

FAVORS THE LAND TAX

Hon. Frank Cochrane Speaks on Lease-Tied Acres.

Minister of Lands and Mines Tells Mining Convention His Views on the Situation in New Ontario—The Gillies' Claim—Refining in Canada—Department Will Not Be Divided—Government Will Help Mining.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—The mining convention concluded yesterday afternoon with a speech from Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Lands and Mines.

Chairman W. D. McPherson briefly reviewed the work of the convention.

The Minister's Speech.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane, Minister of Lands and Mines, said the unanimous resolutions would have great weight with the Government. As to the timber, one of the largest sources of the revenue of the province, it was necessary to protect it. He did not believe the miners were expected to cause fires.

The Gillies' claim had been reserved because the Government considered it fairly to the Gillies people on account of the richness of the Cobalt district, which was not fully known until last spring, to give them time to remove the timber. Therefore, while the prospector was not yet allowed to mine next spring Gillies Brothers would recognize the protection the Government was trying to give them and do something towards opening up a portion at least of the limit.

Refining in Canada.

Mr. Cochrane said that all the refining of minerals should take place in Canada, but some kind of encouragement must be given towards carrying this out by the Government, and he hoped the day would come when Ontario's mineral resources would equal those of her agriculture.

The question of taxation as it affected the mining interests was a very important one that required close study. In British Columbia the taxes were upon the gross output, but this would involve considerable difficulty in Ontario, as there were thousands of acres tied up in leases or patents which were not benefiting the owner or any other person. "If I had the running of it," said Hon. Mr. Cochrane, "I would put on a land tax."

Only One Minister.

As to the separation of the Departments there were difficulties. The Premier and he had discussed it when the Department was organized, but it was thought if there were two heads there would be continual squabbling because they were so intimately united.

It might be feasible to have deputies over the two branches, but they would not evade the necessity of a guiding hand over both.

The Minister said he looked upon mining as the greatest of Ontario's mining industries. Within the next two years he expected it to be in a better condition than ever before. A company was now under contract to develop the Morse Mountain range, and would be turning out 3,000 tons a day within a year and a half. Once the people were awakened to the necessity of mining development it would make the Government's task of aiding the miners much more easy, because they would not think that one part of the province was living on the other.

Would Help Mining.

His desire and that of the Government was not to place obstacles in the way of the miners, but to put forward every possible inducement to assist in making it one of the greatest industries of the province. Such was the intention of the Government, and he hoped that if everything the miners hoped for was not accomplished this session they would not become discouraged, but keep pointing out improvements to the act. Doing this he promised that the interests of the miners would be his own so far as the province would allow him.

The resolution committee, with the chairman and secretary of the convention, were appointed to press the resolutions upon the Government and act as a consultative committee to the Government, with power to add to their members.

The delegates thanked the Minister personally, and formal votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Cochrane, Chairman McPherson, and Mr. Marks, chairman of the resolutions committee, after which the conference dispersed.

No Association.

At the morning session the idea of forming a provincial mining association was abandoned. Instead there would be associations at the chief centres to be affiliated with the Canadian Mining Institute. A number of resolutions were put through.

Temiskaming Railway Pays.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—The first section of the Temiskaming Railway is a paying investment having for the past seven months paid three per cent. on the investment. Hon. Mr. Matheson says the net earnings of the 113 miles have been \$84,000, an average of \$22,000 per month, since the road was taken over by the commission. Jan. 1, 1945. The passenger traffic has been 43 per cent. of the total earnings of the road, in October the net earnings were \$16,000.

Missionaries Drowned.

London, Dec. 16.—(C.A.P.)—A despatch from Georgetown, British Guiana, states that Rev. J. D. MacKay, a Methodist missionary, with Rev. I. C. Smith, of the Church of Scotland, were drowned through a boat capsizing in the Essequibo River.

Change of G. T. P. Route.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—An amended route of the Grand Trunk Pacific has been sanctioned, whereby the line will parallel the C. P. R. tracks from Port Arthur to Port William, and reach the shore by the Indian reserve south of the Kaministiquia River.

Strathcona Coming to Canada.

London, Dec. 16.—Lord Strathcona will leave for Canada to-day by the Scotonia. He would not state on what business he goes, whether public or private. He is suffering from a weak knee, due to a wrench.

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ASK LENIENCY

Barrister Walter Mills, of Ridgeway, who so ably conducted the defence in the case of Rex vs. Miller at the recent sessions, will apply for a reconsideration of the sentence of seven years imposed on his client. The reason for the application is the assistance Miller rendered the Crown by his disclosure of the cattle-stealing organization and their operations.

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THE MARKET

There was a fine holiday market this morning. Christmas fowl of all kinds were very plentiful and sold at good prices.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter, per lb., 22c. to 25c.
Cheese, 12 1/2c. per lb.
Cream, 30c. quart.
Chickens, each, 35c. to 45c.
Ducks, each, 35c. to 40c.
Eggs, per dozen, 25c.
Geese, each, 30c. to \$1.10.
Honey, strained, per lb., 10c.
Honey, rack, 15c.
Lard, per lb., 12c.
Turkeys, each, \$1.50 to \$2.00.

VEGETABLES.

Beets, per peck, 15c.
Beans, per quart, 6c.
Cabbage, each, 3c. to 5c.
Carrots, per peck, 10c.
Celery, per bunch, 10c., 3 for 25c.
Cucumbers, in brine, 8c. doz.; 25c. hundred.

Marjoram, per bunch, 5c.
Onions, peck, 20c.; bag, \$1.
Parsnips, per peck, 10c. to 15c.
Potatoes, per bag, 90c. to \$1.10.
Pumpkins, each, 5c. to 10c.
Pop corn, dozen, 10c.
Parsnips, per bunch, 5c.
Squash, yellow, 20c. to 25c.
Squash, Hubbard, 10c. to 25c.
Squash, Turbin, 5c. to 10c.
Sage, per bunch, 5c.
Savory, per bunch, 5c.
Salad, per bunch, 5c.
Turnips, per peck, 10c.
Thyme, per bunch, 5c.
Tobacco, per bunch, 5c.

FRUIT.

Apples, pk., 15c. to 20c.; bus., 60c. to \$1.00.
Pears, per peck, 15c.
Quince, peck, 20c.; bus., 75c.

STOCK.

Culvers, per lb., dressed, 7c. to 7 1/2c.
Hogs, per cwt., \$7.50 to \$7.75.

FISH.

Cod Fish, fresh, per lb., 12 1/2c.
Herring, fresh, per lb., 12 1/2c.
Herring, smoked, each, 15c. to 25c.
Haddock, fresh, per lb., 10c.
Mackerel, fresh, per lb., 12 1/2c.
Pickering, fresh, each, 10c.
Pickering, yellow, dressed, 10c.
Pickering, smoked, each 4c. to 5c.
Salmon Trout, per lb., 12 1/2c.
White Fish, per lb., 12 1/2c.

NUTS.

Chestnuts, per quart, 12 1/2c.
Hickory nuts, quart, 3c.
Walnuts, per peck, 20c.

MEATS.

Dressed beef, quarter, 5c. to 6c.
Fresh pork, quarter, 8c. to 9c. lb.
Hogs, dressed, 7 1/2c.
Head cheese, each, 13c.
Hogs, \$3.35 to \$6.40.
Lamb, 10c.
Mutton, 8c.

WOOD.

Hard wood, 18-inch, cord, \$2.50.
Soft wood, 18-inch, cord, \$2.25.

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay, per ton, \$8.50 to \$7.00.
Straw, per load, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

GUESTS FLEE IN NIGHTIES.

Smoke Fills Hotel—Damage to Crawford Block \$15,000.

Windsor, Dec. 16.—Fire started Thursday midnight in the second storey of the Crawford Block, over the store occupied by the Consumers' Paper Co. There was a loss of \$15,000 to the Consumers' Paper Co., which is the heaviest loss, and to the Singer Sewing Machine Co. and the Thompson Electrical Co., the latter two stores being flooded with water.

When the fire started, smoke poured into the Crawford House from the store room of the paper company, which was formerly the dining-room of the hotel, and terrified guests of the hotel ran out in their night clothing into the freezing air.

PERISH IN FLAMES.

Three Children Cremated in Fire at Sootstown, Que.

Scottstown, Que., Dec. 16.—A fire started here in a tenement house over an old tannery, burning three children to death belonging to Mr. Parent.

Mr. and Mrs. Parent and three children were saved and the others were apparently following when overcome with smoke and were lost. The cause of the fire is not yet known.

The ages of the children burned were 11, 8 and 5.

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- MUFFLERS
- NECKWEAR
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- FUR OAPS
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- SWEATERS
- SUSPENDERS
- CANES
- COIN JEWELLRY
- SHIRTS
- NIGHT SHIRTS
- FUR COLLARS
- CUFF BUTTONS
- FANCY HOSE
- FUR-LINED GLOVES
- PYJAMAS

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50c Negligee Shirts, now 39c
75c Shirts now 59c
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2.00 " " 1.50

Underwear

Men's Wool and Cotton Fleece Underwear, regular 50c, a garment, now 37c
All Wool Elastic Ribbed Underwear, regular \$1.00, now 75c
The best Fancy Fleece Underwear, regular 75c, a garment, now 59c
Underwear from 50c. to \$8.00 a garment, all to go at OUT PRICES.

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20c Socks now 2 for 25c.
25c Black and Grey Wool Cashmere Socks, now 5 pairs for \$1.00.
Fancy Cashmere, regular 50c. Socks now 40c.

Men's Sweaters

All wool Sweaters, regular 75c. value now \$1.00
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1.25 " " 1.00
1.50 " " 1.25
2.00 " " 1.50
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Men's Fine Moths Gloves and Mitts, regular \$1.00 now 75c
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Men's \$1.00 and \$1.25 Tweed Pants now 89c.
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