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IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

A letter published in another column of this paper and signed "A Glengarry Lady" will please many because of the kindly appreciation it expresses of the people of Old Ontario. There is no doubt that Old Ontario has contributed very materially in money, interest and good citizenship to the progress of the North.

But when "A Glengarry Lady" proceeds to suggest that the pioneers of Old Ontario never complained about conditions, it sounds too much like Hon. Wm. Finlayson to be particularly popular.

"I think," says the writer of the letter, "Old Ontario had as much of hardship to contend with as any New Ontario." No doubt, but little more! And the times were different. Compared to general conditions in the world fifty or a hundred years ago the pioneers of those days had no more to face than the pioneers of to-day, except, perhaps, in the line of hostile natives.

"Did they complain of the roads when they had to take their wheat to be ground into flour? No, indeed! They had backbone!" So the letter says. Hon. Mr. Finlayson said something similar on a visit to the North some years ago. A gentleman from Hamilton, who visited Timmins some years ago and spoke at a banquet here, expressed himself along the same lines.

"Did they complain?" The old pioneers certainly did! They made the walk with their complaints. Read history, peruse old newspapers of the pioneer days, and see if the pioneers rode over rough trails in patience and in silence. They did not! They cursed the trails, the horse, the Government, the lack of roads, themselves and their families! And could they curse? And how! Just read the record! They fought for roads, for schools, for all the advantages they could get! They demanded improvements and opportunities in the land they pioneered. And then they cursed because taxes were high! All in all they acted much the same as the pioneers of to-day. The record shows they pioneered with great courage, large determination, much patience and broad cheerfulness! So do the pioneers of the North to-day. They endure loneliness, privation, danger and poverty with a bravery to match the old folks of pioneer days in Old Ontario.

Of course, the pioneers of Old Ontario had "backbone!" Ontario would never have reached its high place in the sun if they had not had a rare firmness of soul and will. They had backbone enough to demand roads and schools and keep on demanding until they got them. The pioneers of New Ontario are not lacking in backbone either. They could not well be other than as they are, coming from the stock they do. The pioneers of New Ontario may not follow the lengths of the pioneers of the older sections of the province and seek their rights at the point of armed rebellion as occurred in Old Ontario in 1837, but at least they will keep on "complaining," if there be no better word, until the pressing need for roads, for schools, and for the other comforts and conveniences of life are supplied.

All honour to the pioneers of Old Ontario with their never-ceasing complaint and earnest desire for better things! All honour, too, to the pioneers of the new North, and may they never cease to complain, to work, to fight, to struggle, until this country is developed and built up and the North is truly a land where every loyal man may live in comfort and security and with fair chance for the better things of life!

AIDING ALIEN AGITATORS

It is regrettable to see a newspaper of some influence like The Ottawa Journal going out of its way to assist the disloyal schemes of a group of alien agitators who have evil designs upon the peace and welfare of this Dominion. By its editorial articles belittling and besmirching the authorities at Ottawa for preventing serious trouble in connection with the recent so-called "hunger march" at the capital The Ottawa Journal is actually contributing to the support of men whose whole design is destructive and injurious. It would be well for The Ottawa Journal and one or two other newspapers and a few axe-grinding politicians to recognize the facts of the case.

In the first place the "hunger march" so-called did not represent the unemployed, the workers, or labour. As a matter of fact it was hatched and fostered by a group of alien agitators who have neither regard nor sympathy for labour. In Timmins, for instance, these agitators by their boasted policy of "boring from within" destroyed every union and association ever formed here for the protection or betterment of the working men. In Toronto these alien agitators first fostered thoughts of a strike by the members of the Garment Workers' Union and then when their agitation finally secured the desired trouble, they went back themselves to work in the places of the men on strike. In Timmins these fellows have money for illegal parades, for banners, for propaganda, for everything but a meal or a help to their fellow countrymen. In Timmins the men upholding the alien agitation are not unemployed, not working men in the ordinary meaning of the word, but the owners of businesses, landlords, usurers and so on. The men they use as representative of the unemployed have repeatedly refused work here on one excuse or another. In other words, the movement appears to be confined to those who do not want work. Any representatives in that "hunger march" certainly did not represent the workers or the unemployed of Timmins. There is no reason to believe they represented anything or anybody but the alien agitators. To refer to them as a labour delegation or a committee of the unemployed is to knock down all the pins of truth with one shot.

Those who know the alien agitators, as Timmins has had the sad and costly experience of knowing them, will believe that the authorities at Ottawa showed good judgment

in displaying a force that would discourage the use of the most prominent weapon of these alien agitators—the use of force. The experience here has been that these disloyal and law-breaking fellows observe the law if they see that to break it means trouble for them. On the other hand trouble may always be expected if the authorities are not prepared. The authorities at Ottawa knew they were called upon to deal with a group of aliens who were at Ottawa upon a special purpose of their own. The authorities knew these people were not representatives of labour or of the unemployed and still less representative of any group of loyal Canadians. The authorities knew that these aliens did not even represent any material body of their own fellow-countrymen. The authorities knew that the actual Canadian or other British people in the delegation were simply engaged, usually at a regular wage, to appear as actors in the scene. The authorities knew of other ideas behind the parade—ideas that threatened the peace of the community. If The Ottawa Journal was not clever enough to learn these things for itself, it should be humble enough to give the authorities credit for protecting the city from disorder.

It should also be remembered that the "hunger march" had little to do with either a march or with hunger. The men attending the parade at Ottawa reached the city by truck and train. They have not known the touch of hunger, not since they left their homes in the foreign lands across the sea.

There seems to be some confusion in the minds of some about freedom of speech. There is no restriction to-day nor has there been in recent times in regard to freedom of speech. Indeed, at the present moment there is a vicious license in speech. Those who read a certain weekly publication in Toronto with its continual outpouring of abuse and ridicule on people in all walks of life must surely admit that no one's style is cramped these days in expression of opinions. There has to be some limit, however, to license in speech. Open sedition can not be preached, surely? Yet this is what the alien agitators really demand. They demand the right to openly advocate force and violence for the overthrow of government and religion. If The Ottawa Journal believes that this privilege should be granted to alien agitators, then it should have the courage to say so, instead of protesting its loyalty and devotion to decent people while at the same time working to take away from the people in general the few safeguards they now have against the evil work of the foreign agitator.

NOTHING BUT BUNK!

A newspaper is not supposed to write about anything that it knows nothing about. In this a newspaper differs from other writers occasionally. It is true that sometimes a newspaper does break the rule, like The Ottawa Journal editorials on the communists. That, as Thubway Thum would say, "ith the bunk!"

For a change this week The Advance desires to say a word about BUNK and so it is necessary to find out what this BUNK may be. The dictionary's one definition for BUNK is to the effect that it is a place to lie in. Of course, this is not the sort of BUNK The Advance wishes in this case, editorials on free speech and communism being barred.

Recourse was taken to asking the first six people for a definition of "BUNK." The first one given was "aw, applause!" "Tripe," said the second, and where was he born? "Bologna" said the third, and he did not come from overseas. "Piffle" was another definition, while "Static" was the up-to-date equivalent. It was the last of six, however, who struck the nail on the head, or hit the BUNK. He said, "Why, BUNK is the most amusing station that ever broadcasted in this part of Canada." That lad goes to the head of the BUNK.

The people of this district were surprised, amused, pleased and delighted some Sundays ago to hear a new station on the air. "This is Station BUNK broadcasting on a frequency of 850 bicycles by the authority of no one in particular" said the announcement. The fact that it was a mystery station and no one knew just where it was added to the interest. Radio fans in the district enjoyed BUNK. It was a lot better BUNK than received from the other stations.

But life is hard! BUNK disappeared from the air almost as suddenly and as mysteriously as it appeared. That was bad enough, but there was worse to come. More bunk! Someone apparently reported BUNK as a broadcasting station without a license. Anything without a license these days appears to be unlawful. The Ottawa Journal even wants a license for free speech. It is the bunk!

But there is still more bunk, according to the reports. An inspector came up to Timmins looking for bunk. He could have gotten lots of bunk in Ottawa, or Toronto, or North Bay or wherever his usual bunk may be. He got no bunk here! He went away again. The Government is preaching economy! What everybody seems to need is a course in humour! Good old BUNK.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

"The Lost Charlie Ross" is remembered to this day though few indeed know a thing about the late Mr. Ross, the father. In days to come "Lindbergh's Baby" will be recalled when it is remembered that Aleock and Brown were the first to fly across the Atlantic.

A Financial News Bulletin says that five new Senators will be appointed this summer. One of these should be a Senator from the North. The Senate is very evidently in need of some good men at the present time.

The United States is talking about adopting "stiff inheritance taxes." There is the usual feeble talk about "confiscation," but hard facts usually overcome soft names. The United States is not the only country that will have to face facts and do something to remedy conditions that give a few more money than they can handle, with the result that there is trouble due to starvation one place and more trouble due to over-production another.

Last week The Toronto Globe had an editorial article, upheld by scriptural quotation, demonstrating that Heaven is in the North. The Advance has been saying that right along!

Last week The Ottawa Journal had a large display advertisement reading in part:—"Listen to the Campbell Soup orchestra Mondays and Thursdays. CKGW, 7.15 to 7.30 p.m." The soup orchestra can be heard in Ottawa any day during the session from 12 to 1 or from 6 to 7 at any restaurant.

The help of the gangsters has been solicited in the United States to secure the recovery of a kidnapped child. It would be better for the United States if the authorities would conscript the aid of the gangsters for the general enforcement of law in the said United States.

Whoever was responsible for nicknaming the Timmins Hockey Team "The Huskies" had great talent for suggesting an unsuitable name. The boys are certainly not "rough in tone," nor "hoarse," nor are they "big and coarse." Still less

Naturalization and Refusing the Oath

Loyal Citizen of Timmins Asks the Status of Those who Take the Oath for Citizenship, and Refuse to Swear on the Bible.

A good citizen of Timmins who takes a keen interest in public affairs has written The Advance in regard to the position of a man who has taken the oath necessary before naturalization papers are granted who later refuses to take the oath in the usual way in a court case giving as his reason the fact that he does not believe in the Bible. It is a point of more than passing importance to the country. If a man takes the oath necessary in naturalization proceedings believing in the Bible at the time he would consider it binding upon him and his fealty might be trusted. If he openly disavows the belief later, the question may well be asked what effect will this change of belief have on the man who has altered his ideas? On the other hand if he took the oath to secure naturalization without belief in its solemnity, does the law consider such an oath of value? It would be interesting to know the opinion of the Department of Immigration in this matter.

The Timmins gentleman raising the question writes The Advance as follows:—

Timmins, Ont., March 15th, 1932 To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—Can true Britishers imagine a naturalized British subject refusing to take the proper Christian British oath by the Bible at a recent trial in a Timmins court? In The Porcupine Advance I read the principal items of evidence as reported in a case arising from an unlawful parade being attempted through the streets of Timmins, and as a result some of the would-be paraders were arrested and placed on trial.

I very much regret that one of the paraders, who is reported in The Advance as being said to be a naturalized British subject, refused to take the usual Canadian oath on the Bible. That is, he would not make a declaration in the name of God before giving his evidence, because, he said, he did not believe in the Bible. As this man is said to be a naturalized British subject I understand he must have taken the proper Christian British oath before he could become a naturalized British subject, but now he denies these words of God which are in the Bible. Now, through the powers-that-be, I want to learn if such a Canadian citizen is entitled to have his citizenship papers cancelled through his refusing the Bible and consequently denying the Christian declaration he made in the name of God at the time and place that he was admitted to become a naturalized British subject.

I would also like to learn what will become of such a man if his Canadian citizenship papers are entitled to be cancelled.

I am, Sir, Honour God and Respect British Oaths.

Legion Holding Big Novelty Dance To-Night

For the past four years it has been the policy of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion to hold a fancy dress St. Patrick's Day dance, these events proving popular and successful. This year however, the Legion is changing the rule and holding a Big Novelty dance in the McIntyre Recreation hall, Schumacher tonight (Thursday, March 17). There will be novelties for all—streamers and noise-makers (these include whistles, rattles, and bells, etc.). Those who attended the New Year's Eve dance will remember the surprise some of the novelties caused. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion will serve their usual line of refreshments. A first-class orchestra will give the best of music. In all it looks like one of the big events of the year. Those who wish to do a kind act and enjoy themselves at the same time should not miss this opportunity, as all profits are to be placed in the Legion relief fund. This fund has helped hundreds throughout the winter and at present is in a very low state. Make up your party for St. Patrick's Day and come and help the Legion.

do they deserve to be likened to a breed of canine, half wolf, half dog. The ill-chosen name gave the smart-aleck sports writers a chance for supposed wit and humour that was not alive enough to have been born without fantastic help. Just why the Timmins boys should need any nickname may puzzle any but a certain type of Toronto sport or the tired genius that tagged the name on the team from the Porcupine. The Timmins lads did credit to this town, to this camp, to the industry that supports this area. They might well have been known as the Timmins team, the Porcupine team, the Gold Miners, the Gold-Diggers, the Golden Group Camps. They showed themselves to be thorough-breds. The man who first called them Huskies should be banished to Algoma.

The longer the road between Porcupine and Sudbury camps is left uncompleted, the longer the Northern Development Department retards the development of the North Land as a whole. The proposed road would bind together by highway all the communities of the North. It would increase many fold the tourist traffic to the North. It would afford transportation facilities for new mining camps like Shiningtree, Matachewan, McArthur and others. There are no valid arguments against the building of this road at present, when its construction would have the added advantage of assisting the unemployed.

Some people in Timmins were annoyed last week at offensive references in some of the Toronto newspapers to

WATCHING BREACH OF GAME LAWS IN MOOSENEE AREA

Anti-Poivemen and Emil Hankamen, of Kessagam Lake district, took jail alternatives of two months each when fined \$25 and costs each by Magistrate Tucker, Cochrane, on March 7, for trapping illegally without licenses. Both charges were preferred by R. C. M. P. Constable Covell, of Mooseonee, a deputy game warden working under the jurisdiction of the North Bay office of the Game and Fisheries Department.

FOURTH ANNUAL EASTER BALL STROLLERS CLUB, ON MARCH 28

For the fourth successive year the Strollers Club announces its Easter dance to be held this year in the McIntyre Recreation hall on Monday evening, March 28th. Dancing will be from 9.30 to 2.30, and Tommy Stephens and his noted orchestra will furnish the latest in dance music for the occasion. Invitations for the event may be secured from Ken Sterling, Timmins, or E. Abrams, Schumacher. The Strollers Club is planning to make the Easter dance this year one of the very best ever held in the district.

TOWNSHIP OF TISDALE

Notice to Dog Owners

All dog owners must call at the Chief of Police's office either at South Porcupine in the Council Chambers, or in the Fire Hall at Schumacher and pay their dog licenses on or before the 31st day of March. The offices will be open from 8 a.m. till 10 a.m. and from 12 to 2 p.m. every day and from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m. on March 10th and 25th. After that date all dogs will be taken and put in the Pound and the owners will be dealt with in accordance with By-law 90. This By-law will be enforced to the letter.

Chas. McInnis,

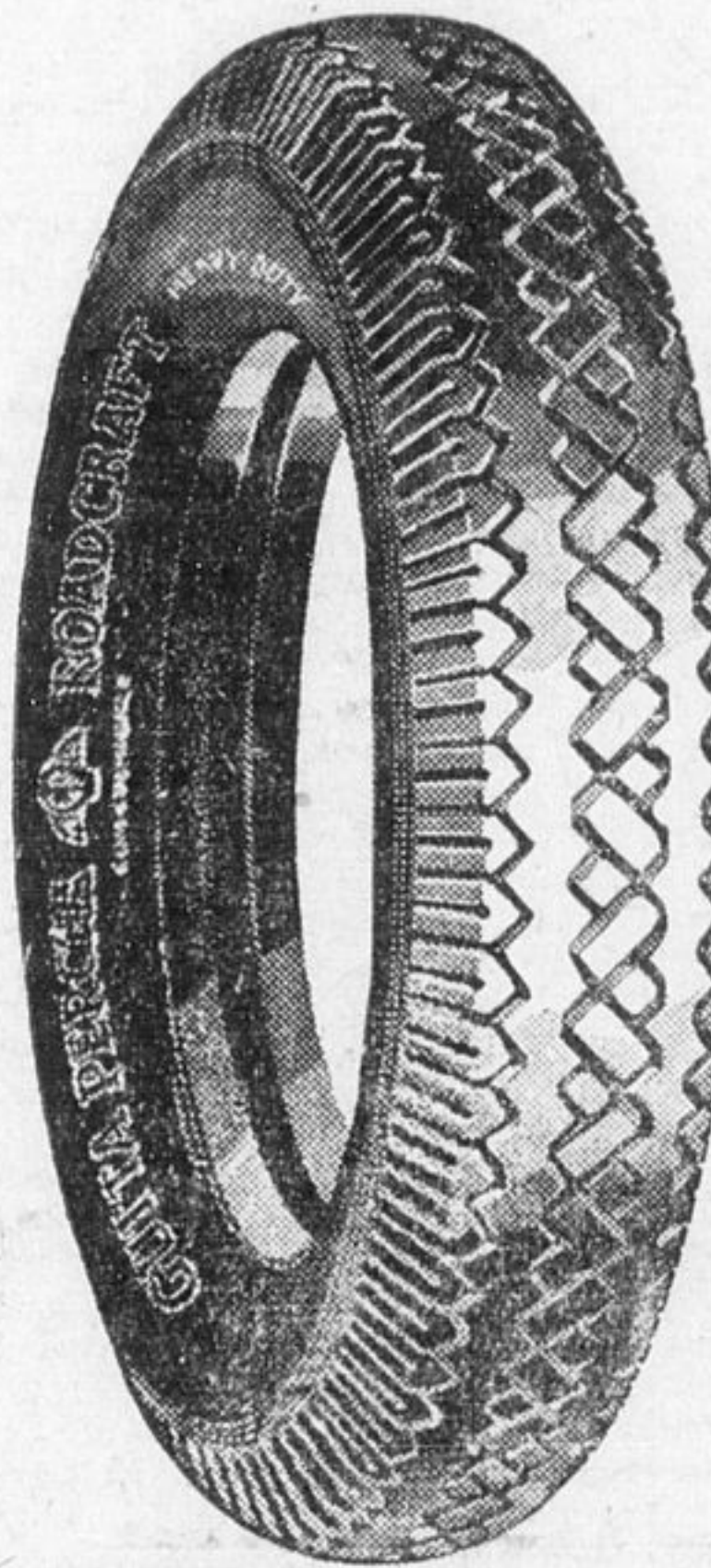
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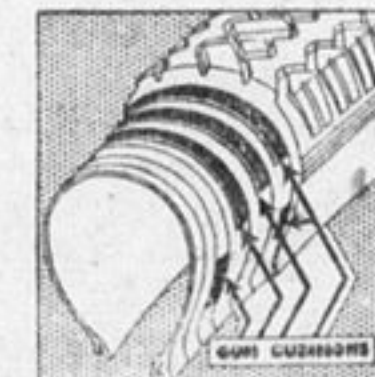
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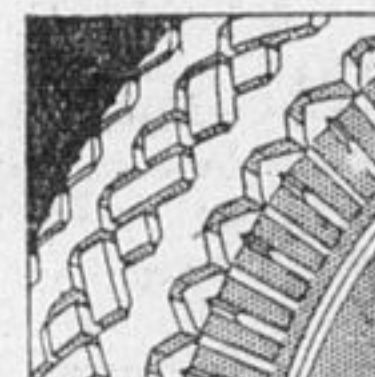
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the members of the Timmins Hockey Team. There is no true cause for resentment. At least two of the Toronto newspapers were fair, friendly and courteous in all their reports and comments. The Mail and Empire and The Globe represent adult opinion in Toronto better than any of the junior journals, so why worry? The smart-alecks and the wise-crackers were probably trying to be nasty, so they were not nearly so bad as they might have been. The Timmins hockey players played well under all the handicaps they had. They did credit to themselves and their town. They gave their best and it was good. No smart-aleck sports writer can slur a team of good sports like the Timmins team.

The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing, says that there is no less liberty of speech in Canada than prevailed before the war. If this were true the Northern Tribune would have had to use asbestos paper had it used its full measure of liberty of speech and been published prior to the war. Reading the other articles in The Northern Tribune each week and then perusing the note last week complaining about a section of the criminal code, it is puzzling to understand just what more liberty of speech could be desired by any reasonable person or newspaper. The freedom of speech taken by The Northern Tribune would be broad enough for any ordinary newspaper or individual. It may be, however, that The Northern Tribune has a few more good words or expressions that the law prescribes, but if so most people will think the law does well.

WANT THE SLEIGH PARTY TO RETURN AND SING AGAIN

The following note was received this week, the name of the writer accompanying the letter:—

March Gold Camp, March 12th To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—As a regular reader of The Advance would you permit me a small space in your paper. We, the boys, of the March Gold Mines would like to know when the sleighing party that paid us a visit some weeks ago is coming back again, as we enjoyed their company ever so much, especially the two young ladies who sang, "Don't go Down in the Mine, Boys, There's Lots to Eat in the Cookery." Our skating rink is in tip-top condition, so hurry up, girls, before the winter is gone.

Yours truly, "Boys of the Camp."

Lindsay Post:—Two or three hundred wild geese were seen at Sault Ste Marie—flying east. Since the weather-man got all mixed up too this winter, it is felt that it is quite all right for wild geese to be flying around in circles.