

The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine

By Timmins Branch Correspondent.

Annual General Meeting on Monday
The annual general meeting of the Timmins Branch of the Canadian Legion will be held on Easter Monday in the Oddfellows' hall. It is the most important meeting of the year and it is up to every member to make an effort to attend. Of course, the chief business will be the counting of the ballots and the returns announced of the successful candidates. President Austin Neame will occupy the chair and begin his fourth term as president.

Information to some of our new members. Austin Neame was the founder of the Timmins Branch of the Canadian Legion and has been a consistent worker for the branch since that time. During the past year the president's lot has not been a very pleasant one, hundreds of distress cases coming under his investigation. With tact and good judgment Austin Neame gave all a fair hearing and the cases were assisted as he thought best. It has been

a hard year indeed for one in his position, but he has gone about the work in thorough manner, and he can say that no really deserving case was ever turned away. In other duties our president was one of the first to help and in this connection also has given generously of time and talent. It would be hard indeed to find one who could fill the position in so capable a manner and the members should all feel proud that once again Austin Neame will head our affairs.

The financial statement should also prove a very interesting document and will no doubt surprise many members by the total amount of relief expended and other activities carried through during the past year.

Plans should also be outlined at this meeting for the 1932 programme and this will make good discussion for the good and welfare. Give the new officers your suggestions and they will know that the members are interested. The entertainment committee are carrying on till the Vimy banquet, and for Easter Monday they have a programme for the enjoyment of all attending. Make an effort to attend. Refreshments will be served.

No Politics—Says Legion

The press has been publishing letters to the effect that the Canadian Legion should exercise its power as a political force. Lieut-Col. F. J. Picking, provincial president, has made a timely answer, which is as follows: "There was no politics in front of the old Bird-cage on the Ypres Salient, or in Regina Trench on the Somme, or on the Canal du Nord. The men who fought those battles were not politicians. It mattered not what political party they held allegiance to in these days when they were fighting for their country, and there is no need for political consideration to enter into the fight they are now waging in this country to secure fair treatment for the comrades who are incapacitated as a result of their war experiences, and for the widows and dependents of the heroes who lost their lives in the conflict."

Recalling Old Memories

The night of the Vimy banquet is approaching and our thoughts go back to the days, (or was it "nights") before the big attack. Not many of us who were present at this battle recall many days as these were mostly taken in sleep. Fritz had all the advantage, and it is amazing when one considers the amount of work carried through previous to the attack, that this could all have been done during dusk to dawn. One recalls spots of fame, such as Shrapnel Corner, Sniper's Alley, The Pimple and then after we captured the Ridge, the Plank Road, Souchez Valley, Thelus and the Lens Road. We recall also how Fritz loved to keep us jogging along the Arras Road with

Prices are Way Down Way Down in Florida

John Fogg Says his Golf is Not so Good, but Everything Else Seems to be All Right.

In a letter received last week from John W. Fogg from Lakeland, Florida, he says they expect to leave this week for home in Timmins, but may be delayed in reaching here on account of snow in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Fogg are motoring back.

Mr. Fogg reports everything in Lakeland as good, considering everything—except his own golf, which he considers punk considering anything. Although the course is in exceptionally good shape he has not been able to beat 90, and he has done that on Timmins course at this time of year in previous seasons.

In this letter Mr. Fogg says:—"Am mailing you under separate cover the local paper so that you can check up on the doings and living costs in this district. We have been buying No. 1 strawberries from ten to twenty cents per imperial quart up to this week when the price was boosted 25 cents. You will notice by the advts. that living costs are remarkably low."

The advertisements in the paper, "The Lakeland Evening Ledger," do seem to quote prices that appear low, especially for Florida as generally considered by outsiders. One advt. quotes pork chops at 9½ cents per lb.; stewing veal at 7½ cents per lb.; sausage, 23½c per lb.; pork, chops or roast, 11½c per lb.; stewing beef at 8c per lb.; bananas, 5lbs. for 15 cents; eggs, 21c per dozen; fancy whole rice, 5 lbs. for 15c.; bacon, 15c per lb.; coffee, 29c per lb.; cheese, 19c per lb.; potatoes, 5lbs. for 7c.; Lux, 3 packages for 27c; laundry soap, 10 cakes for 25c; Borden's milk, 3 tall cans for 21c; tea, half-pound package, 19c.

Another advertisement quotes:—roast pork, 10c per lb.; picnic hams, each 49c; breakfast bacon, 19c per lb.; matches, 3 boxes for 10c; brooms, 25c each; cocoa, 15 per lb. A third firm includes the following in their specials:—leg of lamb, 19c; chickens, 97c each; potatoes, 10 lbs for 13c; lettuce large head, 8c. Butter is quoted at 22c per lb. in still another advt., with other bargains such as 3 lbs prunes for 15c; coffee, 26½c per lb.; steak, 15c per lb.; milk, tall can, 5c. An odd thing about the issue of The Lakeland Ledger sent is that though there are no less than eleven advts. for food stores, each of them averaging over three columns, a total of 36 columns, there are not three columns altogether of clothing and boot and shoe advts. in the whole issue. There are two small advts. about boots and shoes, and one equally small advt. about boys' wear and another advt. (about a column of space) for ladies spring coats. Evidently the food stores are keeping up a strong competition in prices, and the large amount of advertising carried means big sales and consequently reduced prices. Evidently in Florida, to judge by the Lakeland newspaper, food is much more important than clothing. So far as the advts. are concerned, it would seem that no one in Florida wears any hats, neither man nor woman. Some of the articles in the issue reaching here may be of interest. For example, one front page article in The Ledger tells of the plans made by the county board to run all schools seven months in the year, while where possible elementary schools will also operate for another month. Where finances permit high schools are to operate for eight or nine months. Lakeland district apparently has heard of the depression and also of the idea of economy. Of course, there is front page reference to the kidnapping of Lindbergh's baby. The Ledger article is restrained and intelligent and treats the kidnapping as if it were a serious crime, not something to give a basis for ballyhoo and tommyrot. The Ledger shows that there is some crime in Lakeland though chiefly liquor cases. The crime is neither hidden nor over-stressed, but treated in same way. "Clouds avert a killing frost in the Lakeland area," according to The Ledger, which adds that the berry season is expected to continue three weeks longer. "No berries moved out of the Florida belt yesterday, but three cars were expected to be shipped to-night," says The Ledger, adding that warm sunshine in the next few days will mean many extra thousands of dollars to growers. The Ledger's Washington correspondent says that President Hoover's supporters are now more hopeful and that the Roosevelt forces no longer treat Alfalfa Bill Murray in light way. This is the sort of item to fly away until after the event and then check up. They have fires in Florida, the handsome residence of Mrs. D. M. Pipkin, at Scott Lake, being burned down with loss of \$10,000.00. And sports, they have a pageful! Also a pageful of society! As The Ledger gives a page to the churches and religion, they must have some of them also down in Florida. This is something to ask Mr. Fogg on his return. The Lakeland Evening Ledger has a good editorial column, though the subjects treated have not the same interests in Timmins that they would have in Florida. One editorial note, however, is worth reproducing in full. It says:—"Although the mercury went down rather low the past two nights, the sun was out both days and the air was bracing." That sort of thing could also be truly said of this other winter resort, the North Land. As The Advance has pointed out more than once, the chances are strong that the people of Florida will have to come to the North for the winter to escape the rigors of their own climate. As the temperature in the Lakeland area is recorded in The Ledger as being as low as 40 degrees above, the force of this idea may not be apparent, but in other parts of Florida temperatures of from 2 to 20 below zero were recorded.

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THE SPIRIT OF BUSINESS, OF EDUCATION, AND OF LIFE

(Revised from Pendleton Beckley)
I am the developer of the mind of children. As they thumb my inked pages I teach them to spell, to read and to figure.

I am the life of the student and the breath of the scholar, for I have recorded and kept for them the wisdom of the ages.

I am the church. In hymn, psalter and prayer I life up my voice unto the heavens.

I am music. Without me the harmonies of the masters could not be heard and enjoyed by all.

I am art, and I am architecture.

I am the spirit of business, of banking and of finance.

I am the law, for without precedent upon me stamped, the scales of justice would not keep an even trend.

I hold the plighted word of nations. It was because I was dishonoured and trampled under foot as a mere "scrap of paper" that mighty armies unsheathed the sword in my defence, and thousands sleep in Flanders' field where poppies grow.

I am knowledge. Into the remotest places do I bring report of happenings throughout the world.

I am public opinion.

I am one of the foundation stones of civilization.

My name is Paper.

Barrie Examiner:—We wouldn't mind paying the \$2.00 radio license if the government would eliminate the crooners.

BEAN SUPPER

Auspices of the L.O.L. and the L.O.B.A.
In the Oddfellows' Hall, Timmins
Tuesday, March 29th, 1932
from 5 to 8 p.m.
ADMISSION 50c Including Tax
EVERYBODY WELCOME
-10 and -12

Jailed for Fraud on Relief in Kirkland

Foreigner at Kirkland Lake Sent to Jail for Two Months for fraudulently Obtaining Relief There.

Among the mean and unscrupulous-like criminals set down in the fellow who steals from the relief funds established throughout the country to help the unfortunate. It makes little difference whether the theft is direct or through fraudulent schemes for obtaining relief. It is gratifying to believe that in Timmins there has been practically none of this sort of thing. Of course, there has been a number of attempts, but the keenness of the authorities seems to have prevented any serious robbing of the relief fund. "Robbing the relief fund" is the right term for every man who takes relief that he is not entitled to is simply stealing so much from the poor unfortunate who actually need the relief. In town here there were a couple of cases of men who seemed to have money to go to Toronto and elsewhere on foreign political business and yet asked relief from the town. Other cases of any attempt to improperly tap the relief funds have been rare. The great majority of the people have played fairly in the matter and few, indeed, have applied for help without actually being in real need. Practically every resident of Timmins who has been asking for relief has been anxious to work and when men feel that way they usually are the kind that may be depended upon to play fairly. The transient, however, is a different proposition. The transient has made a problem, or rather a series of problems, for every town in the North and the foreign transient is the most troublesome. Led on by agitators, many of whom are making an easy living out of the game, this transient seems to have the idea that someone else should provide him a good living and he does not care who it is, so long as he doesn't have to work to collect. He talks a lot about the capitalist fattening on the labour of the working man, but he himself is quite ready and anxious to live in ease at the expense of the working man provided he can do this.

At Kirkland Lake recently it was suspected that some of these foreign transients were doing some grafting at the expense of the relief fund there, by securing meals and other value to which they were not entitled. Accordingly an investigation was conducted and as a result Frank Brindza was in police court charged with obtaining goods under false pretences. Another man named John Rachok was accused of stealing from one of the relief food depots. The latter man had been a general nuisance around the camp and he was ordered to keep the peace for a year. At Kirkland Lake a system has been in force in the municipality to give three days' work per week to married men with families, while to keep any single men from starving two camps are operating to give two meals per day. Brindza claimed to be a married man with three children and to be without funds to maintain them. He showed the relief officer where he lived (though it developed later he did not live in that particular place at all) and he explained that his wife and children were out at the time the officer called. The investigation also showed that this man had money of his own and that he had no one in his country dependent upon him, though he did have a wife in Poland. Counsel for the accused suggested that the man, perhaps, had made a mistake because of his lack of knowledge of the English language. Also he pointed out that all the accused had obtained was work for which he had given the municipality full value. Magistrate Atkinson said that he was not going to take too harsh a view of the case but that the municipalities were spending a lot of money to help married men by providing part time work and that the municipalities had to be protected. The accused was not entitled to the work, and as he had money he was not entitled to relief at all. He sentenced Brindza to two months in jail.

It is to be hoped that the incident referred to above will warn other transients not to attempt to take advantage of the relief plans. The relief work is for those in actual need.

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