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FREE SPEECH VS. FOLLY

In an editorial article, a column long, wide in measure, but narrow in view, The Ottawa Journal last week attempted to take The Advance to task for alleged opposition to free speech.

The Ottawa Journal appears mildly irritated because The Advance accused it of lazy thoughtlessness with considerable evil possibilities, in regard to its expressed attitude towards the communists.

"We are certainly opposed to any interference with peaceful communism except by argument," says The Journal. So far as Timmins is concerned there never was any interference with that sort of communism.

But, The Journal no doubt will say:—"If crimes were thus committed against the law, why not bring the law to bear on the culprits?"

The Journal would have the world believe the whole trial no better than a farce. The Journal tampers with the freedom of the press to say that the court was in serious doubt as to what finding to come to!

The ostrich does not hide its head in the sand. It is not so foolish as that. There are human birds that do, however. Their feathers wave in the air and they call on the world to note how broadminded they are.

The Ottawa Journal usually has one of the strongest editorial pages in Canada, and that is high compliment. Unfortunately, however, there are occasional days when the leaders show a sad lack of sincerity.

forever favour the alien, the ingrate, the seditious monger. Minorities have rights, but surely majorities also have a right to life.

FIRM AND FAIR

In replying to the organized delegation of allegedly destitute men who once visited the council chamber on Monday afternoon, Mayor Geo. S. Drew gave the best sort of advice and his firm words were fair alike to the petitioners for relief and to the citizens of Timmins.

The second meeting of the literary society of the Timmins High and Vocational School was held on Friday, Dec. 11th, in the auditorium of the school. The programme was planned by the two fourth forms, under the supervision to Miss Cunningham and Miss Bradley.

NO SALE OF THE T. & N. O.

In seeking for a remedy for the inadequate and unprofitable train service imposed on the section of the North Land west of Cochrane, The Cochrane Northland Post mentions the purchase of the T. & N. O. by the Canadian National Railways.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

During the past week no one has reported finding roses in bloom in their gardens in Timmins.

"Kirkland Lake is the World's Second Gold Camp," says a heading in The Northern News last week. That makes the Porcupine the world's first gold camp, which should make South Africa talk back.

A man employed steadily at one of the local mines for some years past met an old friend who began to talk on the question of the popular depression. "Depression!" said the miner, "oh, yes, I think I read about it in the paper!"

The original "Mary" who had the "little lamb" in the popular old rhyme, is now reported to have died the other day in England. This will give some of these historical fellows a chance in a year or two to deny that there was any "Mary" or any "little lamb" or even any nursery rhyme.

Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway, is once more credited with saying that everything is fine in all the towns of Northern Ontario. If Mr. Lee thinks that it is fine for a town to have hundreds of unemployed, like Timmins has, and Kirkland Lake, and Cochrane and other centres in this North, then he is justified in saying all is well.

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Literary Meeting at the Timmins H. and V. School

The second meeting of the literary society of the Timmins High and Vocational School was held on Friday, Dec. 11th, in the auditorium of the school.

The programme opened by the singing of "O, Canada" in Latin by a chorus of girls. This was followed by a short play, two scenes from "Charles O'Malley," in which the following took part:—Doris Macpherson, Jim Pond, David Horwitz, Bill Drew, Henry Ostrander and H. Gaillanardo.

The "Harmony Quartette," composed of Jim Pond, Ed Copps, Murray Morrison and Ken Tomkinson, proved to be "the hit" of the programme. These boys impersonating radio stars were good and will probably perform again in the near future.

David Horwitz with his musical talent delighted all with a violin solo, accompanied by Claire Halperin at the piano.

The next number was a delightful skit "Folly Put the Kettle On." The characters were:—the Misses Norma Taylor, Ethel Taylor, Audrey Bourne, Marjory Nelson and May Habib, at the piano.

Violet Howard then favoured all by a piano selection, "Melody of Love." This was followed by a breath-taking skit, "Lochinvar," presented by the boys, Bill Mackay, George White, Vernier Wallingford, H. Gaillanardo, Cyril Read, Clayton Richardson and For-dyce Scott.

The last number was the singing of Christmas Carols by the fourth form girls. The meeting adjourned with the singing of the National Anthem.

BIDGOOD MINES SAID TO BE ARRANGING FINANCES

Bidgood Consolidated Mines is said to have recently completed arrangements for additional capital for mine development, and it is understood that the company is now assured of finances to take the property through to production.

FACTS MUCH BETTER THAN THEORIES IN DISCUSSION

In an editorial article in its Monday edition The Toronto Globe had the following:—"The Porcupine Advance has shown that it has little patience with the Ottawa Journal for trying to find satisfaction in the fact that only 4,000 Communists voted in the recent municipal elections in Winnipeg."

"By that sort of talk," replied The Advance, "well worthy of a certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper, the Journal may imagine it is showing a broad, calm, tolerant frame of mind, but to The Advance it seems no more than lazy thoughtlessness, with considerable evil possibilities.

"Without discussing the merits of the argument, it must be conceded that The Porcupine Advance has opportunity to know more about communism and its operations in Ontario than has the Ottawa Journal. It has been attacking communism for years, as have some other Northern Ontario papers acquainted with the evil effects of Red propaganda."

Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Saturday, Dec. 12th, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landers—a daughter.

SCHUMACHER MALE CHORUS AND BAND AT CHRISTMAS TREE

At the annual Christmas Tree of the Cornish Social Club in the Hollinger hall on Wednesday next, Dec. 23rd, commencing at 6 p.m., both the Schumacher Male Chorus and the Timmins Citizens' Band will be in attendance.

Drove to Cochrane on Thursday Last by Motor

To drive from Timmins to Cochrane and return on Thursday last, Dec. 10th, was the record made by one Timmins gentleman last week. It is the first time in the history of this part of the North, so far as known, that so long a trip has been made so late in the year by a motor car.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnstone, of Toronto, were visitors to the camp this week.

ALL-BRITAIN SOCIAL CLUB CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE in the Hollinger Recreation Hall on Saturday, Dec. 19th Children's Tea to start at 4 p.m. All Parents Welcome to this Christmas Tree GRAND CHRISTMAS DANCE To be Held Immediately after the Children's Treat DANCING AT 9 P.M. SHARP CLUB ROYAL ORCHESTRA

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE of the Cornish Social Club Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 6.00 p.m. Hollinger Recreation Hall, Timmins Members are Requested to Bring Refreshments Schumacher Male Voice Choir and Timmins Citizens' Band in attendance. MEMBERS MAY BRING A FRIEND



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