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Col. Lang Gives Action in Regard to Lignite

Large Amount of Fuel to be Taken to Ottawa for Tests and Enquiry. Plan to Use as Fuel on T. & N. O. Ottawa Giving Co-operation.

It is only a few days ago that Col. Mac Lang, chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway, was given approval by the Ontario Government for his plan to study the lignite deposits north of Cochrane with a view to their early development. Col. Lang considers that the T. & N. O. Railway will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in fuel bills if the lignite can be developed as a commercial proposition and the fuel can be used on the T. & N. O. Of course, in addition to the advantage in direct way through this development of the lignite deposits at Onakawana, north of Cochrane, there would be the indirect benefit to the railway and the country through the founding of a new industry on the railway's James Bay extension. The Ontario government gave approval to Col. Mac Lang's proposal and he has given very prompt action. He has arranged for a large quantity of fuel to be taken to Ottawa for testing, and the enthusiastic co-operation of the Ottawa authorities has been secured. In this connection a despatch from Ottawa on Tuesday of this week said:

Lignite to Ottawa

"Arrangements are being made to bring to Ottawa a considerable quantity of Onakawana lignite coal for drying in the Fuel Research Laboratories of the Department of Mines. After the moisture content has been reduced to see specifications, the coal will have extensive tests for steam generating qualities in locomotives on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. The Federal Government is co-operating with the railway and the province in these tests, the outcome of which will show whether Ontario's lignite resources can be utilized to replace imported fuel on the T. & N. O. lines. The deposits of low-grade lignite, 128 miles north of Cochrane, are estimated to contain 100,000,000 tons.

"The announcement of Hon. W. A. Gordon that the facilities here would be utilized to reduce the excessive moisture content of the lignite, which is a handicap to its use for locomotive fuel, follows conferences which officials of the Department of Mines have had in the last few days with Hon. Paul Leduc, Ontario Minister of Mines, and Arthur A. Cole, mining advisor, representing the T. & N. O.

"It is planned to have at least 200 tons of the lignite made available for test purposes at an early date. Of this quantity about 30 or 40 tons will be laid out at the mines for air-drying to approximately 35 per cent. moisture content, the remainder being shipped to the laboratories here for artificial drying to specifications of 20 per cent. and 15 per cent. moisture. One of the purposes of the laboratory tests will be to determine the amount of disintegration that takes place in the fuel during the drying. The later tests by the railway will be carried out in an ordinary locomotive firebox, probably including mechanical as well as hand stoking.

Drying Equipment Installed

"The installation recently of drying equipment, having a capacity of 1,000 pounds of coal hourly, enables the Department of Mines to co-operate in the present tests which will be confined to proving the value of Ontario lignite for locomotive purposes. In previous investigations of the same fuel at the laboratories here, it has been carbonized, briquetted and given comprehensive tests in the pulverized fuel boiler."

Drunk in Charge of Car Given 30 Days

Frank Haikala Picked up Few Hours After Dismissal on Liquor Charge.

Just a few hours after he had been released from police court on Tuesday when Liquor Control Act charges against him were dismissed, police picked up Frank Haikala for being drunk in charge of a car.

He was charged in police court on Wednesday morning, found guilty and sentenced to 30 days' hard labour.

Raymond Odell was found guilty as a vagrant and was fined \$10 and costs or 30 days in jail.

Four common drunks paid \$10 and costs at the same court.

SUGGESTION OF CLOSING MAP OFFICE AT NORTH BAY

Word from Toronto suggests that Hon. Paul Leduc is considering the closing of the mapping office at North Bay. There has been considerable protest against such a move and Hon. Mr. Leduc has said that nothing will be done about it for the next two or three weeks at least. In the meantime Hon. Mr. Leduc will be in the North on a tour of the mining areas, and after that visit he may be convinced enough about the mapping office to continue it undisturbed. Hon. Mr. Leduc says that in case the North Bay office is closed, the work will be carried on at Toronto. Prospectors do not feel that the Toronto office can give them the same service. One prospector put it this way:—"Don't very often call on the North Bay mapping office for help, but when I do I need the help badly and quickly and appreciate the North Bay office."

Pembroke Standard-Observer:—This chain letter nuisance should be stopped short, like grandfather's clock.

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Canadian Gold Output Increases in Quarter

Canadian gold production in the three months ended March amounted to 717,470 ounces compared with 703,555 ounces in the same period last year, a gain of 13,885 ounces, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports.

Gold produced in March of this year totalled 249,479 ounces against 249,310 ounces in the same month last year. Ontario led the provinces during the month with 174,096 ounces, Quebec next with 24,415 ounces, and British Columbia third with 28,019.

Receipts of jewellery and scrap at the Royal Canadian Mint in March contained 3,533 ounces and the total gold content of these receipts for the three months ended March amounted to

11,983 ounces. Gold averaged \$35.40 per ounce in Canadian funds during the month and on this valuation, March output was worth \$8,831,557.

COCHRANE ENGINEER NOW IN COLONIZATION ROADS DEPT.

A. H. McDougall, district engineer of the Northern Development, has been transferred to Toronto to take over the duties of Colonization Roads engineer.

Mr. McDougall came to Cochrane last fall as district engineer, replacing A. E. Hutchison, transferred to other duties and left Cochrane immediately on his appointment this week.

Assistant Engineer Hill, of Kapuskasing, is in charge of the department office at Cochrane until a successor is appointed.

Now Suggests Two Trans-Canada Roads

Hon. Peter Heenan Speaking at Sault Ste. Marie Says Both Routes Should be Built.

Construction of both northern and Lake Superior shore routes for the Trans-Canada Highway will be advocated by Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Lands and Forests and Northern Development for Ontario, providing the Dominion Government is willing to "go 50-50" on the cost.

Hon. Mr. Heenan so advised 160 persons at Sault Ste. Marie last week, according to despatches, when he visited there after an inspection of the Trunk road. "There is no question," the minister said, "Northern Ontario demands and should have both sections." He said as well as the Sault should be connected with the highway at White River, was his opinion.

Regarding the road camp shut-down, Hon. Mr. Heenan stated that the order-in-council approving the route still stands. He had been given instructions to close all Ontario camps along the Trans-Canada route. "These men are not on the Trans-Canada Highway until the Dominion Government approves it," he said.

Hon. James Lyons, addressing the gathering, blamed one man, a cabinet minister, "in the peculiar position of being able to recommend the route of the highway to the Dominion Government," for holding up the road.

With this proposal for two routes being made by Hon. Peter Heenan it should be a comparatively easy step to deciding on the proper route—the route by way of the Ferguson highway and west from Hearst. Hon. Peter Heenan some months ago announced that the route would be by way of the rocky shore of Lake Superior. The Dominion Government has refused to contribute 50 per cent. to such a route, at least until further details are secured. It is believed that the rocky shore route would be impractical and too costly. Hon. Peter Heenan blames the Dominion Government for holding up the Trans-Canada route while he is really the one to blame. If he would agree to the logical and practical route

the Dominion Government would contribute as planned. Also it should be noted that Hon. Mr. Heenan blames the laying-off of men at present on the roadwork in the North as due to the Dominion's failure to contribute. The fact, however, is that most of those laid off were working on strictly provincial roads with which the Dominion has nothing whatever to do.

Poor Policy to Neglect the Forests of Canada

"Why do we neglect the forests of Canada?" asks The Montreal Star, which paper proceeds to answer the question.

In the details revealed by the recent survey of the United States made by the American Tree Planting Association will be found food for serious thought for Canadians. It appears that up to 1933 there had been very little attention paid to reforestation in the United States, the annual acreage planting in the national parks being often less than in Great Britain, which is smaller than the State of Georgia. For instance, in 1932 it was only 24,000 acres. But in 1933 it increased to 29,000 and in 1934 the national forest areas planted exceeded 77,000 acres, while State forest areas similarly treated were in excess of 84,000 acres. This means that last year over 85,500,000 trees were planted on national lands and over 78,000,000 planted on State lands. For the current year it is estimated that at least 150,000,000 seedlings will be started growing in the national forests and over a hundred million on State forest lands.

New York State led with 40,000,000; Wisconsin came next with 15,000,000; and Michigan third with 12,000,000 trees planted. The reason for this activity is an awakened national consciousness of the importance of preserving the forests and of the value of trees as preventives of soil erosion. The loss from forest fires throughout the United States every year is still very high, despite accurate forest ranger services, and this is another menace the reforestation policy is designed to combat. Naturally, to the pioneers of the early days the forests, as barriers to progress, were something to be got rid of as quickly as possible. The damage done took long generations to repair even in part, and it is only quite recently that there has arisen a full na-

tional realization of the urgency of the need for tree planting on a nationwide basis.

So far as the privately-owned forest lands of the United States are concerned, these have just been completely surveyed also, and the result shows that the lumbermen and timber land owners are united in a policy designed to provide the country with an annual forest crop. As the privately-owned forest lands constitute three-quarters of the country's total forest wealth, this is a matter of supreme importance. By pursuing a policy of sustained yield and selective logging operations, it is hoped eventually to establish a state of affairs where the forest plantings will begin to equal the annual reduction, whether through cutting or fire or otherwise.

In Canada we still go our supine way without anything like an adequate co-operative policy in regard to forest reforestation, either by the federal or provincial governments or by timber operators. Our forest fires continue to take their ghastly toll, as the vast burned-over areas visible from our railway lines every year painfully attest. It is not for lack of due warning. But there is in this continuation of a policy of virtual neglect a very certain and very serious menace to the future. Our forest wealth has been and is being depleted at a rate absolutely insensate when compared with the strictly limited reforestation operations carried out. If it goes on, the future will be a ghastly prospect to contemplate. And too late the nation will awake to the fact that by its indifference it has lost one of its most valuable natural assets. Remember, it takes fifty years to grow a tree. It takes only a few minutes to cut it down.

Firemen of Haileybury Plan to Help Unfortunate

A despatch from Haileybury says the Haileybury fire brigade is considering ways and means of operating a scheme to assist dependents of firemen incapacitated from causes other than those covered by the regular blanket insurance policies, and either will handle the matter through their own members or will join up with the Temiskaming Firemen's Association for the purpose. This information was given to the town council at the May meeting of that body by Chief Wes. Bradley, who is also a member of the council.

Fred Thompson, secretary of the Temiskaming Association, was at the meeting, and he explained the methods adopted by his organization to deal with this problem. He said three families are being cared for at present, since policies did not cover tuberculosis, and in two years the Association has spent about \$2,000 assisting dependent members of these families. Mr. Thompson said the Association got little publicity in the press, as compared with the service clubs, but had carried on in this work, which is financed by monthly contributions of \$10 from the brigades of the Association willing to assist. The majority are willing, Mr. Thompson added.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE DONE AT NEW LISKEARD BEACH

During the winter and early spring this year a shameful amount of senseless damage was done to the New Liskeard Beach property. Every year there is some damage done but this is the worst yet. Buildings have been broken into, goods stolen and even in some cases small structures wrecked by the vandals. The police are making effort to secure any or all of those guilty.

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