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## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

A story is being told with glee in this North regarding an incident that was alleged to have taken place during the visit to the North Land last week of the Simcoe County Council. The party were the guests of Hon. Mr. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, who is the Minister responsible for all roads and highways in this North Land. Hon. Mr. Finlayson found the condition of the Ferguson highway very bad for motor travel, but he did everything possible to minimize the discomfort of his friends. Always cheerful and pleasant, he did not pass by any opportunities to cheer up the travellers by a little humour. Entering a blacksmith shop nearby one spot of road where the group of autos were about mired in the mud, Hon. Mr. Finlayson amused his friends by skillfully drawing from the blacksmith the fact that the identity of the members of the party were unrecognized. "I think I've met you before," said Hon. Mr. Finlayson in his genial way. "No, I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you before, and I don't know yet who you may be," replied the blacksmith. "The roads are very bad here," said Mr. Finlayson. "There are worse than that," said the North Land blacksmith. "It's a wonder you fellows here wouldn't throw a few loads of gravel in some of these bad holes," said Mr. Finlayson. "Well, we would," responded the blacksmith fervently, "if the blankety-blank tightwads in the south would loosen up with some of the money they get from the North."

It is to be regretted that a particularly mean and unsportsmanlike form of theft seems to be prevalent at present. That is the theft of flowers and plants. The flower beds in front of the Hollinger office have been meanly raided more than once this year. One lady on Fourth avenue who had been taking great joy in some tulips in her little garden woke one morning to find that some genuine sneak thief had taken them all away. Those who give their time, effort and heart to cultivating flowers, shrubs and trees, feel particularly keenly when they are robbed of these treasures. It is not the monetary loss that annoys, although in most cases that is worthy of consideration, but it is the regret at the loss of beauty that has taken time and effort to secure. The theft of flowers is just as criminal as the theft of anything else. In addition it has a sort of double streak of meanness and poor sportsmanship.

Four hours is now considered as the time necessary to motor from Timmins to Kirkland Lake,—not counting delays caused by cars being mired in the mud.

In an editorial note in regard to automobile accidents, The Orillia News-Letter makes one of those odd slips that do not destroy the sense of the words while changing the meaning. The News-Letter says:—"In one word, 'inattention,' The Mail and Empire has summed up the cause of a great many automobiles." Certainly there does not seem to be any other reason for some of the autos.

The gentleman who directed the attention of the town council on Monday to the conditions at the Timmins cemetery showed good citizenship and humane feeling. There is no doubt but that the town council will do what may be done to remedy conditions. Up to the present, on account of the delay in securing title deeds for the cemetery property the town has been unable legally to undertake expenditures that might otherwise have been made to better conditions at the cemetery. Those who have loved ones buried at the cemetery feel the situation very keenly. Many have striven to beautify plots and graves and thus give honour to the dead. The fact that the fences allow stray animals to wander through the cemetery destroying the loving work of those who have been seeking to beautify the place is very discouraging, to say the least. If there is any legal way by which the council can make the few improvements that would more or less protect the cemetery, the people in general would appreciate such action. Respect and care for the dead are among the marks of the higher civilization, and for years past The Advance has been urging attention to the cemetery so that its care and appearance might be more in keeping with the kindly spirit of the people of this North.

A settler in this North Land must be an optimist. If he was not optimistic he would be discouraged before he commenced. The optimism of the settlers in this immediate district is indicated by the fact that despite the weather one man living some four or five miles from Timmins is confident that he will get two crops of hay off his farm this year. He cut the one crop last Sunday between showers. "The better the day, the better the deed," he said, "and, anyway, the hay would spoil if it wasn't cut right away."

There cannot be any unemployment in the town of Timmins at present, because those who are not working seem to be so busy spreading false stories in regard to the Hollinger Mine. No crops in the North Land at present, not even the crops of blackflies and mosquitoes, exceed the crops of unfounded rumours about the big mine these days. One example of these false rumours was the story told this week about the cave-in on the public school grounds. This cave-in was caused by the rotting of the boards on the top of an old cesspool. But the facts did not suit the rumour-mongers who suggested that the fall of earth on the central public school grounds was due to a cave-in at the Hollinger. These smart rumour-mongers even placed the cave-in at the mine at the 300-ft. level. Apparently neither facts nor sense count with these people. It is getting now so that no thoughtful man will believe anything whispered about the Hollinger, unless it is something creditable to the mine, in which case it is likely to be true.

Reports by prospectors and others indicate that this year there are immense armies of blackflies and mosquitoes. Those in the bush are having a most uncomfortable time; in some cases, an unbearable time; through the activities of these blood-thirsty pests. One old-timer of the North who had just returned from the bush, said this week that the mosquitoes and blackflies are working two shifts. The blackflies work hard all day long, and the mosquitoes put in the graveyard shift. The blackflies and mosquitoes were bad last year, this old-timer says, but he adds that compared to this season, there were no blackflies or mosquitoes at all last year. This old-timer gave a very sensational review of the natural history of blackflies and mosquitoes, but the language he used was so highly technical as to make it very difficult for reproduction purposes. Blackflies apparently are his favourites, if he has any preference. "They will let a man sleep," he says. The blackflies do not come in to the camps at night, while the mosquitoes can not be kept out. Hot, dry weather will kill off both mosquitoes and blackflies, which

no doubt, is why old-timers always recommend the little pests to go to a very warm climate. The old-timer is so deeply versed in mosquito lore that his technical references make it impossible to gather much information about the life and habits of the mosquito, further than to infer that they are all very bad. Regarding the black fly, however, he says that it naturally lives on the sap of trees, but will tackle any sap that comes along. "Blackflies live in the bush, drinking the sap from trees and bushes," the old-timer says, "but they prefer human gore, just as men will drink water when they have to but would rather have a little good whisky." Blackflies are not yet under Government control. In the meantime they cause a lot of annoyance to the settlers and the prospectors and others in the bush, and they have probably eaten as many people alive in this North Land as any of the famous newspaper wolves of the south.

This is a bright warm day, a rare day in this June. Yet on this day, as on the ordinary wet days recently, the murderer of Inspector Constable still goes unpunished. He is one man that should not be allowed liberty to enjoy any good days like this. The Government should have acted in this matter long ago, but the fact that they have not yet apprehended the cowardly assassin is all the more reason why there should be no further delay in the matter. If there is no one in Ontario able to discover the murderer of Inspector Constable, then the services of others should be secured.

There will be very general popular approval, among thoughtful people in regard to the attitude of the town council in regard to exercising the prerogative of refusing or revoking taxi-cab licenses for due cause. The present council may be depended upon to use their privileges wisely and fairly. To protect the council from recrimination or annoyance, the law specifically provides that the council is not compelled to give any reason for refusing any particular license. At the same time it may be taken for granted that no application will be refused for idle or improper reasons. The fact that the council is seriously considering the matter of taxi licenses means that the general standing of the taxi business will be improved, without injury to anyone. Part of the trouble in the past has been that the granting of taxi licenses has been too much a matter of simple routine.

The town council will come in for general approval and commendation for the good work accomplished whereby a material reduction of taxation has been made possible. The rate this year is lower than in any year since 1923. The rate is practically ten mills lower than last year for public school supporters and five mills less than for separate school supporters last year. It is well to note, at the same time, that while the separate school rate is still high this is a matter for which the town council has no responsibility, the school rates being set by the school boards to meet the year's requirements, and the council simply having to provide for the levy to raise what amounts may be requisitioned for school purposes. The people of Timmins will appreciate the reduction in taxes, and there will be a general disposition to say that this is one of the advantages of having a council of earnest and loyal business men.

In passing a resolution pointedly calling the attention of the Government to the bad condition of the Ferguson highway and the road from Timmins to Iroquois Falls, the Timmins town council on Monday did a public service. The recommendation that the roads should be closed to traffic until such time as they are fit to use is also a good idea. The present condition of the roads is a danger to the motorists, as well as causing loss and damage, and being a specially poor advertisement for tourists in this North Land.

## INTERESTING PERSONAL ITEMS FROM SCHUMACHER

Visitors To and From Schumacher and Other Items of Schumacher News.

Schumacher, June 25th, 1928. Special to The Advance.

Mrs. C. Jueksch and son, Clifford, left on Saturday to visit relatives at Rouyn, Quebec.

Mrs. R. S. Eady, of Matheson, was a recent visitor in town.

Mrs. J. A. Bush left on Saturday, 23rd inst., to spend the holiday season at the home of her parents in Toronto.

Mr. Clement Corrigan, of Rouyn, arrived in town on Sunday and will spend a brief holiday with friends in Schumacher.

Miss B. M. Shaw, principal of South Porcupine public school, presided at the Entrance Exams. held here this week.

Mrs. J. Hawkins and daughter, Miss Gertrude, left on 23rd inst to spend a few weeks with friends in Orillia and also to visit other points of interest in Southern Ontario.

Mr. J. A. Bush was one of the presiding officers at the examinations in Cochrane during the early part of the week.

The public school will close on Friday, 29th inst. and re-open on Tuesday, Sept. 4th.

Mrs. D. Newlands and daughter Miss Sada left on Sunday for an extended holiday visit with friends in the southern part of the province.

## JURY GIVES VERDICT IN DEATH OF R. NEEFHAM

An inquest was held last Thursday afternoon into the death of R. Neefham at the Hollinger on June 18th. Mr. H. E. Montgomery, the coroner, presided, and Mr. Geo. Cole, Mines Inspector, assisted in the conduct of the enquiry, while Mr. S. A. Caldwell, Crown Attorney, was also present to assist. Mr. R. Asselstine was foreman of the jury. A number of witnesses were heard, but no one actually saw the accident or was in position to know definitely how the tragedy occurred. Evidence was given showing that the motor had been examined and found in excellent shape not many hours previous to the accident, and any injury to the motor seemed to be due to the accident. After carefully considering all the evidence available the jury brought in a verdict to the effect that R. Neefham came to his death on June 18th due to the motor which he was running jumping the track and crushing him against the rock. "We attach no blame to anyone," concluded the verdict.

## LOCAL CROATIANS SEND SYMPATHY TO BEREAVED

Wreaths Arranged for in Honour of the Members of Parliament Murdered at Belgrade.

The Croatians and other Jugo-Slavs in the Timmins and Schumacher district have expressed the deepest indignation at the outrage in the parliament at Belgrade last week when two popular and prominent Croatians were shot, dying from their wounds, and four others were more or less seriously wounded. There are several hundred Jugo-Slavs in this camp, the majority of them being Croatians. They held several sessions of their society last week and put on record their deep sympathy with the families and friends of those killed and injured. The crime at Belgrade is generally accepted as the most tragic occurrence in Jugo-Slavia since the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga twenty-five years ago. Resolutions have been forwarded to the Consul for transmission to Belgrade urging the limit of punishment on the man responsible for the deaths and wounding. A cable of sympathy has also been sent to the headquarters of the Peasants' Party, to which the dead and injured belonged. Wreaths also were arranged for to be placed on the coffins of the murdered men, the arrangements for this being made by cable by the local Croatians, Mr. Ivan Krankovich being the leader of their society here. Services will also likely be held here in honour of the memory of the men who are considered martyrs to love of Croatia and its people.

Punio Ratchitch, Radical deputy, a Montenegrin, and a fierce upholder of the present Government at Belgrade, was the man who did the shooting. The crime occurred on Wednesday last during a session of the national assembly. Stefan Raditch, the leader of the Peasant Party, had been carrying on strenuous opposition to the progress of Government business. In a heated speech he referred to Government members as swine because they were attempting to force through a treaty he believed detrimental. He refused to withdraw the offensive words and Ratchitch, flourishing a revolver, rushed upon Raditch. Paul Raditch, a nephew of the leader, threw himself before his uncle in efforts to protect him. Paul fell dead from a bullet. Stefan Raditch was seriously wounded, more than one bullet finding a mark in him. Dr. Basaritchek, a Croatian deputy, was so gravely wounded that he died on the way to the hospital. Three other deputies also received serious bullet wounds. Ratchitch made his escape from the chamber during the confusion, but later surrendered to the authorities.

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FOR RENT—Two-roomed shack. Apply to 6 Birch St. North. -26p

FOR RENT—Four-roomed house with two fenced lots and water. Apply to 159 Spruce St. South. -25p

FURNISHED HOUSE TO RENT—For July and August. All conveniences. Apply at 5 Bannerman Ave. -26p

TO RENT—A boarding house of fifteen rooms all furnished. Has cement basement. Reasonable rent. Apply to Mrs. Maki, rear in basement of 68 Third Ave. 25-26p

TO RENT—4-roomed fully modern suite for rent. Above Timmins Provisions store, corner of Third and Balsam. Apply to Timmins Provisions. -26p

TO RENT—A three-roomed house. Located at Corner of Elm St. and Third Ave. Apply to Mrs. Lawlor, 3 Elm St. South. -26p

TO RENT—Three-roomed furnished house. Apply to B. F. Lennan, 60 Elm St. corner Broadway and Elm. -26t.f.

TO RENT—Two-roomed furnished shack. Very comfortable. Apply to Mrs. C. Swanson, 58 Golden Ave., Phone 18, South Porcupine, Ont. -26

FOR RENT OR FOR SALE—Lady Laurier Hotel, Cedar St. South, Timmins. For further particulars apply to Mrs. J. L. Gignac, Box 126, New Liskeard, Ont. -25t.f.

HOUSE TO RENT—Seven-roomed house, with water and lights; hot water tank and heater in kitchen; possession by July 2nd. \$35.00 per month. Apply to 35 Toke St. -26p

STORE AND BASEMENT TO RENT—Centrally located. Good for garage or wholesale house. Also 2 and 4-room flats for rent. Apply to No. 11 Spruce street, south, at 12 noon or after 6 p.m. -26-29p

TO RENT—7-Roomed house, bathroom, hot and cold water, steam heated. Also 3 rooms to rent, bath, hot and cold water, steam heated. Big apartment to rent, steam heated, suitable for business. Apply to 15 Mountjoy street. 26-29p

PROPERTY FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Lot on Tamarack St. Cash or terms. For further particulars apply to Box P.W. Advance Office. -26p

FOR SALE—Two lots very cheap. Also several new houses with lots at \$100.00 down and reasonable terms arranged. Apply at 159 Spruce St. South. -25p

LOT FOR SALE—On Hollinger Lane. Bargain for quick sale. Apply to 61 Balsam St., South, or P.O. Box 603, Timmins. -22-26p

HOTEL FOR SALE—\$3,000 Down will buy the Lady Laurier Hotel, Cedar street, Timmins. For particulars, write to Mrs. J. L. Gignac, Box 126, New Liskeard, Ont.

FOR SALE—Two buildings, 60 by 108 feet, on main street, Nos. 39 and 41 Third Ave. Good location. Will sell cheap; owners leaving town. Apply on premises. -23-26p

PROPERTY FOR SALE—Two houses on same lot. Will sell for \$1500.00, with reasonable terms. Brings in \$45.00 per month rent. Also a three-roomed shack to rent for \$15 per month; partly furnished. Apply to 25 Sixth avenue, rear. -25-27p

FARM FOR SALE—All live stock consisting of 9 head of cattle, 3 horses, 150 hens and chickens, 6 pigs, wagons, 2 sets of sleighs, threshing mill, and harness. Farm has 160 acres, 27 acres being cleared. Crop is sown. Apply to A. Chenier, Lot 8, Con. 3, Township of Mountjoy. 24-27

HOUSES FOR SALE

HOUSE FOR SALE—5-roomed house. Apply 24 Kirby avenue. -26p

FOR SALE—Fully modern, five-room house. Apply 24 James avenue. -26p

FOR SALE—Well-finished six-roomed house with all conveniences. Apply at 108 Maple St. South. 24-26p

FOR SALE—A small house with two rooms well finished, and one room roughly finished. Has water, toilet and lights. Good vegetable garden in rear and grass lawn in front. In good locality. Apply to 172 Birch St. North. -25-27p

### NURSING

EXPERIENCED PRACTICAL MATERNITY NURSE—Open for engagements. Could stay whole or part time. Apply to 17 Kimberley Ave. -26p

### ARTICLES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Three-burner oil stove, with oven. Phone 358J. -26p

FOR SALE—Maxwell Roadster price \$175.00. In good running condition. Apply at 62 Maple St. South. 23-26t

FOR SALE—One kitchen range and 16-foot Chestnut canoe. Apply to 56 Maple St. South. 23t.f.

BABY CARRIAGE FOR SALE—In good condition. Very reasonable. Apply to 10 Sixth Ave. -26

FOR SALE—8-piece dining-room suite in good condition. A real bargain. Terms arranged if desired. Apply to 5 Birch St. South. 26-27p

THREE ELECTRIC FANS FOR SALE, with motors. Apply at Windsor Hotel, 6 Cedar St. South. -26t.f.

FOR SALE—One set of single harness, extra heavy; also one box wagon. Apply to W. Bromley, Gold Centre, Schumacher. 25-27p

OUTBOARD MOTOR ENGINE CHEAP FOR QUICK SALE. Apply 7 Cedar street, south, or 61 First avenue. -26-28p

COAL OIL STOVE PERFECTION, AND OVEN FOR SALE. Also wringer and stand. Apply to 31 Bannerman avenue. 26p

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

FOR SALE—Piano, bed and spring, one folding bed, also small gramophone and records. Cheap for cash. Apply to 52 Third Ave. -26t.f.

FOR SALE—McClary range, with waterfront. Good condition. Apply to Mrs. H. E. Waddell, Fourth Ave., Schumacher, Ont. 25-27

FOR SALE—New Perfection 3-burner coal oil stove, with oven. Also kitchen cook stove. Apply to 23 Messines Ave. 25p

FOR SALE—Four large Verandah screens in good condition. Two of them are 6 feet 6 inches by 3 feet 6 inches; other two are 4 feet 6 inches by 3 feet 6 inches. Will sell cheap. Apply to 35 Toke St. 26p

FOR SALE—At a sacrifice for immediate sale a dining room suite, including a buffet, table and chairs in Old English. Also a Quebec heater, and cooker; living room table. Apply to 61 Maple St. North. -26p

FOR SALE—One 3-burner Campbell fireless cooker. Can be used without extra wiring in any house. Also Weaver aluminum cooking utensils fit stove. Apply to Mrs. C. R. Murdock, 95 Kirby Ave. -26p

FOR SALE CHEAP—1 Hobart Electric meat chopper, 1 horse power; 1 cheese cutter, 1 meat block, 1 refrigerator, 2 counters, one lot of shelving. Apply to The Family Grocery, Phone 573, or Box 1540, Timmins. -13t.f.

### LOST

LOST—Man's gold watch. Reward. Phone 567M. -26

LOST—An Eastern Star Lodge pin between I.O.O.F. hall and river on Sunday, June 24th. Finder please return to 8 Gillies St. North and receive reward. -26

LOST—A book containing passport, naturalization papers and other articles, lost in Moneta. Finder please return to Advance Office. 25-27p

LOST—\$10.00 between Sixth Ave., corner Elm St., New Idea Store, and D. Krakana's. Finder please return to New Idea Cash and Delivery or 119 Elm St. North. -26p

### ROOMS

TO RENT—Comfortable furnished room with all conveniences. Apply to 7 Tamarack St. -26

ROOMS TO RENT—All conveniences. Apply to 68 Birch St. South or phone 783W. 25-26p

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET in private house. Apply to 10 Maple street north. -25-27p

TO LET—Furnished front room. Breakfast if desired or full board. All modern conveniences. Apply at 82 Fifth Ave. 26-28p

TO RENT—One large furnished bed room, in private home. All conveniences. Apply to 3 Elm St. South. -26p

FURNISHED ROOMS TO RENT—All modern conveniences. Nice and clean. Rent \$10.00 per month. Apply to 5 1/2 Fifth Ave. or phone 64. 26-28p

TWO FURNISHED ROOMS TO RENT—With all conveniences. Breakfast if desired. Private House. Apply at 114 Elm St. South. 26-28p