberal Government this North owes its first interest and attention. It is difficult to believe that another administration should seek to make valueless the thought and expenditure of years and set back the whole country to the conditions of twenty years ago. It is just such a regrettable condition that many in the North fear to-day.

The dismissal of the District Medical Health Officer for the North is one matter that gives ground for fear that the interests of the North are again to be neglected because of lack of knowledge of conditions. The discontinuance of roadwork throughout the North is another illustration. Although it is argued that roadwork is to be resumed in a month, that suggestion seems to be no more than profit that conditions in the North are not understood. The amount of work that may be done this year after the first of September is problematical, to say the least. Few are so hopeful that they can feel assured that the roadwork possible this year will be sufficient to preserve the large investment in roads in the North. If the roads are neglected this year the loss will be a serious one, indeed. It takes considerable optimism to believe that proper protection to the investment made in past years on the roads of the North can be achieved by work that may be planned for the suitable days that may arrive after Sept. 1st.

Perhaps the chief anxiety in the North centres round the Government attitude towards the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. This railway was designed by a former Liberal Government as a colonization agency. That part of its work has been well done. In addition the T. & N. O. Railway has held the distinction of being the only railway on the continent that has not been a sadly losing venture during the past few years. As well as making money, instead of losing money on operations, as most railways have been doing, the T. & N. O. has given a service to the people that unprejudiced travellers assert is much superior to the service on most lines of railroad. A family who travelled very extensively in Canada and the United States earlier this year volunteered the information to the Advance some weeks ago that on no line had they received as good service and attention as on the T. & N. O. In view of all this, it might be expected that the new Government would be inclined to leave the T. & N. O. undisturbed in its service to the North. Rumor, however, persists in threatening drastic changes in the T. & N. O. The present head of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission was appointed chairman by the Drury Government, though he had been on the commission previously. The appointment was endorsed by all in the North, irrespective of politics. The two other members of the present commission were also appointed by the Drury Government. While the report that the whole commission is to be dispensed with has been denied as premature, the feeling persists that there is some grounds for the rumour. The argument that the management rather than the commission is responsible for the success of the railroad simply begs the double question:—Was not the commission responsible for the management? And why was the railway not a success under the previous commission? This may bring up another suggestion—that it was the North that was really responsible for the success of the T. & N. O. The answer to that is that the T. & N. O. Commission has been a leading factor in the development and progress and success of the North.

The latest rumour in regard to the North is the most disquieting of all to those whose hearts and hopes are in the North. This latest story is to the effect that it is intended to close the extension north of Cochrane from Fraserdale to James Bay, and to turn the James Bay Inn at Mooseonee into a school or hospital for the Indians. To throw away the investment made in building the railway to James Bay would be a serious injury to the North and to all Ontario. There were the same calls in the name of economy against each successive extension of the line. There were wisecracks who believed it folly to build to Cobalt. Even after the wisdom of this extension had been shown, there was a similar cry against the extensions to Porcupine, to Iroquois Falls, to Cochrane. The T. & N. O. has justified each extension in turn. The extension to Mooseonee will also be fully justified if given full chance. The tourist traffic to James Bay will eventually prove profitable, while there will undoubtedly be full warrant for the expenditure made in building and maintaining the line in the wealth that will yet be developed from the country north of Cochrane.

It may be that the rumours about contemplated changes in regard to the T. & N. O. and other vital issues in the North are simply "feelers" sent out to test the opinions of the people of the North. If that is the case then all in the North, irrespective of party or other considerations, should

make it known in no uncertain way that the North desires a fair deal and a continued opportunity to develop and progress and prosper for the advantage of this rich section

WHY NOT KEEP TO THE TRUTH?

A certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper finds fault with the communists for lying about the recent so-called "hunger parade" in Toronto. The communists allege there were 50,000 gathered at Toronto for the so-called hunger march, and that it was the largest and most impressive demonstration ever held in Canada. The certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper says that in reality there were only a few hundred hunger marchers present, and instead of being impressive the affair was a complete failure, thanks to the kindness of Mr. Hepburn and the prayers of Mr. Roebuck. The certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper thinks it most unlaudable of the communists to tell lies about that parade. Yet this same Toronto newspaper in its rebuke of the reds dragged in three lies as reckless and absurd as any voiced by the communists. The certain or uncertain newspaper asked for the release of political prisoners now said to be in prison in Canada. It urged the repeal of Section 98 of the criminal code because it held that section interferes with liberty of speech and freedom of assembly. The truth is, and even a certain or uncertain newspaper must know it, that there are no men in prison in Canada to-day for any political opinions they may hold. There were some men imprisoned for advocating violence and preaching bloody revolution, inciting others to disorder and rebellion. Similarly, Section 98 of the criminal code does not interfere in any way with the liberty of speech or the freedom of assembly of any but traitors and thugs. Section 98 has been published in full on several occasions in these columns. All the section forbids is open incitement to revolution through violence and the threat of violence. Freedom of speech is no way concerned. The certain or uncertain newspaper has proved once more how free speech is in this country. There is even freedom to lie about the law and its enforcement.

VISIT THE NORTH

An invitation is hereby extended to Premier Hepburn's cabinet to visit the North. Some of them have never been in this country, and some have made such fleeting visits here that they can scarcely be said to know the country. One or two of them have known the North in years gone-by but do not know the North of to-day with its needs and possibilities. The new cabinet has been after economy. To see the needs and possibilities of the North will assure a measure of true economy not possible otherwise.

As will be noted in an article elsewhere in this issue Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Mines for the Dominion, points out that the gold mining industry has done more than any other single factor in helping Canada to recovery. In view of this undoubted fact, it is not too much to say that the North Land is to-day a very important part of the province and that anything that will help the North will help all Ontario and that anything that will injure this section will have an evil effect on the rest of the province.

In view of all this it seems specially important that the Government of Ontario should have a very intimate and personal knowledge of the North of to-day with its possibilities and its needs. Such a knowledge will mean the right decision in regard to the Government attitude towards roads, the settlers, the T. & N. O. Railway, the general development of the North and many other questions. The Advance has noted the remarks made in recent weeks about junketing trips, and so on. It may be said that at different times the mines and other interests in the North have had visits here from parties from distant places and the final results have not only repaid the costs of the trips but have left a large balance on the right side of the ledger for the North. There may easily be similar good business in what at first sight may appear to be no more than a junketing trip by public men. It seems to be a fact that before public men can do much for a country they must have first-hand knowledge of the country and its problems. The new Government may come to this country in any manner they see fit. It is a fact that the most convenient plan and the most satisfactory from the standpoint of efficiency is by private car with secretaries, documents and data convenient to hand. If the Government would prefer to travel otherwise, the North will find no particular fault. They might even make a sort of "hunger march" out of the plan, and they would be able to live well on the country as they came along, meeting hospitality everywhere. A "thirst march" would not be so good. But no matter how they come to the North, they should come and see for themselves. That will satisfy the North, because all the North asks is a fair deal. A visit to the North would be good business for the Government and the North alike. The chances are that the whole attitude would be changed by the visit and, the knowledge thereby gained.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

There is a rumour to the effect that Hon. Mr. Hepburn and Hon. Mr. Roebuck will pay the expenses of any Conservatives who wish to take a trip to Toronto to attend a convention of the Conservative party should such an event be announced. Of course, it is only a rumour. No doubt the rumour started because the Premier and the Attorney-General contributed to the expenses of the foreign political party staging the recent convention in Toronto.

One local man this week made the startling statement that there were by actual count 397 disorderly houses in town. Another equally well-posted citizen on hearing this statement made the comment:—"What utter nonsense! Why he is only counting those that have telephones."

Unemployment insurance! Hon. Mr. Hepburn seems to have inaugurated this for all employees of the former Government. What the Ontario civil servants would like to see is some form of employment insurance for those who do their work faithfully and well.

The opening of the beverage rooms in Timmins has been followed by more drunkenness than has been seen previously in town. The drunks seem to come from two or three of the beverage rooms, and these are places that caused general surprise when it was known that licenses had been granted them. Some of the beverage rooms are clean, sanitary and orderly and unusually well conducted, and would make the new beer and wine law popular. The other kind, however, are bringing disrepute upon the new legislation, and will undoubtedly revive prohibition sentiment unless there is a decided change. For a few days there was general tendency to overlook a little extra enthusiasm in the drinking of wine and beer, but the time limit of public patience is passing. One of the difficulties seems to be that the local police are not sure of their standing in regard to the enforcement of the new legislation. The Advance understands that the Government has made no move to establish co-operation on the part of municipal authorities in regard to enforcement of the new law. This was done in reference to the Liquor Control Act and unless some further restrictions are enforced in regard to the sale of beer and wine the whole new system will meet with general popular disfavour.

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Firefighters of the North Make Protest

Temiskaming Firemen's Association Ask for Reconsideration of Motion Asking for Resignation of Fire Chief Borland.

Not only in Timmins but throughout the whole North there has been astonishment and concern over the proposal of the town council that Fire Chief Borland, of Timmins, should tender his resignation. Elsewhere in this issue The Advance has noted references to the matter from outside papers. Here is what The Northern News, of Kirkland Lake, had to say in the matter last week:—

Firemen's Association to Write Letter

"Alex Borland, fire chief of Timmins, was fired by the city council at their session last week. No reason was given for the action and though the mayor and one or two councillors asked the members who sponsored the motion to withdraw it or reconsider, no action was taken, and Chief Borland is out of a job, after having served them for eighteen years. He was for six years chief of the department at Cobalt and it was from the best old town that he went to Timmins to take over the job of directing their first fire fighting actions. During his time at Cobalt he became a prominent member of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association and this week when that body of firemen learned of his dismissal, they were astounded. 'We don't know what to make of it at all,' said Fred Thompson who has been secretary of the association for eighteen years. 'We can't figure it out at all but we do feel that the council might very well reconsider their action. The association will hold a meeting this week and consider the advisability of forwarding a letter to the town council at Timmins. Of course we have no power in the matter. Timmins is not even a part of our association but Alex Borland has only two more years to serve when he would be in line for retiring on pension. It seems a shame that after the years of faithful service he has given the towns he has been in that he should be let out without that chance.' Jack Matheson, local fire chief, who is a past president of the association agreed that they should take some action. 'There may be something about it we don't know at all,' he told The News, 'but there were apparently no reasons given at the meeting. Alex Borland was always a good fire fighter and at his age, after the service he has given Timmins in the past, it will be a rather terrible thing for him if he is retired without pension to which he will be entitled in another two years of service. The association officers stated that Alex Borland was known all over the country as one of the best in the game. They made it clear that any action the Temiskaming Firemen takes is not to be misconstrued as an attempt to dictate to the Timmins council but rather that it should be understood as a sympathetic move wishing to impress them only with the great services the ex-chief has rendered and the fact that another two years on the force would entitle him to a pension. A long distance call from Max Smith, South of the association and one of its first members, indicated that the Timmins council's action had not been well received there. Chief Borland had served in London and Woodstock before going to Timmins and he has been in the North Country for at least twenty-four years. The Temiskaming Fire-

men's Association is a large organization that covers a district bounded by North Bay on the south, Kapuskasing on the north-west and Amos at the east. Though the Timmins department is not now a part of it, Fire Chief Borland was a former popular member and the communication that is sent the Timmins council will be as a petition from all the fire fighters of the North Country, who have banded together in this eighteen year old society."

Pretty Wedding at St. Matthew's Church

Marriage on Wednesday Last of Miss Mabel Violet Wilson and Mr. Leonard Alexander Watson. Couple to Reside at Noranda.

St. Matthew's Anglican church, Timmins, was the scene of a very pretty wedding Wednesday afternoon, August first, when Mabel Violet, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin P. Wilson, Porcupine, was united in marriage to Leonard Alexander Watson, Noranda, Quebec, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Watson, Barry's Bay, Ontario. Rev. Canon R. S. Cushing, rector of the church, officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. She was gracefully longed in white satin, fashioned on gown full lines and wore a white crepe picture

hat, white accessories and a diamond pendant, the gift of the groom. Her flowers were a shower bouquet of Sweetheart roses and lily-of-the-valley. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Maurice McNulty, as matron of honour, in a frock of powder blue organdy, white accessories and wearing a corsage of Sweetheart roses and lily-of-the-valley.

The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Harry Watson, of Noranda, Quebec.

The bride's gift to the groom was a gold signet ring and to the matron of honour a silver bangle. The groom presented the bestman with a fountain pen.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in Porcupine. Later the happy young couple left on a motor trip south. For travelling the bride wore a copen swaggar suit with white accessories. On their return they will reside at Noranda, Quebec.

Brantford Expositor:—It was the sentiment of the common citizens that stopped the San Francisco flare-up just as a similar thing was squelched in Winnipeg some years ago. No members of any English-speaking community will stand being taken by the throat.

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"Don't you think police wearing revolvers in full sight has a tendency to tempt law-breakers to carry guns?" This was the question asked on Monday by a visitor at the McIntyre park who noted a policeman on the grounds in full accoutrement. The answer was a sarcastic "Yes!" or even "Oh, yeah!" Sure, policemen carrying guns tempt to shooting, just the same as the bars on bank windows lead

to bank robbery. Ask any thug or gangster!

The Toronto Mail and Empire has certainly good grounds for complaint when that newspaper points out that the investigation into the Abitibi Canyon power purchase is practically completed and nothing of importance has been shown—not even whether it should be called "Abba Tibby" or "Abit Abee."

Well, there may not be anything very startling in any of the innumerable investigations following the recent elections in Ontario. But wait for the investigation into these investigations that will follow the next election!

Warton Echo: Women are queer critters—we see them out walking these days with shorts, bare legs—we mean limbs—and gloves on. In the name of all that is reasonable why the gloves?

HEMORRHOIDS OR PILES

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