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## Conditions Discouraging in Trying to Beautify the Town

Correspondent Writes of the Unsightly Conditions Allowed on Some Residential Streets. Garbage Cans, Clothes Lines, Washing Machinery, Cordwood, Etc., Mar the Landscape. "Can Anything be Done?" is the Question Asked.

One of the valued old-time readers of The Advance has written this paper regarding the discouragements suffered by those who wish to have the town appear beautiful and up-to-date. Scores of property owners and tenants have been spending time and money to better conditions, and in too many cases their efforts have been offset by the indifference and lack of regard of others. Every citizen should read the letter of "A Property Owner." The letter, indeed, should not only be read but it should be heeded. All should make an effort to improve conditions to the greatest possible extent. The man who affronts his neighbour by using the front lawn for a laundry display or to advertise his garbage cans or cordwood is not playing the part of a good citizen or a good sport. Further, he is injuring his own comfort and depreciating his own property, as well as belittling that of his neighbour. Back yards are designed to accommodate the washings and the cordwood and the garbage cans. It is worth while even to go to extra trouble to see that proper use is made of the back yards, so that the front lawns may not be an offence and an affront to all. All good citizens and all good sports are urged to read and heed the following letter from "A Property Owner."

Timmins, June 20th, 1925.  
Editor, The Advance,  
Timmins, Ont.

Dear Sir:—I am greatly interested in an article appearing in the issue of your paper of May 27th, dealing with the beautifying of our streets by planting of trees, etc. The idea is to be commended, and, as you are aware, a great number of property owners in this town have been working along these lines for a number of years with most pleasing results.

As one walks the streets, one sees greater activity now than in previous years, ornamental fences being erected, lawns being built and seeded, trees, shrubs and flowers planted, which is making a wonderful transformation.

In many cases real hard back-breaking labour has been necessary to gain these results, especially where the ground has had to be built up to make anything like a decent lawn.

I am striving along these lines, and in the midst of this toil I sometimes think: What is the use? Because when I look across the street, the first object to catch the eye is a garbage can within a few feet of the sidewalk, a pile of cordwood, and lines of washing hanging out where

the lawn should be.

Walking along the thoroughfare, one is struck with the almost general activity of fence-erecting and lawn-making by the property owners,—"doing their bit" to improve the appearance of their property and the town in general. I say "almost," for, as you will sometimes find in a beautiful flower garden plants with blemishes which may have been overlooked in the "weeding," so you will find a "simile" as you walk along this thoroughfare.

On one property where the framework for a fence has been built out to the sidewalk, but never finished, the reason for the extension is obvious, the extension of the clothes lines apparently being the reason, the change being made by moving the line pole on to what was, I believe, Town or Government property, (the strip between the lot line and the sidewalk.

Continuing one's walk, the next eyesore is a line or two of washing on a front verandah, and further along (an elevating sight for the tourists) is a pile of logs and sawed wood, with one or more garbage cans within a few feet of the sidewalk as an added attraction, and nearby two more verandahs were built with the same idea.

Further along, as an added attraction for the tourist, is shown the implements of torture used on Wash Day—bath tubs, boiler, etc., etc., which are on view, ladies and gentlemen, any time during the day and night, all hanging on the front of the residence.

All these sights may be seen on one of the principal thoroughfares of Timmins.

"A man's house is his castle!" I presume that, he may do just as he pleases as long as he in no way violates the law. If there is a law to take care of these points it is a pity that "the powers that be" do not awake to the fact. I do not know of any self-respecting community in any town or city that would tolerate the conditions mentioned above.

Mr. Assessor advises us that real estate is increasing in value in Timmins by leaps and bounds. The heavy burden of taxation makes us almost believe his statement to be true. But try and sell a property on a street with conditions as quoted above, and you will find that values are decreasing (practically) more than increasing mythically as we are advised.

Yours etc.,

"A Property Owner."

### P.D.F.L. MATCHES IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS

The following are nearby games in the P.D.F.L. series, the first-named team in each case being the home team:—

Wednesday, July 1—Dome Mines vs. Town B.

Thursday, July 2—Lancashires vs. Schumacher.

Saturday, July 4—Holly Recreation vs. Lancashires.

Tuesday, July 7—Schumacher vs. Town B.

Saturday, July 11—Town A. vs. Holly Recreation.

Tuesday, July 14—Hollinger vs. Dome Mines.

Thursday, July 16—Cornish One-and-All vs. Lancashires.

### BEAR MAULS AND TEARS WIDFIELD MAN TO DEATH

Eugene Genereaux, a Widdfield farmer, 38 years of age, was found dead last week in an old house about half a mile from his home. He was badly battered and bitten and mauled evidently by a bear. So far as the story of the fatality can be reconstructed, it would appear that the man found traces of bear cubs around the old house and attempted to capture the cubs. While he was at this, the mother of the cubs came on the scene. Probably she got between Genereaux and the door and made his escape impossible. He had no weapon to defend himself with except a short-handled spade. The shaft of the spade was snapped across as if the bear had bitten it in two. Genereaux's left hand was bitten off at the wrist. His clothes were ripped from shoulder to waist. His abdomen was slashed open by the powerful claws of the bear. After killing the man, the bear and cubs disappeared. Parties at once were organized to track down and kill the bear. When Genereaux failed to return home, search was made for him and he was found by a neighbour lying dead in a pool of blood upon the floor of the old house. The neighbour at once jumped to the conclusion that it was a case of murder and hurried away to send word to the police. Coroner and Provincial officers, however, did not take long to discover the real cause of death. A widow and four young children are left to mourn the death.

### COMING MATCHES IN THE MINES BASEBALL LEAGUE

The following are the matches in the Porcupine Mines Twilight Baseball series for the next week or two:—

Monday, July 6—McIntyre at South Porcupine.

Friday, July 10—South Porcupine at Hollinger Recreation Club.

Monday, July 13—Hollinger Recreation Club at McIntyre.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS The Bankruptcy Act.

In the Estate of Max Petchersky and Peter Petchersky, Authorized Assignors.

Notice is hereby given that Max Petchersky and Peter Petchersky trading as Petchersky Bros. and Royal Grocery of Timmins, Ontario, did on the 16th day of June, 1925, make an authorized assignment of all their property for the benefit of their creditors and that T. J. Bourke Esq., Official Receiver, has appointed us to be Custodian of the Estate of the debtor until the creditors at their first meeting shall elect a Trustee to administer the Estate of the debtor.

Notice is further given that the first meeting of creditors in the above estate will be held at the office of The Official Receiver, Court House, North Bay, Ontario, on Monday the 29th day of June 1925, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon. Standard Time.

To entitle you to vote thereat, proof of your claim must be lodged with us before the meeting is held.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with us prior thereto.

And, further take notice that if you have any claim against the debtor for which you are entitled to rank, proof of such claim must be filed within thirty days from the date of this notice for from and after the expiration of time fixed by subsection 8 of section 37 of the said Act, the Trustee shall distribute the proceeds of the debtors estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he has then notice.

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