

**NORTH BAY MAN DIES FROM HEART ATTACK LAST WEEK**

Joseph McGonegal, well-known in Timmins and the North on account of his connection with the T. & N. O. Railway, died suddenly on Thursday night at his home in North Bay, from heart trouble. He was 64 years of age and had been a resident of North Bay for 28 years. For 21 years the late Mr. McGonegal had been on the staff of the T. & N. O. Railway. He was born in Westmeath, Renfrew county. Previous to coming to North Bay he lived at Marquette, Mich., for two years. He was married in 1891 to Miss Elizabeth Livingstone, Cobden. Besides his wife, surviving are two sons, Wendell, Toronto, and Gerald at home; a daughter, Miss Gertrude McGonegal, at home; two brothers, James of North Bay and William, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and four sisters, Mrs. W. Lidka, North Bay; Mrs. R. F. McCrea, Saskatoon, Sask.; Mr. D. J. Sykes, Swift Current, Sask., and Mrs. J. Robertson, Pembroke, Ont. The funeral took place on Monday of this week and was very largely attended, Rev. H. A. Sims conducting the services.



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**Canada Misrepresented by Finn Paper, Says Minister**

**Sudbury Pastor Calls on Newcomers to Canada to Realize Their Liberties. Says New Arrivals Subjected to Form of "Third Degree" by Red Element. Gives Cases of Tactics That Should Not be Tolerated.**

Because the attitude of some of the Finlanders at Sudbury is likely to turn British Canadians against all Finlanders generally, and because of the many features of the case that may have possible application to Timmins the full text of a statement issued by Rev. J. D. Jones, superintendent of non-Anglo-Saxon work for the Sudbury presbytery of the United Church, is given herewith:—

"I would like to make clear my position in this campaign against the utterances of the Finnish paper Vapaus. "First, being an Englishman with some knowledge of the centuries of struggle through which the British achieved self-government and erected her magnificent institutions, I feel that only ignorance of the British system would permit any nationalistic group to try to destroy what another great people has created and by its best genius is still seeking to perfect. The King, a most democratic gentleman, greatly beloved by the British throughout the empire for his genuine worth and esteemed because he has recognized himself as the chief servant of the empire, with duties as well as privileges; the King stands for all the Britisher holds dear in the vast system of law, order, government, liberty, literature, art and education and all the other multitudinous things which comprise the priceless heritage of the British people. Not lightly can such benefits be surrendered. They took ages to build up. The King stands to the British race as the symbol of these rich values. To attack the King is to attack the vast heritage for which he stands as well as to attack one who certainly has done his duty to the full and gone the second mile beyond. To attack the King at this time of his suffering when nations are filled with sorrow and sympathy is not only a possible criminal offence, but it is the height of effrontery and the same abuse of privilege.

"The editors of Vapaus have no sense of the proprieties of the situation. They with their compatriots are in Canada,

strangers in a land of opportunity; what can be behind the attempt to lightly destroy the civilization they have chosen to reside in without any attempt to understand what it means, but brazen effrontery and senseless egotism?"

"Let it be understood that these Red Finns compose but a portion of the Finnish people who reside in Canada. Let it also be stated with joy that the average and unsullied Finn, the White Finn has few equals among the racial groups of the earth. The White Finns make the best possible immigrants, absolutely fit, capable, willing, sturdy, honest and dependable. The Red Finn is a menace in Finland as well as here. The battle was fought out in Finland recently and the Red group was conquered, stable government given to the people and the Finnish people are on the high way to racial distinction after centuries of oppression.

"Second, and this is to me very important, the Red organization under the leadership of Vapaus, grossly misrepresents Canada to every Finnish immigrant capable of being brought under its domination.

"Indeed the domination of Vapaus has long been virulent, oppressive and abusive, so that we have wondered how long will it be before the Finns in Canada break down this tyranny?"

"The problem of reaching the pronounced Red is this, that he is named a traitor who dares to read any other paper than Vapaus or Communistic papers of like type. Vapaus steadily refuses even to print church notices or anything but what suits the editors to give the people. Now then, see how the thing works. The White Finns have usually kept silent. The Reds are organized to a finish. Each immigrant is met early after arrival and in the course of two weeks is taken aside, sometimes in a small room where a small committee sits and the newly arrived person is put under questions similar to the old 'Third Degree' so much condemned in some places as means whereby confessions may be forced from criminals. They are asked to tell their family history, whether Reds or Whites, and if Reds there is little fuss, but if Whites then there is trouble enough. We have a number of confessions of people who have been subjected to this abusive quizzing conducted under threats to certify that the Finns in Canada live under a reign of terror.

"Two girls arrived in an Ontario town and for several weeks were harassed by the Reds, threatened, shadowed, bullied until they lived in terror. Their confession suggests the dark ages instead of liberty and Canada. Another man who arrived within the past year after two weeks in Canada was invited to a Red boarding house where he found himself in an unfriendly atmosphere with five men ready to bully him into the Red organization. They questioned him for two hours about his associations in Finland and learning that his people were White Finns placed abusive questions before him.

"What is worse about the movement is this fact elicited from several victims, that questionnaires are sent to Finnish Reds for information to be used against unwilling White Finns in Canada in hope that by threats their membership can be forced.

"These are not occasional tactics, but the recognized procedure of the Reds until they constitute a reign of terror and force the Finnish people to live far beneath their privilege in Canada.

"My second interest in this campaign is then to seek by publicity and by any means at my disposal to inform all these Finnish people that they don't have to submit to these exploiting, money grabbing, bludgeoning Reds, to tell them that under Canadian law they are free to live their best life and develop their best selfhood unmolested by tyranny from any quarter. If these people wish to go to church, that they may go without threats and losses being meted out to them.

"That they may read anything they consider worth while and the wider the range of their reading the better for them and that their first duty in Canada is to understand Canadian history, law, government, procedure, so as to work in harmony and help build up the common heritage.

"My third desire is to show that the present campaign of the Reds is working evil to the whole Finnish people in Canada. It is making them a people not wanted. Already a number of employers declare they will not employ Finns at any price and others are taking the same stand. Groups of Reds in any plant constitute a menace and have to be broken up repeatedly for safety. This necessity works to the Finnish disadvantage, every member of the racial group being loser, Whites as well as Reds; Reds as well as Whites.

"The fourth objective is not so immediately important, but I challenge the Reds to prove their 'Communism' by their works. Why does not Vapaus for instance practice Communism? If Communism is a practical goal, why not demonstrate its worth by actual Communism. But Vapaus is a capitalistic movement, and the whole organization of the Reds is an exploiting organized movement, with the supreme objection of inflaming the Finns until

they give money willingly and freely to the Vapaus exchequer.

"I would like to assure all the Finns in Canada that the Government of Canada is a 'People's Government,' not an autocracy bent upon slavery, but a democracy bent upon service, and that this government will protect every Finn who makes simple request for such protection to the authorities. I would like to assure them that the people of Canada almost to a unit resent attitudes insanely destructive, utterly unconstructive and set forth by irresponsible people who refuse to practice and demonstrate as feasible what they want through ruthless bloodshed and revolution to force upon a whole nation. If Communism is possible for the many it must be possible for the few. Let Vapaus demonstrate the thing as workable and desirable. Let the demonstration be such that it will commend itself to the electorate of the land and then by peaceful means evolve to the goal.

"Meanwhile Canada is governed by the people and for the people as a whole, not for groups of disordered malcontents who fatten upon confusion, anarchy, propaganda and terror.

"Meanwhile Vapaus is the only paper which reaches these people generally. Five times a week this paper enters homes with its message of hate, with its inflammatory content; what can be the fruit of such constant reading but a spirit of discontent and an intention to help the revolution?"

"The pity of it. This vicious evil is being worked upon one of the finest racial groups entering Canada. What can be done effectively to save the Finn from blight that he might take his proper place in the progress of the nation?"

"There is a hopeful note to sound. There are many Reds who are heartily sick of the whole propaganda. One Red warrior who fought in the recent civil war in Finland awakened to the real objectives of the Reds and he was joyous when he heard of the movement recently started against the editor of Vapaus. There are many who have suffered many things of these Reds who rejoice that the time of their liberation is near. Then the Whites are coming out in self defence so that the future is brighter far than some even dared to hope a while back.

**COBALT BOY HAD HIS HIP BADLY GASHED BY NAIL**

The Northern News in its Cobalt section last week says:—"Albert Munroe, second oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Munroe, received a bad cut on his side on Tuesday, December 11th. Albert along with some other boys, was playing on the roof of the building at the back of the Baptist Church. Sliding down the roof he was caught by a six inch rusty spike which tore through through his clothing and made a nasty cut in his hip. Miss Holland, who was at the school house rendered first aid before Mr. Munroe took him to Dr. Case's office. It was found that the spike had broken off in the cut and after it had been removed several stitches had to be used to close the wound."

**Joint Dance by Legion and A.S.D. on Dec. 31st.**

There will be great interest in the New Year's Eve ball under the joint auspices of the Canadian Legion and A.S.D. Club, in the Masonic hall on Monday evening of next week, Dec. 31st, dancing commencing at 9.30 p.m. There will be all sorts of novelties and features,—hats, horns, balloons, etc.—and the New Year will come in with the real festive spirit.

The Canadian Legion and the A.S.D. Club are out to make this the biggest good time of 1928 and 1929. Both the Legion and the A.S.D. have a long list of successes to their credit in the way of social events of this kind, and with the two joining forces as for the event here on Dec. 31st it should be an outstanding success that will be long remembered in Timmins and district.

London (England) Punch:—Mr. John L. Pilgrim, of London, has crossed the Atlantic for the hundred-and-fiftieth time. Earlier Pilgrims found once enough.

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