

into the midst of a bustling civilization; where men are engaged in the hurry and rush of city life. There is a strange and sudden contrast between silences of the Timagami woods and the noises of the Cobalt mining camp. Cobalt is a typical mining camp, but with a semblance of permanence not usually characteristic of mining camps. It has grown as a necessary perquisite to the mining operations. But things are different when the clay belt is reached. Haileybury is termed by some the "suburb of Cobalt." That may be, but it is a town of beautiful homes, the residences of the wealthier mine men.

It is when New Liskeard is reached that the visitor discovers real individualism, where the municipal life is self-contained; where the people are governed by a definite purpose to build up their community in a manner as to convey a genuine sense of permanence, and that everything is being deep-rooted and firmly established. New Liskeard is the real gateway to the north; it sets the example that seems to have been followed by the communities to the north. In New Liskeard the first real semblance of civic pride is evidenced. Pioneers like John Scott, E. F. Stephenson, Harry Leng, who came into the district nineteen and over twenty years ago, have seen their wishes fulfilled; they now live in a community that offers all that Toronto can, except the asphalted streets. Asphalted streets count for naught when the water service is poor and the sewage disposal is not of the best. New Liskeard can boast of water that has never been denatured by chlorine and other chemicals, nor of a sewage disposal system that causes people to shut their windows on hot, stuffy nights. It is a real, live, energetic community, not self-conscious, prejudiced nor Provincial, but eager and active, and willing to improve. New Liskeard is an earnest of what Northern Ontario, in the Clay Belt, will be when the vast agricultural potentialities have been tapped and fully developed.

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Dr. Hastings, Medical Health Officer for Toronto, boasts of having eliminated typhoid in Toronto. Northern Ontario towns, such as New Liskeard, do not provide typhoid germs to be destroyed; the towns have passed the acid test of initial development with honors. So far as medical equipment, etc., is concerned, it provides an excellent hospital, as does Cobalt and Haileybury, but, as a settler stated, "we people are healthy, and the hospital is only maintained in case of an accident, and those happen in the best regulated communities."

Among the principal buildings of a town like New Liskeard are a \$20,000 public school, \$25,000 hospital, named after Lady Minto; \$20,000 opera house; \$11,000 library, enjoying a membership of six hundred and an annual circulation of 10,000 books; six churches, valued at from \$10,000 to \$30,000 each, with big congregations,