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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. Of course, The Advance is not opposed to the fullest possible freedom of speech and the broadest practical liberty of the press, for these are British glories bought with British struggle and British blood,-and well worth ail their cost. Indeed, it is because of the sincerity with which The Advance prizes freedom of speech and liberty of the press that this paper so strongly condemns, on the one hand, the communists who would wrest away these privileges, and on the other hand, the poseurs, like The Ottawa Journal, who through mere laziness of outlook and lackadaisical affectation of a superior tolerance, would allow * these dearly-bought rights to be filched from the people No rights may be maintained for long in the face of shameless and vicious abuse.

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. Surely, if the leader writer of The Journal could think as well as he can write it would be apparent to him that no freedom of speech or liberty of the press can tolerate wanton insult, defamation, blasphemy and open sedition. Yet these were the weapons used by the communists in Timmins and elsewhere, known by experience and proven by the records of the courts. To allow the use of these things would not only demolish all possibility of any freedom of speech or liberty of the press, but life would be unbearable and state and people would alike go down to destruction. Not only the law, but common sense, selfpreservation, every instinct, forbids the accepted use of slander, incitement to riot and brazen sedition by men in foreign pay.

"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, if there ever were any such animal. The communists met here in their halls, they ranted on the street corners, they prated in the parks, and no one more than shrugged. They debauched their own children, who would otherwise have been good Canadians, by their evil teachings of disloyalty and contempt for the country that was giving them a life and liberty they never knew before. They attacked other men of alien origin who were loyal to this country. They broke up gatherings of loyal people. They disturbed church services, deliberately and maliciously. They made the lives of their compatriots miserable by persecution and abuse for no other reason than the loyalty of these other people to Canada. Yet even this liberty was not enough for them. Eventually they came out openly with "demands" upon the town; they proceeded to openly attempt to defy law and order; they deliberately and persistently, after all sorts of warning and advice, incited to riot, their banners in their illegal parades and the mouthings of their paid orators, paid by foreign coin, being inpudent challenge and insult. On one occasion here, the stones they had been specially taught to fling, were thrown from behind a screen of their own children and women. Their jumphlets and posters openly counselled all to "join | the revolution." "to get out on the streets, and fight for the workers' revolution," to "support the Soviet" and so on. a brazen fraud upon all who read them without the craven key suggested in the fear of deserved punishment.

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 law was brought to bear, and The Journal insinuated that a brave police officer who risked his life in his duty was no better than a common spy. 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 came to! The truth was far otherwise. Evidence in the case, according even to The Journal's own news columns, showed that the communist party in Canada was financed and directed from Moscow, that it planned a dict and took little time to present its verdict. No recommendation was made for clemency for the accused. The judge said the crime struck at the roots of organized society, was a species of treason, a most detestable offence. Salutary sentences were imposed. When bail was asked for the prisoners pending appeal the Chief Justice suggested that the prisoners had counselled murder. The prisoners were not poor and deserted fellows in sore need of a friend in the generous press, if the \$160,000.00 bail may be taken as a sign. Authorities all, police, attorney-general, crown prosecutor, judge, jury, even the Chief Justice of Ontario, are no more than a pack of short-sighted and intolerant fanatics and alarmists, according to the gentle Journal with the broadmind. Yet the Journal has the hardihood to talk as if the freedom of the press were at issue.

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 freedom of the press gives that privilege. No one would have it other-

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. There is a tendency to be smart, to pose, to be the George Bernard Shaw. The defence of the communists is one of these occasional maladies. No one can believe that The Journal is seriously upholding sedition and violence and the encouragement of paid fcreign agitators to disturb the peace of Canada. Yet that is the effect of its affectation of a broadmindedness people are heartily sick of the affected tolerance that enby Lloyd George, Baldwin, Ramsay MacDonald or other leaders of British birth. By the same token Timmins, Sudlittle freedom to live their own lives in their own way. Why, of you.'

forever favour the alien, the ingrate, the sedition monger. Minorities have rights, but surely majorities also have a

FIRM AND FAIR

In replying to the organized delegation of allegedly destitute men who once more 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. There were two classes of men who need expect no help from the town, the mayor said. The one was the group of men who had been sent to Kapuskasing where there was work awaiting them, and who had apparently refused that employment and returned to town. The town had paid their Literary Meeting at the fares to Kapuskasing, and had arranged that food and shelter would be provided them and work made available. Apparently, because the work was not profitable enough the men had scorned it, although it offered them a good living until something else turned up. As soon as they had left tional School was held on Friday, Dec the work at Kapuskasing others had immediately taken their 11th, in the auditorium of the school places and seemed well satisfied with the opportunity. As The programme was planned by the the mayor suggested the town had done its best to secure two fourth forms, under the superviwork for as many as possible under as good terms as possible, but with a thousand men out of work in Timmins this year, Bradley. the location of all of them was a decidedly difficult task. He felt that the men going to Kapuskasing should have remained at the work for a time at least, and even though they could not do so, at least they might have notified the a short play, two scenes from "Charles town of their return. The fact that they had not done so showed a lack of consideration for the town and an absence of real desire to help themselves that put the men concerned out of the bounds of any special sympathy from the town. The other class of men that the mayor felt need expect nothing from the town were the transients, who de- chalent acting appeared to be right at felt that as there was not much snow spite all warnings had drifted in here in the past few home on the stage, while Horwitz, with and the roads were in good shape, there months. Mayor Drew made it plain that with the hundreds his high-pitched feminine voice, gives was little risk involved in the trip. of bona fide residents of Timmins out of work the town had promise as a ventriloquist. Betty Mac- The roads were found in first-class all it could care for and more. His advice to the two classes referred to was to go back to their home towns to seek work or further relief. Timmins had done all and more than could be expected for them. The words of the mayor on this occassion may aptly be considered as both firm and fair. There is sympathy, perhaps, for some of the transients who are persuaded by false promises held out by in- to be terested persons elsewhere to try their luck in this gold camp. But it should be remembered that Timmins has no responsibility for these people. Other towns, not this, are responsible for their plight. Timmins has all it can do to care for its own, or rather for those accepted as its own by virtue of a year's connection with this town. Even these in most cases should not have come here. For more than two years the town has had a susplus of labour, yet people have been flocking in here from all over the country. piano Warnings have been common against this influx, but they still persist in coming. No town could hope to care for such an inflow of workless people. The town's first duty is to its own people, and in this the tax-payers should not be Marjory Nelson and May Habib, at the forgotten. At the same meeting that the delegation of piano thirty odd foreigners asked for work or relief, there were a number of requests for leniency in the collection of certain a piano selection, "Melody of Love." taxes, because the people could not pay. Mayor Drew was not showing lack of consideration for the newcomers and the shiftless in the firm stand he took on Monday. He was boys, Bill Mackay, George White, Versimply displaying thought for the tax-payers here who have to foot the bills and the town's own unemployed who also need work or relief.

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. The people of the North Land should not allow the consideration of such an idea for a moment. The T. & N. O. was built as a pioneering railroad for the North and it has done its share well. Moreover the T. & N. O. Railway is a paying venture, the only railroad on the continent, so "Civil war" was hinted. If words mean anything then re- far as can be learned, that showed an honest profit from bellion was advocated. If as one prisoner at the trial in operations during the past year. The whole interests of the Toronto maintained, "revolution" simply meant an attitude T. & N. O. are in the North and its very life is the service of towards history, then all their circulars and placards were the North. It would be foolish for the province to par with such an asset, and it would be ruinous for the North. Six parallel veins have now been locat-The whole trouble with the present railway service in the ed on the 500-foot horizon. Where North is the fact that the Canadian National Railways has cut the veins are said to have returned apparently no interest in the local traffic. To turn all the assays of from \$10 to \$80 per ton in railways systems of the North to such tender care would be gold and show widths of better than unthinkable from the standpoint of the interests of the five feet. North. From the viewpoint of the North more hope for the remedy of the troubles of many of the towns of the North FACTS MUCH BETTER THAN in regard to train service would have chance to achievement. if the T. & N. O. owned all the railways serving the North. The purchase by the T. & N. O. of the deserted lines of the C.N.R.-deserted because of lack of interest-would seem to be a more promising plan for giving the North proper train service. The T. & N. O. has done the work in its own revolution by violence. The jury was unanimous in its ver- | territory. There is reason to believe it would do the work in the larger field as well

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 myth. 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 of the membership of this illegal asso-"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. Chairman Lee's cheerful optimism is proverbial, but that slops over at the edges. It must be said that British at the present time it appears to be giving people in the South a wrong impression. Conditions may not be as bad courages the alien agitator in Hyde Park to mouth obscene here as they are in some towns in the South but they are by remarks about the Royal Family, and howls down addresses no means good. The influx of unemployed from all over the country has seriously burdened the North Land. Every kind word said about this country at the present time seems bury, Cochrane, Kirkland Lake, Toronto, and other centres to induce another flock of transients to hurry here. Timmins that have been cursed with the foreign-paid agitator surely and Kirkland Lake are beginning to see a special signifihave the right to expect a little freedom of speech and a cance in the text:- "Woe unto you when all men speak well day, Dec. 12th, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs.

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The second meeting of the literary ociety of the Timmins High and Vocasion fo Miss Cunningham and Mis

The programme opened by the singing of "O, Canada" in Latin by s chorus of girls. This was followed by O'Malley," in which the following took part:-Doris Macpherson, Jim Pond, David Horwitz, Bill Drew, Henry Ostrosser and H. Gaillanardo. The play featured the acting of Jim Pond and D. Horwitz. The former with his non-

Morrison and Ken Tomkinson, proved were good and will probably perform again in the near future. They played "Freddie the Freshman." and in the encore, "It's the Girl."

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

The next number was a delightful skit "Folly Put the Kettle On." The characters were:-the Misses Norma Taylor, Ethel Taylor, Audrey Bourne,

Violet Howard then favoured all by This was followed by a breath-taking skit, "Lochinvar," presented by the nier Wallingford, H. Gaillanardo, Cyril Read, Clayton Richardson and For-

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. Development on the 500-foot been located, showing good values, in

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. "The moral," said the Journal, "and the same moral was offered a few days before by the vote in the riding of Red Deer, Alberta, is that much of the talk heard about communism in Canada is nonsense, and that the spectre of communism threatening our institutions is largely a

"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. In the first place, the voting strength of the Communists does not indicate the number of these misguided people. By far the greater part ciation is made up of foreigners, and it was proved at the recent trial in Torento that foreign money has financed this illicit adventure and that the

movement is directed from Moscow." "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 other Northern Ontario papers acquainted with the evil effects of Red propaganda. It is dealing with facts, while the Ottawa Journal discusses theories and between known facts and

Joseph Landers.-a daughter.

SCHUMACHER MALE CHORUS

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. Members may bring their friends. It is sure to be a happy evening for all. refreshments.

Drove to Cochrane on

and return on Thursday last, Dec. 10th, time in the history of this part of the trip has been made so late in the year by a motor car. The distance to Cochrane by road is well over sixty miles the weather near the middle of Decem-

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnstone, of To-

AND BAND AT CHRISTMAS TREE

Members are asked to please bring

Thursday Last by Motor

To drive from Timmins to Cochrane was the record made by one Timmins gentleman last week. It is the first and making this trip by motor twice in the one day speaks well alike for the condition of the roads and the state of ber this year. The trip, it may be said was made without any trouble or difficulty of any kind. As a matter of fact it was started and completed as an ordinary piece of business, just in the day's professional work. It offered the only way to get to Cochrane and back in the one day as required, and it was donald kept the audience in good hu- shape and though icy stretches made mour during the intermission with a it necessary to go warily most of the recitation, "Mrs. Harris at the Photo- way, fair time was made on the journey. The incident, no doubt, will tempt The "Harmony Quartette," com- others to similar performance. In fact, posed of Jim Pond, Ed Copps, Murray, in the meantime others may have done stunts somewhat along the same line though any trips as long as that to

ronto, were visitors to the camp this

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