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GRAVEL AND SAND-AND PLACER

"Varsity," the newspaper issued by the students at the University of Toronto, has been suspended because of an editorial article in a recent issue that displeased the board of governors, the faculty, many of the students, and most of the people in general. Those sixty odd professors should sign another petition about the sacredness of free speech and ripe tomatoes.

This week The Advance received a letter presumably for publication, but the only form of signature to the communication was the nom de plume, "Nil Desperandum," "Never will have to despair, and that is on the question of The Ad-1 vance accepting anonymous letters. It is a rule of this newspaper that to secure any attention, whatever, any letter persist in disregarding the rule, though it never advantages them in any way for all anonymous communications to this that anonymous communications are sometimes harmless. and even helpful in their purpose. The letter from "Nil Desperandum" is a case in point. But although having no use for rigid rules, The Advance has learned by bitter experience that no reputable newspaper can afford to accept anonymous contributions. Sometimes, their purpose is not nearly as harmless as appears. There is no way of safely differentiating and the only plan that can be adopted in view of the lack of time for study and investigation is to insist on the writer revealing his or her identity to the newspaper. This is necessary simply as an evidence of good faith, and not for publication. There need be no outside knowledge of the identity of the author of any published letter, if any idea of modesty or disinclination for personal publicity, or other reason impels the writer to withhold his or her name. It all seems perfectly simple. The writer simply shows good faith by allowing the newspaper to know the origin of the communication; the name is withheld from publication; and the newspaper fully respects the wishes of the writer in the matter. Despite all this, anonymous letters continue to drift into newspaper offices. Every reputable newspaper turns them down. Some papers will not publish a letter unless the writer is willing to have his name in print. The Advance has no thought of going that far, but it has insisted, and will insist, that anonymous letters will not be used. In this The Advance intends to maintain the thought behind the Latin words, "Nil Desperandum."

The Pembroke Standard-Observer in an editorial article recently made the astounding suggestion that old age pensions are very popular to those who want "a meal ticket" entitling them "to live off the fat of the land during life. The words enclosed in quotation marks are the exact phrases used by the Pembroke newspaper. The largest amount that any old age pensioner can receive is twenty dollars a month. Many of them are receiving as little as five dollars a month. Others receive from five to twenty dollars a month. Any man or woman, seventy years or over, who can "live off the fat of the land during life" with no more than twenty dollars a month will not be an old age pensioner but rather a financial wizard. In this age of the world few of the old age pensioners would be able to make ends meet, were it not for the help of friends, and among the two hundred and more old age pensioners in the District of Cochrane there is not one that is living in even reasonable comfort in their old age. All who have given any real study to the question are agreed that the present old age pension is utterly inadequate. It is an odd coincidence that a newspaper that views with alarm the wasteful extravagance of old folks near the grave, living lavishly and riotously, according to its stern views on twenty dollars a month, at the same time has nothing but sympathy and sorrow for a young man who apparently spent \$120,700.00 of public money in four years, but whether he lived on the fat of the land or not the deponent newspaper saith not.

The New Liskeard Speaker last week commenced Volume 26. That is an event not only for the newspaper but for influence of the staff of the university on the pupils, except the North Land, which The Speaker serves so faithfully and for ill. This paper "Varsity," in a bombastic editorial of so well. The New Liskeard Speaker is fair, courteous, able and courageous and with these qualities admitted there is all the students at the university maintained by this prolittle left to give in the way of added praise. Not only the other newspapers that read The Speaker each week with way from the teaching of the professors. After this outinterest, but the people of the North in general will wish sincerely to The Speaker, many happy returns of the day, and The issue is of vital importance to all the people in all

of certain sensational newspapers is that they miss genuine pended in lavish way for the results so far apparent? human interest and startling facts in their simple search There are few people in Ontario willing to spend huge for the melodramatic. They twist facts or conjure up lame amounts of money to further the causes of atheism, comideas in the hope of featuring some extraordinary situation, munism and kindred cults. "Varsity" may have erred while at the same time they overlook something true and in its statements, just as the professors erred in their judgeasily ascertained that would make double the appeal to a ment in signing a proclamation for the help of Soviet Russensation-loving public. The case of the recent explosion sia. But the very fact that such errors have occurred shows at Kamiskotia illustrates the point stressed here. There the need for drastic changes around the university. I were columns of inane and childish tommyrot about the pro- would seem that professors and pupils alike need much bable effects of the explosion and the dismal dangers sur- fixing. When the question was brought before the legislarounding the elastic band of men in Kamiskotia, stretching ture that body expressed the belief that the situation could as they did from fifteen live men to twenty-five and fifty be dealt with in adequate way by the staff and governing dead ones—in the yellow journal columns. At the same board of the university. Whether the Legislature's confitime the searchers for sensation missed an incident worthy dence is justified or not remains to be seen. The most irka paragraph in The Advance or a page in the sensational some communist propaganda is that its appeal is chiefly sheets. In the work of burning the powder at the Kamis- made to the immature mind-to the children, to the poorlykotia claims, each case was carefully opened and the ex- educated and to those who have had no opportunity to know plosive taken out for burning. In one of the boxes thus life. The attempted perversion of young children by these opened a mouse's nest was found, and it was also noted that | foreign agitators is about unforgiveable. At the same time the mice had chewed the ends of some of the dynamite it would appear to be the height of folly to refuse Russian sticks. Probably the mice liked the taste of the glycerine, trade, while at the same time permitting the use of the proor it may be that like horses in the bush they secured a vincial university for propaganda that would be amusing "kick" from the chemical. In the North Land horses at for its silliness and futility, were it not so vicious and evil work in the bush have more than once been fed quantities in its consequences. If the university does not purge itself of powder to "pep them up." The powder does stimulate of the idiocy and immorality that has been linked with it the horses, but like all other dope and drugs the final effect of late, and if the Legislature fails to move in the matter, is not good. It is to be expected that a powder-fed horse then the people themselves will have to apply the remedy will blow up in the spring. Whether the mice suffered ill- that is to their hands.

effects from their dynamite dict or their residence on Glycerine boulevard they were not anywhere in evidence when Teachers' Bowling the box was opened. What a wonderful time that certain or uncertain newspaper in Toronto would have had revelling in that mouse's nest at the time of the Kamiskotia explosion, had it only discovered it. As it was, the certain or uncertain newspaper had to be content, as usual with a mare's nest.

Why spend good money to send your boy or girl to Toronto university to learn practical atheism, impractical impudence and Soviet communism, when the addled alien agitators will teach them the same stuff free, or nearly so?

This is a world of wonders, an age of wonders, or what have you! Imagine the marvel of the aeroplane, the radio, television, the talkie, and telephone service in the North. It is not a bit astonishing that youngsters say:-"How do men think of such things?" A local inventor is said to be busy working on a bilingual electric light.

"Beautiful girls are more plentiful than intellectual ones," says a grouch in The Barrie Examiner last week. Yes, but both are more numerous than either.

There are many odd contests staged from time to time, but probably the one that takes the cake, or the corn, or the Despair!" There is one thing about which the letter writer grains of wheat, is one recently conducted in Renfrew, Cntaric. The late Aaron Wright once made the statement that "Renfrew is no ordinary town," and this public saying later achieved much fame, because truth is mighty and will preor other communication must be accompanied by the name vail. The contest in the extraordinary town of Renfrew reof the writer. When desired, a pen name may be used for cently was that of guessing the number of grains of wheat publication, but it is imperative that a newspaper know the a rooster would eat in eight days. The rooster was on dissource of all communications. Without this information a play in a Renfrew store window but this might have connewspaper is the prey to all sorts of designing people. This fused the issue as entrants in the contest might figure that has been stated and re-stated in these columns literally the rooster's crow might also eat wheat. Jack Miner's disscores of times. It is difficult to understand why people like of crows has given a greedy name to all crows. However, last week announcement was made that the Renfrew rooster had eaten 50,847 grains of wheat. Possibly some office never go further than the waste paper basket. In re- Renfrew Scotsman did the counting. Otherwise, it would fusing to accept anonymous letters The Advance holds firm- be remarkable. As it is, it is a remarkable fact that about ly to the motto, "Nil Desperandum." It is perfectly true 700 people entered the contest, Noble Anderson was not named for nothing; his estimate of 51,337 won first prize. R. Rinn A lady Miss Marion Tobin, was second, her figure being 50,- I. Sime 000. Two other ladies did not have as good figures as Miss A. Loyst Tobin, their figures being 49,960 and 49,897. There was a time when no rooster would have eaten 50,847 grains of wheat in Renfrew in the winter time. All the birds were too busy crowing about the Renfrew hockey team to waste

precious time in eating 50,847 grains of wheat. Some months ago some sixty odd professors of the University of Toronto signed a petition or a proclamation in which they pretended to be anxious for freedom of speech, Everett 152, J. Harris 142, W. McKelvie but their simple signatures in reality were used as a public 139, N. MacLeod 138, O. Ramsay 137, E. benediction and support for the alien communists in Torente. The sixty odd professros evidently felt that the com- burn 124, E. Ohlman 124, E. Blyth 122, munists should have fullest freedom of speech while the H. White 111. police and the law should be restricted in all ways possible. A number of people who pay taxes for the upkeep of the provincial university and incidentally for the maintenance of those sixty odd professors were naturally displeased that the supposedly learned men should go out of their way to take sides with the communists and against law and order. These tax-paying people, knowing that communism can not exist either here or in Russia without atheism and some other things not mentioned in polite society had grounds for complaint, surely, when the paid srevants of a loyal and reverent province showed themselves on the side of communism, atheism and rowdyism, rather than with law, order and decency. All the involved explanations of the sixty odd professors and their friends as to the theory of British right east corner has uncovered a vein 3 of free speech left the average man unmoved, except by irritation. Anyone with sense or decency enough to be almost anything except a college professor of a kind knows that there can be no freedom of speech to excuse slander, blasphemy and treason. To the average man it seemed deplorable that these sixty odd professors, with their heads in clouds all wet and their hearts apparently in Soviet Russia, the Castle Mine at Gowganda hay should have charge of the moulding of the minds of imma- closed. ture young citizens who are handicapped by nature at their age by their limited knowledge of life and their expansive confidence in their own capabilities and cleverness. Thoughts of the silly rowdyism, the frequent breaches of law and order, the cheap contempt exhibited by callow minds for established constitutions, and the lack of discipline and judgment, all too frequently shown by the university students, suggested that no more could well be expected when the attitude of the men supposed to instruct the students was considered. Why expect law and order from raw college lads when their professors align themselves with those who openly revile and defy the law? Why look for respect for religion from callow youths when sixty odd professors have travelled so far out of their way to proclaim themselves the allies of the vaunted enemies of all sacred beliefs? Why seek for loyalty in boys or girls when their alleged instructors brand themselves as the friends of those who flaunt their hopes to overthrow all British ideas and ideals? Last week the students' paper of the University of Toronto proved how woefully slack and inadequate is the impudent tone flaunted forth the suggestion that practically vince are practical atheists and that they have gotten that burst "Varsity" was suspended, but much more is needed. sections of the province. The province spends large sums of money to maintain the university. Are the majority of To newspapermen probably the most provoking feature the people of Ontario content to have their money ex-

Scores for Feb. 28

Lague. Result of Games

Last Week.

The following	are the	results	in the
Teachers' Bowli	ng Leag	ue last v	veek:-
1	A TEAM		
J. Begie	185	158	343
G. Rogers	226	155	381
C. Ramsay			
G. Hughes	167	98	265
E. Connor	85	144 ,	229
Total	789	737	1526
	3 TEAM		1020
F. MacDonald			271
M. Barr			
G. Everett			
M. Thorburn			
Sub	142	150	292
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Total	725	770	1495
	TEAM		
M. Arscott	119	184	303
W. Huckerby	283	207	490
H. White	133	149	282
W. McKelvie	134	169	303
Sub	127	130	257
Total	796	839	1635
D	TEAM		
M. Morrison	194	156	350
H. Everett	144	126	270
M. Tackaberry			
N. MacLeod	149	107	256
E. Blyth	131	191	250

Standing of teams-A, 6; B, 10; C

SUB TEAM

Highest single-W. Huckerby. The following are the averages for

11; D. 9.

the third period:-M. Arscott 185, F. MacDonald 171, W. Huckerby 168, G. Rogers 168, M. Barr 167, M. Morrison 165,G. Everett 160, M. Tackaberry 158, J. Bogie 158, H. Connor 130, G. Hughes 126, M. Thor-

Sub Team-O. Sime 151, V. McKinley 151, M. MacIntosh 130, K. Carter 123, H. Prettie 110, R. Rinn 108, E. Demp-

Spectacular Vein on Matachewan Property

This week word comes to The Advance of still another spectacular find in the Matachewan area. A friend of The Advance writing from Elk Lak! says:-"J. French, whose claims adjoin Mining Corporation on the southinches wide and literally shot full of gold and it has been stripped for a distance of 42 feet. Mr. French's claims adjoin the Ashley-Garvey property and are not far from where the Bobjo Mines will soon be working."

The same correspondent notes that

already true to form in protesting he was misquoted in the press reports.

Another Band Concert Given on Sunday Last

Averages for the Third Period of the another of their band concerts in the Lainsbury, recitation; accompanists, Goldfields theatre last. This concert Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. W. Roberts. was considered by many present to be The repeated encores given to these future. Particulars will be announced the best of the year. The band under artists showed the appreciation felt for in The Advance at an early date. the direction of Bandmaster A. Wilford their excellent numbers. The three rendered the following in good style: young artists, Master Jones and Misses hymn, "Euphony"; march, "Free Com- | Grant and Crews were especially popurades"; selection, "The Golden Cres-

cent"; overture, "Arbitration"; and march, "Amphion." The band was asartists:-Miss Grant, vocal solo; Mrs. Night." The programme will be pub- was.

Toms, accordian solo; T. Williams, vo- lished in The Advance next week. The Timmins Citizens' Band held solo; Miss Crews, novelty dance; W.

The next band concert will be on

cal solo; Miss Anderchuck, vocal solo; band again expects to have several of Mr. Wilkins, violin solo; Miss Crews, the young artists of the town on the pianoforte solo; Master Jones, vocal programme on March 15th along with

several other well-known artists.

the other evening and, after calling the drug stores, the cafes and all the sisted in the concert by the following Sunday, March 15th, and will be "Irish the girl's own residence, and there she



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