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GUARD PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

It was John Philpot Curran, who said in a speech at Dublin in 1808:—"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." John Philpot Curran in the vernacular of to-day "said a mouthful." Of course, he was not the Curran, of the Sault, nor the Philpot of C.C.F. fame.

History shows how true are the words of the Curran who spoke in Dublin. It is an odd fact that the most of liberty is lost when people are watching but not vigilant. Usually they are watching something else by special direction of those who have designs on liberty. At the present moment the people are being warned by some against the danger of autocracy at Ottawa, while the truth is that the real danger is much nearer home. Careful study of the situation in the last five years will show that despite the fact that the provinces have made more and more call upon Ottawa for finances and other assistance, the Dominion Government has made no encroachment on provincial rights. All talk about provincial rights being endangered is accordingly only so much misleading nonsense. There is grave danger, however, of the theft of municipal rights. There are examples to hand—no farther than in the case of Timmins. This town is outstanding in its financial position. It has asked little from the province in the past and received considerably less than asked. Some of the towns of the North have been assisted in years gone by but Timmins has been left to look after itself. Yet recently the province stepped into the picture and refused to permit Timmins to proceed with certain public works here. Timmins is in excellent financial position and able to pay its way to the limit. The debentures that would be issued by Timmins to pay for the paving planned to be done by the town would not even be offered for public sale in the province. The paving is badly needed, very desirable, in reality an economy. The work would help reduce the amount paid for relief by the town. The town needs the paving and can finance the work. Why does the province step in to prevent it? Ask Liberty?

It is idle to suggest that towns must be curbed in their expenditures. Curbed by whom? It may be asked. By the provinces? The record of expenditures of the provinces in the past certainly does not uphold such a proposal. The present expenditures of the province assuredly do not suggest that for true economy the province is to be trusted more than municipalities.

The same form of interference with the rights of municipalities is evidenced in other towns and cities at the present time. In the case of Sudbury the province has the excuse that Sudbury has been forced to default on some of its indebtedness and so has come more or less under reasonable excuse for control by the province. There is no such excuse, however, in the case of Timmins. In the case of Timmins it appears like a wanton interference with the liberty of a self-supporting municipality.

With all the excuse that may be suggested in the Sudbury instance for provincial curbing, it is difficult to view with equanimity the fact that the control of the police force of the city of Sudbury is assumed by the province by the simple expedient of refusing to pass the expenditures necessary for additional men required. If the province presses its present views, then Sudbury must admit it has lost all responsible government, and is no more than a mere vassal of the provincial government.

Speaking of provincial rights or Dominion rights, how much do these matters actually affect the average man? But in the matter of municipal rights any interference there is a direct assault upon the nearest approach to self-government that is left to Canadians. If the people of the municipalities tamely submit to the flogging of their rights in regard to their own government in municipal affairs, they will lose the last vestige of actual responsible government so far as it touches them in direct and realistic way. Dominion and provincial administrations after all do not express as closely to the average man the right of self-government as is embodied in freedom of municipal government. If liberty of municipal government is lost Canadians will find they have given up their last true freedom.

THE TOLERANT POST

Two men carried a copy of The Northland Post into The Advance office this week, and laid the body on the floor. One was amused and the other amazed at the vicious attack made by The Post upon The Advance. The only apparent excuse for the attack seemed to be the fact that The Advance said a good word for Jos. Bradette, M.P. During the past five years The Advance has said a number of good words for Mr. Bradette and expects to say more. The Advance has been, and is, more interested in the North than in any party

or fad, and Mr. Bradette has given good service to the North and surely deserves the occasional word of commendation. This may not please a disgruntled and ill-tempered office-seeker connected with The Cochrane Northland Post, but if his vitriolic pen is turned on The Advance it perhaps saves the susceptibilities of those who might take the savageries of that malicious scribbler at their ugly face value.

Neither The Post nor the writer of occasional editorials in The Post are worthy of any particular notice on merit. They may be used, however, to point a couple of morals. The one moral is that some of those who howl the loudest about the poor service given the public should blame themselves for anything along that line. If the public expects any sort of good service it should surely be ready to give at least a little appreciation when good service is received. If it is to be established as a matter of policy that interest and effort like that given in the interests of the North by Jos. A. Bradette, M.P., are to be rewarded only with abuse, then the public has no earthly right to expect anything in the way of faithfulness or good work.

The other moral from the vicious attack of The Post is that those who prate the most about tolerance are usually the most intolerant. Wrapped up in foreign fads The Post can never see any good or virtue in ordinary loyalty or fair dealing. It has no tolerance or good will for those who differ from its views. Of others those of The Post tribe demand a degree of toleration that would not be given by anything but a congenital idiot. Tolerance in the minds of these people seems to be good nature for rebels, rioters, inciters to murder. But for those who refuse to take things in this free and easy way, The Post and its kind offer only a vicious enmity and malicious unkindness. In its recent article on its editorial page The Post left the impression that foreign agitators should have the privilege to use the most blackguardly and incendiary language, incite to riot and murder, under the name of tolerance, but for a North Land newspaper to say a good word for an honest, honorable, loyal public man deserves the sternest condemnation.

In its published article The Post mentioned the word "hypocrisy." No doubt The Post was thinking of the time when it prated about tolerance and kindness for the communists, and then turned out with baseball bats to chase the gentle communists away from Cochrane. If that is not hypocrisy, The Post can use its own term. Perhaps, The Post will call it tolerance. If so, all The Advance has to say in reply is that for narrowness, bigotry, intolerance, misrepresentation and malice, The Post's own record, blazoned on its own pages is certainly not equalled or even approached by any other newspaper published in Ontario.

"NOT SO HOT!"

Two young men were standing on the street corner the other day. One said:—"Well, Pete, what do you think of the weather?" The other replied:—"Oh, it's not so hot!" With the thermometer standing at 90 in the shade, it needs a knowledge of modern college slang to understand the meaning of the second young man.

A middle-aged gentleman (there are no longer any old men) who was passing overheard the remark made by the second young man. This gentleman had never been to college and did not understand that when the weather becomes altogether too hot it is naturally "not so hot" to the youthful mind. He resented the idea that a mere youth should think ninety degrees in the shade "not so hot" in this North country. "Why, say!" he spluttered, "it used to be so hot in this country that even the Indians would not have been able to stand it had it not been for the cold nights. It was so cool at nights that everything froze up and people were able to sleep and so got up strength for the next day. Not so hot! Why that young fellow knows a lot, he does!" So, after all the young man and the old-timer had the same idea.

Recently The New York Sun was so overcome by the heat in that city that it gave a number of illustrations to show just how hot heat can be. "With the thermometer registering 108 degrees," says The Sun, "potatoes bake right in the ground, and wheat puffs on the stalks." A second illustration was to the effect that "telephone linesmen say the heat has so expanded wires that they sag dangerously low, and many paved streets are exploding while oiled roadways are running into the ditches." The third illustration is the tale of a North Carolina woman who was astounded to see her thermometer register 140 while it was on one side of the house, and when she carried the thermometer to the other side of the building the bulb exploded.

Probably all these tales, however, are discounted by the case of a Timmins man who perspired so freely that a report was started that another dam had collapsed.

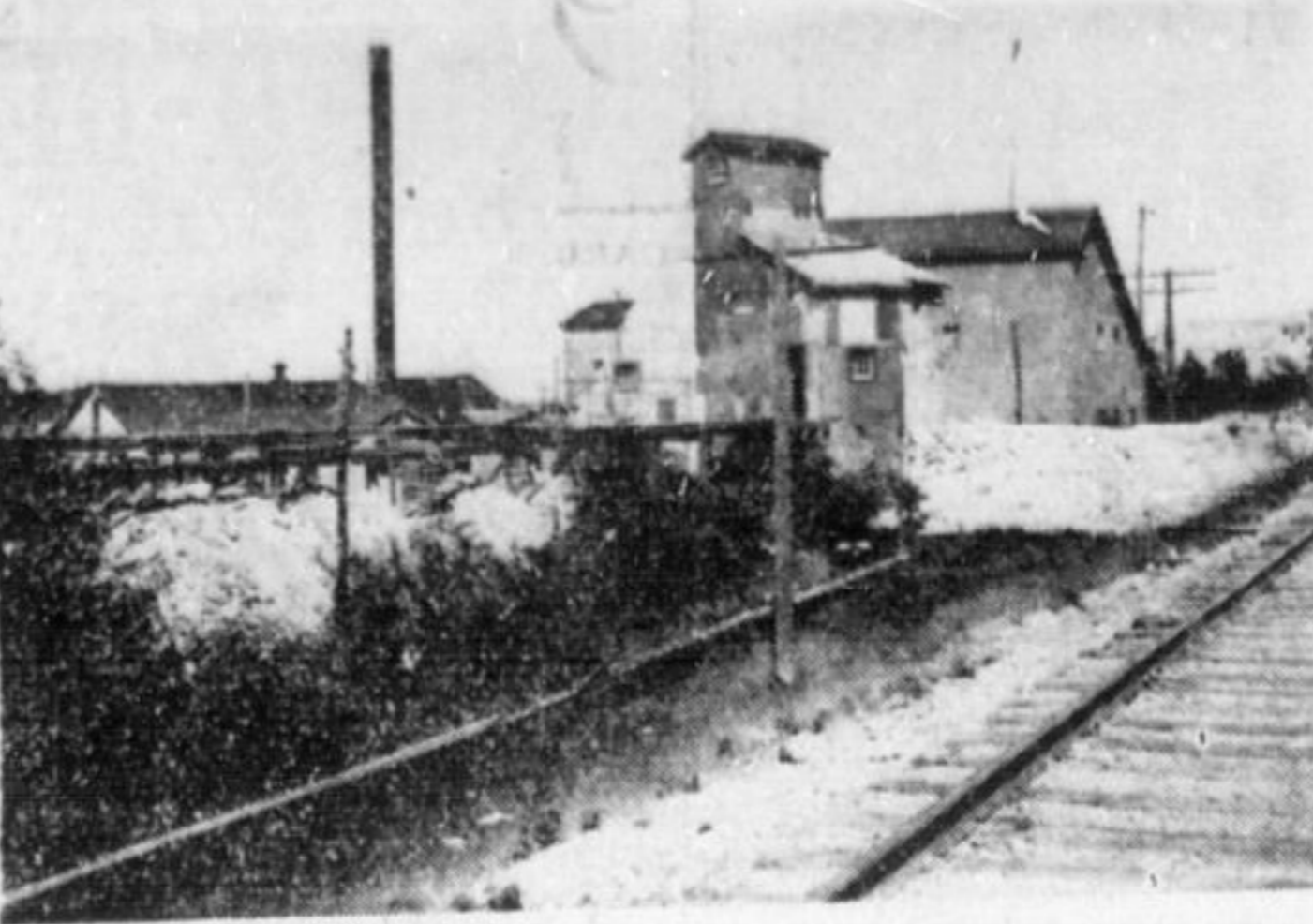
"Not so hot!"

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

According to all the leaders of all the parties in Canada, so far as this Dominion is concerned there will be no war in Ethiopia until after the election

Many have noted the number of unusually large motor trucks coming to the North this year, but it is doubtful if the significance of these large trucks impress all who see them. They are a nuisance on the roads so far as other traffic is concerned

Gillies Lake-Porcupine Has Complete Equipment



Here are the buildings of the Gillies Lake-Porcupine mine (formerly the Rochester) at the foot of James street where there is now complete equipment for milling 60 tons of ore daily. New Denver flotation cells, installed in the mill building shown at the right, will put the mine on a paying basis it is expected. A four-foot vein of high-grade, found in sinking a mine from the 500-foot level, is producing a considerable amount of the mine's pay ore now.

Kirkland Lake Child Lost for Days in Bush

Little Pauline Beaudoin, 5 Years Old, Lost on Sunday, Found Unhurt on Tuesday. Bitten by Flies, but Otherwise Uninjured. Earnest Search Made for the Missing Youngster.

Little Pauline Beaudoin, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beaudoin, of Kirkland Lake, was found on Tuesday in the bush about four miles from Crystal Beach, after an earnest search had been made for her since Sunday. The child was badly bitten by flies and was somewhat affected by the terror of her experience, but otherwise was unhurt. A few days of rest and quiet and the youngster will be as well as ever, though it is doubtful if she will ever wander away alone in the bush again.

Pauline wandered away Sunday afternoon from Crystal Beach, the well-known summer resort some six miles from Kirkland Lake. The beauties and comforts of Crystal Beach are attracting hundreds of people these days and the place has a particular attraction for family parties. Pauline was included in one of these family parties. Sunday afternoon there was great alarm when it was noted that she was missing and still more anxiety when it was apparent that the child had wandered away in the bush nearby. It did not take long to organize search parties and soon the adjacent bush was being searched not only by relatives of the missing child but also by volunteers. The provincial police were notified and were soon at Crystal Beach with large parties of searchers fully organized. Among the searchers were a group of 65 men recruited for the purpose by the relief department. The whole area of bush in the district was gone over carefully and systematically. All during the search there was the fear that the child might have fallen into one of the many lakes or streams in the district or that she might have been attacked by an animal in the bush, or that other mishap might have befallen her. As the search proceeded through Monday and then to Tuesday there was increased anxiety for the safety of the girl. To the first fears of accident there was added the danger of starvation and exposure in the bush. Accordingly there was very sincere relief and pleasure on Tuesday when searchers found the youngster safe and unharmed. It was true that she was frightened and nervous when found and that she was rather badly bitten by flies and mosquitoes, but all were so delighted to have the baby rescued that her slight discomforts were minimized in the general joy at finding her without the youngster being found to be injured in any serious way. When rescued the youngster explained that she had simply wandered away and when she found that she was really lost she was too far away for her cries to be heard by those at the beach.

Worthless Cheques Results in Penitentiary Sentence

Just returned after a trip to England, Magistrate Atkinson presided at police court at Halleybury last week. As has been the custom for the past month, cases from the three towns were heard in Halleybury.

Roscoe Johnson, arrested in Brockville for the New Liskeard police, pleaded guilty to a charge of false pretences. The accused man gave a New Liskeard garage a cheque for \$110, in payment for a car. The cheque was no good, and Johnson was haled into court. Before passing sentence, Magistrate Atkinson read off an imposing list of previous convictions, a collection which the accused had amassed in a period of 20 years. Another sentence was added to his record when the Magistrate pronounced "two years in the Kingston penitentiary." Johnson is also wanted in Toronto.

and they do much damage to the roads. Indeed unless the highway is paved it will be necessary to limit the size and character of the trucks using it, if the roads are to be anything like passable. The reports that sections of the Ferguson highway are to be paved makes the best sort of news. Every big truck coming here from the South seems to impress this lesson.

There should be a new political party formed for the North with the one plank for a platform:—"What the North needs is a government radio relay station to assure radio for the North, without monopoly or mugwumpism."

Most people will agree that the law recently passed forbidding trucks to use the highways on Sundays is an excellent piece of useful legislation. It seems to be a fact, however, that no attempt is being made to enforce this law. Trucks appear on the roads on Sundays about as usual. The law should either be repealed or enforced. There is one exception, however, that should be

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Matachewan Camp Modernly Equipped

Provincial Sanitary Inspector Gives High Praise to Equipment at New Camp.

A despatch this week from North Bay quotes Provincial Sanitary Inspector Richardson of North Bay as praising the equipment and accommodation at the new Matachewan mining camp. The bunkhouses at both the Young-Davidson (the Hollinger property) and the Ashley come in for words of commendation, while there is also approval for the new town of Matachewan. The Young-Davidson equipment is especially modern and commendable.

Mining camps in the Gowganda and Matachewan areas, employing in all about 450 men, were inspected last week by Provincial Sanitary Inspector John Richardson, North Bay, and found in good condition.

At the Matachewan Consolidated and Miller Lake-O'Brien properties, new bunkhouses will be erected shortly. At the Morrison property, if developments warrant, new camp buildings will be constructed in the near future, Mr. Richardson learned.

In the Gowganda region, the sanitary inspector looked over the Miller Lake O'Brien, Fairmac, Morrison and Silverado camps, and in Matachewan he

inspected Young-Davidson, Ventares, Matachewan and Ashley properties. In addition, Mr. Richardson visited the little town of Matachewan and reported it in excellent shape.

Elaborate bunkhouses at the Young-Davidson and Ashley camps were praised by Mr. Richardson.

Equipped with electricity, modern refrigeration, shower baths, hot and cold water, the "bunkhouse" at the Young-Davidson property is just like a hotel in the wilderness. About 100 men are employed, and there is a building where they take showers and change their clothes before entering the spic and span living quarters. Food is excellent and a capable staff looks after the wants of the men.

Hanna Herald: Willie's little sister came to the schoolroom door and handed the following note in to the teacher: "Teacher, please excuse Willie—he caught a skunk."

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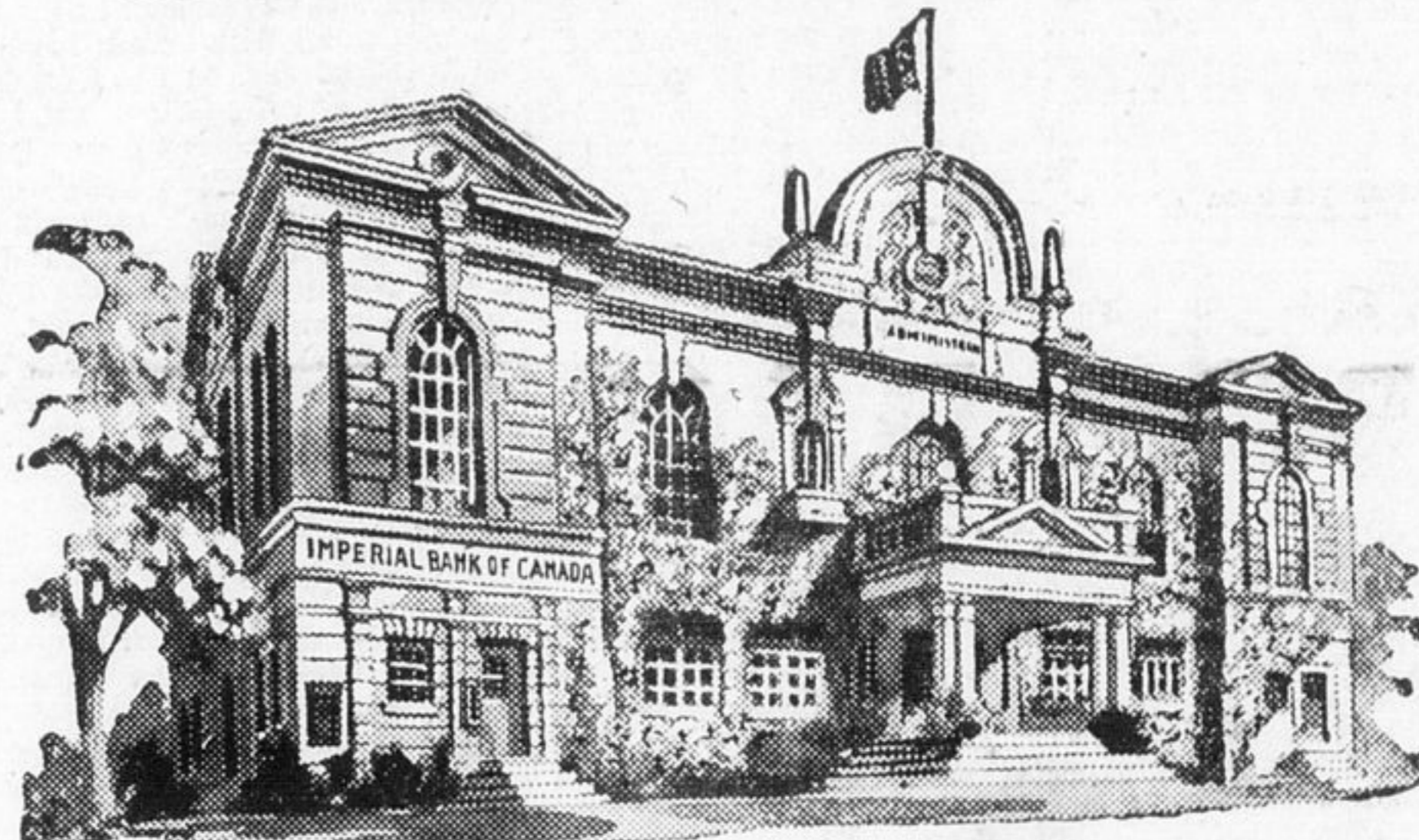
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made in case the law is enforced. The small truck owned by settler, farmer or small merchant, and used as a family car as well as a business truck should be exempted.

A reader of The Advance makes the comment that the reproval of the character of the first group of "hunger marchers" at Ottawa did much good, as the second group interviewing the government were all personally of much better character. The findings of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police do not altogether uphold this view. One of the men in the second group told Premier Bennett he was in Regina on July 1st and was shot at by the police. The R.C.M.P. have learned that this fellow was at the Barrieffield relief camp from June 6th until early in August, and that he has a lengthy criminal record including terms in the reformatory, district jails and penitentiary. The sentences were for incorrigibility, theft, highway robbery, breaking and entering and carrying concealed weapons. A nice type of fellow, but he suited the new racket he now follows.

MOTION PICTURES SHOWN OF NORTH BAY OLD HOME WEEK

Those from Timmins and district who attended the recent Old Home Week at North Bay will be interested to know that the parades and pageantry of the event were shown this week in motion pictures at the Capitol theatre, North Bay. One of those from Timmins at the Old Home Week, however, says that no motion picture could possibly do justice to the Old Home Week features.

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