

Dr. Speakman to Treat Subject Vital to North

Timmins Board of Trade Secures Noted Expert to Speak to Annual Banquet on Special Problem of the North. Resources of the North to be Outlined and Future for Young Men.

"There is a more pressing problem here than in the south as to unemployment in the future," claims W. O. Langdon, president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, and president of Timmins board of trade.

The reasoning behind the statement is that the north is peopled by the young. Even now while there are many graduating from the schools, there is no work to be found for them. In a few years time the numbers of young men and women ready to take a place in the north country will be increased ten fold. "What," asks Mr. Langdon, "will our position be 10 years from now? School principles are already alarmed about the situation. Who

should know about the future of the north country?"

After correspondence between the boards of trade and the research foundation at Toronto, Dr. H. Speakman has offered to come to the North and address a representative body of the whole north telling them what the Research Foundation has found out in their research about the natural resources of the north apart from fine metals. He is to be here on Monday evening, Dec. 10th at the Empire hotel, under the auspices of the Timmins board of trade.

"Mining is of a wasting nature," says Mr. Langdon. "It comes to an end sooner or later. It behooves the people

and the government to do everything possible in the way of developing other resources of the north apart from mines so that when the mines now operating cease, people will still be able to reside in the north and derive a living from these other resources."

Aside from the mines' investment in Timmins there is approximately \$14,000,000 of private and public capital tied up here and in order to secure that, the people here should know just what future the north country has. This is what the boards of trade hope Dr. Speakman will tell the public next Monday.

"I have felt for a long time," continued Mr. Langdon when interviewed by The Advance, "that the government has not appreciated the necessity for securing this investment inasmuch as it has not seen to the necessary development of agricultural land immediately adjacent to mining fields. Our own township of Mountjoy is an example of this."

John Knox, general manager of Hollinger Consolidated has consented to prepare a paper on the prospects for youth of the north country in mining, so that the whole subject of development in the north and what it may mean to the coming generation should receive a thorough treatment next Monday evening.



WHAT'S WONG WITH THIS PICTURE
Nothing, if you can judge by the placid expression on the face of the famous Anna May as she pauses for repairs on a London thoroughfare. The pretty Oriental film star recently completed several films in England.

Resolution Asking for Highway from Hearst

Matheson Brings Question Before the Associated Boards of Trade. Only Three Resolutions Received to Date for Meeting on December 11th of Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade.

Resolutions from the Matheson board of trade received for presentation at the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Boards of Trade here on Dec. 11th include recommendation to adjust the height of the T. & N. O. railway bridge at Swastika over the Ferguson highway; designation of the highway from North Bay to Cochrane to Hearst to White River as an alternative trans-Canada highway route; and the completion of the Timmins-Matheson road via Shillington.

The resolutions read as follows:— "Whereas one of the main crops of the farmers of Northern Ontario is hay

and whereas the present bridge of the T. & N. O. at Swastika presents a great difficulty to the transport of hay by truck to southern points due to the low clearance

"Now therefore be it resolved that the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade do go on record as favouring some remedial action by the government and the T. & N. O. Railway either as regards raising of the bridge or the construction of an alternative motor road into Kirkland Lake and do urge the advisability thereof upon the government and the T. & N. O. railway."

"Whereas the northern branch of the trans-Canada highway has been under construction for some time and its completion is of vital importance to this portion of the province of Ontario

"And whereas the latest plans for the completion of the highway call for the immediate construction of the Sudbury-Sault Ste. Marie branch as the official route

"And whereas work has already been commenced on the route from Hearst to White River via Oban

"Now therefore be it resolved that the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade do go on record as favouring the immediate completion of the Hearst-Oban-White River road as a branch of the trans-Canada highway and do urge upon the government the advisability of making the highway from North Bay to Cochrane and Hearst to White River an alternative route."

"Timmins-Matheson Road

"Whereas the construction of a road from Timmins to Matheson via Shillington was commenced some years ago and not completed

"And whereas such a road would be several miles shorter than the present route by Porcupine Junction

"And whereas the completion of this road would be of immense advantage to the Porcupine district as well as to the farming community around Matheson

"Now therefore be it resolved that the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade do go on record as favouring the immediate completion of this road and do urge upon the government the necessity of completing the said road at once."

"To Circulate Motions.

Though the president, W. O. Langdon, sent out an appeal this year to all boards of trade in the association to circulate all their resolutions amongst the other member-boards so that there could be local discussion of them, the Matheson ones are all that have been received to date.

"Motions suddenly thrust upon the meeting are not fair to the rest of the association," said the president, "and it was our idea this year to have them thoroughly discussed by the local boards before the delegates are sent to the convention. I don't know yet whether they will respond to the suggestion or not."

The December 11th convention here will also be the annual meeting when the financial report will be read, past business reported and officers for the coming year elected. Mr. Langdon told The Advance that, if nominated, he will again stand for election to the presidency.

If a full representation of the board-members attends the annual meeting North Bay, Kirkland Lake, Matheson, Ansonville, Irons Falls, Timmins, Cochrane, Smooth Rock Falls, Kapuskasing and Hearst will be included.

North Bay is the only one that has given definite notice of choice of delegates.

Death-Rays no Reason For Worry at Present

(BY "SHAKES")

A short time ago an "expose" was printed in some daily papers on this continent as well as in Europe concerning the demolition of "death-ray" producing equipment under circumstances that would make a fine "thriller"

A few days later it was announced in the headlines that the earth was being continually bombarded with "death-rays" from the heavens but that the effect of ozone in the upper atmosphere shields the earth and its people from any ill effects. Though the "discovery" of these death-rays is by no means a novel thing in the scientific world, new information regarding the rays has been obtained from a new method of research. Dr. Charles G. Abbot of the Smithsonian Institution is the man who is responsible for the recent new information.

The death-rays are of the ultra-violet species and our own sun is a good producer of them. (The particular ray recently referred to in newspapers as death-rays are those but are of a much shorter length or a much more rapid vibration than the ultra-violet rays that the responsible for our summer coats of tan). They are now known to science as destroyers of protoplasm and an interesting problem arises when it is realized that if the layer of ozone gas were suddenly removed from the upper atmosphere, life would cease to exist on the earth.

Some say that this is all in the plan of the universe—Life could not exist without the protective ozone blanket, hence it is given by some as another example of Divine intervention. Others say that this is highly improbable and that life would have gone forward in any case protoplasm adapting itself to shorter waves of the sun's radiation than has so far been necessary.

But to return to the point of the discussion—as far as the world of science knows to-day, there is no such thing as a man-made death-ray capable of destroying large numbers of men at tremendous distances. Scientific American says that the newspaper reports were basically correct but asserts that the "somewhat dramatic headlines 'Death Stars Found; Screen Saves Earth'; 'Blue Stars Sending Death Rays; Ozone Turns Them from Earth'; and so on, give their readers an opportunity to enjoy a slight thrill of horror at a safe distance, a game we all enjoy."

Managers of Chain Stores Make Protest

Declare "Short Weight" Allegations are not True. Send Strong Resolution of Protest to Ottawa.

One of the troubles with publishing from day to day the reports of the mass buying probe at Ottawa is the fact that the evidence one day may leave a wrong impression that may not be corrected for some time in the ordinary course of affairs. Managers of chain stores have been impressed with this fact recently and have taken measures to set themselves right before the public. The evidence given at the mass buying probe at Ottawa by Sutherland Cuddy, Dominion weights and measures inspector recently has roused the resentment of the chain store managers. A gathering of 400 of the managers at Toronto last week passed a strongly worded resolution refuting the inspector's charges of short weight and unethical practices. The expressed special resentment at his implied accusation that they had been guilty of petty thievery. With the exception of one man who several times threw the meeting into disorder by his shouted comments, the managers were unanimous in condemning the charges of the inspector. They denied absolutely that managers of the chain stores resorted to short weight practices to cover up stock losses and shrinkages. All the speakers at the meeting emphasized the fact that a square deal to the customer and honest weight were essential principles in their business. William Walters, elected chairman, said that the chain store managers would not be given a chance to defend themselves at Ottawa and that the meeting was their only way of registering a strong protest. "It has been unfair criticism," he charged, "and if what has been said at Ottawa is true the chain stores would not have flourished and survived."

"We're all entitled to a fair wage and that's what we were getting until this inquiry came along," he went on. "According to Mr. Cuddy we're all petty thieves and dishonest. It is said we have to put our hands in our own pockets to make up shortages. That's not true. It is said the scales are not right. That's not true. We have always been told to give 16 ounces to the pound and that the customer is always right."

The one man who had interrupted was urged by the meeting to come forward and tell his story. He had been with the Red and White Stores and alleged he had been told to sell some bread he had reported as short-weight. He was asked why he didn't read the letter sent the stores in regard to destroying this bread, but he replied that it was a week before he received this letter.

Several of the speakers pointed out that the managers were supplied with forms in which they set out the wastages, shrinkages and so on, and declared that this was never charged up to the manager and taken out of his pocket.

"Taking the evidence of Mr. Cuddy point by point, A. W. Lloyd, of Dominion Stores, charged that all the allegations were false.

"We are given forms," he said "in which we are credited with every loss and the manager is not asked to take it out of his own pocket."

"If a man does give short weight he does it for his own ends and he isn't long at the job," Mr. Lloyd maintained. Similar opinions were voiced by R. G. Bull of the same organization who pointed out that if someone followed an automobile driver all day some evidence might be secured that he had infringed some speeding regulations or other by-laws. "That is exactly what Mr. Cuddy did in another way," he said. "Naturally, some evidence could be secured."

Several present said they had been store managers for several years and had never heard of anybody who had put up money on account of short stocks. One man added to this that there was no excuse for short stocks

Ontario Leading in First Aid on Roads

Experiment by the Ontario Motor League the First of its Kind on the Continent. Much Expected from Plan

First aid stations for injured travellers have been established in Ontario as an experiment of the Ontario Motor League. This is the first attempt on the North American continent at such a service and during the next few years statistics will show just how great an advantage a system like this should be.

Highway Number Two between Toronto and Montreal was selected by the league as the best one with which to begin as this road carries more regular traffic than most others in the province.

Volunteers make up the staff of the 22 stations now established and they have been trained in first aid work by local physicians acting under the direction of the St. John Ambulance Association.

The ever-increasing popularity of travel by automobile has added to the annual roll of accidents not only directly due to the machines themselves but also to the fact that more and more people are able to find their way out into the open country with its hills, forests, lakes and streams. Accidents now occur in a large number of out-of-the-way places where it is sometimes difficult to obtain medical aid quickly. Many lives have been lost due to the general ignorance of first aid.

It is with ultimate object in view of acquainting a larger number of people with the principles of first aid that the motor league has begun its campaign for first aid stations. Doctors and provincial police are only too willing to help teach classes what to do first in cases of injury, drowning or electrocution. Every man on the provincial force wears the little black and white badge that signifies he has passed the test for the St. John's Ambulance Corps membership and is familiar with methods of teaching his knowledge to others.

This summer in at least one small Ontario town, the local provincial officer, through co-operation of school authorities, arranged for classes of instruction for all persons in the municipality who were interested. Saturday mornings found the auditorium of the local school completely filled, not only by children but adults as well. That provincial officer now has hundreds of people in his district who know what should be done right away for anyone who needs immediate attention. They were all anxious to learn and welcomed the opportunity.

This campaign, in addition to the work being done year after year by Boy Scouts and Girl Guides should do much toward saving life in the province. Already United States editorial commentators are agitating for the establishment of first aid stations similar to those set up by the Ontario Motor League.

Huntingdon Gleason:—In Nashville, Tenn., an aged negro known as "Baby" Anderson is taking life easy. Years ago he was an "attraction" in the ringling circus side show. His speciality was "head butting." There was a standing offer of a cash prize for any man who would get into a ring with Anderson and out-but him. During all these years he took on all comers and never found a skull he could not outkick. "I made 'em all holler quit," the old negro says proudly. "All you got to do is to have the hardest head."

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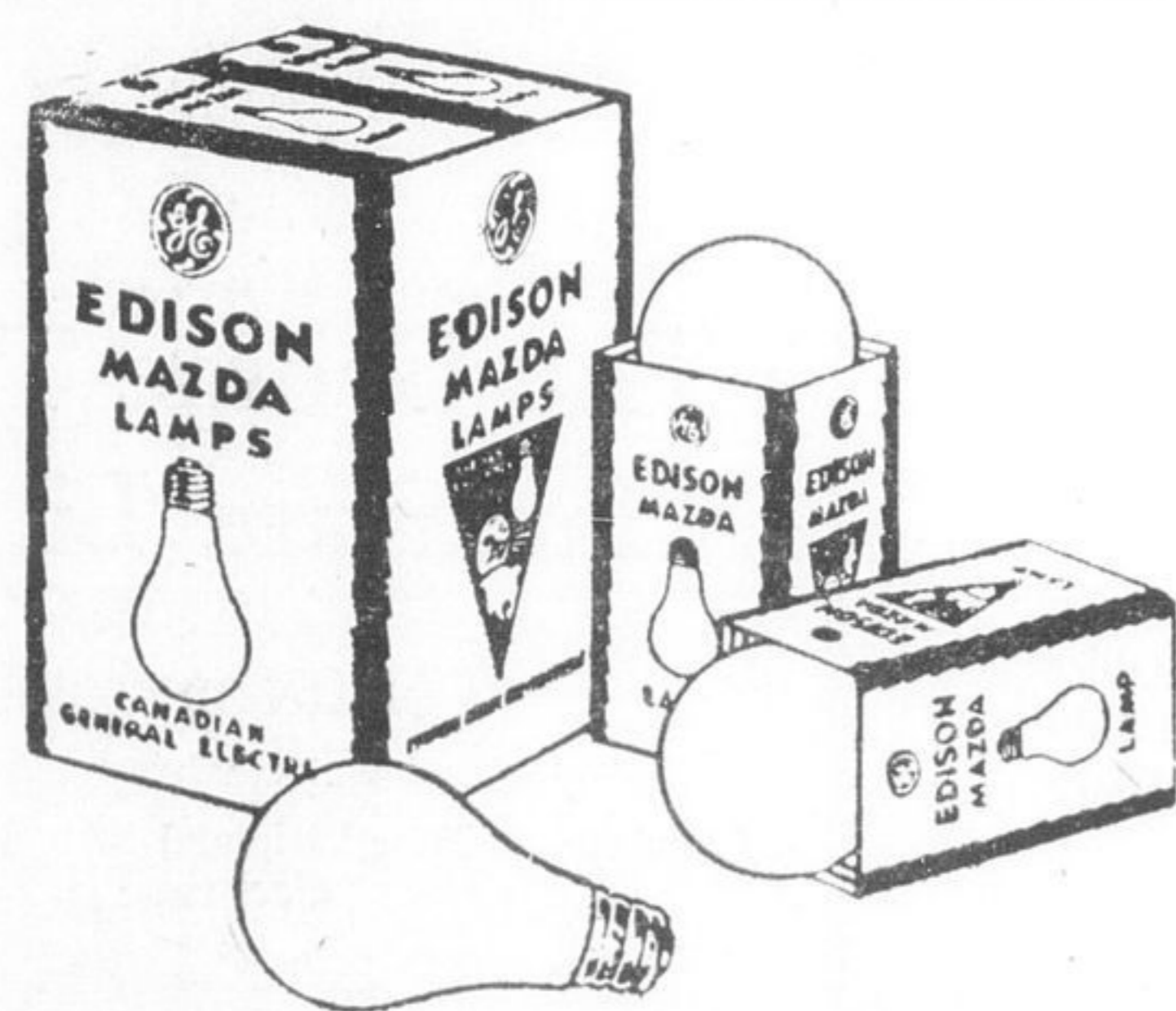
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