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MENDING ROOFS

excused the leaking roof on his house by saying business it would prove for the province to meet that when the weather was fine there was no need those needs, then the government would surely to mend the roof, and when it was raining the roof feel that the report of its own friends and apcould not well be fixed. Probably that man re- pointees should be followed by appropriate action. ceived a ducking only when the rain was particu- To say that the government already knows the larly fierce. In any event he showed better judg- needs but has deliberately neglected its duty in the ment than the fellow who persistently chooses a matter is not to condemn the attitude of the Onrain storm as an occasion for putting on a new tario Associated Boards of Trade, but rather to roof. In the years of the depression the world has throw discredit on the good faith of the governbeen full of such fellows. Their plan has been to go out in the rain and the hail, as it were, and use their little axes on the roofs that gave at least a little shelter. The wise man contented himself with is peculiarly the business of the powers-that-be. doing a little patching during the storm and In assuming the attitude that a royal commission promising himself that the first fine day he would stop up every hole on that leaking roof. When the storm is at the height of its fury it is easy enough to forget the shelter given by the roof in better and friendly view. It may be that such a view was days. There is a present-day impatience with the not justified by the facts of the case, but in any odd leak that seems rather unreasonable in this event the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade can imperfect world. It is an odd fact that the very people whose forbears were contented with the thatched roof that never failed to dribble a little whenever it rained, are the ones who make the most complaint over the occasional leak in the better roofs of the day. This man may actually discrimination and deliberate neglect. hold his ancestors in more or less contempt, though it is doubtful if he has any justification to whether or not a royal commission would refor such an attitude. The truth is that his forefathers showed more ingenuity and did more with the ineffectual equipment they had than he man- edly have given some publicity to the case for the ages to do to-day with his superior surroundings. North. Indeed, the very request for such a com-Instead of sitting down and wailing when a few drops came through the roof, the pioneers turned the South have had their attention attracted to any such ill-luck to advantage. They put a pail under the leak and gathered delightful "soft water" that accounted in part at least for com- the South, no less than for the North! No less true plexions that cannot even be bought these days.

to suggest that leaky roofs should be accepted as means a return many-fold to the South in dethe hand of providence, or to be endured on any veloped wealth and expanded business—so every count. In a civilized—even in an intellectual com- dollar filched from the North means a loss to all munity-roofs spring aleak only to be fixed. But Ontario. In the neglect of the North, in the injussome sense should be used in the mending of tice and discrimination shown the North, the roofs, and in the time and materials for the same. North has not suffered alone. A royal commission against Hydro have the slightest steady, persistent education of men Rainy days should be avoided. The mixing of old would, perhaps, have made this truth generally musty thatch like communism with fine new fire- known, common property! Royal commissions at law. proof material should be avoided. As a matter of least may be credited with that much of virtue! It fact, it is practically impossible to find the leak on may be that even the request for a royal commisa rainy day. It is funny the way water will run sion-even the refusal of that request-may stir along the rafters. What may look, while the rain up enough of interest, enough of thought, enough pours, like a dozen holes in the roof, may turn out of belief in the idea that there is a case for the of the Supreme Court of Ontario, by izations that are increasing in size to be only one comparatively small hole in the North, to justify the Northern Ontario Associated leason of their integrity, wisdom and and number beyond all proper proporroof. There seems to be general agreement that Boards and the Ontario Associated Boards in the the weather has moderated, the worst of the storm efforts made to secure a fair deal for the North. is over and sunny days are on the way. There has been possibly too much patching. Some spikes GRAVEL AND SAND-AND PLACER have been used to hold the patches down, and ! _______ point that should be stressed at the present mo- At least it is on the same general subject. ment is that the less fooling with the roof until the storm is fully past, the better for the whole A travelling representative for a well-known house. When the weather is settled, however, the product sold by retailers was amazed this week roof should be fixed, so that the next storm will at the number of business men who were "away," cancellation of those contracts. Un- waste from preventable illness goes on help the crops without doing any harm to the or "out of town," or "may be back anytime now!" fortunately the saving is made not so from day to day." modern furniture.

NEEDS OF THE NORTH

North, support Hon. Mr. Nixon, acting premier, in gress. Some of the business men have returned to Legislature until he is blue in the face, scon got mixed up in their directions his suggestion that royal commissions accomplish their offices (everybody can't win all the time, you little of value as a rule and that accordingly the know), and now they wonder why that traveller request of the Ontario Associated Boards of hasn't arrived in town yet, after sending out ing to Hydro. It may be true that On- the elk both of them fired at the same Trade deputation at Toronto last week, asking cards that he would be here this week. Such is life! for a royal commission to study the needs of the Such is curling! North and formulate a proper government programme for development and expansion of the The Ottawa Journal has fine scorn for those country is not likely to be granted by the powers- writers who send letters to the newspapers and do his views. It is pleasing to note, however, that The ably on a cheque. Or words to that effect. Northern Tribune withheld criticism so long as the government. The Sudbury Star and The North the North. The latest is the stabbing of a citizen travesty of marriage. Bay Nugget join in the chorus against the com- who protested against some rowdyism. People in mission idea, after the acting premier discounted the South who note the number of crimes of vioit. "Hon. Mr. Nixon says there is nothing to the lence in Cochrane should also note the fact that The Globe and Mail, blames the politicians for the Soviet must have bought a large amount of that this week. A splendid programme has commission idea! Well, maybe there isn't!" So Cochrane is not a mining town. It might, however, floods doing such damage in the United States at peculiar drug—enough to use on the lawyers, that's that! Even The Ottawa Journal has a word be a mining town, if the government would give against royal commissions in general and royal the assistance promised in developing the mineral commissions for the North in particular. All this resources in the immense territory north of Cochmay appear to be support of Hon. Mr. Nixon and rane. the government, but to The Advance it appears to be the strongest condemnation. The argument in support of Hon. Mr. Nixon's stand on royal com- continues to be a serious business for the Com- leys of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers the damage tion. Apparently Hon. Mr. Croll believes in missions is that they discover nothing that is not munities concerned.

known before they start. Some of the newspapers even go so far as to suggest that the governmentand, by inference, everybody else-is fully cognigant of the needs of the North, so why ask for a commission? Such an attitude is scarcely fair to the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade. When the latter body was fully apprised of the needs of the North, and the neglect persistently shown the North in recent years, it took the charitable view that surely the government could not be aware of the situation, and that one way to bring out all the facts was by the appointment of a royal commission. If such a commission were appointed and reported along the same lines as the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade has reported for There is the famous foolish story of the man who years past as to the pressing needs and the good ment. Everybody who has studied the matter has felt that the government ought to know the facts. -that such knowledge is certainly something that would soon bring forward such a mass of facts and figures that would spur suitable action, the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade took the kindly claim at least to have displayed a greater faith in human nature than it would have shown if it had taken the position that the government was deliberately evidencing discrimination against the North and injuring the whole province by that

The Advance admits that it had serious doubts as sult in early justice being given the North. The report of such a commission, however, would assurmission has been of some value. More people in the case for the North. That is something. The North has a case! And remember, it is a case for than the fact that every dollar spent in the North This is not to advocate leaky roofs. It is not even for the development and expansion of the country

these have themselves torn a few holes in the roof. Last week The Globe and Mail was publishing in matters pertaining to Hydro is an of the menace. When the fine days come the roof should get a editorials condemning the Ontario government for thorough inspection. It will be found to be in pretty forcing through the legislation attempting to good condition. Most of it is new. The old stuff is over-ride the law courts of the land. This week pretty good. When the fine days come, the bad The Globe and Mail has an editorial headed:spots may be replaced and the work done without "More Hitler Bluster." No doubt, this week's edimaking the good old roof look too patchy. The torial is simply a continuation of last week's series.

Finding that he could not do any business, the traveller looked around for something or other to many of whom could ill afford to lose an elk hunt two nimrods from Aberentertain him until such time as he could do some their income from this source. If the deen, Wash., parked their car in a business. Eventually he landed up at the curling A number of newspapers, including some in the rink where the big northern bonspiel is in pro-



"Glasses are a blessing to me.....

"For some years now, I have spent most of my time doing fancy-work and reading. A few months ago my eyes bothered me so much I had to give up my pleasures. How discontented I became, How irrit-

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Condemns High-Handed Action of Legislature

(From Simcoe Reformer)

the sentiments expressed in a leading ly preventable causes. Electric Power Commission of all pro- able diseases. court order.

While primarily aimed at avoiding the berculosis control. effect of adverse court decisions result- "There are means available in Can with the Hydro Commission would be to use these means. deprived of the right to sue for non- "The main problem of health as payment or non-fulfilment of agree- affects Canada is (1) the preservation dro is concerned, the courts of Ontario ease and ill health. would have absolutely no authority to Primarily, this is a question

ence and respect of all the people. "It is known, and generally agreed,

act which no intelligent citizen can It is a grave situation into which and many other diseases could be re-Hydro has been dragged by the politi- duced to a minimum if periodic health cians. There can be no question that examinations were universally adopted. Messrs Ferguson and Henry used very Columbia University has recently ruled poor judgment in negotiating contracts that every one of the staff of 3000 must with Quebec companies, obligating On- be medically examined annually. Some tario to pay millions of dollars every day Canada's large educational instiyear for power which it could not use. tutions, factories, stores and office will It is true, too, that the present admin- realize the economic value of such istration has effected a saving of some scheme. much at the expense of power barons as of the thousands of bondholders. Huntingdon Gleaner:-Going out or

outlook for them is hopeless. of those improvidential contracts with the entire front end of the car.

Quebec companies. But the extreme steps being taken by the Roebuck-led forces in the Legislature go beyond all bounds of reason or necessity. It seems that having gone so far, they cannot turn back. Doubtless a succeeding administration of another politicial stripe will arnul the legislation and begin negotiations all over again. Such is Hydro in the hands of party politicians surely a far cry from the days of Sir Adam Beck and his vision of a publicly-owned enterprise, self-supporting, free from political interference and aimed only at bringing comfort and convenience to the masses.

Much Loss Through Sickness in Canada

Two Per Cent. of Working Population Off for Illness

Among other matters studied by the Health League of Canada is that of the loss through illness in Canada. In this connection some rather startling figures are given, and comments made on the question. A recent letter from the Health League of Canada deals with the matter as follows:-

"According to the most recent figures available, one out of every 23 workers loses an average of over 12 weeks in the year because he is sick.

"At any given time about two per cent. of the working population of Canada is off work because of sickness. "Throughout Canada, among the whole working populations an average of about four full days per year is lost,

due to illness. mated that about 70 per cent. of all school children are suffering from defects that could be remedied.

"Among the adult population of Canada it is estimated that about 30 percent. of persons from 18 to 40 years are The Rerformer heartily concurs in not fit for heavy work because of large-

editorial in the Toronto Globe and "It is further estimated that about Mail condemning the proposed amend- 60 per cent. of Canada's population ment to the Power Commission Act from 40 to 60 years are in need of which would relieve the Ontario Hydro- care from controllable if not prevent-

cesses of law following a judgment or "Canada can have health if it wishes to pay for it. That has been proven by Such legislation would place Hydro the effective results obtained in such above the law and render it immune programmes as diphtheria immunizato legal action for breach of contract tion, pasteurization of milk, infant or for any other action whatsoever, mortadity reduction, typhoid and tu-

ing from the cancellation of contracts ada for the effective control, and the with Quebec power companies, it would eventual elimination of such diseases have a much more far-reaching signi- as cancer, tuberculosis, diphtheria, tyficance in that anyone doing business | phoid-if the people would only learn

ment. In other words, so far as Hy- of health and (2) the prevention of dis-

adjudicate, nor would a claimant health education. It is a question o chance of recovering what he believed and women (boys and girls) to the his rightful due through process of fact that most diseases can be pre-

The amendment constitutes a serious | "The public is long-suffering. It is reflection upon the judiciary of this slow to anger. How many more years province. In no other country in the will go by before Canadians realize world is the judicial system held in that they are being taxed heavily for such high esteem as in Canada. Judges | hospitals and mental charitable organ-

Every citizen, no matter how humble, that the pasteurization of milk will is assured of a fair and impartial hear- remove the chances of undulant fever, ing by the Ontario Bench. To declare typhoid fever and tuberculosis-and in effect that these same judges are yet municipalities in many parts of incapable of rendering a just decision Canada remain unmoved and unafraid

heart disease, infections from bad teeth

five millions of dollars annually through "In the meantime a tremendous

new legislation becomes effective, the dense woods and to keep the radiator from freezing, covered it with a blan-Hon. Mr. Roebuck can talk in the ket. They started out on a long jaunt, but he can never justify the Govern- and were lost. Suddenly they saw a ment's action in voiding the authority vague, shadowy form some distance of Ontario courts in matters pertain- ahead. To make sure they would get tario faces no immediate shortage of time. All was quiet after the shots. power and that the condition of pro- Rushing forward the hunters found vincial finances demanded a revision they had riddled their auto blanket and

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H. C. SCARTH, Manager

\$10,000 for Exploration on MacFarlane Long Lac

\$10,000 exploratory campaign supplementing the diamond drilling completed a few months ago will be on the property of the MacFarlane Long Lac Gold Mines, Ltd., in the Little Long Lac area, next Monday or Tuesday, according to an announcement made by Frank J. MacFarlane, president of the company. With all preliminary work

suspended last October," explained Mr. tors, and Lewis A. Dunham, American MacFarlane, "gave very encouraging geologist and engineer, who is thorresults and although all the holes did cughly familiar with the geology of not reveal commercial ore it was deem- | Canada's gold districts. ed advisable to resume the drilling as | Directors of MacFarlane Long Lac soon as conditions would permit. The [Gold Mines, Ltd., in addition to Messrs last hole, which indicated another vein, MacFarlane and Dietz, include L. L. showed \$18.90 across 31 inches. This Steindler and Walter J. Mellody, of vein has since been traced along the New York and William G. Chipp, of surface for more than 500 feet, vary- Toronto. ing from three to twelve feet in width

Toronto and points east thereof

phide alongside of porphyry and greenstone formation. The new vein was penetrated a short distance from the eastern extremity of the company's The first drill to be employed in a property so the present drilling campaign includes working along this zone for about one-half mile to the west."

Mr. MacFarlane will be on the property when the drill arrives and will arrange for the continued exploration of the southern part of the claims, preparatory to drilling in the spring, which shows some interesting and promising geology. All the work on the MacFarcompleted, drilling will be started at lane Long Lac during the last year has been under the direction and super-"The drilling and surface exploration, vision of Carl F. Dietz, one of the direc-

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RETURNING

Leave destinations up to and including Monday, February 15th, except as follows: From Windsor up to 1.00 a.m. Tuesday, February 16th. From Jellicoe, Geraldton, Beardmore and Longlac up to Wednesday, Feb. 17th.

Attraction—Hockey Match—Toronto Maple Leafs vs. Boston Bruins

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Much objection has been raised in Tennessee, this preventive work would also have meant a that-be at Toronto. The Northern Tribune, of not write their names plainly enough to be read. because of the marriage of a twenty-two-year-old notable measure of employment during the de-Kapuskasing, had a word to say against the com- Many a signature that would vex The Journal at man and a nine-year-old female child. "People pression years. However, as the politicians come mission idea before Hon. Mr. Nixon had expressed the bottom of the letter would please it consider- orter mind their own business," the mother of the from the people it is hardly to be expected that child is quoted as saying in answer to criticism of they will have very much greater foresight than the alleged marriage. This is one marriage where the people themselves. there was danger of that criticism handicapping. For a town of its size, Cochrane appears to have it is very decidedly people's business, as it is the the delegates from the North in their approach to more crimes of violence than any other place in people who will have to pay eventually for such a

> present. His argument is that it was the short- judges, court officials and spectators. sightedness of the politicians in not planning work years ago to avoid the danger of such floods that from the floods might have been avoided. To do monopoly.

The latest story about the Moscow trial is that agents of the Soviet purchased a drug in the United States and that the use of the drug on the A gentleman, writing from Denver Colorado, to prisoners caused them to act as they did. The

It is understood that Hon. David Croll, Minister is really to blame for the present disaster. There of Welfare for Ontario, is planning to have an act is some basis for such a claim. Had preventive passed to prevent business firms from using the "Mr. Menzies will address the meeting The collapse of banks in the United States still work been carried on in recent years in the val- name of the quintuplets in unauthorized exploita-

Legion Smoker to be Held Saturday Night

T. Parsons to be Master of Ceremonies. A Splendid Programme Arranged.

At a smoker to be held in the Legion hall on Saturday night for members and their friends. T. Parsons is to be master of ceremonies, it was learned been arranged.

The special general meeting of the Legion on February 14th when L. R. Menzies, general secretary of the provincial command of the Legion will be the chief speaker, is an important one. on matters of great importance to the members of the Canadian Legion," said Austin Neame, president of the local branch. · 会会会会会