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GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

A man who was fined in police court here for being intoxicated has objected to being mentioned in The Advance as one of several "common drunks fined the usual ten and costs." "I don't like to be classed as common," he is quoted as saying. Like so many who figure in police court news this gentleman blames the newspaper for what is strictly his own fault. If he doesn't want to be classed as a common drunk, he should keep sober, or else go on some unusual spree that will lift his inebriation from commonness to romance and adventure. For instance, he might insist on paying the Chinese restaurant keeper twice for a meal, instead of trying to evade paying once. He might say prayers on street, instead of using some of the words in another connection. He might praise everybody he sees or knows, instead of doing diametrically otherwise. He might keep clean and tidy in his cups, annoy no innocent strangers and frighten no women or children. In such cases as these he would be an extraordinary drunk, and so would be classed in the police court news if he ever landed there. As a matter of fact, however, he would stand little chance of being arrested at all if he acted in this unusual way for a drunk. The common drunks are otherwise, and they are common enough. When they can be batched in dozens or half-dozens, like sardines in a can, surely it is quite fitting to refer to them as "common drunks." When common drunks become snobbish and object to naming their condition, it is about time they considered turning prohibitionist.

The Ontario Legislature voted \$50,000,000 for expenditure in the North the other day almost without debate," says The Acton Free Press last week. Ah! would it were only true. The Advance would not object to considerable debate in the Legislature if a vote of \$50,000,000 could be passed to care for the needs of the North Land. Unfortunately, however, the vote for the North Land the other day was only for a fifth of the amount mentioned by The Acton Free Press. The actual amount voted by the Legislature this year for Northern Development work was five million dollars, just half the amount voted last year. Even if The Acton Free Press had been right, and the vote was actually for fifty million, the money could be expended to advantage not only for the North but also for the province as a whole. Every dollar invested in the development of Northern Ontario directly or indirectly benefits the province of Ontario to double the amount invested. The new wealth coming out of the North in the last few years has meant that Ontario has suffered far less depression than would otherwise have been the case. If the newspapers of Southern Ontario were fully alive to their own interests they would support large expenditures for the development of this North, knowing that the development of the resources of this country will bring business and prosperity and wealth to all the province.

Oh, red tape! what crimes are committed in thy name! On Monday the post office refused to issue a postal money order, the excuse being that the banks were closed and so the money for the postal order could not be deposited by the post office. If the explanation had been that the day was a holiday and so it was not desired by the postmaster, or the staff, or whoever else is concerned in these matters, that the nuisance of issuing the order or note should be borne or bothered with, then the explanation would have been intelligible, even if not exactly reasonable from the public standpoint. The Timmins post office, however, seems always to strive for originality, and so the lack of accommodation was blamed on the bank. It's a funny world—this North Land.

How are the mighty fallen! New Liskeard, once upon a time famous for its hockey team and challenging the world at that brave winter sport, is now actually considering challenges for the checker championship of the North Country. Is this another evidence of the corroding power of money? If New Liskeard has fallen from hockey to checkers, it would appear that the millions from Noranda and Red Lake and elsewhere were dearly won by Liskeard.

If there is anything that people appear to pride themselves upon these days it is on being modern. If anything is new, it is practically sure to be popular. The trouble is that most new things are old after all. Many of the things that folks to-day believe to be the very essence of modernity and up-to-date civilization were actually discarded by the Chinese some thousands of years ago because they were considered no more than vanity and vexation of spirit. Ah, that new frock! Yes, the Queen of Sheba had one just about the same, only perhaps a little longer at the back! And that ultra modern dance! The Hottentots did that centuries ago, only they had the floor spread with live coals to assure the right degree of liveliness of action. And the radio! The natives of Africa had at least some glimmering of that science before the great grandfather of the latest crooner was born or the monkey began to evolve into a broadcaster. All of this is simply an introduction to the modern advertising of a modern talkie to appear at Kirkland Lake this week. "A drama of the tears and thrills that test a woman's soul" is the way the advertisement for the talkie reads. And this thrilling, tearing drama turns out to be the dear old friend of dear old grandparents dead and gone—"East Lynne." If "East Lynne" still lives, or lives again, there is still hope for the world. Or is there?

During the past winter the town of Timmins suffered less than might be expected from the prevailing depression. This was due to the efforts made by the municipality and by the governments to provide employment. It may be noted that the efforts might well have gone further, but even as it was the situation was well handled and suffering was at a minimum. The Advance believes that the money spent by the town was well invested, and that double the amount would have been even a better bargain. As it was, however, the winter was safely weathered, and hardship was not too heavy to be borne. It is true that many families had a difficult time, and that the situation of many single young men was also a trying one. But in general it will be admitted that Timmins was as good a place as any in which to live in this time of depression throughout the world. It is equally true that conditions in Timmins would have been practically as good as normal time had it not been for the number of men drifting in from distant places. There was

not work enough here for those already here and newcomers added to the hardships without benefitting themselves. This influx of outsiders is the present difficulty that must be faced by the town. There is not enough work available for the people already here, and if others flock in here the result will be bad for all concerned. The Advance has attempted to warn outsiders against coming here in the hope of securing employment. The sentence has been repeated time and again that there is not enough work available for all here so all who come in here are taking the chance of adding to the difficulties here without helping themselves. All should be discouraged from coming here until conditions have sufficiently improved to warrant it. Those who hold out promise of employment in Timmins to friends at a distance are doing their friends a disservice and also causing serious injury to the town. The fact should in fairness be made plain by all here to all elsewhere that there is not enough work available here for those already in town and to induce others for any reason whatever to come here for work is little short of a crime, if it is short at all. As for those who persist in coming here from outside, despite all warnings, it would appear that the town will be forced to make use of the laws against vagrancy. Timmins is not able to care for any more unemployed, even if it were fair to expect this from the town. If there is no influx here it will not take long for the town to return to its normal prosperity. All should work to this end.

As soon as it was known that a new gold camp was to be established at Matachewan The Advance urged that a winter road be completed between Timmins and Matachewan. There are stretches of road already built and the transmission line could also be used as a winter road part of the way. This means that only twelve to fifteen miles of winter road would need to be built to connect the Porcupine camp with the new gold camp. The Advance has persistently emphasized the value of such a connecting road. Naturally, it would benefit the prospectors living in the Porcupine and it would also assist the business interests of this camp. Its greatest value, however, in the opinion of The Advance, would be to the new camp at Matachewan. With such a road available those working in the new camp would have access to the largest town in the North, a town that on account of its own industries has to carry a full stock of all supplies in all lines used in construction and mining. It is regrettable that the winter road was not completed to link up the two camps, but it is pleasing now to know that there is excellent water connection now available between Porcupine and Matachewan. For this the thanks of both camps should be given to Hon. Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines for Ontario and T. W. Gibson, the deputy minister, whose interest made the water route effective. D. O'Connor, of Connaught, brought the matter to the attention of the department of mines and very effective action followed the careful study of the situation. The Night Hawk and Whitefish rivers have been cleaned of obstructions and now an excellent water route is available with only a few portages. Prospectors and others now have a good summer route for entering the Matachewan field. As Mr. O'Connor points out this route has one special advantage—it is through some of the finest and most promising of mining country. It is indeed, likely, that mining men and prospectors using this route will be tempted to stop by the way at some of the unusually promising showings that may be established between here and the Matachewan field. The Matachewan area is now practically all staked and the water route would suggest that there will be considerable staking done this year in the country between Night Hawk and Matachewan, as well as the development of some properties in the area where there has been considerable work done. The opening up of new mining country is one of the greatest services that the authorities can give to this province, and it is pleasing indeed to note that the department of mines is alive to its opportunities.

Last fall The Advance repeatedly asked all who had any odd jobs around the house to call up the employment office and have a man sent to attend to the work. It might mean only an hour's work and little cost to the householder, but to the man seeking any sort of employment it was a blessing indeed. Instead of putting on the storm windows himself, or similar work, the householder was urged to have some unemployed men do the work. Last fall the response to this plea was remarkably good. Scores of people spent a few dollars to pay for work that ordinarily they would do themselves. The little money involved was not missed by the householder while to the man out of work the odd job was a regular life-saver. It meant the difference between hunger and a meal for many. It kept courage in many families that otherwise would have had a hopeless situation. It kept many during the spare times while waiting more permanent employment. Last fall the plan worked well, and The Advance now asks that it be tried again this spring. There are many men now out of work who would be grateful even for an hour's work. If any reader of The Advance has a stove to take down, a cellar to clean, a yard to fix up for the spring, the storm doors and windows to take off, or any other odd job it would be of material assistance in helping those needing work if a call were sent in to the Employment Service of Canada, 25 1/2 Fourth avenue, phone 218.

The Eganville Leader in an editorial note last week says:—"Halleybury High School receives a grant of \$3,000 from the Ontario Government for its mining department. Northern Ontario has only to ask to receive. Eastern Ontario, with Hon. E. A. Dunlop as a representative in the cabinet, is forced to beg the crumbs from the Government table." If The Eganville Leader will look up the public accounts for Ontario for the year 1930 it will find that \$589,797.80 of the money usually considered as being granted for Northern Ontario was expended on colonization roads and not a dollar of this amount was spent in what is known generally as Northern Ontario. The greater part of this more than half a million dollars goes to Eastern Ontario, hundred of thousands of dollars having been expended in Renfrew County in which Eganville is situated. Eganville should be the last place to throw any slurs at the government for expending money in the newer sections of the province, for the Eganville district has been posing as a new and struggling section of the country for two generations. Hon. T. W. McGarry was a genius at finding valid excuses for spending money to help Renfrew County, including even Eganville. Hon. Mr. Dunlop, to judge from the public accounts, is also looking after this section of country. The accounts for the department of public works, for the department of public highways, the department of health and all the other departments, not to mention the school grants show that Eastern Ontario, and especially Renfrew County, fares well indeed from the public treasury. Indeed, Eastern Ontario receives two dollars for every dollar spent in the North, while the province receives literally millions more each year from the resources of this North Land than from the section referred to by The Leader. If The Leader considers the yearly expenditure in Eastern Ontario to be no more than "crumbs," that attitude of mind can suggest nothing but a greatly distended stomach or a badly perverted partizan-ship.

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Northern Power Co. Still in the Lead. T. & N. O. and Porcupine Advance Won Tied for Second Place in the Second Half of the Mercantile Bowling League. In the Mercantile Bowling league the Northern Power Co. team is well in the lead with 28 points, while the T. & N. O. and The Porcupine Advance are tied for second place, with 24 points each. Two teams are also tied for third place. On Monday night in the league fixture The Advance won four points; Pierce Furniture and Northern Power each won three points; and the Barbers got four points by default. The honour roll is as follows:—M. Shinehoft, 760; T. Whitney, 755; E. Kemball, 718; A. Tomkinson, 716; A. Sauve, 684; R. Fournier, 681; E. Salomaa, 671; E. G. Dickson, 623; C. Brown, 615; T. Bonnah, 615; J. Platt, 610. The standing of the teams to date is as follows:—Northern Power, 28 points; Porcupine Advance, 24; T. & N. O., 24; Hygienic Barbers, 18; Pierce Furniture, 18; Royal Studios, 17; Ellies Bros., 8; Marshall-Ecclestone, 7. The following are the scores for the week:—Hygienic Barbers won 4 points by default of the Marshall-Ecclestone team. ROYAL STUDIOS: A. Sauve 298, 162, 224, 684; K. Tomkinson 179, 158, 175, 512; R. Webb 188, 248, 117, 553; E. Reid 177, 132, 209, 518; A. Tomkinson 250, 213, 253, 716. Totals 1092, 913, 978, 2963; Handicap 38, 38, 38, 114. Totals 1130, 951, 1016, 3097. PIERCE FURNITURE: R. Fournier 213, 198, 270, 681; M. Shinehoft 222, 315, 213, 760; I. Pierce 168, 196, 215, 579; E. Dickson 187, 238, 198, 623; W. Tonkin 218, 216, 147, 581. Totals 1018, 1163, 1043, 3224; Handicap 80, 80, 80, 240. Totals 1098, 1243, 1123, 3464. Pierce Furniture wins 3 points. T. & N. O. RLY.: H. Barr 157, 157, 157; C. Alton 154, 206, 149, 509; T. Bonnah 220, 249, 146, 615; A. Allen 190, 157, 150, 497; C. Brown 144, 215, 256, 615; W. Booth 140, 190, 330. Totals 865, 967, 891, 2723; Handicap 152, 153, 153, 458. Totals 1017, 1120, 1044, 3181.

Announcement. The Dominion Life Assurance Company announces that its Branch Offices in North Bay and Haileybury have been consolidated into one Branch, to be known as the Northern Ontario Branch, with headquarters in the Capitol Theatre Block, North Bay. Mr. D. F. Connell, C.L.U., is manager of the Northern Ontario Branch. Mr. F. N. McNally, of Haileybury, has been appointed the Company's Supervisor for Northern Ontario. The DOMINION LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY. HEAD OFFICE: WATERLOO, ONTARIO. A Whist Drive. Under the Auspices of the Gold Nugget Rebekahs. To be Held in the I.O.O.F. Hall. On Thursday, April 16th at 8.15 p.m. ADMISSION 50c REFRESHMENTS AND GOOD PRIZES. NORTHERN POWER: E. Kemball 222, 232, 264, 718; E. Salomaa 242, 249, 180, 671; J. Aspin 168, 140, 189, 497; B. McQuarrie 172, 169, 186, 527; J. Platt 292, 159, 249, 610. Totals 1006, 949, 1068, 3023; Handicap 151, 151, 151, 453. Totals 1157, 1100, 1219, 3476. Northern Power wins 3 points. PORCUPINE ADVANCE: F. Hornby 147, 157, 166, 470; W. Devine 138, 172, 140, 450; Geo. Lake 210, 202, 140, 552; G. Wallingford 115, 198, 155, 468; T. Whitney 261, 198, 296, 755. Totals 871, 927, 897, 2695; Handicap 157, 157, 157, 471. Totals 1028, 1084, 1054, 3166. ELLIES BROS.: P. Nicolson 193, 211, 177, 581; T. Burch 182, 200, 126, 508; W. Macpherson 177, 169, 207, 553; C. Ellies 188, 178, 223, 589; J. Doe 115, 157, 140, 412. Totals 855, 915, 873, 2643; Handicap 117, 106, 108, 331. Totals 972, 1021, 981, 2974. Porcupine Advance wins 4 points.

Mrs. McLauchlan Honoured by Daughters of Empire. and expressed regret at leaving, both officially and socially. The hostess served a dainty lunch. The evening closed with singing of the National Anthem, and salutation of the flag. All joined in wishing Mrs. McLauchlan and family the very best of everything. Huntingdon Gleaner:—"We realize here as well as anywhere that the prices of cars are down considerably this spring, but not to the limit which has been reached in Fargo, North Dakota. In an auction which was held here recently by the police department cars sold cheaper than buggy whips. Fifteen cars, in good condition, were sold from \$2.50 to \$71. On Monday evening, March 30th, the members of Timmins Golden Chapter, I.O.E., met at the home of Mrs. Jas. Keene, Spruce street, to bid farewell to Mrs. L. McLauchlan on the eve of her departure for her new home in Swastika. Mrs. McLauchlan held the office of 2nd Vice-Regent, and was a very efficient officer, and popular member of the Order. Mrs. W. D. Watt, the Regent, on behalf of the Chapter, read the address, and presented Mrs. McLauchlan with a necktie, in token of appreciation and remembrance. Mrs. McLauchlan thanked the ladies