

Throwing Quills

by K. L. McQ.

What other columnist says: Walter Winchell, a lesser known columnist in town called New York, spattered over the air Sunday evening that gold would go up to \$70 an ounce. Probably he reads the Porcupine Advance and wants to go one better. Anyway we had in about gold going up last week. We can't speculate on the price of gold, some feel that there will be no change in the price of gold until the Bretton Woods agreement is changed in 1952. That's a long wait. Truman's speech last week started off all kinds of speculation. Something is in the wind for "Happy" Longmore is looking happier than ever these days.

L'Opera: The Victory Theatre staff dressed up for the showing of La Traviata. It was worth it. Johnny Mascioli and Mario Pelizzari both followers of the opera agreed that the singing and acting was superb. For those doubtful of their Italian it was indeed a treat.

The idea of having the diary read in English was a touch of genius. Jack Ko'n, head of Columbia should be proud of the production work done on this picture. The staging was done with a masterly hand and the camera shots highlighted the act on superbly to make it interesting entertainment as well as a musical treat. Perhaps it will be around again to thrill us with the music and singing. Verdi's music is always good no matter how the whole production on stage. Poor sopranos, tenors or baritones can't injure that score. When an opera is well presented there is nothing greater to be desired. To hear great music on the radio is good but to hear it in the concert hall or a movie house can be wonderfully moving. One does not have to study music to appreciate Verdi and one would have to be a very dull fellow indeed not to appreciate the story of the lady of Camillas. It was much more absorbing than the "Emperor Waltz" or "Luxury Liner." There is so much value for your money in good opera. We need more of it in this strait-torn world—perhaps Columbia will gratify our wishes.

Last Call: The not-too-shy young man was showing off at a party. He balanced things on his nose, lifted chairs by the legs and shuffled cards with a certain dexterity.

A bright young thing who had been watching the show with growing boredom, yawned and said: "Really Mr. B. you should be on the stage."

The young man's teeth flashed at what he considered to be appreciation of his efforts. "You really think so? Really?"

"I certainly do," replied the yawning lady. "There's a stage leaving in five minutes."

No Discrimination in South
Big Rink At St. Michael's

After Buck Poitras loud oration to the Timmins Council last Monday the council was worried as to what had happened to the Moneta Rink. Now it can be told.

Buck accused the council of discrimination and said that the Southern part of Timmins wasn't getting its share of the good things of life, like bus service and rinks and other little things.

On investigation this state of affairs the Porcupine Advance finds that such is not the case. The rink that was formerly in the school yard at Moneta school was found to be too small anyway for the crowds of children that used it. At nearby St. Michael's school the rink set up is 180 feet by 80 feet, an ice surface comparable to that of the McIntyre.

The Moneta school yard, we are informed, is too small for a large surface and the St. Michael's school yard was therefore chosen as the logical place for the rink.

Also at council this week was the matter of a resolution calling for tenders for the new laboratory. The reason, declared Mr. Bartleman, is that the building encroaches on other property (see editorial Advance January 6th) and there is no indication by the architect as to how much the building might cost. He said that certain adjustments would also have to be made in the zoning by-law before the building could be erected.

The Mayor suggested to council that the number of tag days should be cut down. Councillor Bailey suggested that Saturdays would be better for such tag days rather than pay days as many miners were kicking about the number of taggers on pay days.

Mr. A. W. Stewart addressed the council and told them that he was very delighted to see the results of the election and wished them every good wish for the new year and hoped that they would follow the platform which he had discarded when he decided not to run for council this year. (Advance Throwing Quills, Nov. 25).

Buck Poitras also brought up the matter of snowplowing the roads and stated that the only road which was snowplowed in the south end was Pine Street so that the trucks could go to the town dump.

It was decided to elect two councillors to sit on the T.C.A. Committee. "Sit on, is correct," cracked Councillor Bartleman. "Those fellows spend too much money."

Scottish Curlers
Visit Canada

Moncton, Jan. 12 — Following a series of games played against clubs in Halifax, Truro, New Glasgow, Charlottetown and Moncton, Scottish curlers left here recently via Canadian National Railways, one team en route to Saint John, N. B., and the other to Quebec City. After games to be played with clubs in Saint John and Quebec, the two visiting teams will proceed to Montreal and other Canadian cities.

Last Immigrants
Land For 1948

Montreal, Jan. 12 — The last group of displaced persons to reach the Dominion in 1948, boarded a Canadian National Railways boat train at Halifax last New Year's Eve after disembarking from the S.S. "Marine Juniper". Numbering 460, the new immigrants will take up jobs in various Canadian industries in Ontario and Western Canada.



Delores Houd, pretty usherette at the Victory Theatre is shown straightening manager Ted Ashley's white tie. The reason for the full dress? Why they were showing the Opera La Traviata this Monday and Tuesday and felt that it was a full dress occasion. The title "The Lost One" was perhaps prophetic. It certainly didn't gross anything like the Betty Grable song and dance show which hit town recently. It pays to brush your teeth and show them often!

Dog Catcher's Salary
Meets With Aubry's
Dogged Resistance

"We don't get the results we should from the Ontario Municipal Association," said Councillor James P. Bartleman at council Monday. He explained that this association could be of great benefit to the municipalities yet nothing seemed to be accomplished by belonging to the association.

"It could be a great asset to the municipalities," said councillor Bartleman, "but the whole set up is wrong and too much is spent for what we get out of it."

Mr. Bartleman felt that the idea of the employees belonging to the same organization and voting resolutions passed by councillors shouldn't be. "It could be such a fine organization for the good of the municipalities," he said.

Leo DelVillano said that he disagreed with Mr. Bartleman as he had received quite a bit of good from attending meetings of the Municipal Association. "That book put out has been of great assistance to me," he said.

"Yes," said Councillor Bartleman. "I don't think it warrants the expense it puts us to belong."

"We stick in and see if we can't improve it," suggested Leo DelVillano. Another matter of council was the dogcatcher. Council discussed the matter of his salary and said that he should be paid a monthly salary of \$200. Councillor Aubry suggested that the man should be released at any time without a month's notice.

Mr. Aubry was assured that the man was quite competent and that was the reason he was being given a salary instead of getting a fee. It seems the fee was coming to more than what a salary would cost the town. Mr. Aubry wasn't convinced, he still thought the man should be on a "pay by the day" plan.

France has lightweight railway trains on pneumatic tires.

Two Pekes Peak
At World Travel

Montreal, Jan. 12. — Two thoroughbred Pekinese enroute to Brantford, Ont., for breeding purposes arrived in Montreal recently in a Canadian National Railways express car from Halifax. The dogs were sent from London, Eng., and are valued at \$250.

CNR Issues Special
Skiers Timetable

Montreal, Jan. 11. — A special skier's timetable showing pertinent information on train times, fares and ski attractions is now available to the public, according to H. J. Nevin, general passenger agent, Canadian National Railways.

The folder deals with the ski territories along the C.N.R. Laurentian line and at Rawdon, Que. It also lists the major ski hills and towns at such outstanding ski centres as Shawbridge, St. Savoir and Morin Heights.

C.N.R. ski specials leave Central Station on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for Lac Remi and intermediate points and also for Rawdon.

Hotelmen Gather At
Royal York, 17th

Local hotelmen are getting ready to attend the Hotelman's convention in the Royal York Hotel beginning January 17th and continuing through the 18th and 19th. The convention will discuss the various matters of provincial legislation in an attempt to prepare better legislation for the sale and control of the liquor trade. Emile Brunette, representative for Dominion Breweries will attend the convention.

John D. MacLean Passes,
23 Years Town Engineer

John D. MacLean, Timmins town engineer for 23 years, died last Saturday night in St. Mary's Hospital after a short illness of less than a week. He was laid to rest Tuesday morning following an impressive service in the Church of the Nativity which were attended by representatives of all service clubs, the town council and leading men of the district.

The Rev. Father Hugh Martindale officiated at the requiem High Mass and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in full dress formed a guard of honor during the services and stood with drawn swords as the casket was carried down the front steps of the church. Third Degree Knights also attended the services.

Pallbearers were Mayor Karl Eyre, Ex-Mayor Emile Brunette, ex-councillor William McDermott, town engineer John Kelman, Fire Chief William Stanley and Mountjoy Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon.

The funeral procession passed through the town led by members of the Timmins Fire Department and employees of the town public works department marching before the hearse. Members of the Girl Guides, of which Mr. MacLean's daughter was a member, attended the funeral in a body.

Fourth Degree Knights who attended the service and acted as ushers

and guard of honor were E. A. O'Callaghan, J. W. Spooner, Pat Larmer, S. Frank Dufee, Jim Hanley, Claude Desautels, Mat Skelton, Phil Fay, Nick Basciano and Jack Sullivan. The Rev. Father J. A. Callaghan officiated at the graveside rites during interment in Timmins Roman Catholic Cemetery.

The 53-year-old town engineer was employed by the town since 1917 when he started as foreman on the public works department. He was appointed town engineer in 1926. In his younger days he was a strong hockey player.

Mr. MacLean was born near London, Ontario. In September of 1921 he married the former Winnifred Carr of Ottawa at Graceville, Que. During his service as town engineer Mr. MacLean engineered many municipal projects and watched his public works department grow from a few men to a mechanically equipped modern department. Last spring he was appointed planning and consultant engineer to take charge of town planning while John Kelman, formerly his assistant stepped up to become town engineer. Under Mr. MacLean's planning the town expanded more than four times over in waterworks, sewer lines and streets.

Mr. MacLean held a degree in civil engineering from the University of

B of M Assets Pass
2 Billion Mark

Montreal. For the first time on record, the assets of the Bank of Montreal have passed the two billion dollar mark. According to the Government statement of the chartered banks the B of M on November 30 had total assets of \$2,069,544,949.16.

Over the past year a substantial increase in notice or savings deposits in Canada which have advanced from \$592,000,000 to \$694,000,000. Total deposits by the public in Canada now exceed \$1,650,000,000, the highest figure for any Canadian bank, and represent well over a million and a half deposit accounts.

Canada's first bank, the B of M, has just entered upon its 132nd year. Founded in 1817, when business was still commonly done by barter in the Canadian colonies, the bank opened its doors with a staff of seven. Today more than 9,369 people work at 527 B of M branches in Canada and Newfoundland and at the bank's offices in Great Britain and the United States.

Home and School
Arrange Public Meet

The Home and School Council executive held a meeting at Deloro School Buffalo Ankerite last night, with Mrs. L. Peckley, Schumacher presiding.

Representatives from Porcupine School, Deloro, Schumacher and Timmins attended, each one introducing himself to the meeting. Minutes were read by Stan Ireland and Mr. Nat Adams of Schumacher, programme convener, made arrangements for the first public meeting to be held in Central School, Timmins, February 8 at 8.15 p.m.

Mr. McLellan, public school inspector will be the guest speaker. An invitation was received from Whiney representatives for the next open meeting to be held in the Porcupine school, on April 27th.

Festival Syllabus
Now Available

The syllabus for the Porcupine Music Festival has been drawn up and is available for anyone who wishes to secure them from any member of the executive. It is urged that those interested in entering, should secure their music for the festival as soon as possible.

The Porcupine Music Festival Association held its first regular executive meeting of the year, Monday evening in the Central School.

It was announced that the annual festival would be held on May 2 to 4th inclusive. This annual event has been growing in popularity from year to year. The place where the festival will be held will be announced at a later date.

Toronto and has been said to be one of the most competent municipal engineers in Ontario.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, Angus and Gerald of Timmins, two daughters, Mary a nurse at Victoria Hospital at London and Margaret at home and one brother Hector of Noranda.

For many years Mr. MacLean was a member of the Timmins council of Knights of Columbus and an executive director of the Timmins Boy Scouts Association.

The Soviets report the successful growing of branched soft wheat giving a four-fold yield.

STEEL WILL STILL ORGANIZE
MINERS UNTIL CCL COMESKiwanis Entertain
Council on Civic Day

President F. A. Woolbury had an auspicious start in his term of office in the Civic Day observed at the Kiwanis luncheon at the Empire hotel on Monday.

Following the custom of previous years, the mayor and town council and town officials were special guests of the club. President, Woolbury introduced Mayor Karl A. Eyre, a past president of the Kiwanis, and Mayor Eyre introduced the other Civic Day guests, each in turn featuring pleasant wit and humor. The addresses of mayor, councillors and officials held special interest.

Another outstanding feature of the day was the singing of Miss Adella Pelizzari, mezzo-soprano, with Mrs. Wilkins at the piano. The talented soloist was given most enthusiastic encore.

President Woolbury spoke of the loss to the town in the death of J. D. MacLean, who had been so many years in the service of the municipality. The members of the club rose, and stood in two minutes' silence in tribute to the passing of a good citizen who had given valuable service to Timmins.

Reporting for the Underprivileged Children's committee, A. G. Irving reviewed the remarkable work accomplished during the year by the committee, the successful effort for crippled children being especially impressive. Councillor Urban Aubrey took occasion in his brief address to refer to his pleasure at the work covered by the report.

President Woolbury gave sincere welcome to the guests on Civic Day, and also took occasion to welcome a new member, Bob Nelson, to the club.

Mayor Karl Eyre's address took an original turn, statistics being used to show the work of a mayor of Timmins. During the past year, he said, he had spent 1877 hours on town business. Sixty-six hours had been spent in interviews with Government departments and at conventions dealing with town business. In 1948, the mayor had attended 43 council meetings, 7 meetings of the Board of Health, 9 police commission meetings, 16 meetings of the town planning board. There had been 1765 telephone calls answered or initiated on town business. Twenty-three public addresses and ten radio talks were also on the programme. In addition to numerous interviews with members of the town staff, there had been 1346 office interviews with citizens. In his work for the town, the mayor in 1948 had travelled 1750 miles by rail, 300 miles by air and 1650 miles by car, all on town business.

Introducing the three councillors present for the occasion Mayor Eyre expressed the regret of Councillors Bailey and Fay in not being able to attend on account of business reasons.

Near replies were made by Councillors Urban Aubrey, Leo DelVillano and Edmund Aube, and by Chief of Police A. Lepple, Fire Chief W. Stanley and Clerk-Treasurer Vic. Salomani, all expressing their pleasure and appreciation of the club's hospitality. The clerk excused the shortness of his address by suggesting that the mayor had turned over to him the recent attack of laryngitis suffered by his worship. Fire Chief Stanley got in a "plug" for the greatest care to prevent fire.

One of the most severe earthquakes on record in Canada occurred along along the central east coast of Vancouver Island on June 23, 1946.

A man pedalling a bicycle can develop only enough horsepower to light a 100-watt bulb.

Mine-Mill Out-Manoeuvred By
C.C.L. Anti-Communist Leaders

The Steelworkers union intends to stay in the Porcupine and organize the miners until such time that an agreement agreeable to the miners can be made with the Canadian Congress of Labour.

This message was contained in a press release handed out today by Bill Sefton, chairman of the Organizing Committee of the United Steel Workers for the Porcupine and International representative for the Steelworkers union.

The failure of Mine-Mill to keep the miners organized has prompted the Steel Workers Union to move into the Porcupine to do an organization job.

Hearing of the move all Bob Carlin, international representative of the Red-hued Mine-Mill union could say was: "It is unthinkable that Mine-Mill withdraw from the gold mines of the Porcupine."

The truth of the matter is that Mine-Mill have lost so many supporters that they have nothing left to do but sing their swan song and quietly 'steel away'. But they will not doubt put out hundreds of little pamphlets illustrated by their chief propaganda minister, Meyer.

Bill Kennedy is huffing and puffing that the Mine-Mill will not bow down.

The press release from Bill Sefton is as follows:

The decision of the Canadian Congress of Labor to organize the miners in the Porcupine will be supported and assisted by the United Steel Workers of America, CIO according to W. Sefton, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the United Steelworkers for the Porcupine and International Representative of the Steelworkers Union.

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Unemployed Need Work
DelVillano Wants Airport

Alarmed by the growing numbers of unemployed in the district, Councillor Leo DelVillano urged the town council Monday to get in touch with the Department of National Defence regarding the building of an airport within a mile or so of Timmins.

At an open, informal meeting of the council Tuesday-afternoon at four o'clock Councillor DelVillano met with the full approval of the council and planned ways and means of attracting the attention of the Dominion government to Timmins.

"It will be a good way to get back some of the huge taxes they have been getting from this area," said Councillor DelVillano.

Councillor Bartleman agreed with the councillor and said that all the service clubs, flyer's groups, the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce be contacted on the matter and be told of the council's plan.

"With the large number of unemployed in this district and the mounting cost of welfare resultant," said councillor DelVillano, "We need to find immediately some project where we can keep several hundred men busy and where they can earn enough to provide for their families. I would like to petition the government immediately."

Councillor DelVillano was cautioned by the other councillor and the mayor against rushing into the matter unprepared.

It is a well known fact that the Mine-Mill have failed miserably in their efforts to successfully organize the miners in the Porcupine and other centers in the North. This has been primarily due to the fact that Mine-Mill is nothing but a mouthpiece for the Communist party and as much has forfeited its right or privilege to represent the miners. This decision by the Congress means that not only will the Congress take a strong stand on this issue but all its affiliates, like the United Steelworkers, the auto-workers, rubber workers, packing-house, united mine workers, textile and others, will support the Congress officers.

There is not one single member of the executive Board of the CCL who is a member of the communist party. The only ones who will oppose the decision are the communists and their spokesmen in some of the unions.

It is expected that a conference will be called soon of the representatives of the Congress, and the Steel Workers Organizing Committee here in Timmins to discuss the decision and arrive at conclusions satisfactory to the miners in the Porcupine Camp. The Steelworkers will continue to organize until such a conference is called and will co-operate with the congress and will fully support efforts to organize the Porcupine miners. Any statement by the Mine-Mill that they will not co-operate and abide by the decision of the CCL in efforts to organize the miners in the Porcupine and elsewhere will be treated with the contempt it deserves and will be further evidence of bankruptcy of Mine-Mill and its spokesmen.

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