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WOULD MAKE GOOD MINISTER

A story from Toronto published in The Sudbury Star suggests that Hon. Peter Heenan may resign his position as Minister of Lands and Forests and Northern Development. This suggestion is rather heatedly denied by Premier Hepburn, but it persists, despite the denial. It is said that Hon. Peter Heenan's health is such that his resignation may be imperative. At the same time the suggestion is made in the Toronto story that there is more or less friction between certain members of the Hepburn cabinet and that a general realignment of the cabinet may be made. This also meets with denial from the premier. The denials, however, do not stop the stories. Stories of that sort are seldom stopped by denials. These stories, nevertheless, are so persistent and so circumstantial, that many people are inclined to believe them.

The people of the North would regret if the stories were true. The regret would be double in the case of Hon. Mr. Heenan. With due allowance for political leanings and difference of opinion as to matters of policy, it should be admitted that Hon. Mr. Heenan has shaped up well as Minister of Lands and Forests and Northern Development. He has evidently given his heart and his effort to his department, and has consistently tried to play fair and to do the most and the best possible. There is a common opinion that it has not been his fault that so little has been done on roads and the previous investments of the province accordingly prejudiced through this neglect. There are few who will not admit his geniality, his good intentions, and his earnest desire to serve the people of the North without undue bitterness or discrimination. Because he is himself a good fellow and has given so generously of his strength to the service of the people there will be general regret if his health forces his retirement.

The Toronto stories, however, are so determined that his retirement is certain, that his probable successor has been named. "The choice," says The Sudbury Star despatch, "lies between Chas. W. Cox, M.L.A., Port Arthur, and W. G. Nixon, M.L.A., New Liskeard." If the choice is decided on the matter of outstanding ability and wide knowledge of the North, then the member for Temiskaming would be the logical man for the position. Mr. Nixon has spent long years in the North and has had wide and varied experiences in this country. He is an enthusiast for the North, with special knowledge of the country, its resources and its possibilities. For years he was district representative for the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture for a wide section of the North, and he also had long experience as director of a government experimental farm in this country. In addition he knows much about the lumbering business and the forest resources of the North, as well as taking a keen and intelligent interest in mining. His address in the Legislature last session on the North Country attracted very general attention and was the means of giving many in the South a new viewpoint on the North and its possibilities. In a recent issue The Advance published a letter from a Toronto correspondent who gave a striking outline of the value of Mr. Nixon as an able representative of the North. In the past much of the troubles of the North have been due to the fact that the Minister in charge of Northern affairs has not been fully conversant with the real problems of the North. So much has this been the case that on more than one recent occasion the proposal has been seriously made that the Department of Northern Development be eliminated and the various branches of the work of the department be allotted to other existing departments. Under such a plan the roads of the North would be under the control of the Minister of Highways; agriculture in the North would be under the sole care of the Ontario Minister of Agriculture; and other matters relating to the North would be turned over to the several departments of government handling them for the other parts of the province. Unless the heads of the Northern Department are men thoroughly acquainted with the North and its peculiar problems, the proposal for the abolishment of the special department for the North would have considerable justification. With a man like W. G. Nixon as Minister for the North, the present practice should have special advantages. The North has circumstances and conditions that do not apply to other parts of the province. There are problems here that have no counterpart in the sections in the South. It was because of this that Northern affairs were placed under the one head. It would be to the advantage of the North for the government to retain control by one department over the affairs of the North, provided the head of the department knew all about the North and its people. Mr. Nixon has this knowledge, and in addition he has the typical Northerner's pride and belief in the North and its progress. If there is to be a new Minister of Lands and Forests and Northern Development, Premier Hepburn would do well to add a second Nixon to his cabinet.

VALUE OF THE BOARD OF TRADE

There are people who do not appreciate the value of the board of trade to Timmins, but these people are chiefly those who have not studied all the various ways in which the board of trade has attempted to work for the advantage of the town and its people. If the board of trade were able to accomplish every good deed attempted for the benefit of Timmins the record would be so impressive that none would be likely to miss it. But like other forces for good, the board of trade often fails in its purposes, and these failures are too often emphasized while too little notice is given to the good accomplished. It would be much fairer to give credit for the efforts made. Certainly the Timmins board of trade has never ceased attempting to accomplish things for the town and district, and one undoubted virtue for which it deserves full credit is that of persistence, no matter what the discouragement or the handicap.

One case at the present time is worthy of special notice by the friends and the critics alike of the board of trade. This is the matter of better roads for the district. Literally for years the board of trade has carried on an energetic campaign for proper roads. Recently the president of the board of trade succeeded in impressing upon the Department of Northern Development the necessity for some attention to the highways of this part of the North. Officials eventually acknowledged the case made out by President W. O. Langdon, but the lack of money available prevented any further measure of success. This did not daunt the president of the board of trade, however. He took up instead the task of convincing the authorities that it was the worst type of false economy to prejudice the previous investment of the province in roads and hamper the mining industry with its immense value, direct and indirect, to the whole province, by neglect of roads that were essential to the progress and comfort of the people of the North. Then the opportunity presented itself to co-operate with the councils of the township of Tisdale and the town of Timmins in urging upon the heads of the government the absolute need for action at once to give this part of the North road service. That opportunity was accepted with a will, and as a result an interview was secured last week with Premier Hepburn. The delegation including C. V. Gallagher, reeve of Tisdale township, Dr. E. A. F. Day, representing the town of Timmins, and W. O. Langdon, president of Timmins board of trade, were able to impress Hon. Mr. Hepburn not only with the actual need for proper roadways but also with the desire to give the North a fair deal. Premier Hepburn has a plan for securing the necessary finances for the needed work. The work will mean employment as well as providing safety in travel for the general public. Hon. Mr. Hepburn is to visit Ottawa this week to complete arrangements whereby proper roads will be provided for this part of the North. There is hope that Hon. Mr. Hepburn will be able to enlist the co-operation of the Dominion government in the matter. The addresses recently delivered by Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines for the Dominion, might well be used to prove the justice of the case suggested by Hon. Mr. Hepburn. Hon. Mr. Crerar has proven to the satisfaction of all thinking people that the mining industry is at the present moment the most valuable industry in Canada, and deserving of the heartiest support and assistance. Hon. Mr. Crerar has himself emphasized the desirability of removing handicaps from the mining industry, not so much in the interests of the industry or the North, but rather for the value of the industry to the country in general. Two of the greatest handicaps to mining may be summed up in the words, "taxes too high, and roads too low."

If the North is treated fairly and sensibly in the matter of roads this year, much of the credit will be due to the board of trade of Timmins, this body keeping the question constantly to the front, and never allowing it for a minute to be overlooked or forgotten. Of course, others are entitled to thanks for their efforts—Dr. Day, for example; C. V. Gallagher also for his patient and persevering work. There are also a number of local citizens of public spirit who have used their influence with the government for the benefit of this section of the North. But this does not alter the fact that the board of trade has given a valuable contribution in the task of making the facts of the case known and seeking for the interest and effort of the government for the betterment of the roads of the North.

On the other hand, if the present efforts fail in whole or in part—if for any reason Hon. Mr. Hepburn is not able to implement the promises he made the delegation, one thing at least is sure—that the Timmins board of trade may be depended upon to keep hammering away at the authorities and using every lawful means to secure a fair deal for the people of the North in the matter of roads.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Some were amused and some were irritated at the number of times the radio announcer at Moose River last week mentioned the name of Hon. Michael Dwyer, always coupling with the name the fact that Hon. Mr. Dwyer is Minister of Mines for Nova Scotia. In one broadcast the announcer said:—"Hon. Michael Dwyer, Minister of Mines for Nova Scotia," at least five times. "I'll always remember the Minister of Mines for Nova Scotia, I've heard about him so often over the radio the

LOCALS

Born—to Mrs. and Mrs. Geo. Sinclair, 77 Kirby avenue, on April 26th—a son. (Stillborn.)

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. A. Doucette, 30 Sixth avenue, rear, on April 26th—a son.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Chartrand, 4 Gillies street, on April 26th—a son.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Adolphe Richard, 49 Wende avenue, on April 13th—a daughter.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Laforest, Mountjoy township, on April 20th—a son.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham, at St. Mary's hospital, on April 24th—a daughter.

Mr. W. T. Whyte, of Cheltenham, is a week-end visitor at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. Edleston, 68 Maple street south.

Col. Mac Lang, chairman of the T. and N. O. railway commission, visited Timmins this week-end, leaving here on the early morning train.

Miss Margery Galgarno, of Toronto, was the guest of Miss Jean Cowan, Balsam street south, and Miss Grace Lawrence, during the Easter vacation.

John Gold, of Haileybury, is said to be the first in the North this year to report wild geese going north. He reported a flock of about 30 birds on Monday of last week flying towards the head of Lake Temiskaming.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Woodbury have returned from an extended holiday in Texas and other Southern places. All will be pleased to know that Mrs. Woodbury is very much improved in health.

Effort is being made in Haileybury at present to revive the Horticultural Society there. The Rotary Club is sponsoring the move for the re-organization. By such work service clubs justify their right to be known as "service" clubs.

The local and personal column of The New Liskeard Speaker last week had the following:—Mr. T. Laidlaw, of Scotland, who has been spending several months with his son, Mr. Jack Laidlaw, left last week for Timmins, Ontario, where he will visit his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Cadman.

Change in Manager of C.I.L. Office Here

U. S. Annett, who has been in charge of Canadian Industries Limited Timmins branch for the past two years, has received notice from C. I. L. head office that he will be transferred at the end of June to Montreal where he will be assisting in general sales matters of the company. The promotion is a merited tribute to the work done by Mr. Annett during his 15 years in the North.

O. S. Atkins, at present in the Port Arthur office of the Explosives Division, will be in charge of the Timmins office from July 1st.

Mr. Annett joined C. I. L. in 1920 and was sent to Cobalt as a junior in 1921. He remained as salesman under J. S. Morrey until 1928 when he was transferred to the larger Halifax office in a similar capacity. After a year on the Atlantic coast he was sent back to Cobalt, this time to take charge of that office following Mr. Morrey's transfer to Winnipeg.

In 1932 he opened the new explosives office at Noranda and two years later relieved "Lap" Laprairie in charge of the Timmins branch.

Secretary of C. I. M. M.
As secretary of the Porcupine branch

last few days," said one local radio fan last week. "What is the name then of the Nova Scotia Minister of Mines?" the gentleman was asked. A puzzled look came to his face. "Well, I'll be hanged," he spluttered. After a little deep thought, the radio fan managed to suggest that he thought the name was Patrick McGuire. "It was something like that anyway," he said. The radio certainly is a wonderful invention!

There has been some criticism of the newspapers for creating anxiety and fear in the minds of the people through false and misleading stories in regard to the Moose River rescue work. It would be difficult to deny the charge in regard to some newspapers. On the other hand newspapers often bring comfort and cheer to people in trouble. For instance, with so many youngsters ill with prevalent children's diseases recently, newspapers came along to solace the suffering kiddies with the information that all the children in the Royal Family in the Old Country had suffered attacks of the measles and fears were entertained that they had also contracted the mumps.

For five years a certain Sudbury man has been on relief. For five years that Sudbury man has called regularly at the relief office to secure his cheque for relief. For five years that Sudbury man has sought to impress on relief officials the idea that it was work he wanted, not relief—that he would much prefer to have a position and support himself, rather than depend on relief. Then, one day last week the relief officers were ready for that gentleman. They had a job for him. They

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of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Mr. Annett has contributed a good deal to the Institute's past two successful years and as a member of the Timmins Curling Club and of the Porcupine Badminton club he has been a popular member of the community.

Mrs. Annett and her two sons, Ulric, junior six years old, and Frederick, four years old, will leave Timmins for their new home in Montreal late in June.

Margaret Easton's Pupils to be at Play

Dancing will Feature Intermission Between Acts at Legion Play.

The Legion is putting its full support behind the production of "Here Comes Charlie," the 3-act comedy to be presented by local artists at the Goldfields theatre, Wednesday and Thursday, May, 6th and 7th. It could really be called a Legion play, because some of the principals are members of the local branch and auxiliary. Fred Curtis, Bill Docton, Ron Jones, Wilson Thomson and "Mort" Brockley complete the male cast. Miss Peggy Shaw, Miss Madge Webb, Mrs. W. D. Forrester, Mrs. Irwin and Mrs. W. A. Devine are the ladies appearing. Mrs. Jack Cosentine is the director and at the present time all are working hard for the complete success of the presentation. The comedy situations are many and those attending are due for many a hearty laugh.

As an added attraction the Legion has secured the services of Miss Margaret Easton and her talented troupe of juvenile dancers. The young dancers will appear between the acts and every one will miss a rare treat if do not see this talented dancing. Junior pupils will appear between Act 1 and 2 and Senior pupils between Act 2 and 3. It is also expected that Gordon Archibald's orchestra will be present to render some of their fine music during the presentation of the play.

All should take note of the dates and plan to take in this fine show. Watch for the advertisements in The Advance.

Annual Meeting Thursday St. Matthew's Bowling Club

The annual meeting of the St. Matthew's Bowling club will be held in the church hall at 8.45 on Thursday evening, it was announced this morning. A good attendance of last year's members is expected and any who are interested in the game are cordially invited to be present. Officers will be elected and plans made for the coming season.

For years past there has been very general interest in the annual bazaar of the Timmins Finnish United Church. The event this year will be held in the Finnish United Church on Thursday, April 30th, commencing at 2 p.m., and continuing until 7 p.m. Tea and coffee will be served as well as the famous Finnish coffee bread and other delicacies. There will be a display of fancy work that is sure to interest all.

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Children's Health Clinic Schumacher, Friday May 1

The Children's Health Conference will be held on Friday, May 1st, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the basement of the Schumacher public school, Schumacher. All pre-school children are invited to attend.

Black Cat had Two White and Two Black Kittens

A black cat, owned by Ralph Doling, 55 Messines avenue, recently gave birth to four kittens, two of them almost pure blacks and the others white. One of the kittens turned out to be tailless and looks like the real Manx variety. Though unusual, such births have occurred before.

Thirty five friends gathered at the home of Mrs. John Boyd on Friday evening when a miscellaneous shower was given for Mrs. Frank Sullivan.

Mrs. Sullivan was formerly Miss Cybele Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson, Toke street. She was married to Frank Sullivan a week ago in a quiet ceremony in Toronto. They will live on James street here.

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