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Gibson's Fortnightly Review last week says:—"Our Timmins office a. nt a flash just before press time aying that it is 45 degrees below zero there. Jimmy, our office boy, wonders which would be the more effective defence against such temperature, "canned" heat or anti-freeze. Perhaps some of our northern friends can enlighten him on the point."

**SALVATION ARMY DOES NOT CONDEMN LODGES**

Adjutant Crowe, Seventeen Years an Officer, Says Present Discussion the First he Has Heard

In reference to the discussion that has been going on in some newspapers relative to the alleged attitude of the Salvation Army towards fraternal societies, it is evident that there is danger of a general misunderstanding of the question. Most people will find it impossible to believe that the Army would condemn or ban any of the recognized secret fraternal societies. In all such matters the Army has a name for being broadminded and tolerant. When Adjutant Crowe, of the Timmins S.A. was asked this week about the supposed ban on fra-

ternal societies, he replied that he had been seventeen years in the Army service and this was the first he had heard of it. He suggested that the whole record of the Army proved that they had the greatest respect for all associations of people banded together for good purposes. He agreed that the real facts of the case were adequately set forth in the following letter appearing last week in The Toronto Star:—  
 To the Editor of The Star.

Sir: May I trespass on your valuable space to enlighten your readers a bit regarding the present day discussion in connection with the Salvation Army and the lodges. As a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, and one who moves intimately among officers and soldiers of the army, I am in a position to make several definite statements which have not yet appeared in any of the letters to the city press.

1. No specific lodges were mentioned in the pamphlet issued by army headquarters. Therefore, the statements in the Telegram citing a long list of societies, Masons, Orangemen, etc., is a misrepresentation of the facts.

2. Neither of the gentlemen referred to by the Telegram left the army on the lodge issue.

3. S.A. officers who went to the front did not lose their rank in the S. A. for so doing.

4. I should think army officers would resent the claim that they are serfs, and are deprived of personal liberty. All men have time to sell, and it is the individual's business to whom, and under what conditions, he sells it. If a porter wishes to sell his time under the condition that he wear a red cap at the Union depot, would you call him a slave. If an Eaton elevator man MUST wear uniform on duty, and MUST NOT smoke on duty, is he a slave? Because a brakeman hires out to a railway company knowing he may be called from sleep or pleasure in order to serve, would you say the railroad is interfering with his personal liberty?

Time is the one salable commodity which all men possess, and they may dispose of it as they see fit. If a man cares to take the religious vows of an army officer, suffer certain inconveniences, self-denial, and restrictions because of it, well, that's his business. Certainly there is no call for a volley of scathing letters against the organization.

5. Members and adherents of the army are not prohibited from being lodge members. It is not generally known that upon taking the vow of officership a man does not contract to sell to the army eight or ten hours of his time, but all of his time. He is ordained subject to call at any hour, and to go to any place his leader chooses to send him. If these conditions are against his ideas of personal liberty, why let him serve elsewhere. There is no compulsion, save the compulsion of love.

The pamphlet which is the bone of contention affects only such members of the army as have consecrated their whole time to the army's service—i.e. about twenty or thirty thousand officers, in the whole world, so I understand. Thus ten of thousands of Salvationists and adherents may join a lodge, thousands, in fact, are members, and the order from headquarters does not affect them. You will thus see that the army is not black-balling indiscriminately all secret societies, but merely issuing an order of expediency which will assist officers in fulfilling their vows.

6. I have yet to hear one unkind criticism of the Masonic or Orange lodges by any S.A. officer, many of whom I know well. It has been amusing to me to read certain threats of people who have withheld donations to army funds. Why, bless you, the

army isn't in business for itself! I know some of its officers in Toronto who have left lucrative positions in secular life for the comparatively meagre pittance they now receive—and all because of a desire to minister to the needy of the land. Let the people withhold their money and they do not injure the army—they rather withhold bread from the hungry, shelter from the homeless man, refuge from the broken-hearted girl. Aye, choke up every source of army income—and what will you have? Just this: beggars, homeless men, needy women, widows, orphans besieging your own back doors for assistance, instead of having a specially trained body of social workers administer the relief for you.

Let us be understanding. The army is not attacking lodges but merely demanding a whole time service from certain of its members who are dedicated to a particular life of service. I, for one, am thoroughly in favour of the army viewpoint so far as its officers are concerned, and think these noble men and women can do our country more good by the apostolic method—"This ONE thing I do."  
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**HOMER L. GIBSON TO BUILD BUSINESS BLOCK IN TOWN**

The Advance understands that it is the intention of Homer L. Gibson & Co. to build an attractive business block in Timmins for the accommodation of their offices here. Several sites are under consideration for this purpose, one of these being understood to be next to the Dominion Bank building. It is also understood that the Homer L. Gibson Co. purpose erecting an office building of their own in Cobalt. These reports indicate the firm faith and confidence held by the Homer L. Gibson Co. in the progress and development of the North Land.

**"WONDER SALE" STARTS AT STEWART CO. STORE FRIDAY**

As will be noted by the full-page announcement elsewhere in this issue. The Stewart Company, 25 Pine street south, is conducting what is termed a "Wonder Sale," the event starting on Feb. 11th. The sale is with the purpose of cleaning out all remaining fall and winter goods with the object of making room for the new stocks for the approaching season. The prices in all lines have been cut, regardless of everything but the purpose desired—to clear out the present stocks so as to make room for the new spring goods. A perusal of the full-page advertisement elsewhere in this issue will be well worth while.

**SUGGESTS THE DELIGHTS OF WINTER IN CANADA**

Hon. Chas. Stewart has recently sent out neat and interesting blotters picturing the delights of winter life in Canada. Snow-shoeing, skiing, tobogganing, skating, cutter-driving and other typically Canadian sports are indicated in the illustration on the blotter. There is also the following message:—"To those who delight in braising air and the pleasure of winter sports, to those in search of new and unexpected scenes of winter beauty, Canada extends a hospitable welcome.—Chas. Stewart, Minister of the Interior."

**ACCOMMODATED WHOLE FAMILY IN UPPER BERTH**

Necessity is the mother of invention, Satan the father of lies, and The Northern News last week says:—"A woman climbed on the south-bound train with a boy of four, two twins of three, an infant and—one ticket for an upper berth. Gallant male passengers offered her their lowers but she politely declined them. The next morning one of the men asked the porter how she made out. "Say, boss, those kids were less trouble than one. Not a peep out of them all night. She put the boy cross-ways at the head of the berth, curled a twin in each arm, and hung the baby in the net."



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**SOUTH PORCUPINE YOUNG MAN EDITOR BOYS PAPER**

M. Bucovetsky, Member for This District in Boys' Parliament, Doing Good Work in Older Boys' Movement

Mr. M. Bucovetsky, of South Porcupine, who was the member for this district in the recent Older Boys' Parliament meeting at Toronto the week after Christmas, and who was appointed as Minister without portfolio in the Cabinet, has had another honour given him. He has been appointed the editor of the newspaper issued by the C.S.E.T. of Ontario. The first issue of this paper has been received by The Advance, and it shows that the boys made a good move in their choice of an editor. The paper gives as its purpose the following aims:—(1) To kindle a fellowship among C.S.E.T. boys of the Province; (2) To stimulate interest in the various phases of the work; (3) To disseminate information concerning the movement at large, for the benefit of local groups and local C.S.E.T. columns. Few papers can honestly claim to live up as well to their aims and purposes as the Ontario C.S.E.T. paper appears to do. In concise form it reports the doings of the Older Boys' Parliament, makes fitting reference to the Bond Selling Campaign, and the League of Nations Society, and gives reports from branches in various Ontario towns and cities from Wallaceburg to the Sault, and from Thessalon to Hamilton.

**THANKS EXPRESSED BY THE AMBULANCE BRIGADE**

Through the medium of The Advance, the members of the Timmins Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade wish to show their appreciation to the Laneshire Club and to all who helped to make such a success of the Masquerade Dance last Saturday, which resulted in the sum of \$85.50 being given to the funds of the Brigade.

Don't forget the Whist Drive and Dance, which the Brigade are holding in the Hollinger Recreation hall on Feb. 17th; whist to commence at 7.30 p.m.

**PORCUPINE CAMP TRAIL RANGERS HOCKEY SCHEDULE**

There is great interest in the Porcupine Trail Rangers Hockey League schedule, the boys putting up a nice brand of lively hockey. The following are the games in the schedule still to be played:—  
 Feb. 12—South Porcupine at Schumacher; Timmins at Dome.  
 Feb. 19—Dome at Timmins; Schumacher at South Porcupine.  
 Feb. 26—Dome at Schumacher; Timmins at South Porcupine.  
 Mar. 5—Schumacher at Timmins; South Porcupine at Dome.  
 The games are played in each case on Saturdays.  
 Mr. C. C. Somerville, of Kingston, Ont., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. H. Pritchard, for a few weeks.

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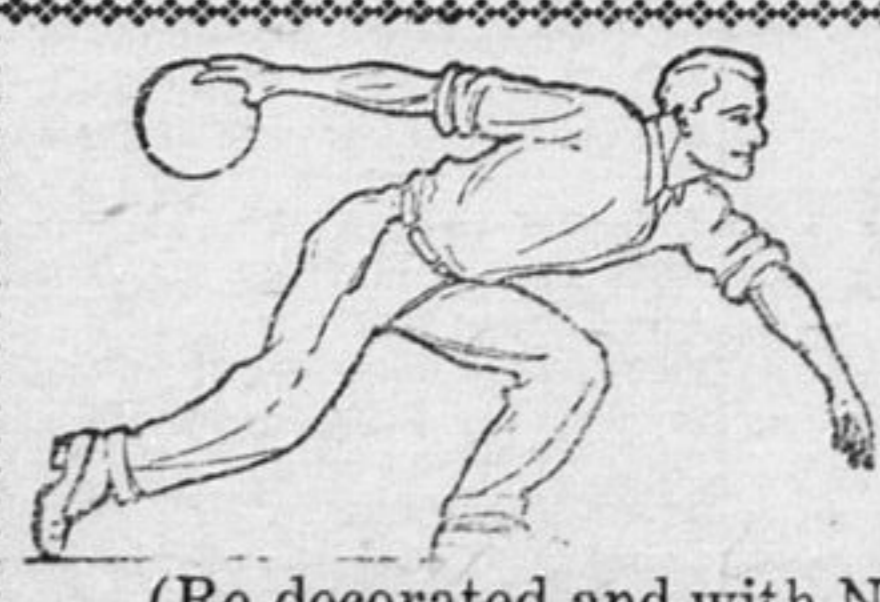
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