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The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine

By Timmins Branch Correspondent.

Why This Laxity
During the past two or three months there has been a decided falling off in the attendance at the events of our branch. We have according to the financial statement of March last 380 members in good standing and about 40 who were then in arrears. The Vimy banquet brought out about 200, the largest attended event since December. Something is lacking, and it is up to us all to look for the cause. It can be blamed on to several things

First of all it could be said that this column, written for the members' special benefit is not heeded or read, but on the opposite side of that argument is the fact that as soon as your correspondent makes a mistake, there are dozens ringing his phone to tell him there is a mistake in the Legion letter. This proves that this column is read and so disposes of any cause in that respect. Secondly, the non-attendance may be due to the fact that the advertising of meetings, etc., has been dropped from The Advance. If so, this proves to be a bad way to economize, but the entertainment committee say they have notice boards up in all the mines of the district and large posters thereon announcing the meetings, and still these do not fetch the members. Thirdly, some members say, there is too much similarity to our activities. It's either a smoker or a meeting; if a meeting, there is always too much trivial talk and they are drawn out in length with nobody getting anywhere in the end. If a smoker, the same old faces and the same old songs are on hand for the entertainment of those who happen to attend. Replying to this is can be said that some of the talk has borne good results and been of great benefit to the Canadian Legion. In re-

gard to the same talent appearing on our programmes, our branch here is extremely lucky in having such good artists and it is only their efforts to entertain which make it possible to hold smokers at all. Taking things all round there does not appear to be any just cause for this laxity in attendance. It is to be hoped that at our next meeting a large number of the members will be on hand. It is very gratifying to the officers who give generously of their time to know once in a while that the membership is behind them in their work. Out of our 380 members a third would make an ideal meeting, not 28 as there was on a recent occasion. The mixed social last Monday week brought out no more than 20 members and of these 6 of them were committeemen. Give the officers your support and they'll make things hum again.

Not Many Left Now

A bon marche! I'll say they are! Yes, I refer to the Legion relief fund draw tickets! For the nominal donation of twenty-five cents you stand to win any prize from five dollars up to fifteen dollars or a Bulova watch. The cause is a most worthy one and is worth your supporting. I have been told that the donations are coming along fine, and all the ticket sellers report good response and fair sales. If you would like to purchase some of these tickets, you should get in touch with the committeemen of the Legion and they will be able to supply your needs. Anyway, don't make it too late. Now is the time.

Bugle Band Event

The next big event of the month of May is the whist drive being put on by

the Legion bugle band in the Odd-fellows' hall on Monday, May 30th. The final arrangements are not yet completed, but will be published elsewhere. It is expected that the evening will a whist drive and dance and good prizes are being given. There is room in the hall for about 30 tables and this will make a neat turnover to the Legion bugle band for their activities and other requirements. It will be well advertised so that there should be no excuse for non-attendance. Watch for the bills and then plan to have a good evening with the buglers for a change.

General Meeting Monday

My small efforts this week more than stress attendance at our meetings. And so I will refrain from mentioning here that remark, but will refer you to the dictionary for the closing quotation. There is a large amount of business to be attended to, and above all it's the day before Empire Day, truly a fitting time to have a little celebration. The biggest celebration should be the paying of dues, etc. After the meeting there is to be a fine sing-song and refreshments. "Verbum sat sapienti." I'll be seeing you!

—W. A. Devine

Appeal Entered in Odd Kirkland Lake Case

With the occupancy of a rooming house at Kirkland Lake as an issue at stake in the action, a judgment of Mr. Justice Logie at the recent Assizes in Haileybury has been appealed to the higher tribunal at Osgoode Hall on behalf of Mrs. Marion Johnson, the Sudbury woman who is engaged in litigation with Dan Vasloff over a lease of a Kirkland Lake building he claims is partly owned by him.

At the trial, his Lordship suggested to the rival parties they should reach a settlement, a course to which F. L. Smiley, K. C., for Vasloff, was agreeable, but one opposed by George Mitchell, K. C., appearing for Mrs. Johnson. Subsequently Mr. Justice Logie issued judgment, holding that the woman was entitled to possession, but that the chattels were the property of Vasloff alone, and that he could take action under The Partition Act for his other rights.

Vasloff was allowed one-quarter of the costs. Mr. Mitchell now has served notice of appeal, and he alleges for his client that the chattels go with the rooming house and that the judge should have held that Vasloff had abandoned them to his late wife when he left on a trip that took him to Bulgaria and back to Niagara Falls, where he learned that, in his absence, his wife had committed suicide.

In the interval, also, Mrs. Johnson had leased the rooming house portion of the building owned by the Vasloff's from the executor of the wife's estate, her uncle, Alexander Syrotiuk, who since has gone to Bulgaria. The lease as for two years, and Vasloff, when he returned here, sought to have it broken. Mr. Justice Logie holds that, while Vasloff has action against Mrs. Johnson, she, in turn, might proceed against Syrotiuk.

The Reason for the Holes in the Air-Cooled Tires

"What are the holes for?" is a frequent and natural query of motorists when first they see an air-cooled tire. In brief, the answer is to cool the tire when in use. Heat is the principal enemy of rubber. The thicker the rubber, the more heat it will generate under flexing. The more heat generated, the more quickly the rubber molecules disintegrate and break down, and the rubber loses its life.

For that reason tire manufacturers have found heretofore that treads could be built only up to a certain thickness; made any thicker, too much heat was generated causing early decomposition of the tread rubber, premature tread wear, uneven tread wear, cracked treads, chipped treads and separation. The holes in an air-cooled tire, running transversely clear through the tread, as the tire revolves, the small holes open and close with each revolution, pumping air in and out—creating a "forced draft" of air which carries away the internal heat generated in the tread. This process is called "air-cooling." This is the principal reason for the holes, although they perform the further function of providing an anti-skid design after the first anti-skid tread is worn off, and also an air cushion in the tread itself.

DOG OWNERS SHOULD THINK OF THE OWNERS OF GARDENS

The Haileyburian last week says:—"Just another word or two about the necessity of keeping the dogs under control during the few weeks necessary to allow the gardens to get well started. Planting time has arrived and if those who own canine pets do not look after them now, the ones who do the planting are going to have some trying times. It is just a case of thinking sometimes of the other fellow, of the community spirit, of the best interests of town as a whole, and making an effort to prevent damage and hard feelings between neighbours. If we all try to remember these things we will be doing something towards making our town beautiful and perhaps avoiding more stringent by-laws governing the control of the dogs. No one wishes to prevent the keeping of pets; everyone realizes the real feeling of a man for his dog, but we should also realize the enjoyment and benefit that many receive from the labour spent in their gardens."

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Renfrew Chief of Police Exonerated by Council

The charges made against Chief of Police Moses Greer, of Renfrew, by one of the councillors of that town, have all been fully disproved. The committee of council investigating the charges found not one of them reflected in any way upon the chief of police. In some cases the police magistrate seemed to have shown a little laxity or lack of care, but the chief of police was not only proven to be absolutely straight and above board in his dealings with the town but he was also shown to have exercised the greatest care, attention and accuracy in all his duties. This is no more than his friends in Timmins, where Chief Greer was chief of police for several years, would expect from him. To his wide circle of friends in this district the concluding paragraphs of the report of the council committee investigating the charges will be of special interest. It may be also noted that Councillor Fennessey who made the charges refused co-operation to the committee and for this was censured. Councillor Fennessey put in a minority report. This report fails to disclose anything against the chief, though it does quote cases that seem to reflect on the magistrate. The latter, however, has been exonerated of anything improper by officials of the Attorney-General's department. The concluding paragraphs of the committee's report read as follows:—

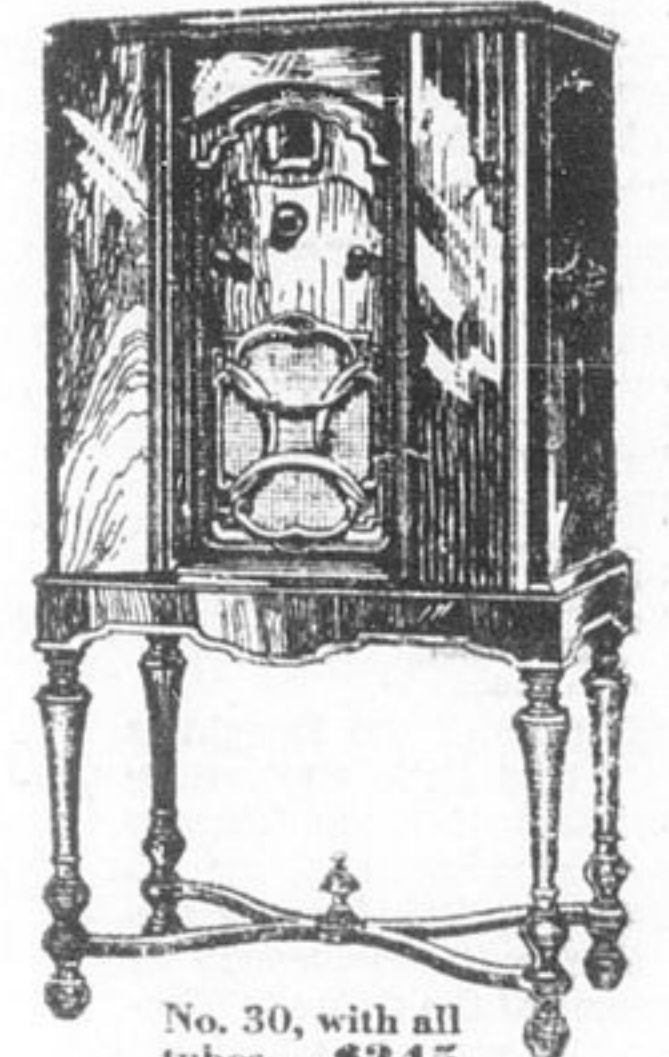
"This information we have now before us and after taking into consideration the crown report of police administration from May 1st, 1930, to December 31st, 1931, together with voluntary evidence secured, the findings of your committee are that in each case the money collected is fully accounted for. The town received the amount which is legally belonging to the town. Witness fees and restitution and court costs take up the balance, so that all monies are accounted for that has been paid to the chief of police or the police magistrate. As the chief of police is the only officer who comes under the jurisdiction of the town council, your committee recommend that Chief Greer be exonerated from all the charges made against him and that the clerk be instructed to give him an honorable exonerated signed by the mayor and clerk and bearing the seal of the corporation. In presenting this report your committee feel that the actions of Councillor Fennessey in the presence of the chair in the council chamber on February the 9th was uncalled for and not in keeping with the dignity of the house or the traditions of municipal government and we feel that in not respecting the chair and the rules of the council chamber, Councillor Fennessey has incurred the censure of this council for his actions on that occasion as well as for his lack of co-operation during the investigation."

Last week the Renfrew council approved and adopted the committee's

report by a standing vote, all but Councillor Fennessey voting for it.

Toronto Telegram:—Just why it should be assumed to be desirable to place in the hands of the police force authority in matters which are not primarily concerned with law and order is difficult to understand. The inevitable result is that the average policeman with the best intentions in the world, is inclined to become imbued with the idea that he is the law, instead of a mere agent carrying out the wishes of the people.

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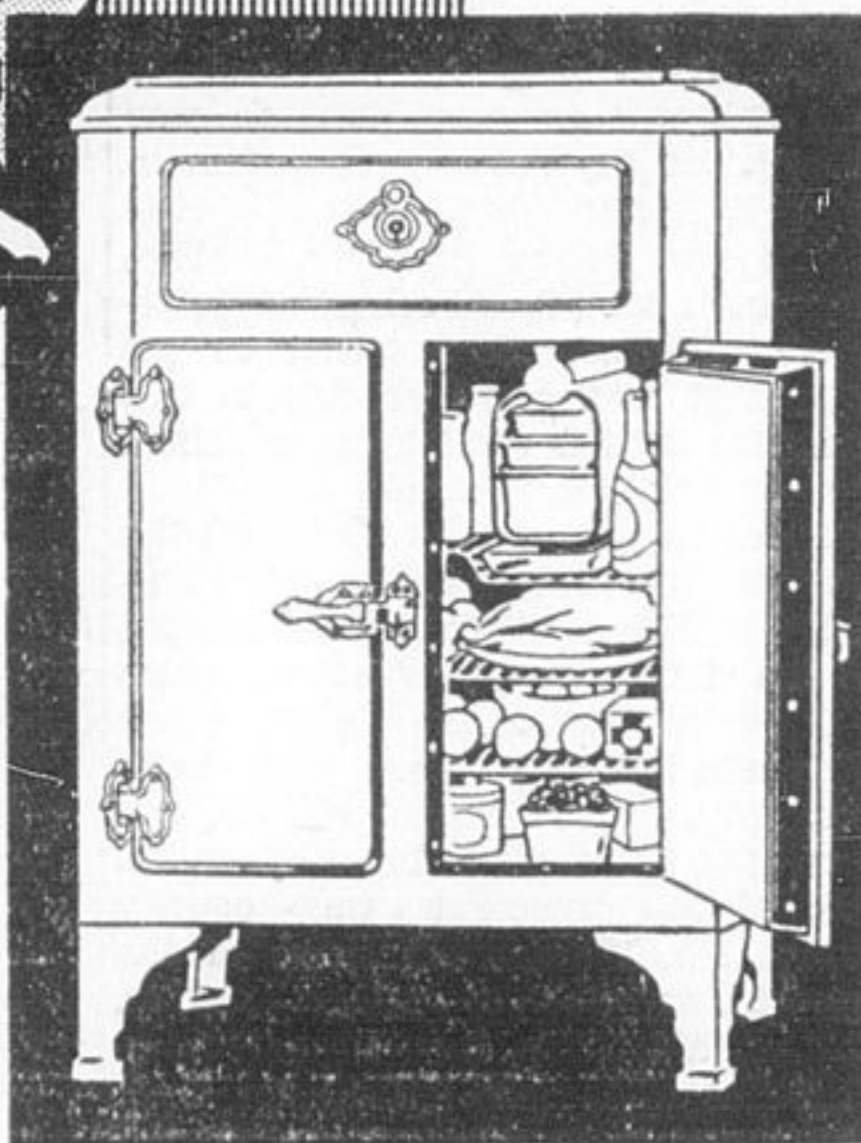
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