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**HIGHWAY MAY BE BUILT
NORTH BAY TO TORONTO.**

The Advance has heard a report that the Ontario Government has in view the building of a highway from North Bay to Toronto, somewhat after the style of the Toronto-Hamilton Highway, only not so broad and possibly not so expensive. The news of such a project will not be received in the North Land with any overpowering enthusiasm, though no one here has any grievance against North Bay. All would be pleased to see the roadway from North Bay to the south improved, for many here make a habit of motoring from the Bay on the summer auto trip. It will be felt, however, that the Government could more wisely and helpfully spend road money elsewhere than on such a highway. For instance, there is the strip of new settled land from Porcupine Junction to Timmins. A highway along there would fill a long-felt want and be a profitable convenience and assistance to settlers in this country that has more autos and less good roadways than any other section of civilized country. A highway between Timmins and Porcupine would rouse enthusiasm in this district.

**COBALT PREACHER ON
THE ALIEN PROBLEM.**

Rev. A. W. Hone recently preached an interesting and timely sermon in Cobalt on the topic, "Riots and Their Underlying Causes." While condemning the recent disorderliness in Toronto, he pointed out the need for investigation of the causes of those riots and the necessity for a remedy for the real grievances underlying them. "There are two broad causes," he said, "the present general unrest in British Canada. One is that so few are bearing the major part of the burden of the war and so many are shirking. The second cause (closely allied to the first) is the small contribution made by the foreigners here to the winning of the war, though the war is being waged as much in their behalf, if not more than in ours. Within three months of the outbreak of the war, he stated, all British citizens in Germany were interned. It was much different in Canada in regard to the alien enemies here. The alien here is taking advantage of war conditions to grow rich, while the British Canadian soldier risks his life for \$1.10 per day. "The least that can be done," said Rev. Mr. Hone, "is to make the alien do essential war work at the same rate of pay and under the same food conditions as the soldiers." Speaking of the aliens of friendly allied nations he pointed out that they had not volunteered for service in any noticeable proportion and they were not subscribing any fair proportionate share to patriotic funds and war loans. "While the land needs men all over the country there are too many big, husky foreigners landing out soft drinks and ice-cream sundae," said Mr. Hone. Facts such as he quoted were the cause of the wide unrest. Rev. Mr. Hone in closing said that the Government had a difficult part to play in the matter and so he asked for sympathy and co-operation for the higher authorities. The people of Canada have been only too ready to give this sympathy and co-operation. "The Advance may add, but the people, like the Toronto soldiers, are becoming discouraged and despairing of even common sense from the 'higher-up' in the treatment of aliens. It is not much of an exaggeration to say that the Governments have gone out of their way to favor the aliens, including the alien enemies.

According to the Cochrane North-land Post, Mr. J. McD. Grossart, of Jacksonboro, has left for Port au Ferail, Que., having been obliged, owing to war conditions to discontinue work and not intending for the present time to take up any more contracts. Mr. Grossart, who was formerly superintendent of cutting for Price Bros., of Chicoutimi, Que., came to the North Land in 1906 to take the contract for the cutting of pulpwood for the Matagami Power & Paper Co. For about two years past and until a little time ago he had about 600 men working in the bush with camps at various points from Timmins to Jacksonboro.

**RETURNED SOLDIER NOW
TEMPORARY CONSTABLE.**

Constable Greer concluded his month's service on Monday, and his place was taken by Mr. Fred Young, a returned soldier who has given good service to his country overseas. Although the appointment of Constable Young is only a temporary one he commences his work with the general goodwill of all. He was formerly employed at the Hollinger and has had experience in police work and his friends are confident that he will prove a capable officer if given an opportunity. Constable Greer leaves to-day for his old home at Charteris, Que. He intends to go back on the farm and so will be continuing to give good service at this time. His record as a Constable is one of which any man might be proud. He was quiet, capable, efficient, cool and level-headed, and his departure will be very generally regretted. The number of "good cases" to his credit here shows his ability, while the number of his friends among all classes proves that though he never failed to do his duty, he did it all without ill-temper or unfairness. The leaving of Mr. and Mrs. Greer and family will be generally regretted and North Land people will be inclined to hope for their early return to the Camp where they have so many friends.

**SERGT. GEO. S. DREW
WRITES FROM FRANCE.**

In answering a letter from Mr. James Hepplestone, Sergt. Geo. S. Drew, formerly of the E. G. Dickson staff in Timmins, writes from "somewhere in France" in part as follows: "I was certainly pleased to receive the box from the Oddfellows as its contents were such as are very much appreciated by us strangers in a foreign land. On my behalf, I wish you would express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the officers and members of Timmins Lodge, I.O.O.F., No. 459, for the box to me. I was very pleased to note that the Lodge was progressing and that several new members had been initiated. I have just received letters from Widdy and Bob Carmichael. They are now both sergeants and I have again attained that rank, so we seem to be holding our own in the fray. The weather here has been grand all summer, but I understand that last summer was quite the opposite. I have seen some rather lively times but am now in a quiet little country place and fairly comfortable, but we never know how long it will last. I noticed with much interest your remarks on mining conditions stocks and claims, etc. I would be quite pleased to hear of renewed activity in the mining of asbestos, but presume that it will all be dull until after we get through with this game over here. I noticed in a copy of a Porcupine Advance I received that there was prospecting being done in the Lightning River districts. Well, Jim, I have now been here one half year, although it does not seem that long to look back, even though some days are almost like weeks. I have been fortunate enough to get some good trips around this country which I have enjoyed very much, but traveling by train here is quite similar to riding on a Toronto street car when the crowds are going to or coming from work. With kind regards to any of the old gang you may see, very sincerely, Geo. S. Drew."

**TIMMINS GAVE \$96.50
FOR CONSUMPTIVES.**

The Treasurer of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives, Mr. Geo. A. Reid, desires gratefully to acknowledge the following contributions received at Timmins by the Field Secretary of the National Sanitarium Association during his visit here: Rev. Fr. Theriault, \$10; R. N. Palmer, \$5; Sullivan & Newton, \$2; H. Peters, \$2; H. C. McDonald, \$2; T. F. King, \$2; E. J. Meyers, \$2; Dr. J. A. Melnis, \$2; Chas. Pierce, \$2; M. George, \$1; Sol. Shankman, \$1; The Stadelman Co., \$1; L. Halperin, \$1; F. M. Burke, \$1; Jas. Ellis, \$1; Vasil Rizzoff, \$1; The Advance, \$2; Mrs. N. Abund, 50c; The Maltais Millinery, 50c; P. Giallonardo, 50c; F. J. Harwood, \$5; F. Pilkington, \$1; A. Glazer \$1; Mrs. Curtis, \$1; A. Kall, \$1; Max Frenzel, \$1; J. Ferguson, \$1; Rev. C. Adsett, \$1; Miss M. Byrnes, 50c; Miss Margaret Walsh, 50c; Laura LaPleur, 50c; J. W. Fogg, \$5; R. W. Robbins, \$5; A. Shaheen, \$2; S. Bucovetsky, \$2; H. Warren, \$2; J. K. Moore, \$2; Dr. H. H. Moore, \$2; F. C. H. Simms, \$2; D. Ostrasser, \$1; Dr. J. C. H. McClelland, \$1; R. Richardson, \$1; The Canadian Club, \$1; James Gails, \$1; H. Horwitz, \$1; R. Rizow, \$1; V. P. Camberoff, \$1; Miss E. Capps, 50c; A. Sterling, 50c; H. Davies, 50c; A Friend, 50c; J. R. Todd, \$2; W. Bennett, \$1; Feldman Bros., \$1; Natalie Cuzfield, \$1; Geo. Altis, \$1; Robt. Weir, \$1; M. Ansara, 50c; Miss M. Hoxe, 50c; Miss Nellie Walsh, 50c; J. Hamilton, \$1; Sam Oscar, \$1; H. Bourdonale, \$1. Total \$96.50.

**CONDITIONS NOT BAD
OVER IN ENGLAND.**

Writing from Seaford, Sussex, England, to a friend in this Camp, Lieut. Hilton Brown says that he found conditions in England much better than he expected. "There is enough to eat yet," he writes, "though meat and sugar are rationed. White bread is not seen, but the other is not bad. All available land seems to be cultivated and just now the new vegetables help a great deal. Sugar and candies, etc., are hardly obtainable though." Lieut. Brown says that the boom of the guns at the front could be heard where he was during the heavy fighting some weeks ago; around London the soldiers back from the front may be seen with their packs and trench helmets; but with all this it is hard to think that the war is so close. "It is very hot here the last few days and not unlike this time of year in Porcupine," says Lieut. Brown's letter.

Lieut. Brown was in a draft of 35 officers chosen to send overseas from Amherst, N. S., in July. They were conveyed across the ocean by British war vessels. The boat on which Lieut. Brown sailed was an East India Trading ship and the crew were all Lascares. Lieut. Brown did not quite like their cooking but the quarters were fine, except that there were still in possession some old-time tenants in the form of cockroaches and rats. At the time of writing, Lieut. Brown was just concluding the customary quarantine period, and then was to have a six-days' leave. He expects to visit London and other points of interest.

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ON PROSPECTING TRIP.**

The Pas Herald in its last issue tells of the narrow escape from death of Sam Johnston, formerly foreman of a construction crew on the Hudson Bay Railway, but latterly prospecting in the Pas district. He was lost in the bush for several days and was without provisions. A search party was formed to try and locate Johnston. When Johnston was eventually found he was in a pitiable state from exposure, hunger and mosquito bites. He was almost blind and weakened that he could not walk.

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Mrs. Carpovitch had her husband before Justice of the Peace Montgomery on Monday evening charged with being unkind to her. She said he stayed out gambling and that he belted her when she complained. The J.P. dismissed the case with costs advising the couple to be good and get along together.

Baseball games were the order of the day on Wednesday and Friday evenings and at the weekend between picked-up teams. The events made good practices for the game at the Falls on Monday next, as well as being of interest to the crowds of fans.

**PROTECTED GAMBLERS
HAVING HIGH JINKS**

Woman Says She Was Beaten Up, Because She Complained of Husband Gambling.

As mentioned in last week's Advance there are no professional "white" gamblers left in Timmins, but there are dozens of "bohunks" making good money at the game. Constable Greer was busy heading a movement to break up these games, especially on Sundays, when he was stopped. He resigned. Chief Wilson told The Advance last week that there was no thought of stopping the raiding of Sunday card games, but he admitted that he had said that no fees should be paid for any assistance. Even the Chief's version amounts to a practical protection of the foreign gamblers. Outside police can not be expected to give assistance and spend their time at late or early hours for nothing, and one man can not raid an alien gambling game. The Chief, of course, says he could do it alone. But The Advance will believe this only when it sees the Chief get some of these card games "all on his own." He hasn't got one yet. Last Sunday there were several big games in progress, complaint being made of two or three. One woman said her husband spent all night and lost too much money at one of the foreign games. For saying this, she claims, her husband "beat her up." The woman bore evident marks of the foreign opinion of women. This is supposed to be a British Country. Protection of women, not protection of gamblers, no matter under what specious plea, is the British idea. At least, if the town is to be "white men" run out of here should "white men" run out of here should be notified to come back and all would be forgiven. Good night!

Lieut. Brown sends his best regards to all friends in the Porcupine.

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