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Sketch of New Head of T. & N. O. Railway

North Bay Newspaperman Tells Story of Col. Mac Lang's Life and Service.

The North Bay Nugget and The Sudbury Star as well as newspaper despatches from North Bay recently have given the following sketch of the life of Col. Lang, which will be of interest here where he is known so well and for so many years has enjoyed so large a measure of popularity. The following is the sketch:—

"A man of only public school education, gaining his life experience through toil on the land, water and in dense northern forests, trudging always upwards, to gain seats in Ontario and Dominion parliaments.

That is the brief story of Colonel Mac Lang, a self-made man, newly appointed chairman of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission.

Sixty years of age by his own confession, but as agile as a man of 40, Colonel Lang extended a cordial invitation to the interviewer. After delving into the colonel's "past," the conversation switched to politics and

economics. Knowing that Col. Mac Lang was a busy man, the writer twice offered to make his exit. But it was Col. Lang, who expressed a desire that the conversation continue. "For" he said, "it is by talking frankly with youth that experience learns what is really wanted, and expected in this country."

Born On Farm
Born February 25, 1874, Col. Lang was reared on his father's farm at Eagle, Elgin county.

He attended public school in the farming community, and that was the extent of his institutional knowledge. The broad experience he has gained in affairs of the state has all been through his own initiative and an extensive study of human nature.

After graduating from public school, Col. Lang farmed with his father, Daniel Lang, and also fished along Lake Erie. He continued in this work until 1901, when he located in Sturgeon Falls, then but a small town.

With a little tug, as his "one-craft" fleet, the colonel operated successfully in the fishing business. In 1906, he married a Sturgeon Falls girl, Miss Lillian Douglas.

About this time, he went out of the fishing business, feeling the urge of most young men for quicker wealth. So into the mining territory of

Northern Ontario he wended his way, prospecting in the early days of Cobalt and Porcupine.

It was not until 1925, however, that Col. Lang moved his wife and family of three daughters to Haileybury, his present headquarters.

Elected In 1914
It was in 1914, that the colonel took his first flare for politics.

"Have your Liberal tendencies been hereditary?" the interviewer ventured.

"Well, I guess they have," answered Col. Lang with a chuckle, "but we all like to let ourselves think that our political views are self-adopted."

For three successive terms from 1914 until 1926, he was Liberal member in the Ontario Legislature for Cochrane riding.

In 1926, he ran on a Liberal ticket in the Temiskaming riding, and was elected to the Federal House. In 1930, he was defeated by Hon. W. A. Gordon, minister of labor.

Colonel Lang will be in the field again in the forthcoming Federal elections as Liberal candidate for Temiskaming south. His recent appointment as chairman of the T. & N. O. Commission will not interfere with his plans, he said.

Enlisted In 1915

Hearing the call to fight for King and Country Col. Lang joined the

159th battalion at Haileybury in 1915, as a private.

He received his first commission in January 1916, as a lieutenant, and in October of the same year the battalion left the training field at Camp Borden for France.

Shortly after the arrival of the 159th in France, Colonel Lang was transferred to the Canadian Forestry Corps. His experience gained in this line while in Northern Ontario made him invaluable. His good work was awarded and before the conclusion of the war he was promoted to the rank of major.

While with the 159th battalion Col. Lang was in command of Platoon 3, "A" Company, composed of North Bay men. The company was in command of the late Major Ted. Shepherd.

Commanded Algonquins
It was after the war, while commanding the Algonquin Regiment from 1926 to 1930, that he received the rank of colonel.

In his youth, Colonel Lang's favorite sport was baseball. "I played a lot of it on all the corner lots," said the colonel. "But I was never any star," he added modestly.

For the past seven years, he has been an enthusiastic curler. He plans to skip a rink at the T. & N. O. bonspiel in Noranda this winter, with A. H. Cavanagh, general manager of the line, as vice-skip, and two other

good men, who as the colonel says "will do the sweeping."

Rearred as a Presbyterian, Colonel Lang is now a member of the United Church. He has been a member of the Ontario Club for 20 years.

Although a Liberal all his life, Col. Lang's sympathies have always been with labor.

"No wonder my heart is with the working class. I am one of them myself," he concluded.

Great Sight at New York with Army and Navy Planes

New York, Dec. 17th.—At 10.30 this morning New York saw one of the greatest aerial sights in its history when army and navy planes took to the air at the same time.

It was all part of a nation-wide celebration, when probably a greater proportion of the planes owned in the United States were in flight at the same time than ever before.

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Kitchener Record.—Daughter still helps. She keeps good numbers on the radio, while mother does the dishes.

Pipe Band Extends Thanks to Hollinger and Public

Timmins, Dec. 17th, 1934.

To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins

Dear Sirs:—Following the news item in last Thursday's issue of The Advance giving the names of the prize winners at the Porcupine District Pipe Band whist drive held on Wednesday evening of last week, the committee of the band wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the entire personnel of the Pipe Band, to convey very sincere appreciation to the Hollinger Mine management, and the departments concerned, for all the privileges granted by the free use of the Hollinger Townsite hall; combined with the free use of the generous supply of kitchen utensils along with chairs and other equipment; also the necessary fuel for heating and cooking. The saving of hall expenses and such like, is a great help to the band in the efforts, now being put forth towards raising sufficient funds to equip the complete band of pipers and drummers with full kilted uniforms, early in the approaching new year, if possible. The committee also extend their appreciation to their many guests—who attend the Pipe Band whist drives—for the high regard and good care taken to help protect, from damage, the property and equipment of the hall whilst attending the whist drives and social evenings, which are

being promoted in the interests of the community; and, to help to maintain a pipe band in this community. Again thanking all.

Porcupine Pipe Band,
per Wm. Stewart.

WHAT THE MASS BUYING ENQUIRY CALLS TO MIND.

If half of what the mass-buying investigation commission has been told is true, the following traditional dialogue which used to be a famous sample of the wit of 25 years ago may have something to it—"Hev you watered the vinegar and sanded the sugar, son?" "Yes pop!" "All right, lock up, and let's go to church."

BRIGHTEST SPOT ON THE HORIZON OF RADIO TO-DAY

The New Yorker has an idea that the brightest spot on the radio horizon is a small town in Germany for somebody the New Yorker knows was there recently and dropped into a cafe for regular coffee and cake. There was a small radio in the establishment playing a musical program. It came to an end, and the announcer said: "The next 10 minutes are devoted to the news of the day. Since there is no news, there will be an equal period of silence." And there was.

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