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GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

A letter posted at the Timmins post office at six o'clock in the morning on Thursday of last week reached its destination in one of the post office boxes used for the convenience of the post office staff but paid for by the users, at the hour of ten o'clock on Friday. In other words that letter travelled about six feet in thirty hours. At that rate it would not have reached Schumacher last year. The excuse given by the post office for the non-delivery of the letter, which happened to be an important one, was that it carried insufficient postage, and in the busy season the staff did not have time to attend to it sooner. The post office had time enough to stop the letter on its way, thus upholding the famous old red tape. But the office had not time to look after its prompt delivery for the convenience of the public. The incident is more or less typical of the service at the Timmins post office where, as Al. Plunkett would say, "the smell grows stronger and the service grows weaker every day."

For the first time in the history of the town of Timmins the beginning of January sees the municipality without a complete council board. On one famous occasion Messrs. Jack Datton and C. Pletsch nominated practically all the candidates for the council that year, but the council itself was elected by acclamation and all qualified for office, with the result that when the new year opened the new council was complete and ready for business. This year, however, 1928 commences with only a mayor and four councillors elected. New nominations will be necessary to elect the other two councillors required to complete the board. The new council will likely set the date for the nominations at the first meeting of the council on Monday next. It would expedite matters and save expense if the two remaining councillors were elected by acclamation, and there seems to be no reason why this should not be done. There were twenty candidates nominated for the council board last week, but only five of them qualified and one of these decided to withdraw within the legal time. The circumstance is so new to Timmins that it has roused much interest here. Timmins, however, is not in the same class in this matter with Desoronto, where only one man qualified for the council, and so five others remain to be elected to complete that council.

From Kitchener, Ontario, comes the suggestion that municipalities provide for the paying of \$1.00 each to all persons voting at elections in the municipality. The idea is that this dollar payment would induce more people to vote at elections. It might, but this type of vote would be no more intelligent than any other purchased vote, and that is little enough. In more than one section of Ontario votes have been bought wholesale but the result has never been either gratifying or advantageous to the country. As a counter suggestion to increase interest in the privileges and duties of the voter, The Ottawa Journal suggests the imposition of a fine of \$1.00 per head on all who do not take the trouble to exercise their franchise. This plan has little more to commend it than the proposal for municipalities to purchase votes by wholesale. The use of the vote is to express the opinion of the voter. Sometimes the neglect to vote is an expression of opinion. More often it is a proof of lack of opinion. Paying voters or penalizing non-voters will not remedy conditions. The only hope of betterment is in the growth of a live and intelligent interest by the voters in general. The public business is very emphatically the business of the individual, and when this fact is recognized the ordinary voter will need neither pay nor penalty to induce him to do his duty.

Those who believe that Friday and the "thirteenth" are both unlucky and that the combination of "Friday the thirteenth" is doubly unlucky will note with alarm that the present year, 1928, has no less than three occasions when Friday is the thirteenth. "Friday the thirteenth" occurs this year in January, April and July. Last year there was only one Friday the thirteenth. The years 1926 and 1925 also had this combination only the once. There are people, however, who consider the number thirteen as lucky at any time, but particularly of good omen when it occurs in conjunction with Friday, so for these folks the year 1928 should have particular appeal. Thus, for some the year will have the signs of ill-fortune and for others it will be a period of specially good omen. Accordingly it is difficult to see how it differs from other years. A few will place their trust, or distrust, in signs and omens, while others will simply work like sin, and advertise, and the old world will wag along with varying fortune as in the years that have passed.

The Advance has been waiting patiently for the Provincial Police to suggest that it was Hickman who murdered Inspector Constable, and so no more need be done about the matter. Still more patiently The Advance waits for the authorities to bring to justice the cowardly murderer of the Inspector, whose life was sacrificed because he knew his duty and did it fearlessly and well. It would be a proper New Year's resolution for the authorities to earnestly and honestly resolve this year to bring to justice the murderer of Inspector Constable, no matter what the cost or the trouble. If the province has no men capable for the work, help should be secured elsewhere. The murder of Inspector Constable was a challenge from the underworld that this decent, law-abiding province can not afford to ignore.

For centuries the weather has been recognized as an unfailing source of inspiration. Certainly the weather on Saturday, Sunday and Monday was something to talk about. It was what might be termed good plumbers' weather. The thermometer went down to 21 below zero according to the official Government thermometer here, and much lower according to common thermometers. The average man who had to be out in the weather those three days knew it was still colder than any thermometer was registering, otherwise he could not believe his own ears.

The cold spell over the week-end has given rise to a discussion that promises to warm up the atmosphere. The argument is to the effect that a thermometer will register lower temperature exposed to the wind than it will in a situation open to the weather, but protected from the cold breeze. The argument over the matter this week became so heated that to save the ice supply The Advance made appeal to Mr. Humphrey, who has been in charge of the Government meteorological observatory at Timmins for many years. Mr. Humphrey's opinion was that the wind would not affect the registration of the thermometer one way or another. A contrary opinion is held very strongly by one old-timer of this North Land. "I have tested out the matter more than once," he says, "and I have found that to shift a thermometer from any outside place where it is protected from the wind to another place where the wind blows upon it will make a noticeable difference in the degrees

of cold registered." Like so many other arguments, settling the question authoritatively only re-opens the question.

An item in The North Bay Nugget this week says that North Bay people saw a robin hopping around in that city and heard it chirping there the other day. Immediately under this piece of information is an item headed, "Liquor Store Closed on Monday." The Advance gives the facts; the people are supposed to draw their own morals.

The Boys' Parliament that met in Toronto last week passed a resolution protesting against the sensationalism of certain Canadian newspapers that improperly feature crime and scandal and other unsavoury matters. In their attitude, the boys evidenced better sense, better citizenship and better hearts and heads than the newspapers that were criticized. The reply of the newspapers that were censured will no doubt be the hackneyed one that they have to publish the news. In the public interests sometimes unsavoury matters have to be given publicity by the press. In saying this, however, it may be well to remember that cesspools have to be cleaned, but that no right-thinking man will sit on the edge of a cesspool and keep stirring it up with a stick. The objection to the sensational newspapers is not the fact that they do scavenger work, but the belief that they actually enjoy the smell they raise.

People who criticize the silly sensational newspapers might do well to note that Canada has some newspapers whose strength, high purpose, usefulness, enterprise and influence far outweigh the lighter type of journalism. That these newspapers, true to the highest ideals, are successful and prosperous speaks well for the standing of citizenship in this Dominion. Hugh up among such high-class newspapers The Advance would place The Toronto Globe, though differing with its views on such matters as politics and prohibition. The Industrial Number of The Globe this week is a sample of what the better journalism can do. The number shows an enterprise that outshines the petty efforts of the sensational press. The issue gives a comprehensive review of the progress of Canada in the past year and the prospects for the future. It is all dependable, informative, helpful, yet so cleverly presented as to be interesting to all but the absolute moron. In the review of Canada's industrial life the North Land is not overlooked. The Globe has too wide a grasp of affairs for that. There are inspiring articles in the issue by Hon. Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines; Mr. Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway; Mr. G. C. Bateman, secretary of the Ontario Mining Association, and by special writers for The Globe. Well-illustrated, well-printed, and attractively arranged, with its wealth of information and inspiration the issue is one that Canada may well consider most creditable. The good old Globe will offset quite a few of the cheap scandal sheets and sensation-mongers.

Another outstanding Canadian newspaper that has shown the cheap and would-be sensational imitations of Hearst just what newspaper enterprise really is may be noted in the case of the Mail and Empire and its annual "Review and Forecast." Sixty pages of solid information, interestingly written and pleasingly presented. Not a dull line in the issue, and inspiration and information on every page. Recognizing the importance of the North Land and its mining industries, the issue pays especial attention to this part of the country and special articles, authoritative and helpful, deal with every phase of North Land development. The issue suggests that time, talent and money have been expended without stint to make this number of The Mail and Empire possible, but results show that it was all well worth while. Articles by leading men connected with Northern development feature the issue. The annual Review and Forecast is a fine advertisement for Canada and for The Mail and Empire. It is also a challenge to the sensational type of cheap journalism to show real enterprise in a way that is of some value to the people at large.

The proposed road from Timmins to Sudbury that would open up a most promising stretch of country and form a belt line of roads for the North is well worth taking up with a will this New Year. It would double the attraction of the North Land for tourists, as well as providing access to new riches in forest, mine and stream.

It is not too early to give thought to the establishment of a suitable tourists' camp for Timmins. If this young city is to attract its full quota of the tourist trade that is expected in the North Land this year, preparations must be made for the accommodation of the visitors.

It is ample direction to any stranger seeking the post office to tell him "to follow his nose."

HON. W. FINLAYSON AND PARTY HERE NEXT WEEK

Preminent Newspapermen to Visit North. Party Will be Entertained at Dinner by Kiwanis Club

Hon. Wm. Finlayson and a party of ten or twelve leading newspapermen of the province will visit the North Land next week. They will be at Timmins on Thursday next, Jan. 12th, spending the day and evening here. The party will be entertained at dinner at the Empire Hotel by the Kiwanis Club. The Kiwanis Club have postponed their usual weekly luncheon in view of the occasion. The regular weekly gathering of the Club next week will accordingly be on Thursday evening at the dinner to Hon. Mr. Finlayson and the visiting newspapermen. The event will start at 6.30 p.m., and in addition to the members of the Kiwanis Club it is expected that many others of the business and professional men of the town will be at the luncheon to meet Hon. Mr. Finlayson and the party of newspapermen. The visit is another evidence of the growing interest in this North Land, and also of the keen interest taken in this North Land by the Ontario Government and the attraction here of visitors to see the country and its possibilities.

QUARANTINE CARD ON HOUSE OF COBALT, M.O.H.

By order of the Medical Health Officer of Cobalt, the said M.O.H. had his own house quarantined last week. The maid employed by Dr. Mitchell, Cobalt's Medical Health Officer, contracted scarlet fever following a visit from her sister who had been at Silver Centre. As soon as the Cobalt M. O. H. learned of the cases he had both quarantined according to law, which meant the placing of a quarantine card on his own residence.

Fashion Fancies

Picture Frock of Tulle and Lace is Delightful



Youth and grace are not the least of the charms of this dainty evening frock. The bodice is of silver lace with a narrow scarf effect of tulle falling from the shoulder. The skirt, of two shades of pink tulle has flowers of contrasting shades applied at top and bottom. Mr. and Mrs. Dougall and son, of Fort William, Ont., are the guests of Mr. Dougall's brother, Mr. P. Dougall, Timmins.

ADVERTISE YOUR WANTS HERE!

FOR RENT

APARTMENT FOR RENT—Three large rooms with water, sink and toilet installed. Apply to 85 1/2 First Avenue or A. Fournier, P.O. Box 62, Schumacher, Ont. 51 t.f.

FOR RENT—Four-roomed house with water and lights. Apply to O. L. Evans, 80 First Ave., or phone 688J2 or 313. -51t.f.

TO RENT—Four-roomed house, well finished. Extra warm, and has water and lights. Apply to 83 Hollinger Lane or E. St. Pierre, the blind man. -52p

SIX-ROOMED HOUSE TO RENT—All conveniences. Apply 186 Spruce street, corner of Seventh Avenue. -1p.

FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE TO RENT: water; sink; electric light, etc. Close to mine. Low rent. Apply to 156 Spruce street, south. -1-2p.

HOUSE TO RENT—At 48 Middleton Ave. Water and light installed. Apply to J. Johnson, 40 Way Ave., near High School. -1-3p.

FOR RENT—Store with large cement basement. Owner of store lives in rear of basement. Apply to 68 Third Ave. 52-1p.

ROOMS

FOR RENT—Room in quiet private home; nice central locality; board if desired. Apply to 44 Second Ave. -52-2

FURNISHED ROOMS TO RENT—Warm and comfortable, hot and cold water with bath. Centrally located, reasonable rent. Apply to 6 Balsam St. North. -1p.

FOR RENT—One large furnished room with two single beds. Would rent to one or two gentlemen, with board if desired. In private home with all conveniences. Apply to 3 Elm St. South. 47-48p.

LOST

LOST—On Wednesday evening, between T. & N. O. station and post office, a bunch of keys on chain. Finder kindly leave at Timmins Railway Station. -1p.

LOST—Between Cedar St. and Third Ave. and 21 Fourth Ave., a pair of light trousers. Finder kindly return to 21 Fourth Ave. Reward -1.

LOST—Smooth-haired dog, white, with black markings; answers to the name of Jack. Lost a couple of weeks ago. Finder please notify Jack McKinnon, 35 Commercial Avenue. Reward for return of dog. Any person found harbouring this dog after this notice will be prosecuted according to law. 52-3p

Help Wanted FEMALE
 Wanted, Ladies anywhere, to address, fold and mail circulars at home. Enclose stamp for particulars.
HOME MANFG. CO., TORONTO 3

NEW LISKEARD COUNCIL RECEIVE ACCLAMATION

At New Liskeard the nomination resulted in the mayor and council, as well as three members of the public school board being returned by acclamation. P. J. Grant is mayor again, with Major J. G. McMillan, Arthur G. Grant, J. A. Amm, J. A. Brown and Alex Montgomery of the last year's council, and T. S. Armstrong for the new member. W. G. Nixon, E. W. Neelands and T. Moseley-Williams were re-elected members of the public school board for two years.

DEVISE WAY TO TEST EYES OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Testing the eyes of children too young to respond to ordinary methods is a problem that has not had a satisfactory solution, according to eye specialists. Recent tests made under the direction of the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness on children from 3 to 5 years old have been found successful, in the experience of Dr. Park Lewis, who describes them in Hygeia for November. Since responses are required from the child, it is necessary to have his confidence. By making a game of the examination, by appealing to the child's imagination and exciting his interest, it is possible to gain a fairly accurate record of the vision.

Mr. E. A. Piton, who has been the B. and B. master for the C.N.R. in Cochrane for the last four years, has been transferred to Levis division. Mr. P. Lizotte has been appointed B. and B. master for Cochrane division. Mr. Piton was presented with a club bag by the members of the staff before his departure.

ARTICLES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Orthophonic victrolas at \$115.00. Terms, \$10 cash and \$9 monthly. Apply at J. T. Hefferman, 46 Third Ave. -47t.f.

HAY FOR SALE—Good mixed hay in ear lots, \$10.00 per ton, f.o.b. Cobden. Apply to Hiram Price, Cobden, Ont. 52-2p

WOOD FOR SALE

NEW TRANSFER—13 Spruce street. Stove wood for sale. For transfer service or for stove wood, phone 647. J. Lapalme. -46-47p.t.f.

STOVE WOOD FOR SALE—Reasonable price. Also four-foot wood for furnace. Apply to H. Charlebois, 104 Cedar St. North, Phone 419W. 41t.f.

PHONE YOUR ORDERS FOR STOVE-WOOD and slabs to S. B. Rawlinson, The Half-Way, 55 Wilson Ave., Phone 477W, P.O. Box 174, Timmins. -45t.f.

LEO ROY—WOOD DEALER—All kinds of wood, any length. Wood-sawing by load or cord by new machine. Also dealer in hay and oats. Delivered to any part of town. Prices reasonable. 79 First Ave. or phone 279W2. -42t.f.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

POSITIONS WANTED

WORK WANTED—Girl, well experienced in housework and hotel work, desires work. Apply to rear of Strand Cigar Store, 38 Third Ave. -1p.

STENOGRAPHER—Five years' experience, some knowledge bookkeeping, seeks position. Temporary or permanent. Apply to Box E.C., Advance Office. -1p.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Property and confectionery business. Will sell on terms or cash. For further particulars write P.O. Box 534, Timmins. -1-4p.

HOUSE FOR SALE—Four rooms; good cellar, with furnace; electric lights. Telephone all installed. Will sell cheap for quick sale. Apply at premises, 337 Pine street, south, or to P.O. Box 118, Timmins. -1p.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Competent cook general. Apply Mrs. A. J. Shragge, 29 Third Ave., Timmins. -1.

DINING ROOM GIRL WANTED. Must be experienced. Apply to Windsor Hotel. -1.

WANTED—Woman to scrub stove every week in evening. Apply to 21 Fourth Ave. -1.

TENDERS WANTED

Tenders are wanted by the trustees of S.S. No. 2 Mountjoy for the delivery of the following supplies to the above school at Sandy Falls. Ten cords of Tamarack stove wood in 30 in. lengths. Five cords of Birch stove wood in 30 in. lengths. Tenders for either the Tamarack or Birch will be considered alone, if required. All tenders to be in not later than January 25th, 1928. Delivery to be made to the school building not later than February 15th, 1928. M. J. CAVENEY, Secretary-Treasurer.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of Joseph Bobina, late of the Village of Schumacher, who died on or about the 21st day of November, 1927, at Whitby, Ontario, are required to forward their claims, duly proven, to the undersigned, on or before the 1st day of February, 1928. And Notice is further given that after he said date, the Public Trustee will proceed to distribute the estate, having regard only to such claims of which he shall then have had notice. Dated at Toronto this 30th day of December, 1927. K. W. WRIGHT, Public Trustee, Osgoode Hall, Toronto.

ROOM AND BOARD

BARDERS WANTED to live with English people. Apply 51 Wilson Avenue. -1-2p.

BARD AND ROOM FOR TWO at 19 Birch street, south. Private house. -1-3.