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Election Trip to Sault District Cost \$5,456

No! A Thousand Times No! It was Not Mr. Heenan. This Happened in 1878. Interesting Scrap Book Tells the Story.

J. T. Jackson, barrister and solicitor, of Timmins, has an interesting scrap book, formerly the property of his grandfather, the late George E. Jackson, M.P.P., of Sault, Ont. The other day Mr. Jackson happened to rediscover this scrapbook while going through some old papers, and because an election campaign is now on, with the usual charges and counter-charges, he was particularly interested in an old clipping in the scrapbook. This clipping is likely from The Mail, of Toronto, though this authorship is not otherwise indicated by the fact that the type used is like that of The Mail some 60 years ago to judge from other clippings. This clipping shows that when it came to politics years ago the good men of that time talked like some do these days, but whether or not with justification it is difficult to tell at this date. Many will be more interested in the prices of liquor and cigars in the latter part of the last century than with the political aspect of the case. However, here is the editorial article from the newspaper of 1880 or 1881:

Jamboree at Public Expense
"Ex-Lieutenant-Governor D. A. Macdonald has been nominated by the Glengarry Reformers. This is the gentleman who used to jamboree at the public expense. In the summer of 1878 he went for a trip up to Sault Ste. Marie and Manitoulin Island. The following is a list of his refreshments on the way, and the cost of the same to the province:—

2 cases champagne	\$50.00
1 case Sparkling Saumer	12.00
1 case Beaune	10.00
1 case extra old rye	6.00
2 bottles P. Cognac	2.40
1 down Sherry	7.00
1 bottle Port	1.20
2 flasks of Holland Gin	1.50
3 dozen Apollinaris	6.75
100 cigars, "Henry Clay Reg. Americana"	10.00
100 cigars, "Resolution Londres"	5.50
1 Parson's Stilton cheese	2.28
1 tin water biscuits	1.55
1 tin soda biscuits	1.10
1 tin cut tobacco	1.50
2 packages tobacco	.40
1 case Claret	11.00
Total	\$130.18

"It is gratifying to know that Mr. Macdonald enjoyed the trip, and that he liked the provisions well. Indeed, so agreeable did he find the bill of fare, that the next summer he set out on a more lengthy excursion and with a larger store of refreshments. It is calculated that he carried away with him on that memorable occasion (and by the way, he brought nothing back):—

1800 cigars
252 bottles of ale
161 bottles of wine
22 bottles of brandy
182 bottles of soda, seltzer and Apollinaris.

2 bottles of bitters
2 bottles of lime juice
139 bottles of Old Rye
"The wine, beers, cigars, etc., cost Ontario \$5,456 (less \$350 refunded by Mr. Macdonald as conscience money). Altogether Mr. Macdonald charged the people of the province \$5,286 for dissipation during two summers. And yet this man wants to go to parliament, and protest violently against Ontario being robbed. If he chances to be elected he will, in the nature of things, protest very, very loudly; in fact, more loudly than his brother Reformers, for, "In a crowd of rogues, the chief "Is he who loudest cries: Stop Thief!"

Another Scandal
On the same clipping from which the above is taken, there was another (though considered minor) scandal unearthed. The second paragraph read:—"There are some very curious items in the public accounts of Ontario. Here is one:—"Thomas Hodgins, revising arguments re Boundary Award, \$175." If Mr. Hodgins charged \$175 to revise his arguments, how much did he charge for the original argument upon which he bases his opinion?"

Snow Blockade in 1881
In the old scrapbook there is a clipping dated Friday, January 28th, 1881, from The Huron Express, published at Sault, Ontario, which reads in part as follows:—

"Owing to the snow blockade in the east and the non-arrival of the Toronto mails here, we are without our usual Toronto letter this week. There has been very little business done in the local Legislature during the past week. Short and unimportant sessions have been the order thus far. It would be well for the government to bestir themselves and get through with what business there is, and send the Legislators home, and not keep them dawdling away their time, day after day, doing nothing. Five o'clock adjournments the third week of the session are not the thing. We hope there will be an improvement in this respect for the balance of the session, and that business will be pressed forward with due despatch.

Asked Courtesy for Opponent
There is no doubt that politics 60 or 70 years ago brought out much harsh talk at times. Only the other day an Ontario newspaper commented on the wild elections of some years ago and considered those of to-day tame and timid in comparison. But there was another side to the matter. An article under the heading of "Communications" in the Sault Sun makes this clear. It appears that The Sun made a vitriolic attack on the Reform candidate, Mr. Bishop, touching his personal character in strong words. This resulted in The Sun receiving the following letter for publication:—

Egmondville, Jan. 27th, 1883.
To the Editor of The Sun—Dear Sir: I hope you will permit me publicly to

make known my views with regard to an editorial which appeared in your paper this week in reference to my opponent in the political field, Mr. Bishop. I cannot, nor will I endorse your sentiments as therein expressed regarding his private character. He is the nominee of the Reform Party of South Huron, and ought therefore to be treated courteously and with respect. I am, Yours truly,
Geo. E. Jackson.

To this letter the Sun attempts reply in a note added to the letter. The reply, however, does not strike the same high note shown in the letter. Of course, it must be admitted that there are times when public newspapers fall in their duty when they do not at least give some hint of the personal character of some candidate for office. The editorial note in The Sault Sun of 1881 reads as follows:—"Although we give space to Mr. Jackson's letter, we still firmly adhere to our former opinions. When a man accepts public position he becomes public property and his acts should be criticized as circumstances demand. In the discussion of Mr. Bishop's qualifications to fill the position of representative for this large and intelligent constituency, we only expressed the views of this community, related to us by Reformers and Conservatives alike. Mr. Jackson has a perfect right to his opinions, and in like manner we have to ours. The Sun in the future as in the past will deal with public questions and public men on their merits, unbiased and uninfluenced. We accord to Mr. Jackson our hearty support, deeming him worthy of the support of both political parties, and hope to see him returned by a handsome majority."

Trouble About Timber Lands
This old scrapbook also indicates that the problem of the forests of Ontario is not a new one. According to a clipping from The Sault Sun ("Official paper of the County") on Friday, Nov. 24th, 1882, an editorial article suggests that the timber heritage is being wasted and used in corrupt manner. That sounds like charges a lot later. Indeed, it would appear that there has been the same sort of talk under all governments of the province. In 1882 the Oliver Mowat government was in power, but The Sault Sun suggests waste and fraud in the administration of crown timber, while the newspaper claims that things were just about perfect under the previous government of John Sandfield Macdonald. The Sault Sun in its editorial referred to the fact that the forests of the United States were fast disappearing and that Canada should avoid similar loss. The Sun says that Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald laid it down as a strict part of his policy that timber lands should be sold only in small parcels in advance of settlement, so that the timber could be removed and the land sold to actual settlers for the purposes of agriculture. The Sun alleges that Hon. Mr. Mowat set this wisdom at naught, and made the timber lands a political matter to help the friends of the government. States of timber lands are quoted to prove the point. Probably the most interesting part of the editorial is the reference to the fire rangers. Here is what The Sault Sun says:—"We are told that the government would require many men to preserve the forests from the ravages of fire and trespassers, but if you turn to the public accounts we find year after year the sum of \$35,000 charged as salaries to fire rangers and inspectors. What are these men supposed to do, except look after the public property? If this sum was not enough, the money which he wastes in keeping up a useless staff of emigrating officers could be profitably employed in this way."

Review of Progress of the W. M. S. Here
This year is the tenth anniversary of the United Church (Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational) Women's Missionary Society. At the meeting of this organization on Thursday last in the Timmins United Church parlor, the accomplishments of the past ten years were briefly reviewed and a survey made of conditions to-day in both home and foreign fields. The way in which the W.M.S. is trying to meet these conditions was presented and the women of the church were urged to have a share in the work. It was noted that the "Associated Helpers Department" exists for those women who, because of illness, home obligations or lack of interest, are not as yet active members. They may become "associated" with and a "helper" in the Auxiliary. An excellent way to become interested in and familiar with the work is through the splendid little magazine, "The Missionary Monthly," it was pointed out. The Missionary Monthly is not only of missionary interest but generally educational with its articles on travel, world peace, League of Nations, Kingdom of God Movement, world fellowship, etc. The Dominion Board makes a grant so that this magazine, which is so ably edited by a Scots-woman, may be had for 50 cents a year or less.

Mrs. Bruce Millar presided at the meeting last Thursday, and told of plans for the coming months. Mrs. Ramsay, always an interesting speaker, will have charge of the study book, "The New Africa," by Donald Fraser. Considerable supplementary material has been obtained and a most interesting time is anticipated. Some quilts and garments are already on hand, so it is hoped the supply work will more than reach the amounts of other years. A solo by Mrs. P. H. Carson was a splendid contribution to the programme last Thursday. A humorous article in the September Missionary Monthly was referred to. This article was entitled "The Tin Wedding." In it the children of the W.M.S. union were spoken of as "quite a family"—Tolerance, Patience, Love

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Scholarships for North of Much Value

Winners of Robt. Simpson Co. Scholarships for Year. Review of the Plan of Awards.

Announcement has been made of the awards of the Robert Simpson Company, Limited, scholarships for this year.

For the Timmins High School, the winner was Louis Guolla, who made a notable showing. It is almost certain that he would have done still better had it not been that he was taken ill on May 24th and was unable as a consequence to attend classes for the remainder of the term. Had he been able to attend classes and study in the last month of the term his standing would undoubtedly have been still more outstanding.

A concise and illuminating review of the Robert Simpson Company, Limited, scholarships has been made for this year by Mr. Wallace, the principal of the North Bay Collegiate and is given as follows:—

Winners of the Robert Simpson Company Limited Scholarships
"Each year the Robert Simpson Company, Limited, of Toronto, awards to students in regular attendance at high schools and collegiate institutes in Northern Ontario, along the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, together with students of Sudbury High School, scholarships valued at \$100 per school. An additional scholarship of \$50 is awarded to the student taking the highest standing in all the schools competing for the scholarships. These scholarships are paid in cash by the Registrar of the University of Toronto to the winners, 50 per cent. being paid on or about December 1st and the balance on February 1st.

"In order to compete for the \$50 scholarship for the candidate taking the highest standing in Northern Ontario, it is necessary for the candidates to write the departmental examinations on nine Honour Matriculation subjects. For the \$100 for the student obtaining the highest standing in his own school, candidates who obtained standing on the teachers' recommendations were not required to write the departmental examinations. The winners of the scholarships at Sudbury High School and Timmins High School wrote the departmental examinations, and consequently, were the only candidates eligible for the special \$50 scholarship. This explains why the North Bay candidate, although having higher standing than the Sudbury and Timmins candidates, is not considered eligible for the special \$50 scholarship.

"The following are the winners:—
"New Liskeard—John H. Clark, who

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obtained seven first class honours, and two seconds.
"Timmins—Louis Guolla, who obtained three firsts, five seconds and one credit.

Sudbury—Gerald Gallagher, who obtained five first and four seconds.
North Bay—Fred McDonald, who obtained eight firsts and one second.

From the above standing, it is apparent that Gerald Gallagher of Sudbury High School is the winner of the special \$50 scholarship in addition to the \$100 award for obtaining the highest standing in his own school.

Miss Mary King, of South Porcupine High School, was also a competitor for the Robert Simpson Company Limited scholarships, but as she is planning to attend Normal School this year and is not going to University of Toronto, she cannot be considered as an eligible winner of the Simpson scholarship. If, however, Miss King decides to enter Toronto University a year hence, arrangements may possibly be made with the Robert Simpson Company Limited to postpone the award of the scholarship to her for one year. Miss King obtained four firsts, two seconds and three credits.

"The Robert Simpson Company Limited is to be highly commended for the interest this company manifests in the students of Northern Ontario. The Simpson scholarships prove an incentive for better work on behalf of students attending the various schools concerned. The Robert Simpson Company Limited scholarships have been donated for a number of years through

the kind generosity of Mr. C. L. Burton, president of the Robert Simpson Company, Limited."

In congratulating the successful pupils on these awards and wishing all these brilliant pupils all success in their future careers at college and in the world at large, The Advance would add a special word of appreciation to the Robert Simpson Company for the interest shown in the North and the incentive given to better education and increased effort on the part of the students through the generous awards.

Six Million Names on the Dominion Voters' Lists

In an interesting editorial note last week The Barrie Examiner says:—"Running the Federal elections is a big job. Millions of ballots will be required and the various forms to be used in connection with the voting necessitate the printing of 180 tons of paper. This year there will be between 33,000 and 35,000 polling stations compared with 28,000 in 1930, and the number of people eligible to vote is 20 per cent. greater than 5 years ago. Some six million names will be on the lists. Post cards will be sent to all voters notifying them where to vote. Just how these millions will vote is what is bothering the politicians these days."

Regina Leader-Post:— Luke Peters was saying he was not in favour of going to war; he would rather go home to a hot dinner.

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