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GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

To one and all The Advance very sincerely wishes a very merry Christmas,—and no ill effects.

It is a pity that the clever gentleman who thought he added an hour to the day by monkeying with the clock couldn't do something to the calendar so that a day or two could be added to Christmas.

The appeal made to the Dominion Government by Mr. Jos. Bradette, M.P., for some form of public works in the North to assist the settlers who suffered serious loss this year through inability to harvest the crops on account of the continued rains did not meet with success. At the same time it is pleasing to note that Mr. Bradette did his best and that best was good. The member for this riding is always interested in all matters that affect the people of this North and is always ready and anxious to do anything possible to assist the interests of his constituents. The Government took the attitude that any assistance to the North Land settlers should come from the Provincial Government. On the face of it, there might seem to be some grounds for such an attitude, but one phase of the matter should not be forgotten. For some years the Dominion Government contributed to the work of road building in the various provinces, paying in proportion to the amount contributed for road work by the provinces and municipalities. In this money the North Land did not share, because the roads here were under the Northern Development branch and not under the Highways Department dealing with the Dominion Government. If the Dominion Government would give some of this road work money now it would greatly assist the North. The Provincial Government is doing its part in very earnest way and if the Dominion supported the Province as was done in years past in regard to roads in other parts of Ontario the result would be very satisfactory. It should be remembered that years past the Dominion Government has collected large revenues in this North Land for customs and excise duties, income tax, and other forms of Dominion taxation. In return for revenue paid to the Dominion in this way the North Land has received practically nothing. Timmins for instance, has contributed literally millions of dollars to the Dominion treasury in the past few years and all that has come in return has been a \$3,000.00 dock at the Mattagami river, a free gun and a site for a post office. Now, when the settlers need all the employment they can receive, would be an excellent time for the Dominion to pay out some of the money contributed by the North to the Federal treasury.

The Advance is informed that there are eight express delivery rigs in service in North Bay. There are only two in Timmins. This seems out of all proportion to the size of the two places. If North Bay needs eight delivery trucks for express work, the average man would be inclined to say that Timmins should have at least six or seven, instead of the two now in service here. The express delivery here is usually very good, and employees seem to make every possible effort to accommodate the public promptly and pleasantly. But if there are only two express delivery rigs here it is easy to understand that the express company employees are working under an impossible handicap. In fairness to the town, the company and the courteous, hard-working and earnest employees of the express service, the company should see that the number of delivery rigs is increased so as to give fair chance to handle the business without unnecessary hardship.

Some of the newspapers these days are featuring an item to the effect that a man in New York was recently sentenced to prison for life for the theft of forty-five cents. Of course, there is no truth in such an item. Not even in New York would they give a ridiculous sentence of that kind. The truth is that the life sentence was imposed for continued and confirmed criminality. Several of the States of the United States have special laws whereby confirmed criminals are put away permanently with a view to relieving the community from the annoyance and loss of their depredations. New York has such a law, and the offender in question being convicted for the fourth criminal offence was given the life term according to the law. It is unfair and unreasonable to suggest that the life sentence was imposed for the last petty crime for which he was convicted. It is just as well to keep things straight and fair.

The arrest of the editor of a Finnish newspaper at Sudbury last week on the charge of seditious libel should direct police attention to the improper activities of some holding the doctrine of communism. A certain class of alien communists, for purposes of their own,—one chief purpose being to make a living without working,—are playing on the lack of knowledge of their fellow countrymen and attempting to force their odd ideas on all. In attempting to spread their communist doctrines some highly improper methods are certainly used. This has been very evident in regard to Sudbury district, where intimidation and threats are said to be freely employed to coerce all the Finnish people to accept the communist creed of the few. There has been little of this persecution in Timmins, perhaps, but even a little is too much. The communists are openly advocating the reversal of the political and religious beliefs of the Canadian people. They are said to be instilling disloyal and anti-religious ideas into the minds of the young people so as to secure a generation that will be viciously opposed to all the ideals of government and religion that are held dear by

Canadians. Surely no one thinks it wise to let these improper activities continue. To talk about liberty of speech and opinion is senseless. The communists in their own small way have demonstrated how little liberty of thought or expression, or what have you, they will tolerate. Any Finlander who does not fully agree with the opinions and orders of the communist leaders knows how utterly intolerant those leaders are. It is not liberty of expression that is aimed at, but the plan seems to be no more than a deliberate attempt to upset all present systems of government and religion without any promise of compensating advantages for men of Canadian and British ideas. Canadians generally are satisfied in general with their own religion and form of government. If the aliens find it intolerant or objectionable, there is only the one reasonable answer. Surely it would be more sensible to expect a few thousand to move to some other country where conditions suit them, rather than to require some millions of people to desert what they hold dear and please a few wild communists. If true liberty is to be maintained the communists must be sternly taught that the rights of the majority will be protected. Some argue that the best way is to let the agitators talk and work until they tire themselves out. "Let them blow off steam!" is one expression along this line. Surely they should not be allowed to blow off steam that will scald the passerby,—to puff hot steam into the faces of children nearby, as it were! It is regrettable that the policy of non-interference has been too often followed by the Dominion authorities. It is a fine excuse for a lazy man for lack of action. It may save the officials considerable trouble, but it breeds trouble for the people in general. It is also highly unfair to the foreigners who may be loyal to this new country. There are hundreds of such foreigners who find conditions so much better in this country than in the land from which political trouble may have driven them, are naturally inclined to like this new land and adopt its ways and standards. But the communist element at once brings pressure to bear upon them; they are persecuted in small ways and perhaps in larger manner; the communists are against them because of their inclination to loyalty to the country; and any complaint made against communist activity is met by the reply, "Oh, let the blow off steam!" The innocent and law-abiding should be protected from the improper attitude of the ingrate communists. It will mean much study and labour and effort, but surely it is worth it.

Some Toronto communist publications are said to have made objectionable comments recently about the King and Country, and the authorities excused their lack of action in the matter by saying that certain of the communists sought for publicity and to have their names published far and wide and the officials did not wish to accommodate them. Was it not in Toronto in a case against a doctor for illegal practices that a learned judge saved a young man and lady from all publicity by ordering the press to refer to them only by initials in reporting their story of how they prevailed the doctor to commit the crime? Could not the services of this learned judge be enlisted to see that the communist celebrities were referred to only by numbers? Perhaps a little publicity on what these alien agitators are saying and doing might rouse to action that would save a lot of innocent and well-disposed foreigners from disaffection and trouble.

All this talk about telling children the truth about Santa Claus is the veriest piece of absurd nonsense. To hear people discuss it, one would think that children knew no more than adults. Parents do not tell their children the truth about other things, so why pick on dear old Santa Claus? What parent takes his boy or girl aside and explains to the child that its noble father was once in jail for bootlegging or evading his income tax, or that he married for money, or that his money was made by oppression or graft or what not? Oh, no, the parent does not tell those unpleasant truths. He thinks the child will find out soon enough for himself or herself! And the child does, you may be sure! And the child knows now the truth—the real truth—about Santa Claus. Trust a child to ferret out the truth! With the clear vision of childhood and the child's knowledge and appreciation of symbols the child knows there is a Santa Claus. The child knows it by the very atmosphere at Christmas time. It is a part of the great world of imagery and fancy, that is more real to the child than more solid substances.

The Advance believes in Santa Claus! Why not! Look what Santa Claus brought in answer to an open letter in these columns last Christmas. The Advance asked dear old Santa for seven gifts, and in filling the stocking Santa Claus acted in his proverbial way. When the little lad had asked for a real live dog of his own for Christmas, Santa Claus brought him a woolly wooden one. Where he had begged for a soldier suit, he got a tin sword in reply. So it goes with Santa. It proves that he is Santa Claus. Look at the returns from the requests of The Advance upon old Santa. The first present asked was a post office for Timmins. Santa at least has seen the lot is bought for a site. The second request was for the belt line of roads for the North. Santa has done fairly well on this, though it has taken all year to do it. But the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade has endorsed the proposed belt line, so have the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario, and the Government appears quite sympathetic. Some progress there, dear Santa. Many thanks for further favours along this line. The third present asked was the "arrest, conviction and punishment of the murderer of Inspector Constable in 1926." At least Santa Claus has seen that a man has been arrested in this connection. The fourth request was for a railway to Kamiskotia and Kapuskasing. Santa Claus has done something to provide this, but it looks as if it might be next Christmas before it is in the stocking. A permanent game warden for the Porcupine area was the fifth present asked, and this came along in first-class order and is much appreciated. The sixth request,—for a community building in Timmins,—has been completely ignored. Have a heart, Santa, this is very important. The seventh and final request was granted in the most complete fashion. The Advance asked for as good a council for the town in 1928 as in 1927, and the year has shown that this was one gift given with all good will by dear old Santa. Looking back to the issue of Dec. 15th, 1927, it must be admitted that Santa Claus has done well. But he might have done better? He can do better! He has all time to do it in! Go to it, Santa Claus.

deem the loss sustained on Tuesday at Iroquois Falls. Kirkland Lake also has a promising hockey aggregation and they are coming to South End with the intention of winning. It is understood that Kirkland Lake fans intend to come to South Porcupine in full force, a special train from Kirkland Lake being arranged for. Timmins and Schumacher fans should be out in force, as both the train service and the special bus service from this end of the camp make attendance at the event very easy and convenient.

The surface of the earth contains 55,000,000 square miles of land and 141,000,000 square miles of water.

WORSHIPPERS DISTURBED BY COMMUNISTS HERE

Those Differing From the "Reds" Also Subjected to Ridicule and Abuse on Occasion

When The Advance this week discussed with Rev. Mr. Lappala, United Church minister to the Finnish people here, the interviews given by Rev. Mr. Jones at Sudbury in which reference was made to interference by communists with Finnish people who did not accept the communist doctrine, Rev. Mr. Lappala said that unfortunately there had been something of the same sort in Timmins. The communists made determined effort to interfere with the work of the church. Lies were told about those engaged in any church activities, and even those simply attending church services were not free from ridicule and implied threats from the communist element. At the first service conducted here by Rev. Mr. Lappala there were forty present, but the majority were afraid to come again. Finnish people who wished to become good Canadians were ridiculed and effort made to prevent them going to church or associating with those who did. At the church services the communists apparently had spies present and the names of all attending were secured and they were told they had better not go again. The persecution that followed defiance of the orders of the communists took the form very frequently of ridicule and abuse. Fingers would be pointed at the men or women who refused to accept the communist doctrine and abusive names and terms would be hurled at them. Every effort would be made to ostracize them among their fellow Finlanders. On one occasion while a communion service was being held by Rev. Mr. Lappala a number of the Red element among the Finns gathered at the door, cursing and swearing and disturbing the service. When the people came out from the service they had to pass through regular volleys of swearing and abusive words. It would be well for the communist element among the Finns to remember that this sort of thing will not be tolerated forever in this country. The law distinctly allows freedom of worship and punished those contemptible enough to interfere with the religious rights of others. Any policy of persecution or intimidation, whether by insulting remarks or ridicule is also punishable by law. There is undoubtedly a large body of the Finnish people,—undoubtedly, indeed, a majority in this district,—who respect this adopted country of theirs and have a perfect right to follow their own ideas of loyalty to the land that has certainly given them improved prospects, enlarged freedom, and kindly treatment. To the Finlanders or other newcomers to this country who do not want to follow the unsportsmanlike and ungrateful tactics of the communists, The Advance would suggest that they disregard the threats of the Reds and defy them. In case of any annoyance of any kind from these fellows who are trying to cram their degenerate ideas down the throats of their fellow countrymen, simply call in the police. At present the provincial police are under special instructions to stop any of this interference with the rights of peaceable people. There is every reason to believe that the interference with the law-abiding Finns who do not show enthusiasm for communist doctrine is not nearly so serious as it is in the Sudbury district. But if there is any of it here, it is altogether too much, and the offenders should be sternly dealt with. Warning is given to those Finns who are loyal to this country not to be terrorized into siding with the cowardly bullies who are attempting to bring all Finlanders into disfavour. From present indications it is evident that a lot of the alien agitators will be deported or otherwise dealt with, and it would be too bad if perfectly good Finlanders, just through unjustified lack of courage should risk being classed with the offenders.

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FOR SALE—Portable phonograph, \$15. Mason Risch piano. Apply easy terms. Gagnon Agency, 131/2 Pine street, south. -51

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FOR SALE—One Male and one Female Pit Bull Terrier Pup 10 weeks old. Both Pedigreed and Registered. \$4.00 and \$8.00 each. Apply 52 Laurier Ave., Townsite. -51p

FOR SALE—Christmas Special—Stanford Piano with bench to match \$375. No charge for delivery. Term \$10 cash and very easy payments on balance. J. T. Heffernan, 46 Third Ave. 50p

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NOTICE—Mrs. Oscar Brissette, 54 Avenue Road, gives notice that she will not be responsible for any debts incurred by her husband, Oscar Brissette, after this date. Dated at Timmins, Dec. 7th, 1928. 50-51p

FOUND

FOUND—A brown leather change purse with key and button inside, at High School commencement. Owner may have same by calling at High School or 40 Way Ave. and paying for advt. 51p

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Young girl capable of doing housework. Apply to 54 Fifth Ave. -51p

BOOKKEEPER WANTED for South Porcupine office of Northern Ontario Light and Power Co. Limited. Apply by letter to Drawer "S", New Liskeard, Ont. 51-52

Welsh Male Voice Choir for Christmas Morning

A special feature at the services to be held in the United Church, Timmins, on Christmas morning, Dec. 25, at 11 a.m., will be the Welsh Male Voice Choir. It will be a musical morning and music-lovers will be pleased indeed with this choir of fine Welsh voices. The Welsh people are noted for their musical talent, and it is well known in Timmins there are a large number of particularly good Welsh voices, and a number of these have been gathered together for the musical Christmas morning event. The Welsh Male Voice Choir has been practicing

Kirkland Lake Team at South Porcupine Friday

The second game in the N.O.H.A. senior series for this northern group will be played at South Porcupine on Friday (tomorrow) when Kirkland Lake and South Porcupine will try conclusions. The puck will be faced at 8.15 p.m. sharp, and it should be an interesting match. South Porcupine has a good team and they will be out to rival late and those who have had the privilege of hearing them in rehearsal look forward to a special musical treat on Christmas morning at the United Church.