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The Canadian Legion in Timmins

News and Views of Legionnaires

BY THE HON. SECRETARY-TREASURER

It will be remembered that at the annual general meeting in February our popular President prophesied that soon we hoped to include among our honorary members the names of two prominent gentlemen of the Porcupine Camp. Dr. Harrison has proved himself to be a true prophet, inasmuch that one of the unnamed gentlemen referred to has sent the following letter to me, dated March 9th, 1928:—Thomas Fellows, Esq., Hon. Sec.-Treas., Timmins Branch, Canadian Legion. Dear Sir: This is in reply to your letter of February 29th. I consider it a privilege to be a member of your organization and am pleased to enclose my cheque for the first year's annual dues. Yours truly, R. J. Ennis.

This kind of letter makes cheerful reading to me and many other Legion enthusiasts. It indisputably and undeniably indicates the fact that we have kept and still retain the confidence of the pre-eminent men of this district. Not being an old-timer, inasmuch as I have only been resident a few short years in this North Land, I was unaware of the history of the McIntyre Mine, and of the gentleman who is inseparably associated with that mine. But in conversation with a friend I was told that Mr. Ennis had even in the early days pinned his faith in the McIntyre Mine, and in spite of difficulty and discouragement enough to dishearten the average man, courageously continued his endeavours to make the mine, with what results we and all the world know to-day, even if the world is ignorant of the principal human factor in bringing the mine to its present position. And so, comrades, we are more than fortunate in having a gentleman of undoubted courage and ability, a real pioneer of this North Land, associated with us in our endeavours to help the other fellow—as Mr. Neame so aptly terms it.

By instruction of the Executive Committee the following letter was written to the Mayor of Timmins, our very real friend and honorary member—E. L. Longmore, Esq. It and the answer are self-explanatory, but both letters were not read at the last monthly general meeting, and so are included in this weekly "line of communication."

The Mayor of Timmins. Dear Sir: In view of the fact that our relief fund is getting perilously low, we feel it imperatively necessary to take steps to augment the said fund, and respectfully request permission to hold a bazaar, the admission tickets for which will entitle the holder to participate in a raffle for prizes, none of which

will exceed \$50.00 in value. I attach a letter received from the Deputy Attorney-General, Province of Ontario, and all the conditions quoted will be rigidly adhered to in connection with the proposed bazaar. May I also please point out that it is proposed to put on sale, at the bazaar, articles made by the veteran shops, where disabled ex-service men are almost solely employed. I should be glad to furnish any particulars with regard to the uses and distribution of our relief fund, if so desired, but I believe that I am correct in stating that there are members of the Town Council who know of cases we have relieved, as also does the Town Relief Officer. \$158.45 has been distributed in relief work since February 1st, 1928, and the total of relief since our formation last year now amounts to \$336.46. Not included in the above total is the expense incurred in the handling of pension cases, the securing of winter relief for the sick and unemployed veterans who are or who have been pensioners, and the efforts made to provide or obtain employment for ex-service men. I would like to point out that in all the above classes of work the Legion in Timmins is not confining their efforts to legionnaires, but include all ex-service men and their dependents. Respectfully yours, Thomas Fellows.

The reply received on March 10th, reads as follows:—Thomas Fellows, Esq. Dear Sir: In compliance with your request in letter dated the 5th inst., permission is hereby granted to raffle articles of less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) value, provided said raffle is conducted strictly according to provisions of the criminal code. I trust your bazaar will be of a great success and not only provide you with money for worthy relief work, but also assist in the disposing of articles manufactured by disabled veterans, thereby carrying on two good works at the same time. Yours very truly, E. L. Longmore, mayor.

In answer to an enquiry of this Post, an important communication embodied in a letter too long for publication has been received from Provincial headquarters relative to the disposal of the Canteen Funds in the Province of Ontario. This matter of the Canteen Funds has always been watched by almost every ex-service man, and needless to say the Legion of Timmins is fully aware of our responsibilities in this matter, and so long as we possess a "live" branch here every legionnaire in the first place, and every ex-service man, together with their dependents, are assured that their interests will be looked after in this most important matter. This is only one of the matters that make the Legion in Timmins an absolute necessity, so those outside please come in and help us—we need all—for the stronger our organization the stronger our claims on that fund will be, and it must be remembered that in the past the just claims of the veterans of the North Land have—to put it mildly—been somewhat cold-shouldered. But never again while we have a pen to wield, and there are other and more able "pen pushers" among the Mac's around here who will give us unqualified support for any just claim that we put forward for participation in this and other funds for and on behalf of the North Land's veterans and their dependents. But really there is no need to tell you what you already know.

Many ex-service men in this district are under the false impression that it is necessary to have seen service in order to become a member of the legion. This is wrong. The ruling is that any one can join who has seen 6 years' service in any of His Majesty's Auxiliary Forces, or anyone who has served in any of His Majesty's regular forces for any period and honorably discharged. Also eligible are British naturalised subjects who served not less than 3 months in an Allied Force and saw active service therewith. So now, comrades, there is no excuse for you to remain outside this great and growing world-wide organization—it is for your good to come in.

This is to the "absent-minded beggar" of Schumacher—not of lead-swinging fame but of staff-swinging super-excellence. There is yet another S.A. and Great War veteran in with us—I refer to Mr. George Starling, whose military record makes good reading. This will also interest those other "verdommed rooineks" Richard, Robert, A.H.M.D., and one other whose name I will not mention.

From private to lieutenant-colonel—this unique and magnificent promotion, only possible in war time, occurred in France to one of our new members, Colonel D. H. Sutherland, of Schumacher, the well-known contractor. And they don't hand out promotions of that kind in the army for nothing.

Pleased to welcome Mr. Roy A. Dew to our growing ranks. I mentioned last week that the trend of applications were more than ever before that of well-known business and professional men of Timmins and district—here I have just mentioned a contractor and a well-known funeral director, which bears out my contention, made last week specifically in reference to the welcome receipt of the application of Mr. J. W. Wray, the efficient manager of A. E. Moysey & Co., whose faith in the future of Timmins is evidenced by the magnificent new offices recently erected. Again we have the horrible suspicion that Mr. Wray had a hand in the decision to erect such a testimonial to the continuity of Timmins.

The regular attendance of Comrades Dave Maxwell and A. R. Thomas at our meetings is very creditable to them—and us, as well as the interest taken by them in the Legion's affairs.

News has just come to hand that there are and have been for some time firms in Timmins who are selling veteran articles. These are Marshall-Ecclestone, the Taylor Hardware Co., and the I. K. Pierce Furniture Co., all of Third avenue, Timmins. Out of consideration to these businesses which have been doing this good work for the disabled veterans—quietly and unostentatiously—the Entertainment Committee have wisely decided not to sell veteran articles at our bazaar. Moreover we invite the material co-operation of all legionnaires and ex-service men when making purchases to shop around the above-mentioned firms, for many and varied are the products of the veteran shops and sold at prices that will more than favourably compare with the prices of the same articles made by other than the veteran people. Information on the wide range of articles so sold will be gladly supplied by Marshall-Ecclestone, Taylor Hardware, and the I. K. Pierce Furniture Co. These people are helping us, and one good turn deserves another.

—THOMAS FELLOWS.

Minnneapolis Journal:—We recognize this year as 1928; the Mohammedans call it 1346; the Jews, 5688; the Japanese, 2587, and the Byzantine calendar says it is 7436. The chances really are that it is about 1,000,000,000.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review:—The tabloids are not newspapers in the true sense. They make no real effort to give the news. They exist solely for the purpose of raking up all the crime and scandal they can find in their constituency, and painting it in glowing colors for the edification of depraved minds.

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MARRIED MEN'S NIGHT AT LANCASTHIRE SOCIAL CLUB

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The Passing Show, London, England:—A boy of seven is said to have written a novel. In a case like this I believe the responsibility devolves upon the male parent.

Midland Argus:—It is said around town that a number of local financiers dread the frosty nights. Every time they hear the frost cracking the timber they wake up thinking it is another stock breaking on the mining market. Why worry, it will soon be spring, and then they will find out how much water they have been hoarding up over the winter.

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