The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine

Send Your Ballot in Early

the Canadian Legion are now in the mail and any member who has not yet received his ballot would be well advised to ask the postmaster is still growing. From the Atlantic to the ballot and six are required for the lot counting that only six names are branch it is necessary that only the the Canadian Legion throughout Canbest men be elected. Of course the ada with a total membership of 108,903 line for executive position during the standing from the Governor-General year and whoever they be each will feel Earl Willingdon, to regimental staff at least he had the confidence of the officers and from brigadiers to the buck members behind him or he would not privates. Civilians, now, all banded tois one thing all must remember and any returned soldier can possibly stand What is:-Mark your ballot correctly outside the ranks of the Canadian Leand then go immediately and place gion is beyond the imagination of the the return addressed envelope into the writer. There is no personal gain to post box. There's not much to that is its members. True is the statement there, so do it now.

Losing a Friend

tish Empire Service League that the gated how big a percentage of these president of the British Legion Earl persons would be physically fit for subjected to adequate supervision and Jellicoe has been compelled owing to other work, therefore it can be said control. We are quite sure that they of February 11th, I was under the imill-health to relinquish his position, we are doing a service with a smile, wouldn't please everybody—no system pression that I was expressing not Earl Jellicoe took hold of the reins, The work which has been done for all will ever do that-but if they could only my own views, but also those of after the passing of Earl Haig and has ex-servicemen stands out prominently combine the best features of private the sponsors of the act. I find, how-Legion since that time. He is also and our next big effort will be to try supervision, at the same time avoiding the act given by A. H. Harkness before Grand President of the British Empire and unite these other soldier organi- too much of official over-lordship and the local branch of the C.I.M. & M. on Service League and that body is earn- zations under the one head. The Tim- the putting of blue-books and patern- February 27th, that I was in error in estly wishing the Earl not to retire mins Branch will be commencing a new alistic education on the air, they would certain important particulars. In refrom that organization. Under the year on April 1st and it would be a more than fill the bill.

leadership of Earl Jellicoe the British The ballots for the election of the Legion has done much good, and his

Imperial friends across the sea Legion Members Number 108,903 Official figures show that the Legion ncreased membership. One branch spot. There are now 1,064 branches of There gether for one cause "Service." How made that around the number of 700 persons are employed and paid by the the two railways; this because they Word comes this week nom the Bri- Legion, but if the facts were investi- have facilities for broadcasting, have

their dependants come and help to render this "service."

Our Meeting Nights

Having given the first meeting night and a more appropriate day could not Northern Miner does not indicate comdesired. Easter lilies for bouquets.

give broadcasting in this country

Different Views on **New Engineers' Act**

A. Reid, Formerly in Favour, Now Opposed, Stanley N. Graham Favour: Act on Grounds of Safety.

The Advance has been endeavouring to give both sides of the controversy Of course, if there is a clause in the -W. A. Devine bill stopping prospectors from making prospectors' reports on the property it should be deleted. In fairness to Mr. Reid his second letter, withdrawing his stand in his first letter, is given herewith:-

Editor, The Northern Miner In my letter defending the proposed amendment to the Professional Engineers' Act, which appeared in your issue spect to prospecting activities and pre-

professional engineering was defined in ing, designing of, and directing of, various engineering projects together with mineral properties, mining development, etc., when such reporting, advising, designing, and directing in- intent. This second letter favours the volved the skilled application of the proposed Professional Engineers' Act principles of mathematics and applied on the grounds of safety for the worknot alone in that opinion), left prosvelopment outside the scope of the act This clause I understand has since be reasonably construed as including tion to the public there will be added work of this nature.

that the act was only concerned with public reports, designed to raise capital in the province and now I find that private reports are also included.

In view of the above points mentioned, I feel that my attempted defence of the act, which I made both publicly and in private, has been stripped of most of its force, and opposition has been aroused in quarters hitherto friendly, so that I fear it will be impossible to apply it (the act) to mining

There is both amongst engineers and other members of the mining fraternity, a considerable section either in favour of, or not opposed to, legislation covering mining engineers. They consider, however, that this should be specific and confined to details purely of an engineering nature; in particular all private reports and prospecting operations generally, should be expliact. Those who framed the present act, appear to have tried to cover the complicated relations of engineering to been a popular officer of the British against any other similar organization ownership with reasonable control and ever, as a result of the exposition of the mining industry, with a few broad phrases which hence tend to defeat the end which it was hoped to attain. In conclusion I would state that while I still favour engineering legislation as applied to mining, I must

J. A. Reid. Right underneath the above lette in The Northern Miner last week there is another letter of exactly opposite men. This is an important point. thing that will add to the safety of the workers at mine properties will be welprotection to the public there is no reason for its adoption, but if to protecfurther chances for safety to the work-In the matter of reports, I stated ers, the bill would have a double reason for support. The second letter referred to is from Stanley N. Graham and reads as follows:-Editor, The Northern Miner:

> I have read with much interest the discussion, in your columns, on the proposed Professional Engineers' Act. Great benefits to the public are expected to result from this act and seems to me that these have not been given the prominence they deserve In this connection I wish to point ou that it is not unreasonable to expect that the working miner is also likely to benefit from the act. On page 129 of the annual report Ontario Department of Mines, Vol. XL., Part 1, 1931, the figures show that the number of fata accidents per thousand employees is two and a half times as great in sand gravel and clay pits as in underground mines. Certainly the element of risk in these two types of workings is not in proportion to these figures. Mr. Reid has pointed out that most of the large mines, where most of the miners are employed, are directed by engineers who are properly qualified and are now members of the association, and I venture to suggest that it would be of great benefit to working miners if this type of direction were extended to all mining operations.

Kingston, Ont. Stanley N. Graham

No Discrimination on Trans-Canada Road

Hon. W. A. Gordon Shows House of Commons that Work in the North is Carried on Fairly and Unemployed Helped.

Recently in the House of Commons at Ottawa Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Labour in the King administration, and member for Kenora-Rainy River constituency, made an address in which he charged the Bennett government with apathy and delay in dealing with the unemployment question and also made the claim that discrimination was shown in a political way in regard to those employed on the work of the trans-Canada highway. To this address Hon, W. A. Gordon,

of Haileybury, Minister of Labour and Minister of Mines, made very forceful and effective reply. He showed what the present government had accomplished in the way of relieving unemployment. There have been 334 301 persons given employment up to Jan. 31st, 1932, the total number of mandays being 7,415,973. The total commitments necessary to carry on the work to Feb. 22nd, 1932, amounted to \$76,426,387.00, the Federal government's share being \$32,822,847.00. The work is still proceeding. The wage scale paid was also depended by Hon. Mr. Gordon, as a fair rate. He quoted from documents and newspapers to show that some of Hon. Mr. Heenan's statements were very wide of the mark. In response to the repeated suggestions of Hon. Mr. Heenan that political patronage was rampant in the North in regard to the trans-Canada highway work and other enterprises, Hon. Mr. Gordon read to the House letters received from the mayors and other public officials showing that no discrimination was practised in the giving of employment, and expressing appreciation of the Government's efforts. One letter was from Geo. S. Drew, mayor of Timmins, who stated that he had received no complaints in regard to any discrimination here to party politics. "I am told that he is a very strong Liberal," Hon. Mr. Gordon said in regard to Mayor Drew, adding, "but I hope he has changed his views." Mayor Thos. McDonald, of Matheson, another strong Liberal, was quoted by Hon. Mr. Gordon as saying: "I absolutely cannot see any discrimination or favouritism shown to either party. Political affiliations have no bearing whatever in the securing of jobs in the electoral district of South Cochrane." Hon. Mr. Gordon also read letters from Mayor Hunt, of Kirkland Lake, Mayor Sutcliffe, of New Liskeard, and Mayor O'Gorman, of Cobalt, and others absolutely denying any idea of discrimination:

In every province, concluded Mr. Gordon, the Government was working in complete harmony with all other agencles and that work would continue in order to ensure that the worthy and needy were provided for. With these forces operating, the Government would bring Canada back to "normalcy" faster than any other country in the world.

Port Arthur News-Chronicle:-Even the reading habits of college students are said to have been changed by the depression. Librarians and book-sellers say that there has been an increased demand for books on business, science, manual trades and serious books in the non-fiction class. There has been a decrease in the demand for fiction. The change in taste is an indication of attempts being made by persons trying to adapt themselves or their business to the altered conditions

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