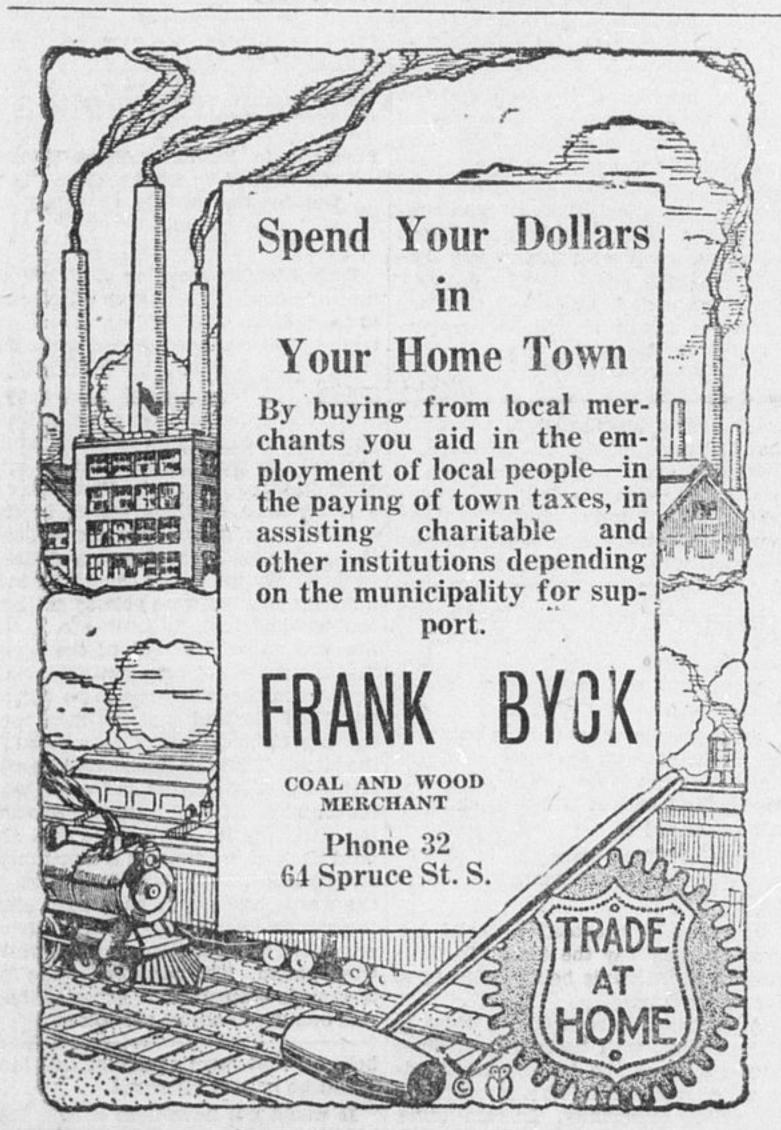


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Thinks the Country Has Enough Roads

Writer's Opinion of Standards of Living on Farms Does Not Apply to this Part, of the North. Several Years Yet Before Necessary Roads Supplied.

North Bay, April 16th, 1932 To the Editor of

The Advance, Timmins. Dear Sir:-With the spring break-up upon us, and the change which this an nual readjustment makes in our habit and doings, especially here in the North Country, it may be timely to take stock of the situation as regards relief of unemployment as provided by the

Ontario and Dominion Governments. Northern Ontario, through the operations of the Ministry of Northern Development, has been the scene for tress in the various communities

has saved the situation.

pended in a two-fold endeavour—to stimulate business and convey the necessities of life to those in need, and to obtain useful results of a nature that will play a great part in a betterment prosperity and development.

But with the completion of the present work on hand we shall have roads system that will be well abreast, to say the least, of our development Considerably in advance, as a matter of fact, to what we should now have had if times had remained good. This may seem strange but reflection will show it to be true.

Naturally, there will be disagreement with the statement that we are fully supplied with roads, on the part of those whose hearts are set on some particular new road or road improvement. more and better roads now than any new country ever had at so early a stage in its development.

It is very evident, however, that this sort of thing cannot go on indefinitely. The heavy drain on treasuries when economies are so vitally necessary must prohibit these expenditures to a minimum. In other words, whether general conditions improve or not it will be be possible to extend less and less relief. The policy of providing employment for relief purposes to farmers and other people on the land, was first forced by the fact that in recent times of comparative prosperity, the average family had adopted a more expensive mode of living and buying than their prospects allowed, and at the same time had discarded the old established arrangements by which a family on the land was almost entirely self-supporting. The change came too quickly for these people to realize and to adjust themselves at once. Payments had to be met; habits had to be altered.

But of necessity now the change has to be recognized. It would be absurd the development and convenience of for a Government to have to raise the country. That is not true in this money, under great difficulties, to be section at any rate, and it is equally passed along to farmers to pay out in untrue so far as the area along the gasoline and car, truck and tractor up- | Transcontinental west of Cochrane is keep; or to buy food which they can concerned. There are still groups of well provide for themselves.

How long the depression will last no markets. In saying this, it should also one knows, but it is plain that it will be said that thanks to the untiring Our Want Ad. Column Brings Results

last long enough, and that provided To Check Up on Radio relief will be hard enough to obtain. So that it is the part of wisdom and safety for every person who is out, or likely to be out of employment, and who can, to put himself and his family as nearly self-supporting as possible.

And now, with the spring opening up is the time to make these plans and put them into effect. The methods are simple, and those who do not know car learn. Very many of those who have no land could get sufficient for thei needs if they went the right way about doing so. The "Back-to-the-Land" movement has organizations for that very purpose

Sacrifice and change of outlook demanded of many people, but the Governments have done their part in taking up the slack of the change of circumstances since the easier days. It now a matter of necessity that those who can must help themselves.

E. NEWTON-WHITE

It would not be fair to allow Mr White's letter to pass without comment. several years, but more intensely in the Certainly his references do not apply This announcement was made by the fall and winter just passed, of great to this part of the North Land. The Department of Marine. The new liexpenditures designed to relieve dis- settlers here positively have not been censes will be available in most cen-That this policy was necessary, and ing. The Advance regrets that they fact that the fee has been changed is appreciated, is everywhere admitted. have not been able to live much better from \$1.00 to \$2.00 by the new budget, One hears from business men in the than they have. For practically all of the date at which new licenses may be localities concerned the repeated state- them in this part of the North, the secured has been extended from May ment that it is hard to imagine what struggle has been one to daunt the 1st to June 1st. would have been the local condition stoutest heart. To suggest that the The Advance would urge all radio had the various forms of employment settlers in the large area north of Kirk- owners to look after this matter at the not been provided. It is recognized land Lake have been living any better very earliest moment so as to avoid that the work undertaken in the im- than the pieneers of Old Ontaric is not unnecessary costs and inconvenience proving and construction of roads and to know the facts, or, knowing them, highways, and the building of the to sadly misrepresent them. It may be money that has been distributed there- (around New Liskeard, for instance, by, and the incidental business created where Mr. White is particularly well acquainted) the farmers may have been Great sums of money have pean ex-; able to live in better fashion than their forebears. But if so, they certainly should not be asked to reduce their standards of living unless the people of the towns and cities, and particularly the high finance crowd, are ready of condiions in the future. Good roads to go back to the standards of fifty and highways are essential to modern years ago. There is something enraging about the suggestion too often made these days that the "common people" should get back to simpler ways of living. Will Mr. White or anybody else tell the world why the humbler folks of Canada should make the suggested sacrifices and wipe out the progress of the last fifty years for no other benefit than that of the high finance crowd? Surely it is absurd to suggest that men are living on too high a standard on \$600.00 or \$1,000.00 a year, to satisfy the tender feelings of a number of others who feel they are being pauperized because effort is apparently being made to cut them down to \$10,000.00 or \$50,-000,00 or \$100,000,00 a year! The Advance does not believe that the farmers anywhere in Canada, as a class, have been living in any extravagant way. The standard of living of the settlers in this North has been pitifully meagre. The Advance has too much

knowledge of conditions in this part of

the North to allow any suggestion of

extravagant living on the part of the

settlers to pass without challenge. Those

who know the lives of the settlers in

this part of the North know that they

are making one of the most gallant bat-

tles in the history of pioneering-a

battle in which the hardships and the

trials from day to day are very evident.

but where there is practically no

chance of any very large spoils even

when victory is won. There may be

better prospects for the next genera-

tion but for the settlers of to-day there is little hope except a sturdy indepen-The Advance believes that Mr. White is equally astray in his suggestion that there are enough roads built now for settlers without roads to schools and

Licenses at Early Date

Owners of radio sets should take the tip coming some days ago from Ottawa to the effect that there is to be a general check-up this year on radio licenses and that all who have not the required license will be brought into court and fined. It will be recalled that a couple of years ago a number of people in Timmins were up in court because they did not have the required license for their radio. To those up in court the radio license for the year was an expensive affair-much more expensive than even the increased fee that is to go into effect this year. For this reason it would be well for all owning radios to specially check-up on them-

than waiting for the Government officials to do the checking-up. The word from Ottawa is to the efsets will be given until June 1st this enjoying any too high standards of liv- tres in a week or so, but owing to the

selves. This is much cheaper and nicer

A WEEK IN CAMPBELL FAMILY

There will be the deepest sympathy extended to the Campbell family in the double bereavement suffered recently in the space of about a week. First, there was the death at Timmins of Angus Campbell, who passed away at Still Mary's hospital, Timmins, alter an operation for appendicitis. Then there came word of the death of the mother in Saskatchewan. The Haileyburian last week in referring to the double bereavement to the family says:-

"The sympathy of many friends in Haileybury and the North Country wil be extended to Mr. D. A. Campbell, well-known prospector and mining man who suffered a double bereavement last week. His brother, Angus, died suddenly in Timmins, following an operation for appendicitis, and when Mr Campbell arrived back in Haileybury after attending the funeral, he receiv-

in recent years, then the Government will suffer, the country will suffer, and no one will benefit except a few who have already profited far beyond common sense or the general advantage.

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ed a telegram containing the news that the wall of the hall! As one comrade of ex-service men. Among these sughome in Saskatchewan. He was unable one and several of the popular artists sioners in Canada and it will be advisto reach the western province in time of the branch were not able to perform able for all to keep a close watch for had arranged to accomplany a party on bottom and work backwards, and by will arise therefrom. a prospecting trip, did not attempt the the time we reach the half way line all work of men like A. F. Kenning, M. peace." One could tell by reading the holding their first smoker on Monday I'P., and A. V. Waers, M.P.P., long account in last week's Advance that A very good line up of talent has been needed roads,-roads absolutely essen- your correspondent was still feeling a secured and the usual brand of eats tial if the settlers were to have a little shaky and trusts he is excused smokes and tea always provided will be chance at all,-have been built in the for leaving Alf Bellamy's name from on hand for your enjoyment. It is past few years. It should be remem- the principals in the second act. Alf. hoped that a big attendance will be on bered, however, that there are still many was very good and his antics when the hand. This new entertainment commore roads very greatly needed and it whizz-bangs went over kept all in roars mitee are going to try for a record, so will be several years before this part of laughter. The part when he knock- it is up to all members to help them of the North begins to vision in any ed the scenery down after a Toud one make it. Hoping to see you all there, fashion any glimpse of the "saturation went over was unrehearsed but made I am, your correspondent, point" in the matter of road-building, the biggest laugh of the night. So What Mr. White says about roads and realistic was the trench fire pail that conditions may be true about other one of the audience called out to Fred Ontario Will Produce sections with which he is acquainted. Curtis to take his arm off it before it The Advance leaves that to those of was burned. Without doubt it was the the sections referred to, but absolutely best night yet, and full credit should and positively it should be known that be given to Fred Curtis for writing the ties and the other conditions in this of the catering, everything being of new country are not what they should first class order. The meats were cook-Unless the Government continues ed to perfection and the trimmings its good work along the lines followed with the rolls and the Army tea, made a meal fit for the Field-Marshal himself. When it comes to the singing of our National songs, the Canadian Legion, sure can show the way. As one visitor said, "I have never heard the National Anthem sung with such unity, and it proves that patriotism is still deeply rooted in your branch." "We won't get home until morning," seemed to be the theme song of the celebration, judging by the reports around, anyway it was a night to remember

> daily newspapers the pensions board indicated gold production from the are again slipping from their work. It various countries of the world, have is said that there are over 10,000 appli- | credited Canada with a possible procations for pensions now before the duction of only \$40,900 000 for the year board and that only about 15 per day 1931 and \$46,500,000 by 1940. are dealt with. The Canadian Legion It is a significant fact that, not only have recommendations for the speed- has Canada far exceeded the estimates ing up of these claims now in the hands | made for the gold production, and not of the government officials and it seems only has this country become well enas if they are being side-tracked. As sconed as the second largest gold prosoon as the budget debate is finished it ducing country of the world, but one is the intention of the Canadian Le- province alone, i.e. Ontario, will in gion and Associated Veterans to press 1932, with a production at present esthese questions. At the present time timated at some \$48,000,000, exceed the all they ask is for the pension appli- gold production from the whole of the cant to be told whether his pension has United States, which for many years been granted or not. In the latter case has held second position among the he could at once put in an appeal to productive countries. The steady inthe tribunal or take his fate as final. crease in gold production from \$4,600,-Under the 1931 amendments all pen- | 000 in 1913 to \$43,100,000 in 1931, with sion applicants that had been turned the vast resources as yet untapped, audown by the pensions board were re- gurs well for the future of the Province ferred back to that body for recon- of Ontario. sideration. The board has not been able to dispose of more than 15 a day | The next regular meeting of the town of these cases and the Canadian Legion council will be held on Monday next, is urging the enlargement of the pen- April 25th, commencing at 4 p.m. sion board to permit quicker action. Col. Roper, Dominion President, stated | Cochrane Northland Post:-Recently

and all are looking forward to another

Pension Applicants Seek Action

of similar nature.

questions affecting pensions and other Yes, they are still ringing against urgent matters put forward on behalf his mother had passed away at her said, "The programme was a lengthy gestions is one affecting Imperial penfor his mother's funeral and, as he so I suggest next year we start at the this deputation and the results which

The entertainment committee under the rest of the talent will be heard in its new chairman, Charles Keates, are

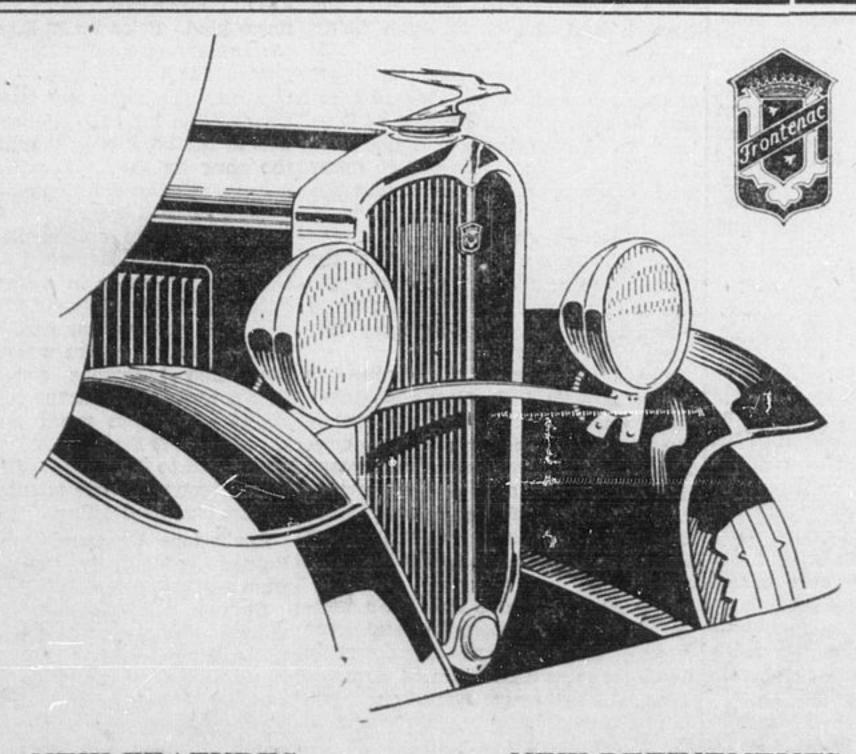
-W. A. Devine.

More Gold Than the U.S.

In the introduction to a report on one of the Quebec gold properties now coming into prominence, Douglas A. Mutch, B.A. Sc., M.C.I.M.M., Professional Mining Engineer, gives the following interesting facts and figures:-The world today is registering surprise at the rapidity with which gold production from Canada has continued to grow and at the apparently unlimited resources which Canada possesses from which further yearly increases can be made. To those familiar with conditions in this country the increase is not so remarkable as they have witnessed gold production steadily advance from some \$19,000,000 in 1921 to a rate of at least \$100,000,000 per annum.

The astonishment expressed on all sides is, to a large extent, due to the fact that such authorities as The Gold Committee of The League of Ntiens, Judging by reports current in the in preparing their estimates covering

at a Vimy banquet at Halifax on April The Porcupine Advance became em-9th that a united effort would be made broiled with the Ottawa Journal on for consideration by the government the question of "free speech", and now of the proposals placed before Premier the Northern Tribune has joined the Bennett in January of this year. The fray. All three papers are demonstratveterans would wait until the Budget ing the absolute freedom of the press, had been disposed of, and would then anyway, particularly the freedom of go once more to the Cabinet asking expression allowed when referring to them for consideration of the various a contemporary!



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