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GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Recently The Advance made objection to one item in The Pembroke Standard-Observer in which it was plainly stated that a man was sentenced at Toronto to two years in prison and ten lashes for stealing \$1.75. The Standard-Observer also compared this severe sentence with the milder terms of imprisonment given Ottawa brokers who defrauded the public out of large sums. The Advance pointed out that it was unfair and untrue to state that the man in Toronto was given two years and the lash for the theft of \$1.75, or any other amount, the fact being that the severe sentence was for committing highway robbery and using a gun in this evil work. The point was also made by the sentence on the Ottawa brokers was too lenient, there certainly was no reasonable grounds for considering the armed thug who threatened human life was too harshly dealt with when he was given a stiff term and the lash. Last week The Pembroke Standard-Observer attempts a reply to The Advance, using the heading, "Missed the Point." If anyone is missing the point it would seem to be misrepresentation that has insidious ill effects to state that a man receives a two-year term and the lash for stealing \$1.75, while the truth is that he was sentenced for highway robbery under arms. As to the comparison between the frauds perpetrated by the brokers referred to, The Advance has no excuses to offer for these criminals, but to repeat, as The Pembroke Standard-Observer did last week, "that the highwayman with a gun is no greater menace to the public than his more respectable appearing confrere" is surely to "miss the point." It is just such loose reasoning as appeals to thoughtless people and creates wrong standards. To class fraudulent brokers with thugs with guns is certainly far from cool reason. It is the sort of thing that has featured the attitude of certain sensational newspapers in the United States and it, perhaps, has had more influence than may be suspected by many in creating the conditions that have cursed administration of the law across the boundary line. Its tendency has been not to assure more severe sentences for those committing frauds against the public, but to create a maudlin sentimentality for the thug. In the British Isles a very clear distinction is made between robbery and robbery under arms. There the very fact that a man is carrying a gun or other weapon when bent on any crime assures him a very severe sentence. The inevitable result has been that robbery under arms is comparatively rare in the Old Country, while frauds against the public are by no means encouraged. It should be remembered that the thug with the gun menaces life as well as property and all should strive to have human life held in more regard than simple money. In addition, it is well to note that the public has far more protection from the fraudulent broker than from the highwayman. The latter hunts his victims, while in the case of the frauds against the public, the victim more or less hunts up his despoiler. In other words the victim may avoid the fraud, but there is no way, except by salutary sentences to curb the evil work of the thug with the gun. The Advance has nothing but the most complete condemnation for the man who defrauds the public. Such a man should be punished and punished in a way that will deter others from following in his footsteps. But that should not becloud the fact that the thug with the gun is the greater menace to society and to the life as well as the property of the people.

On more than one occasion The Advance has called attention to the serious menace to public welfare that is resulting from the practice of some large corporations in setting an absolute age limit for new employees. Paper companies in the North have set such an age limit as low as 45 years, and men older than that have been refused employment. Last week The Advance was told of a case where a man of strong physique and creditable experience with work was refused employment at one of the mines in the Porcupine because it was stated that he was over 50 years of age. Such an attitude were it to become general, in its logical effects could mean nothing but civil war. With old age pensions starting at 70 years of age, and few men rich enough to cease work twenty-five years before that, is there anyone foolish enough to believe that the thousands of men, able and experienced and strong, who happen to be over the arbitrary age limit will be content to calmly starve to death to please the office systems of any corporation? It is only the fact that a comparatively few corporations have enforced this age limit idea, that has permitted it to be tolerated at all. In itself it is absurd and impossible. The Governments will have to take cognizance of the matter, and it does appear that measures should be taken to prevent corporations whose whole basis of wealth and power comes from natural resources that primarily belong to the public from enforcing a regulation that is intrinsically so anti-social and so menacing to public safety.

Discussing unemployment and the present economic conditions in the world one friend of The Advance last week said: "The remedy is to get back to the simple life! There must be fewer luxuries, fewer radios, fewer automobiles and fewer fur coats." This is an idea that is perhaps too commonly held. The effect of such a policy, however, would be to increase the present difficulties a hundred-fold. Fewer radios, fewer automobiles and fewer fur coats would mean no more than the throwing out of employment of hundreds of thousands more men and women. Instead of helping the present situation such an attitude towards life and its luxuries would increase the evil of unemployment to the breaking point. The remedy seems to lie rather in the other extreme. The salvation of the state rests with more rather than less consumption. In these difficult times there should be the most persistent and patient effort to maintain the highest possible standards of living. No man will starve to death because another man has a radio or a silk shirt. The man who buys an automobile or a fur coat assures employment to others. The individual should look to it that he does not bring himself to want by improvidence or extravagance, but apart from this factor, it may be said that the more people busy to supply their needs the sooner the country will return to prosperity, maintaining high standards of living in the meantime.

Elsewhere in this issue reference is made to the gloomy report made by a committee to the League of Nations in regard to the future supply of gold for the world. To the pessimism of the committee on the world's supply of gold.

The North Land gave coincident reply by announcing a probable new gold field. Old-time prospectors in this district who have been through the Matachewan country tell The Advance that the formation is very favourable and they are inclined to believe that the recent find may be very important. In addition it should be noted that the known gold areas of the North Land, or what may be termed the established gold camps, have not been developed to anything approaching their extent. There is reason to believe that in Porcupine and Kirkland Lake camps new mines of importance will be developed to add to the output of the mines now producing. There is also reason to believe that Red Lake, Lightning River, Boston Creek and other gold areas will be developed. Men who are in position to know are confident that only attention skill and capital are required to secure producing gold mines in McArthur, Shaw and Bartlett townships. There is still faith in Kamikotia. There is no pessimism and no need for pessimism in this North Land.

Had the belt line of roads been built years ago, as the facts of the case seemed to urge, there would be much easier access to the new gold field in Matachewan.

In the matter of unemployment, while the greatest measure of remedy must rest with the municipal, provincial and Dominion authorities, it is well to remember that private firms and individuals can give very valuable assistance. For example, as The Advance pointed out last week, there are literally scores of men in town at present who would be delighted to be given odd jobs that would provide them with temporary relief, and many householders have such odd jobs that they could give out at the present time. It may be the work of putting up stoves, cleaning the furnace or the cellar, or putting on the storm windows. Any little job that can be given will be greatly appreciated by some man who finds it difficult to get along these days. If any reader of The Advance has any of these odd jobs that he can afford to pay for, let him just call up Mr. H. C. Garner at the Government employment office and state the case and a suitable man will be sent. This will mean but little to the householder, but it will mean a lot to the man out of work. It will give him a little money and a lot of encouragement. He will feel that he is getting some thought and consideration at this time when he is waiting for work that will give him more permanent help. Some of the unemployed men have wives and families dependent on them and in these cases the odd jobs are particularly appreciated. The men who prefer to work rather than beg are the kind that are ready to accept any sort of odd job. If you can spare the small amount involved and can think of any work that you need done, just call up Mr. Garner and he will see that some unfortunate man is thus helped and encouraged. Of course if there are bigger jobs to be done or more extended work that can be planned and carried out now, so much the better, but even the smallest of odd jobs will be appreciated by many who are earnestly seeking any sort of profitable work at present in Timmins.

A writer in The Canadian Motorist this month leaves the impression that Dr. Doolittle, president of the Canadian Automobile Association favours the route along the north shore of Lake Superior as the way to connect up the Trans-Canada highway. Frankly, The Advance does not believe that Dr. Doolittle has given any reason for suggesting such an attitude on his part. In April of 1928 Dr. Doolittle was a visitor to Timmins and addressed the Kiwanis Club at luncheon and in the evening gave an illustrated address to a public gathering in the high school auditorium, the meeting being under the joint auspices of the Timmins Board of Trade and the Home and School Association. In his address Dr. Doolittle showed himself an enthusiast for the completion of the Trans-Canada highway, but he emphasized the fact that he did not wish to be quoted as favouring any particular route as he considered the showing of any preference for one locality or another would not be in keeping with his position as president of the Canadian Automobile Association which represented all sections of Canada. He did make it clear, however, that in regard to the route along the north shore of Lake Superior he saw the objection of large costs for road building on account of the contour and formation of the country. He mentioned no difficulties along this line for the proposal to route the Trans-Canada highway along the Ferguson highway and then to Hearst and westward. He referred to the scenic attractions in the neighbourhood of Sault Ste. Marie but was equally enthusiastic in regard to the beauties of the country along the Ferguson highway and west from Cochrane. Speaking at the Kiwanis Club luncheon Dr. Doolittle said that since his last visit to Timmins the greater portion of the Trans-Canada highway had been completed and that there remained to be constructed only the link across the North Land. He pointed out that the highway extended from Fort William as far east as Nipigon; from Cochrane west the road was being completed to Hearst; while there was another strip of roadway running from Sault Ste. Marie for some distance. He pointed out that to link up the highway it was necessary to determine whether the first link should be between Nipigon and the Sault, or between Hearst and Nipigon. To settle the matter, Dr. Doolittle urged that Hon. Mr. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests should be prevailed upon to have a survey made from the air, with a view to determining the best location of the connecting section of the Trans-Canada highway. A gentleman in the audience made the comment after Dr. Doolittle's address that if an aerial survey were made there would be no doubt as to which route would be selected. This gentleman was well acquainted with the two sections of country concerned and felt sure that the rocky section along the north shore of Lake Superior would only need to be viewed by engineers to be condemned as an impractical route that would entail practically prohibitive costs. The general impression received by all who heard Dr. Doolittle on this occasion was that in his own mind he favoured the route by way of the Ferguson highway and west from Cochrane to Hearst and Nipigon, but that to preserve impartiality and non-partisanship consistent with his position in a Dominion-wide organization he sought to avoid any suggestion of preference for one section over another. A great many in Timmins who discussed the matter of the Trans-Canada highway with Dr. Doolittle, will be greatly disappointed unless he makes it clear that he has given no statement that warrants the suggestion that he favours the rocky road along the north shore of Lake Superior.

Newspapers are funny animals. Just a few months ago there were newspapers that contended quite heatedly that there was no special unemployment in Canada or if there was much unemployment it was by no means as bad as it was pictured, and, anyway, it was a universal condition and the Government was not responsible and could do nothing to remedy the situation. Now, these same newspapers see a desperate measure of unemployment; they feel that Canada is particularly oppressed by conditions; causing so much trouble in a few short months; and they call lustily upon the Governments, provincial and Dominion, to remedy the situation before the setting of the next sun or the coming of the Stars.

The secret of contentment in the newspaper business:—Never to worry over criticism, and always to be pleased when anyone says a good word.

NORTH LAND MAN ELECTED TO ONTARIO ASSOCIATION

Ontario Associated Boards of Trade Urge Early Construction of Seaway. Resolution Passed on Trans-Canada Highway and Other Matters.

Last week the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade met in annual session at Cornwall, Ont., and there were many matters before the meeting that should prove of more than passing interest to the North Land.

T. J. Patton, of North Bay was elected President of the Associated Boards for 1931, and Windsor was chosen as the next meeting-place, in the fall of 1931. Hamilton delegates, who were pressing for the convention, postponed their requests, due to the fact that Windsor had never had the convention. Other officers are: J. E. Crawford, Fort William, First Vice-President; A. N. Smith, Cornwall, Second Vice-President and C. L. Burton, Toronto, Third Vice-President. T. Marshall, Toronto, is Secretary-Treasurer.

The retiring President, Mr. Newman, was elected an Honorary President. Others holding this position are: J. J. Duffus, Peterborough; G. C. Martin, Hamilton and Cecil Bethune, Ottawa.

The Executive Council is composed of: R. D. Boughner, Kitchener; M. P. Byrnes, Collingwood; W. F. Cockshutt, Brantford; G. D. Conant, Oshawa; O. J. O'Callaghan, Hamilton; G. C. Copley, Hamilton; K. J. Dunstan, Toronto; J. G. Elliott, Kingston; John Elliott, Belleville; T. J. Hannigan, Guelph; J. A. Hussey, Sault Ste. Marie; George S. Matthews, Brantford; George Menzies, Owen Sound; Justus Miller, Windsor; Colonel W. N. Penton, Belleville; Arthur Stevens, Cochrane; Colonel C. W. Rowley, Toronto; Major J. O. Thorn, Toronto; C. W. Wright, Englehart.

For a great many years Arthur Stevens, of Cochrane, has been on the executive of the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, and in this capacity has given excellent service both to the North and to the province as a whole. With Mr. Wright, the president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards also on the executive, this part of the North is specially well represented.

Five resolutions submitted for consideration by as many Boards of Trade from various cities in the Province, concerning the St. Lawrence deep waterway and development of the river for navigation purposes, were merged and adopted by the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce at its final session.

The resolution which was framed by representatives from Belleville, Toronto, Hamilton, the Border Cities and Cornwall Boards of Trade, embodies the principal idea running through the entire five resolutions originally submitted. The resolution reads: Resolved, That the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce strongly urge the Dominion Government to make appropriate arrangements for the construction with the least possible delay of the enlarged St. Lawrence river, between Lake Ontario and Montreal; further resolved, That this resolution be presented to the Federal Government by deputation, and that all interested Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce be given opportunity to participate.

The Toronto Board of Trade offered a resolution on Empire communications, commending the action of the Canadian Section of the Empire Press Union in advocating establishment of an intra-Empire co-operative news gathering and distributing service along the lines worked out in Canada by the Canadian Press. The Canadian section of the union also was commended for inaugurating periodic news letters covering the economic and cultural aspects of Canadian life for distribution to the press of the Empire. The resolution expressed the hope that the press of Great Britain and other parts of the Empire will co-operate along similar lines, so that there may be a frequent and regular dissemination of Empire news through Empire channels. Such a step, it was felt, would result in wider



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public knowledge of Empire affairs and be in the interests of Empire security and extension of trade. The resolution was accepted enthusiastically, and received unanimous adoption.

Another resolution from the Toronto Board asked for further income tax reductions and Governmental action to remove any injustice resulting from taxation of dividends in the hands of shareholders of incorporated companies upon whose net profits a tax had already been levied. This resolution also was adopted.

A resolution which also received favourable action was that sponsored by the Port William Board of Trade urging the Provincial Lands and Forests Department to increase the appropriation for the detection and control of forest fires by means of properly equipped observation towers. Increased aerial fire patrol also was recommended. Belleville and Toronto Boards of Trade combined their resolutions on the trans-Canada highway, which was carried.

It was resolved that, as a measure of relief of unemployment and as an essential link between Western Canada and Eastern Canada, the Governments of the Dominion and the Province of Ontario be urged to co-operate in arranging for the immediate construction of the trans-Canada highway through Northern Ontario. In view of the national importance of the highway, it was the opinion of the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce that the Federal Government should contribute toward the cost of construction.

Port William's resolution on the trans-Canada was withdrawn in favour of one proposed by Sault Ste. Marie, which recommended that the route be from Ottawa through Mattawa, North Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and Batchewana, and thence northerly and westerly along the shores of Lake Superior. This would afford Chapleau access by a connecting road to such point as may appear most appropriate. The highway would continue in the general direction of White River, Schreiber, Nipigon to Fort Arthur and Fort William, and thence to the Manitoba boundary. This resolution was not approved.

The Ontario Government was further urged by a resolution sponsored by the Toronto board to enter into negotiations with the Quebec Government for a reciprocal agreement with respect to succession duties.

Delegates were heartily in favour of the Toronto Board of Trade's resolution on an "all-red" aviation route connecting various parts of the British Empire. The association views with favour the granting of reasonable subsidies to approved British interests to assist in the establishing of a regular commercial air service between Canada and Great Britain.

F. D. Laurier, of Ottawa introduced an Ottawa Board of Trade resolution recommending that the Ontario Government be petitioned to enact legislation that will abolish affidavits on civic income returns.

J. G. Elliott, of Belleville, representing the Chamber of Commerce of that city, brought in four resolutions, all of which were passed, some with slight alterations. These concerned maintenance of highways, utilization of raw materials of the Province, Hydro-Electric rates and service charges, and use of native stone in public buildings.

A resolution of the Hawkesbury board of Trade regarding a Provincial highway from Lancaster to Hawkesbury, and involving the site of a new inter-provincial bridge between Ontario and Quebec, was referred to the incoming executive.

A Midland Board of Trade resolution asking that school holidays be rearranged so that summer holidays could be extended to Sept. 15 also was referred to the executive.

The North Bay Nugget last week says:—"Mr. and Mrs. W. Regimbal, Iroquois Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. O. Regimbal, Timmins, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Regimbal, Cassells street."

The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine

By the Secretary-Treasurer

This week the following comrades were admitted into the branch namely Jos. Day, J. E. Moody, A. F. Forster, W. P. Daigle, T. Johnson, A. Campbell, R. Cooper, G. Cooper, R. B. Ash, J. B. James, J. E. Harvey, and W. E. Bull, and P. M. Dolan filled in an application after the meeting. There was a good attendance and we had a visit from Lt.-Col. Scobell, who was initiated along with several other members who had been accepted as members but had not been initiated. Considerable business was got through and some needy cases of relief attended to. It was decided to hold a general meeting on Monday, November 10th, for the benefit of our McIntyre comrades who have been unable to attend a meeting so far. So every comrade remember, Monday, Nov. 10th. We will also have another general meeting on November 24th for the benefit of any other comrades who have not been able to attend. There will be the usual social hour and the "May-bee" after the meeting, and we can rely on Comrade Devine to handle the piano for these happy hours. We had a visit from Comrade Huntley who gave two numbers from his new repertoire of songs.

Jack Trevellan handed in a British Legion badge, which he had found in Timmins. So, if the owner will call at 165 Spruce, north, he can get the badge. Our thanks are due Mr. Trevellan for his promptness in turning in the badge to the proper quarters. I had a visit from Comrade Parsons, Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Hedges from the Dome on Saturday. Mesdames Parsons, Hedges and Curtis had been very busy and had sold out their order book for wreaths. Amongst the list of names I noticed our worthy honorary member Mr. H. P. DeFencier had donated \$25. towards the campaign. The generosity of Mr. H. P. DeFencier is worthy of mention, and his ready hand at all times for the good of the branch is greatly appreciated. There was also a donation of \$1.00 from another good friend which will also aid the good work of the Legion. To these Dome ladies go our thanks for their good work on behalf of the Poppy Campaign, and we are indeed fortunate in having these good Dome Legionnaires to look after our interests in that direction, and if these ladies handle the Poppy Day, with such thoroughness as they have the wreaths, well, we can look for a record day from the Dome and South Porcupine.

I had Comrade Trollope in the other day and am glad to state that Comrade Trollope is improving greatly and is well on the road to health again. Comrade Trollope's fine voice was greatly appreciated last winter when he was often heard on Legion social nights and we look forward to hearing this comrade again many times during the coming winter.

The ladies are having a whist drive on Monday, October 27th, so every one turn up and fill the hall. We owe much to the ladies who give their support freely and it is up to us to give them our full support at this whist drive. The whist drives put on by the ladies are always popular and with the fine eats provided, also good prizes for whist, there are lots worse ways in spending an evening. So everyone mark the calendar for Monday, The Oddfellows' hall at 8.30 p.m. sharp.

The splendid display of wreaths at the F. M. Burke drug store has been greatly admired by many, and the splendid work done by these crippled comrades is certainly up to perfection.

The prices are reasonable and the sale of these wreaths will do much to help our comrades who through wounds and rigours of war cannot help themselves. In spite of their crippled condition they are working, yes, working, as good citizens of this great Dominion, loyal citizens working under the good old Union Jack, the flag of the Empire.

The splendid response made by the citizens of the Porcupine in purchasing these wreaths shows appreciation of what the soldiers did for them in the days of war, and shows that they appreciate the good work done by the Legion.

The boxes for Poppy Day have arrived, and the purchase of these boxes also helped the Legion. By having boxes of our own we do not have to borrow and these boxes will do for many years.

The town council of Timmins and the Tisdale council have granted us leave for a Tag Day on November 1st for which we are indeed thankful. We are often asking the Timmins Council for favours, which are readily granted, and we certainly appreciate the kindly interest the "Town Fathers" take in the work of the Legion.

I had letters from the secretary of the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, the Hon. Chas. McCrea and Jos. Bradette, M.P., acknowledging the receipt of their honorary members' cards and badges, Jos. Bradette wishing us much success in our activities for the good of the Legion, and his intention of being with us in the future, an association that we are proud of. We are holding a chicken stag on November 29th. So all bear that in mind. There will be chickens of all shapes and sizes and a good time for everyone can be expected. At Monday's meeting I noticed Comrade Farrer was being instructed into the duties of the entertainment committee. Comrade Farrar's addition to the committee will be a great help to the committee in general.

The Secretary-Treasurer

SEVEN THOUSAND FREE BEDS AT NORTH BAY DURING YEAR

During the present year no less than 7,101 men have applied at North Bay jail for a night's free lodging. Last year there were only 1,887. In last month there was an average of 15 per night asking for free beds at the North Bay city lock-up. In April of this year there were 157 sleeping at the jail in one night. These figures are given just to show some people that the unemployment situation is not so much exaggerated as they would have people believe.

The first snow of the season came to the North Land last week, some weeks later than in the West and several days later than in the south. Also, the snow fall did not last long here.

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