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#### Report Hiking Family Not Arrived at Haileybury

Last week The Advance had reference to a family being from Mon- The name of the uncle was not given their arrival." treal to Haileybury and reported as in the paper's report. The traveller stopping at North Bay where they were claimed that he had never applied for very kindly used. Their destination, relief in his native city of Montreal, according to the story told at North but had kept himself and his family they had relatives who would meet securing odd jobs through the depresat Haileybury, however. The Hailey- in cash, he said, but this had dwindled burian last week says:-

North Bay on Friday morning last with the travellers apparently made good tickets over the T. & N. O. from that time until they reached Mattawa city to Haileybury, nothing is known where the baby carriage broke down here of the present whereabouts of and they had to leave it behind. Be-Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Constantineau tween walking and getting rides they and their two children, the hiking got from there to North Bay, from family from Montreal. They were where they left, as stated, on Friday reported by the North Bay Nugget as morning for Haileybury. Neither having arrived in the city on Thurs- Mayor Thorpe nor any of the munioay last, having left Montreal on July cipal officials had heard of the travel-23rd pushing a baby carriage with the lers until they were questioned by The children, one of which is four and a Haileyburian this week. No one of half years old and the other 16 months. that name or description had been re-

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Bay, was Haileybury where they said up to the time of their departure by them. Apparently they did not arrive | sion. When they left home he had \$5 to 12 cents by the time he reached "Although they are said to have left North Bay. From The Nugget report

#### Thinks Zig-Zag Road Best for the North

Why the Straight-Line Road from Sudbury to Timmins Would be Poor Policy After All.

South Porcupine, Ont., Aug. 10th.

To the Editor of

The Advance, Timmins, Ont.

According to The Nugget they were ported as coming to town, and it is | Timmins to Sudbury. Some laughed through the world's greatest nickel belt taken care of in North Bay on Thurs- evident that they either stopped short and called me crazy; other said "go to into a long silver belt and then into a day night, where Mr. Constantineau of this point or went on north. It is it." Well, look at Matachewan today, great gold belt and run through the stated that he had an uncle in Hailey- possible, of course, that they were met and the Hollinger of Porcupine is centres of these belts. If it is intendbury who had promised him a job. here by relatives and taken home on greatly responsible for helping to start ed for a few like the rocky Superior her booming, and the mine I predicted road then it is not needed at all and has been found and going ahead. The should be dropped entirely. It's too straight facts are that the zig-zag route costly to build roads for easy living is the best by far and on account of people only. Build it where it will do it already being from Matachewan to the greatest good and earn the most. Gowganda and has been for nearly Being one of seven men who made the twenty years. Yes from Elk Lake to finds that started Porcupine rush I Old-Timer Shows the Many Reasons Gowganda it has been kept open all wish to say that I honestly believe if the year around for 20 years, and yes the Porcupine branch of T. & N. O. Ry. many years from Elk Lake to Mata- had been built where it should have chewan. So this proves it's the best been and that it went from Matheson when there is enough business to war- through that great farming area to rant keeping it opened the year round | Nighthawk Lake that there would be between these camps. The late Jas. Hutchings, of Elk Lake, the North, because it would have run had two teams of horses and sleighs right through the Porcupine Gold Belt Dear Sir:-Myself and The Porcu- make the trip from Elk Lake to Tim- and more money would have been pine Advance were first to propose the mins in the winter of 1925-1926 and available to work Nighthawk mines Timmins-Sudbury road and we have that helped my idea of the road. You and also from Matheson west where done a hundred times the advertising | bet this Sudbury-Timmins road is to | lots of gold can be found. Should it of it than anyone else. So I think we serve the towns through which it al- ever be necessary, the railway could be

are entitled to have our say whether ready runs and the mining camps run east to Lightning from Matheson it be a straight or a zig-zag route. In along it, as well as Kirkland Lake with and tap Creosus and other good prothe first place this road is not intend- a road west to meet it, and same at perties, some of which may yet turn ed for speeders and fast drivers or to other places, where the farmers will to be big boys. If it were not for the get to Sudbury or Timmins in a great | have a market. It is not by any means | mines and settlers we would not need hurry. It is needed to serve the min- meant to serve just a few fast-going any roads in this North for they would ing towns along it, such as Matache- speeders like that rocky shore of be useless. So I think those who adwan, Elk Lake, Gowganda and Shin- | Superior from Sault Ste. Marie which | vocate a short straight route should ingtree area, and open new mines in would only be for pleasure purposes. think twice and take into considerabetween, and as I said years ago it This zig-zag will be over one hundred tion the stores and business places and would be a belt line of roads with miles shorter to Sudbury any way, so settlers and others who have as much three or four cross-over connections to please be satisfied it is so. Why this right to benefit from this road as they it from the Ferguson highway and thus long road, or zig-zag, as some call it. have and others who are always in such make it easy for the settlers to get to is best is because there are already a great hurry. If they found a gold this Sudbury-Timmins road and sell a several mines along it and many mine I'll bet they would like to see it lot of produce to the mines along it. more to come and it's mines first before last a long time instead of a short-When I first got the idea of this road | pleasure, and besides there is that | lived one. and started to write several letters in much more scenery than a short the Northern as well as Toronto papers, straight road. In fact the longer it is the Red Lake rush was on and olc the better for all, for the chances of Matachewan was dead. But I told more towns, mines, tourists is much Highway Route Should be Mr. J. B. Moyneur and everyone else greater than a straight speeders' road, at Elk Lake not to worry because and just plant it in your heads that Matachewan would grow fast some day, the gold belt south of Porcupine, with and told them some one will find a new a width of forty miles, figures largely mine west of the Young-Davidson why the road should be where it already and that I was going to keep on writ- is and just needs putting in shape. 

two or three more big gold mines in

Yours truly. H. A. PRESTON

would have been nearing completion the municipalities and with those takby this time and Old Ontario would ing up the plan. consider common sense."

#### **Against Closing Line** Cochrane to Moosonee

The New Liskeard Speaker last week made the following comment on the report that service on the T. & N. O. extension north of Cochrane was to be curtailed and the James Bay Inn closed

"The Toronto press recently an nounced that the Liberal Government of Ontario had decided to all but scrap the T. & N. O. Ry. extension from Abitibi Canyon north. "The new hotel at Moosonee was to be turned into cross between a community hall and home for Indians" and the rails made use of only as demand for freight haulalge was received. This will be alarm ing news to any one who may have acquired interests in that section of Northern Ontario, and is greatly to be regretted by the people of Ontario. A representative of The Speaker was present on the occasion of the driving of the spike which formally opened the new road for business, at which the speakers were former Premier Henry, former Premier Drury and Justice Latchford, a former member of the Ontario Liberal cabinet, which sponsored the building of the first span of the T. & N. O. Everyone of these | speakers made claims on behalf of themselves for "special mention" for the part they had individually taken to promote the extension of the T. & N. O. Ry. And, although we must | confess we had grave doubts about the wisdom of the undertaking, we decided that probably these men knew more about it than we did and decided that criticism would be in bad form on our part. However, if Premier Hepburn is properly quoted, the upper reaches of the Ontario owned railroad are not as promising as we had been led to believe, although we hardly agree with | & his sentiment as expressed in the words that "It starts nowhere and ends no where." because Cochrane, as the former "end of steel" and division point, established by reason of the building of the upper C.N.R. line, under Liberal auspices, is some real town, and, under favourable conditions, might easily aspire to cityhood in the near future.

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ernment that is of particular import-

tain amount of work done in their sec- past circumstances and conditions tinued. tions without those in other parts of even that seems scarcely fair. Ontario the North knowing anything about it, adopted the plan inaugurated by Hon. prospectors have been making big dis- W. A. Gordon, Minister of Colonizacoveries in the Long Lake section of | tion at Ottawa, and there were certain Northwestern Ontario, and right in the understandings between the two govarea it was suggested the Trans-Canada ernments that leave a discontinuance highway should run, if the Northern of the plan by Ontario as more or less route were finally selected. Had the of a handicap to the Dominion plans. politicians taken this job on with a de- | But certainly the assistance promised sire to secure a Trans-Canada highway, to those who have already taken up instead of trying to make use of the the plan could not be stopped without proposition as a vote catcher, which evidencing direct breach of faith not didn't catch, the big undertaking only with the Dominion but also with

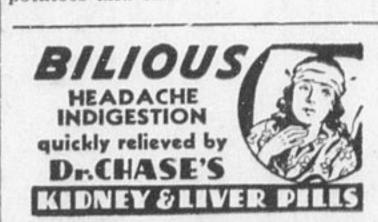
have had direct motor connection. via Hon. Mr. Hepburn is quoted as saythe Ferguson highway and Cochrane. ing:-"I can see no useful purpose in with what now appears to be another putting men on the land until we get great mining camp for the province of a sound trade policy. The money for Ontario. There is a saying that gas- this expensive colonization servise in lie in the adoption of some form of cline and booze will not mix when a Northern Ontario comes out of the motor car is being driven, and likewise | taxes." It may be replied to this viewpetty politics and good business will point that as most of those placed on not mix when the best is to be looked the land under this plan would otherfor in road building. Long Lake is so wise be on direct relief, there is no situated that there are only two pos- saving by discontinuing the plan, but sible routes available from Eastern to the contrary is the fact. As to waiting Western Ontario. One route must cut until farm produce prices are at a across the northern end of the lake higher level, that does not seem to be and thus enter the Nipigon area, or a far-sighted policy. For a couple of else the rocky and crooked shores of years, until they get really started at Lake Superior must be made use of farming, the settlers have little con-Common sense would indicate the ad- cern about prices for produce. If vantages of the Northern route, but prices come back in the next couple of political necessities frequently do not | years then the settlers under the plan will be all ready to reap the advantage. To wait for material increase in farm prices is simply to defer success for a

couple of years at least. When the land settlement plan was first taken up The Advance touched on the matter of prices for farm produce, pointing out that if prices were not good there would be little advantage in having the number of farms increased. The Advance urged some plan or other whereby farmers and settlers could be assured of fair prices. Against this it was argued that the chief purpose in the land settlement scheme at present was the caring for those who would otherwise be upon relief. The plan was designed to offer an opportunity to men with knowledge and experience in farming to start on homesteads in the North. Until they estab-

lished themselves they were given certain forms of assistance. Already several hundred men have been established on farms in this way and bid fair to make good. While they may never make fortunes, they do stand the chance of becoming independent and able to care for themselves. From time to time The Advance has noted cases where success has apparently Another step by the Hepburn Gov- | been won, according to the men on the farms. There were at first certain misance to the future of the North is the takes made that created some prejudice announcement last week by Premier | against the plan. It is only fair to Hepburn at Toronto that there will be say that these mistakes were chiefly no further attempts made to settle traceable to misunderstanding or error farmers on the lands of Northern On- on the part of the province, rather tario until the price of farm products | than the Dominion's plan. One of the make such investments profitable. main mistakes in this line was the at-The announcement proceeds to say tempt to place unsuitable men on the that assistance will be maintained to farms. Some of these men were so those already trying to make a living | inexperienced and so unready to learn on the homesteads of the North. In that their failure was sure from the regard to this assistance it is difficult | start. Others were unfitted by temperto see how it could be considered as ment or outlook on life. Recently, likely to be discontinued. Under the | however, co-operation between munifarm settlement plan the Dominion cipalities, province and Dominion has for Use Not for Politics Government, the provincial Govern- been so close, and the men chosen for ment and the muncipalities agreed to land settlement have been generally The New Liskeard Speaker last week assist the settlers under a defined and of the type that gives good promise of says:—"While politicians have been distinct contrast. It may be within the ultimate success. Now, when the playing ball with the Trans-Canada province of the Government to discon- chances are good for the land settlehighway proposition, and while "those | tinue further settlement under the land | ment plan seem so propitious, it does with a pull" have been having a cer- settlement plan, although in view of seem a pity that it should be discon-

> In regard to the settlement of the North. The Advance has held that for a great many years the plans for securing and holding settlers have been on a poor basis. Even the assistance given the settlers has been along wrong lines. It takes some time for the average settler to establish himself as a farmer. In the meantime, however, he must live, and in giving him this chance to live, the Government seems to have followed the wrong line. Roadwork has helped very materially to keep the settler going, but there has been the necessity, or, at least, the inclination to have the roadwork keep the man while his farm-making is held up while he works on the roads. The answer to the whole problem seems to bonus for the clearing of land for homesteading. This would allow the farmer to remain on his farm, and, in the absence of pulpwood on his farm, allow opportunity for living until the farm should be on a paying basis. A land-clearing bonus such as appears to have been so good a success in Quebec seems to be the answer here. It might be well for the present government to have this idea in mind if they return to the land settlemen plan.

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