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THE SAFE AND SANE COURSE SEEMS TO BE TO VOTE FOR THE BY-LAW

On Monday, November 22nd, the ratepayers of the town of Timmins vote on the question of granting a franchise for another term of years to the Porcupine Power & Telephone Company. The terms of the franchise, the rates and conditions obtaining, and all other information necessary, are set forth in the by-law which has been published for three successive weeks in The Advance. The power company have fairly and frankly placed their side of the case before the public. They agree to provide a service better than that obtaining in the past and at rates that are from eleven to thirty-seven per cent. cheaper than under the contract that expired this year. The rates and conditions have been approved by the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario.

It would appear that the best plan for the people of the town of Timmins would be to endorse the by-law as the best proposition available. Yet some of the same ill-disposed influences that were responsible for foisting upon the town of Timmins, by a fluke, the most ridiculous municipal council that ever caused trouble and loss to a town, are apparently determined to defeat the by-law, by another fluke, if possible. It is difficult to understand any other motive than sheer perversity of spirit. Attempt is being made, by insidious propaganda, by half statements and whole lies, and by appeals to prejudice, to stampede the voters into rejecting the by-law.

The situation should be fairly faced. If the by-law is passed the people are assured of good service at greatly reduced rates. If the by-law is rejected the former rates and conditions will continue indefinitely. It is because of the long-tongued and short-sighted attitude of a group of growlers that the people have been forced for some six months to pay higher rates than would have been obtained under more reasonable auspices. In his address here on Monday evening Hon. Mr. McCrea made it clear that the idea of inducing the Hydro-Electric to enter this field is not practical. The way he emphasized the idea of the Hydro-Electric Commission in regard to the absolute permanency they considered necessary before they entered a town would convince any reasonable person that the Hydro Commission would avoid any mining town, being swayed by the usual Southern idea in this respect. Even should the Hydro entertain the project, it would mean the assumption by Timmins of a bonded indebtedness that would double the total liabilities of the town and undoubtedly make any other debentures of the town absolutely unsaleable. The Hydro Commission, as Mr. McCrea suggested, requires a committal of all assets, all taxes, and all credit of the municipality to support the bonded indebtedness arising from the Hydro Commission plan. Surely, it is easy to see that to make such a committal would not be good business in the case of a town like Timmins. Conditions here are vastly different to what they are in Southern Ontario towns. Granting that the Hydro would enter this field, granting that the indebtedness thus assumed by the town could be borne, there is little reason for believing that Timmins would be advantaged to any material extent. The fact that the Commission approves the rates asked by the Power Company indicates the Commission's attitude on the rate question. Under Hydro, the rates might be lower than under the present proposed franchise, but considering the charges otherwise on the municipality through the large debt assumed, would the people profit materially after all?

In the propaganda being peddled against the by-law, special attempt is made to line up the small users of power against the by-law. It is admitted that the reductions in other lines are satisfactory, but the cry is raised that the small user is not getting the reduction that he should enjoy, despite the fact that a reduction of eleven per cent has been made. Installation and maintenance for the small user cost as much as for the large user, and the small accounts consequently have the lowest margin of profit. Indeed, without the big users the power companies could not carry on. Under the new rates the company claims it has reduced the rates of small users to the very lowest figure compatible with business practice. The minimum rate here is 75 cents per month. The Hydro Commission gives no lower rates anywhere, the minimum in many cases under Hydro being \$1.00, and in some cases being much higher. In Merlin, the Hydro's minimum charge is \$1.80; in Port Perry, Uxbridge, Wheatley and other places it is \$2.00 per month. So far as the kilowatt hour charge is concerned, the small user in Timmins is not badly used after all as compared to Hydro charges. The rates under Hydro are complicated by "service charges," "minimum rates," and other devices that make the actual rate not apparent at first glance. A few figures from the Hydro Electric Commission Report, however, are illuminating. The net cost per K.W. hour for lighting and cooking in Alexandria, is 7.9 cents; in Stouffville, 7.8 cents; in Smith Falls, 4.3 cents (with a minimum rate of \$1.00) On the same basis, the average cost per K.W. hour for lighting and cooking in Timmins is 3.15 cents. The small consumer charge at Huntsville, under Hydro, works out to 7 cents per K.W., with \$1.00 minimum charge.

The argument that the town is not fully protected under the new franchise is without right basis. The franchise goes as far as the law permits in the way of safeguarding the municipality. The Hydro Commission sees to matters of that kind. The statement that some towns in the South have a minimum rate of 30 cents is untrue, or else the Hydro Commission Report is misleading. The lowest minimum quoted is 75 cents, the same as here. Interest is to be paid on all deposits here. The franchise specifically provides that anyone living within 300 feet of an existing line must be given service immediately on application. There is one point that any fair person knowing the facts during the past year would give the power companies due credit, and that is in the matter of practically uninterrupted service day and night, year in and year out. With the electric power supply coming from two watersheds and from four different plants, the chances for the same interrupted service are of the very best. The companies never have the power off, if it can be avoided, and conditions here now are such that interruptions to service should continue non-existent. In brief, the franchise guards the town in every way. It is approved by the Hydro, old councils and new councils, so far as its general conditions are concerned. It is the same contract as was successfully and satisfactorily in use for ten years past, with the exception of the reduced rates.

The Advance believes the power company has offered the town a reasonable agreement. No one would object, had the rates for small users been even lower, but they are materially reduced and appear reasonable. In any case, the matter resolves itself into this, that the best proposition is for the town to pass the franchise and benefit by materially reduced rates. If the franchise is not passed the town will have to continue paying the present rates, and they have lost enough money at that game in the past six months. Had the matter been dealt with as it should have been, Timmins light users

would have been the richer by material savings in the cost of light and power, the ratepayers should guard against being saddled indefinitely, and most probably for good and all, with the present rates when more reasonable ones are available. Care should be taken to prevent another 35 majority triumph for nincompoopery.

"GRAVEL AND SAND"—AND PLACER

Waters is the "Wet" candidate in North Cochrane riding. He should run well.

The only way to vote against the O.T.A. is to vote for the Conservative candidate.

The municipality of Cochrane has extended the limits of the town so as to take in the cemetery. That is an improvement over some Southern towns where the cemetery limits are extended to take in the town.

Thirteen days to the Provincial election! Twenty-nine days to the Whiskerino Contest! Thirty-seven days to Christmas! Forty-five days to the finish of the "new council." "There's luck in odd numbers," says Rory O'More.

The only way in this riding to vote for Government Control is to vote for Fred Kenning.

When Lap. heard that Mr. D. Bertrand was a probable candidate in the Provincial election, he said:—"Why, that man has made a mistake. He's entered the wrong contest."

Recently at a public gathering Mr. Arthur Stevens, of Cochrane, told in interesting way of his first acquaintance with the North Land some twenty-two years ago. He had been engaged to conduct a new hotel to be opened at Temagami, then a place known to very few, indeed, though now world-famous as a holiday resort. Mr. Stevens sought unsuccessfully for information about Temagami. He pronounced the name improperly, but that made little difference because there seemed to be no one who knew it by any name. Eventually, however, Mr. Stevens did encounter one man who claimed to know everything there was to be known about Temagami. "What is the population of Temagami?" Mr. Stevens asked. "Population?" replied the man who knew, "why the population is just one—Dan O'Connor." When Mr. O'Connor, who now lives at Connaught, was told about this last week his reply was:—"That's all right, but that man who knew about Temagami should have added that the population of one spent over one hundred thousand dollars in efforts to develop an industry that would have meant a population of one hundred thousand and one for the Temagami area."

The Orillia Packet and Times suggests the establishment of a civic museum at Orillia to preserve objects which will interest future generations. The Simcoe Reformer advocates the same sort of thing for Norfolk County. If any such plan were adopted for Timmins The Advance could mention two or three municipal curiosities that might be preserved as horrible warnings for future generations.

A number of local bootleggers are taking up a collection this week for the purpose of erecting a memorial to Hon. W. E. Raney for his generous services to their craft. "We used to dislike Mr. Raney for the way he talked," one of them said yesterday, "but a man should be allowed to talk against you, if he will work for you. We have found that after all, Hon. Mr. Raney is one of the very true friends that we have left in this hard world of soft liquor."

An Ottawa woman has written to the city council protesting against being assessed for income tax. She receives a salary of only \$1,500.00 per year, and is the sole support of her parents who are not able to support themselves. In such a case no young lady should be asked to pay any income tax. If the law does not exempt her, the law should be changed to provide for such cases. The young lady has right and justice on her side in protesting against the imposition of any income tax. She is on less certain ground, however, when she makes comparison between her own case and that of a suppositious married man who "supports a young wife in luxurious idleness," as she phrases it. Instead of paying income tax, a man who can "support a young wife in luxurious idleness" on a salary of \$1,500.00 per year deserves a place among the other high financiers of the world.

In a brief address to the Associated Boards of Trade last week, Mr. W. Mitchell, manager of one of the banks at Cochrane, paid a tribute to the integrity of the settlers of the district. For some eight years Mr. Mitchell has had financial dealings with the settlers, and so his opinion is of weight, and deserves wide publicity to correct a common tendency to hastily accept the presumption that the settlers are not the best of risks for financial concerns. "Little money, indeed, has been lost through any of the many loans made to the settlers," said Mr. Mitchell. "I have found them men of character, honest, fair and upright, the better type of citizens," he added. After all, it is only to be expected that such a tribute should be deserved. Men who have the courage to pioneer in this country may be expected to have the courage to pay their debts. It takes character to be a settler. The high finance type of mind would not long survive the raw realities of hewing out a farm and home from the North Land bush.

Few men have travelled more widely over this hard and happy world than Mr. Arthur Stevens, of Cochrane, a well-known young man of over sixty years of age, who has children to honour him and grandchildren to adore. He has lived in England, India, China, Japan, Australia, the United States. There is no known continent in this wide world that he has not visited at some time or another. Yet at the Smoker given last week by the Cochrane Board of Trade to the delegates to the Associated Boards of Trade meeting, he said:—"Of all the many countries that I know, there is no land that seems so good as Canada, and no part of Canada so attractive as this North Country." His twenty-two years of happy and busy life in this North is the proof that he spoke sincerely. "There is no land that offers so many opportunities for the young man and the older man as this North Land," he said. With the North Land populated with men who feel that way, not even another Farmers' Government in Ontario could keep this country from progress and development.

So far as this North Land is concerned, it can not be repeated too often that the cowardly murderer of Inspector Constable must be brought to justice and to punishment. The very safety of every man in all the North Land depends upon this. The issue is between law and order, and the rule of the cowardly underworld of thugs and degenerates. No time or money or effort should be spared for the triumph of law and decency. This country can tolerate no low gang rule. Inspector Constable was a faithful officer, a loyal man, a good citizen. He typified the law at its best. His cowardly murder must be avenged. If the assassin escapes, the law is flouted and this country is disgraced.

No one should forget that it was Hon. Mr. Raney who some weeks ago described the money spent by the Ferguson Government for the development of the North Land as "scandalous extravagance." The people of the North Land should see to it that power in Ontario does not degenerate again to the hands of Hon. Mr. Raney. The only way the people here can assist to avoid such a catastrophe is to vote for the Ferguson candidate, Mr. Fred Kenning.

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FOR RENT

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LOST—American Bull Terrier, black with white chest. Any information leading to return will be much appreciated. Reward. Apply A. W. Carlyle, Dome Mines. 46

LOST—White Gold Wrist Watch—lost last week in Timmins. Finder please return to The Advance Office. Reward. 46p

PURSE LOST—On Pine St. between Sixth avenue and Meyers' Drug Store. Purse contains two \$5.00 bills and one \$2.00 bill and some silver. Finder please return to Police Station and receive reward. 46p

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MISCELLANEOUS

FOR ADOPTION—Baby boy, 6 months old. Apply to R. LeHeup, P.O. Box 969, Timmins, Ont. 46tf

COLD STORAGE FOR CARS. Apply to B. F. Lennan, No. 60, corner of Elm and Broadway 46

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TEAM OF HORSES FOR SALE, Harness, wagon and sleigh. Apply to 204 Birch street south. 46-47p

FOR SALE—Quebec Heater. Good as new. Apply to 18 Pine street, north, upstairs. 46p

FOR SALE—A number of male and female roller canaries; guaranteed singers \$5.00 each. Apply to Mrs. P. Murphy, Dome Mines, South Porcupine. 46p

FOR SALE—Electric Washing Machine in good condition. Apply to 59 Lake Shore Road. 46-47p

FOR SALE—Black Mare; good single or double. Apply T. Wilson, Golden North Bakery, South Porcupine. 46tf

FOR SALE—Good heavy horse. Apply to E. Halme, Golden Centre, or P.O. Box 394, Schumacher. 44-46p

COW FOR SALE—Any reasonable offer will be considered. Apply 6 o'clock to 68 Fifth avenue 45-46p

FOR SALE—One motor 15 horse power, 550 volts, 25 cycles. Reasonable price. Apply to Lady Laurier Hotel. 32tf.

SAFE FOR SALE—Make an offer. Ring 567M for appointment. Birrell Bell's Violin Academy, St. Onge Bldg., opposite Gray's Drug Store. 46tf.

FOR SALE—Five-tube Apex Radio Set, complete with tubes, storage battery, "B" batteries and Jewett Cone Loud Speaker, \$70.00. Owner leaving town. Apply 56 Fifth Ave. 46p

FOR SALE—Household Furniture of quality; cheap. McClary range with water front and tank; chest-dresser, dining room suite, beds, dressers; tables, chairs, etc. Too many articles to mention. Apply to 95 Sixth avenue. 45-47p

COMPLETE SET TOOL CHEST FOR CARPENTER FOR SALE.—Everything needed is in it. Call at 79 Pine street south (upstairs). We will make arrangements that the tool chest costs about \$25.00, and we will let you have it very cheap. 46p

HOUSES FOR SALE

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FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE at 107 Main street; fenced in; large woodshed. \$750.00 cash. Good terms. Apply to 108 Commercial avenue. 46p

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