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GIVE THE SETTLERS A CHANCE

In an interview with The Northern Tribune at Kapuskasing last week, Rev. J. C. Cochrane, superintendent of missions for Northern Ontario for the United Church, is quoted as criticizing the existing land settlement schemes under government relief. Instead of directly or indirectly subsidizing the settlers to live on the land without incentive to go ahead on their own efforts, he suggests a cash bounty for each acre cleared. In other words, Rev. Mr. Cochrane is advocating what The Advance has been urging for years—a land-clearing bonus for settlers, such as has helped to make colonization successful in the neighbouring province of Quebec. To make a success of the settlement of Northern Ontario, Rev. Mr. Cochrane very properly points out, the settler must be imbued with the real old-time pioneering spirit. Direct relief is taking this away from him and from his family. The former chief supports of the struggling settler—the sale of pulpwood and the payments made for roadwork—both distracted the settler's attention from the real business of his life—the building of a farm and a home for himself and his family in this new country. Neither pulpwood nor roadwork can be expected to supply his special needs in the future. At the same time it must be admitted by all who know the country and its conditions that the ordinary settler cannot establish himself without some form of assistance. If he does not possess capital of his own, he must have some supplied, or its equivalent, to keep him during the years when he is clearing his land, and gathering together the necessary stock to make his farm self-supporting.

There are 3000 settlers and their families—a total of 15,000 persons—now on the relief rolls of the North. It goes without saying that these good people cannot be allowed to starve or freeze for lack of proper clothing. At the same time, it is equally beyond logic or common sense to accept the burden of the support of these settlers by the country at large as a permanent condition. Yet under present conditions there does not seem the slightest chance of these settlers ever getting off relief. That is one of the serious features of the matter. Direct relief has kept them alive, but that is all that it has done. It has not helped them to establish themselves on their farms. They are just where they were, in a material way. So far as morale is concerned, they are worse off than ever. Some of them are developing the attitude that the country must look after them—that they will not be allowed to starve—and that consequently they have little real cause for worry. Fortunately for the country, however, the majority of them do not want relief—they only ask a fair chance to make good and to be self-supporting and independent. Action should be taken to remedy the situation before the majority lose their hope, their courage, their pioneering spirit.

To The Advance, it appears that the country has to decide whether relief will be continued indefinitely, with all its very apparent evils, or whether the situation will be altered by the inauguration in Ontario of a system of land-clearing bonus. The whole attitude towards the settler should be altered. Instead of the people feeling that it is a general responsibility that none of them should be allowed to starve, the idea should be that it is the bounden duty of the province to see to it that they are placed in the way of establishing themselves as independent and self-supporting citizens of the North. If anyone can suggest any feasible method whereby this can be done, except by the land-clearing bonus, then The Advance would be delighted to hear the plan. So far, however, no one has evolved any method or means to this end, except the land-clearing bonus. There is every reason to believe that the land-clearing bonus would do the work. Even such a remedy may fail, if it is delayed too long. It does appear that action should be taken at once in the matter. That is why The Advance has been so insistent in its recent advocacy of the proposal. For a great many years The Advance has been urging the land-clearing bonus. To-day The Advance feels that unless the plan is put into force, the outlook for the settlement of the North is dark indeed.

Under a land-clearing bonus, settlers would have incentive to clear as much land as possible, and as the method also provides special bonus for new land placed under cultivation, it is easy to see how in earning the bonus the farmer is becoming more and more self-supporting as the days go by. The necessity for further immediate relief could be avoided by allowing bonus on land already cleared, and seeing that a proportion of this bonus went to the purchase of stock and in other ways that would hasten the real establishment of the homesteader. It is freely admitted that even the land clearing bonus would not be sufficient to establish some on their homesteads, but these would be proven to be unsuitable for Northern pioneering and they could be removed to other centres or otherwise dealt with.

Those who have studied the land-clearing bonus

plan believe that even from the viewpoint of actual expenditure in dollars and cents, it would prove cheaper than direct relief. From the broader outlook, it certainly is the cheapest and best plan yet advanced for the solution of a serious problem.

ABOUT SECESSION

The Liberal Party Association at Michipicoten recently forwarded a petition to His Majesty King Edward VIII, asking that a plebescite be taken on the question of the creation of a separate province to look after the interests and assure the development and progress of the great North, which constitutes four-fifths of the area of the whole province of Ontario, as well as likely an equally large proportion of the total potential wealth of the whole province. This appeal to the King cannot be dismissed by an exhibition of bad temper by the premier of Ontario. Coming from a Liberal Party Association, it cannot be lightly termed a political dodge, because both the provincial and Dominion governments to-day are Liberal party organizations. It will be found that the people at large in Ontario are vitally concerned about the matter—wondering as to what are the motives for such an appeal, the grounds of dissatisfaction, and the extent of the feeling in the North for secession. If the people in general are not keenly alive to the matter, it will be too bad for the province at large. It would be a poor sort of hound that would allow the tail to wag the dog forever.

Apart from the many local causes for dissatisfaction, the Michipicoten people have suffered along with the rest of the North from the stupid and shortsighted policy of the South in dealing with the North. Recently it appears that requests from the North are not even treated with common courtesy. Excuse has been made for lack of governmental action on many lines by saying that the administration does not know or understand the North. The truth is that the chief trouble is that the government does not know the people of the North nor understand the spirit, the temper of the people. Neglect of the interests of the North and rudeness and discourtesy to the people of the North sum up the chief causes for dissatisfaction. The motive for secession talk may be briefly given as an ardent desire to see the North given a fair deal and a proper chance to develop and expand, and the equally keen determination not to take neglect and impoliteness in any meek spirit, but to make the world at large understand that the North is not only dissatisfied, but further that it intends one way or another to do something about it.

The extent of the secession feeling is rather amazing, especially among Ontario people who have been among the pioneers of the North. Just the minute that governments assume the attitude that they can disregard the North and nothing can be done about it, this secession talk resumes. Years ago a local gentleman based his platform for election to the Dominion parliament on the one plank of secession of the North from Ontario. The small vote he received in the election did not mean that few felt the way the candidate felt in the matter. Rather, it proved no more than that the people had found another way to express their dissatisfaction as well as a new hope for the righting of their evident wrongs. Following that former general demand for secession, the North received more attention and a closer approach to a fair deal. The point that should be noted by the people in the South is that the North is not disposed to take ill-usage meekly or quietly. The North intends to find a way to secure fair treatment. If secession is the only way, then the North will eventually secede.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

A heading in a Southern Ontario newspaper says that work is to start immediately on the four-laned highway from Hamilton to the Niagara River. The Advance has been told repeatedly that the reason no money is being spent to make Northern roads safe for travel is because there is no money to spend. What is to be used for money for that new four-laned highway? But why bring that up?

People are amused at the idea that Quebec's new premier has exposed the fact that the former government had a steam roller insured against theft. To the ordinary mind the thought of insuring a steam roller against theft seems laughable. However, in view of other exposures in regard to the Quebec government recently, was it ridiculous after all? At the present time there are people in Timmins who feel it might be a good idea to insure school buildings against misappropriation as town halls or whatnot.

At last week's session of the town council much business was dealt with in a comparatively brief session because the council were not hampered by undue discussion or blockade by the mayor. It won't be long now, however, before the mayor will be telling of all the wonderful things he would have accomplished if the council had only helped him along. Last year the present mayor felt that as a councillor he made a remarkably fine mayor, but this year the ratepayers feel that as a mayor he is a washout as a councillor.

Soviet Russia has been held up to Canadians in recent years as having a form of government that this country would do well to imitate in whole or in part. At the present time the Soviet is executing by wholesale men who are accused of differing in opinion from the present czars of Russia. Oh, well! Why bring that up?



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LOCALS

Miss Margaret Hartling, of Cobalt, was a visitor to Timmins last week.

Mrs. J. O. Page, of Kirkland Lake, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Forster.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Daher have returned from a holiday in Sudbury.

Ben Spence returned yesterday from a vacation in Toronto and Muskoka.

Mrs. T. White, Sr., of Swastika, was a recent visitor to Timmins.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Polley, 167 Maple street north, on August 23rd—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Binny, of Toronto, were visitors to Timmins friends last week.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanns-low, 32 Columbus avenue, on August 29th—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lowe and daughter, Barbara, returned Saturday after a holiday in the south.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Morton and family returned Saturday night from a trip to St. Andrews-by-the-Sea.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Starling and family returned Sunday after a visit to Mattawa and district.

Mrs. Boucher and son returned Sunday from a visit to relatives at Mattawa and district.

George Shaheen and A. Salhani motored to Ottawa and Montreal last week.

Fred Graham returned Thursday night from a week's vacation to Toronto and other Southern points.

Mrs. Wm. Jolly, of New Liskeard, visited her daughter, Mrs. L. Jenkins, at Timmins last week.

Mrs. S. Wheeler and son, Robt. and Mrs. F. J. Hornby and son, Bert, left on Sunday to take in the Toronto Exhibition.

F. C. H. Simms, who is in St. Mary's hospital after having suffered a broken hip last week, is reported to-day as progressing favourably.

Kirkland Lake Ladies' Auxiliary of the Legion has followed the example of the Timmins Auxiliary, and now have snappy new berets.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Beattie, Mrs. L. Osgood, and Mrs. White, of Claremont, New Hampshire, and Mrs. J. T. Morton, of Halleybury, were guests this weekend of Mr. and Mrs. James Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. McCoy and daughter, Phyllis, returned last night from a trip which included the boat run from Boston to New York and return.

Among the personal items in The New Liskeard Speaker last week was the following:—"Miss Alma Hobbs has returned to Timmins to continue in her second year as nurse-in-training at St. Mary's hospital."

Mr. and Mrs. G. Cousineau, on their return from Kirkland Lake, where they had been attending the funeral of their little grandson, Eric Rybka, were accompanied here by their daughter, Mrs. T. Rybka, and her little son, who will visit here.

Bruce Trivett and his orchestra, of Kirkland Lake, made their first appearance in Timmins on Friday night when a good crowd danced to the music at the Riverside pavilion. While the Trivett orchestra was here, Andy Cangiano's band was at Culver Park, Swastika where another large crowd attended.

WANTED Ads.

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Wedding Saturday At South Porcupine

Girl Guides Return From Camp. Other News of S. Porcupine and the Dome

South Porcupine, Ont. Aug. 31, 1936. Special to The Advance.

A quiet wedding took place at St. Joachim's Church at 9:30 on Saturday morning, when Miss Elsie Edna Kendall, of Timmins, became the bride of Leo Alfred Gervais, of Golden City. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Gellinas.

The bride wore a floor-length gown of pale blue with pink accessories, and carried a bouquet of roses and lilac-of-the-valley. She was attended by Miss Grace Wainwright, who was gowned in lavender chiffon and pink accessories. Her bouquet was of pink and mauve sweet peas.

The groomsmen was Mr. Wilfred Gervais, brother of the groom.

The wedding breakfast was held at the home of the groom. We extend our best wishes for the prosperity and happiness of the young couple.

Girl Guides Return from Camp

The Girl Guides returned from camp at Nellie Lake last Wednesday afternoon, having spent a most enjoyable and healthy ten days. The camp was run by Mrs. Gordon Smith of Kirkland Lake as commandant; Mrs. W. Naish, assistant commandant; Mrs. Maurice Bessette, quartermaster; Miss Cranston, swimming instructor, and Miss McKee of Schumacher as camp nurse.

The usual camp routine was adhered to.

Irene Deacon, Dorothy Dracon, Marjorie Smith and Joan Smith won their athletic badges. Joan Smith also won her swimming badge. Life-savers' badges were won by some of the girls. Theresa Miner won the prize for being the best all-round swimmer in the camp.

There were four tents keenly competing for the prize for the most totems. Totems were given each day after inspection, for tidy tents, inside and out, and for gadgets. The prize was won by the Minehaha tent. They also won the prize for most marks gained on sports day.

The night before camp broke up a masquerade party was held. The costumes were so excellent it was too difficult for the officers to decide, so two visitors from Nellie Lake did the judging. The girls had only their ordinary clothes which they had brought to camp with them, from which to make their costumes, and their ingenuity was noteworthy.

The prize for originality went to the camel with the sheik and driver all complete. Norma McCaw was the sheik and the camel was two Timmins girls. The prize for the funniest went to an old man all ready for bed with a long night shirt, night cap and candle. The prize for the prettiest went to Shirley Ewing as Little Red Riding Hood.

Although the weather was not all that could be desired everybody had a very happy time and are looking forward to another camp holiday next summer.

Personal Mention
Miss Margaret Wendle returned to her home in Calgary on Friday after spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Dan McLennan.

Mrs. E. Rapsey has returned from a two weeks' visit with her father in Mattawa.
Prizes for Entrance Exams
The prizes offered by the Catholic Women's League to the pupils ranking highest in the entrance examinations at the Dome school and the town school were won by Kathleen Connolly and Elaine Dague.

MISCELLANEOUS

CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION—Good homes desired for children, boys and girls, Catholic and Protestant, ages 4 to 14 years. Any home desiring to adopt a youngster should have their clergyman write A. G. Carson, Supt. Children's Aid, Timmins, Ont. 441t

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Personal
Mr. M. S. Clark and son, Garry, and daughter, Bonnie, returned on Wednesday from Renfrew, where they have been visiting. Mrs. Robert Clark, mother of Mr. Clark, accompanied them for an extended visit.

Miss Edith Rapsey is entering St. Mary's hospital for training on September 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Varker, Sr., have moved into their new house on Crawford street. Mr. and Mrs. Varker, Jr., have taken over the old home.

Mr. S. R. Lee, from Alberta, has been spending a few days in town on business.

Mr. Bill Gardham, who has been visiting his nephew, Jack Burke, at the Dome, returned on Friday to his home in Ottawa.

The young people in town will be interested to hear that Miss Frances St. Paul, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack St. Paul, who moved to Quebec from South Porcupine, where they had resided many years, was married on August 4th in Ottawa to Mr. Arthur Mulligan, of Quebec. We wish the young couple many years of happiness and prosperity.

Some New Novelties at the Fall Carnival

Live Geese and Canaries to be Given Away as Prizes for the Games.

With the coming approach of the Legion Fall Carnival to be held in the Timmins skating arena the week of Sept. 14—19th, one finds the various committees working hard for its success.

A novel feature will be introduced in the many games planned. One will be able to take home a live goose if he puts a ring around its neck. Another is the fact that the Bingo players may take home a beautiful singing canary and a cage if they are lucky.

The golf ball game is said to be one of intricate skill. All you have to do is put the ball in the jar. It can be done, so when the carnival opens, come and try.

There will also be a fortune-teller.

for those who desire to have their told. It looks as if the aim of the Legion will be accomplished (to have the biggest and best bazaar of the year), is one considers the other many fine attractions planned.

Canadian Radio Programme from 11.30 to 12 Heard Here

A local radio enthusiast, who is not enthusiastic, however, about local radio, writes The Advance this week to object to the recent statement to the town council by the local radio management that Canadian Commission programmes close at 11 o'clock. "Last Tuesday night," he writes, "I listened to an excellent programme by C.R.C. from 11.30 to 12, though the council was told the C.R.C. sign off at 11 o'clock. The programme was an international radio party sponsored in Nova Scotia. Premier MacDonald spoke on the friendship fostered by radio between the U. S. A. and Canada. He stated that the first radio station in Canada was established in 1907 at Glace Bay, N.S. Mary Lou, of the Radio Show Boat, Miss Isoberg, Queen of the N.S. Apple Blossom Week, the mayor of Halifax, the mayor of Yarmouth, the secretary of the International Radio Club and others were among the other artists on the air. There was fine music by the Haligonian orchestra. It's funny to me, if the C. R. C. always signs off at 11 p.m., yet the C. R. C. programmes may be heard after they sign off."

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