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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR! AND HOW!

To one and all The Advance wishes a very happy and prosperous new year!

The wish would be an idle one were there no chance of it being fulfilled. But there is every chance. The indications are that for most people the coming year will be a better one in every respect. There is the chance for the reduction of unemployment. There is the chance for the decrease of relief. There is the chance for improved business. There is the chance for less anxiety in regard to work and trade and finance. There is the chance for better times all around. It may easily be a happy and prosperous new year for all, if all will strive to make it so.

It is apparent that the tide has turned in the matter of business and general employment. Of course, it will take some time for any complete measure of recovery. Times may never be the same as they were some years ago, for example. But the brightening days of 1932 and part of 1933 seem to be passing. All the merchants in Timmins and district who have been spoken to about the matter, report good business in the past few weeks. This is especially true in reference to the business men who have been using the columns of The Advance to place their messages before the people of the Porcupine area. There is a lesson in this for those who really wish a happy and prosperous new year. Advertising of the right sort in the right medium will help to make the new year better than the year that has passed.

One of the interesting comments made this week in reference to the Christmas trade in Timmins is worthy of special note as indicating the approach of better days. One merchant told The Advance that while his Christmas business this year was much better than in any previous Christmas time of recent years, the most notable thing about the business in the 1933 Christmastide was the number of cash sales. Last year this particular merchant did an excellent Christmas trade, but much of it was charged, "till next pay day," or until some other future date. This year there has been a noteworthy tendency for a large proportion of the shoppers to pay cash, even though this means in some cases somewhat reduced expenditures. Even reduced purchases, so long as they are cash transactions, are preferable to long-term buying. The situation is still more favourable where the total of cash purchases really equals or exceeds a previous record in which credit sales predominated. This has been the position this year in reference to trade in Timmins, and it may well be taken as a wholesome sign. If people are purchasing within their means as proven by the number of cash sales, and still the total amount is large enough to equal previous purchases on both cash and credit basis, the merchants can not fail to be helped. And what helps the merchants will be found to help all the citizens. Conditions to-day are notably improved over a year ago or two years ago.

Not only is trade in Timmins improved, but similar conditions are reported from other towns and cities. There is no doubt but that things generally are much better than they were, and there is good basis for hope that the days will continue to improve.

One of the most striking evidences of the improvement in financial matters is the increased business enjoyed by the railways during this year's holiday rush. A great many more people seemed to be travelling on the railroads this Christmas than for some years past. Few things indicate more forcibly the general trend of improvement. Last week the T. & N. O. Railway had a particularly busy time and this condition was noted on other railways. The attractive special rates for the holiday season may have had something to do with the increased business on the railways, but nevertheless the business done by the railways was greater than in any of the other recent years. Not only was passenger business increased, but there was also noteworthy additions to express and freight business. The country is evidently getting back to more prosperous times. It may easily be a brighter and more prosperous new year. If all work together in 1934, it will be a good year. Merchants should keep the public acquainted with any special values or services that may be offered. The people should read the announcements of the business men and patronize the local merchants. Thus it may be a happy and prosperous new year for all.

A happy new year to everybody! And how!

## GIVE THE COUNCIL A CHANCE

The 1934 town council should be given a fair chance and fair play by its professing friends as well as by those who may have opposed some of the candidates before the election. It is not fair to prophesy this or that or the other trouble as likely to happen. It is equally unfair to pretend to speak on behalf of the new council and say that this line or that will be followed. As a matter of fact, with one exception, no member of the 1934 council is committed to any radical policy or definitely pledged to any drastic line of action, and no one member of the 1934 council is likely to control or direct the activities of the council as a whole. There are people who are foretelling wholesale dismissals of employees, and complete reversal of the policies followed by previous councils in the administration of the affairs of the town. There is not warrant for stories of this kind. The 1934 council is pledged to no definite programme and to no deviation from a reasonable and sane administration of town affairs. At the present time the town of Timmins is in excellent financial standing. No other town in the North is as well circumstanced as Timmins. No other town has survived the difficult days that are passing with as little serious results as the town of Timmins. This condition is due to the quiet and capable work of the councils of the past and to the efforts of the employees of the town. There is no warrant for suggesting that the new council intends to evidence any violent opposition to the plans and practices that have placed the town in the good position it occupies today. To pretend otherwise is to show unfairness to the men who will direct the town's affairs in the next year.

There are people with axes to grind who are busy now with stories of what the new council is expected to do. They pretend to have had a great deal to do with the result of the last election. They played little, if any, part in the election. What they are attempting to do is to win some advantage to themselves by misrepresenting the attitude of the new council. Those who are opposed to the new council have no right to lay down the policy of the 1934 council. Those who pose as supporters of the new council have no license to announce the methods and ideas of the 1934 council. Any prophecy of what the 1934 council will do is beside the mark. The 1934 council should be left to announce its own policy. No such announcement was made during the election. No such announcement has been made since the election. The 1934 council should be left to formulate its own policies. It will no doubt make its own announcements in due course. Surely, it is not too much to ask that the new council should be given a fair chance. No one has any warrant for imputing motives to the 1934 council or foretelling its policies. All that sort of thing should be left to the council itself. Several of the 1934 council have had experience on past councils. All of these have given good service and shown themselves fair and reasonable and sane in their attitude and actions in previous councils. Even their alleged friends should not prejudge their record. The 1934 council as a whole is not bound to follow any line of conduct. They are not forced by previous promises to any definite programme. The citizens in general should give them all fair support and encouragement. No one should make their position more difficult by any system of wholesale misrepresentation. Give the 1934 town council a chance.

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## THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

The night before Christmas has been made famous by the poet. The day after Christmas deserves a little special attention. Some years ago The Advance urged a three-day holiday for Christmas—one day to prepare, one day to celebrate, and one day to recover. The night before Christmas is a time of hope, of expectation, of the joy of anticipation. Christmas should be a day of fulfillment, of joy. The day after Christmas should be a day of pleasant memories, a day carrying over the joys of Christmas, the spirit of Christmas, into the days that follow.

It must be admitted that sometimes the day after Christmas is a time of regret for the sins of omission and commission. The day after Christmas is not a happy day for the man who has done too well by himself and not well enough by others. To remember friends who were forgotten or overlooked on Christmas Day is a sad business. To find children who missed Christmas joy is a still sadder thought for the day after Christmas. Every home brightened for the Christmas season means an added joy for Christmas Day. Every home known to be missed for Christmas cheer seems a regret to be borne on the day after Christmas.

The day after Christmas should be a good one in Timmins and the Porcupine. It is doubtful if any homes here missed Christmas cheer this year. If any child went without Christmas joy in this district this year, it was because no one knew about it. What with the Charly Turkey Stag, The Timmins Firemen, the Canadian Legion, the Cornish Club, the Lancashire Club, the All-Britain Club, the Moose, the Kiwanis, the Oddfellows, the Masons, the other fraternal societies and service clubs, the Salvation Army, the other churches, and the thousands of kind individuals who interested themselves it is hard to see how any could have been missed and impossible to believe that any who were known should not have the pleasures of Christmas. The day after Christmas should be a day of satisfaction to all in this part of the North. It too carries the spirit of Christmas, linking the great day of the year with the new year and its hopes and good wishes.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

A radio artist on Saturday evening last urged his unseen audience to Christmas giving. "Give, give, give!" he said. "Give until it hurts!" "I don't see any bruises on you," retorted his sparring partner.

Is there a Santa Claus? The question is still being asked, despite all the recent proof as to the material fact of a Santa Claus! The proof of the Christmas tree is in the presents that grow thereon. A little incident in town this present Christmas may not be out of place in this connection. There are several children in this family, and this year they were all prepared for Christmas as usual. Their knowledge of Santa Claus told them that depressions and other troubles of the world meant nothing to him. One of the boys had gone to the bush and secured a Christmas tree, and this tree had been cleverly decorated by the other children. On Saturday night it stood in the home in the gayest of spirits, while the mother of the house was on the verge of tears. She confided to a friend that she could not see how Santa Claus could arrive at that household in any state to match the tree, with conditions as they were financially. The friend tried to cheer her with the question, "Don't you believe in Santa Claus?" There was no cheering the woman, however, except that hoping against hope, she deferred the breaking of the sad news to the youngsters until Christmas morning. Perhaps, in her heart she did still hold some faith in Santa Claus. Christmas morning arrived, and the youngsters were up betimes to see their Christmas tree. The tree had lots of presents on it. There were toys and dolls and other things, thanks to the good work of the Timmins firemen in working to help old Santa Claus. The children were thrilled. Indeed, they are happy yet. After this how can anyone fail to believe in a Santa Claus? Ask the youngsters! They know.

Where is the gentleman who said that Christmas 1933 was to be a green Christmas?

It would seem like the irony of fate if Hon. Mr. Price, or Hon. Mr. Finlayson, were to be charged with what is termed in this country "selling jobs." It may be, however, that they will be able to produce their licenses to conduct an employment agency under the law.

Well, a happy new year to everyone, anyway!

A modern mother took the questionable trouble of explaining to her six-year-old little girl that there wasn't any Santa Claus! Imagine a woman who had taught her maid to lie about whether the lady of the house was in or out (according to the social status of the caller) worrying about the truth of such a self-evident fact as Santa Claus! But there you are! The little girl was polite enough to listen to the exposure of Santa Claus without comment. Doubtless, the youngster thought that this is an age of scandal when so many seem to be ready to believe so much of anybody else. A few minutes after the mother had completed her detailed explanation of "all that Christmas amounts to," the little girl invited her young friend to another part of the house. There she was heard to say: "Come on, Mary, let's play Christmas! Maybe we can get Dad to be Santa Claus!" So there you are, again!

Some people relish a juicy piece of scandal more than a Christmas dinner, with brandy sauce! At the moment there are some who are smacking their lips over what has been dished up for the Christmas dinner of Hon. Wm. Finlayson and Hon. W. H. Price. It would be well, however, not to accept everything that may be thrown upon the table. If members of the Ontario Cabinet have been trafficking in any way in positions on the magistrates' bench, then they deserve the severest censure and disapproval. But on the other hand, if they planned no more than an ordinary retiring allowance for a good servant who had outlived his usefulness, then there is no scandal and no reason for party hysteria. Politicians, like Mr. Hepburn, have cried scandal when there was no scandal, and have made so much ado

## Sentences Imposed in Rouyn Riot Case

Jerry Donohue, Kirkland Lake, Given Two-Year Term. Others Given Year or Less for Part in Disorder at Rouyn.

Word from Rouyn last week said that Jerry Donohue, Kirkland Lake, Ont., labourer, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment on Friday, Louis Baillargeon was given a 12-months' term and Antonio Lefebvre will serve a three-months' term.

The sentences were imposed by Magistrate F. X. Lacoursiere after the three men had either pleaded guilty or been found guilty of charges in connection with a lumber workers' strike here and a subsequent clash with police.

Only two cases remain to bring the "strike trials" to an end. Harry Raketti will undergo trial at the next session of the Amos, Que., criminal assizes, on a charge of seditious growing out of the disturbance and Miss Jean Corbin, Timmins, Ont., school teacher has also been committed for trial on a charge of abetting an unlawful assembly. So far no one seems to know this Miss Jean Corbin in Timmins, if she really comes from here. If anyone knows the lady the fact is being kept very quiet. It is thought that either the young lady was known by a different name here or else that she was not resident here but may have lived at some of the adjacent towns.

At the trial last week Donohue pleaded not guilty when he was brought up for trial and was found guilty after police produced evidence to show he had "assumed a position of leadership" in the strike activities. The two other men pleaded guilty, Lefebvre being secretary of the strike committee which functioned here at the height of the disturbance and Baillargeon having admitted being one of the belligerents in a pitched battle with police. The

clash occurred when strikers picketing a stretch of Cleron-Rouyn road leading to the lumber camps—closed following labour unrest—refused to disperse. The Riot Act was read and tear gas bombs were used to scatter the picketers.

Sixteen sent to jail for terms varying between two years and three months as a result of the strike. In addition to the men sentenced today, others receiving jail terms were: Alexander Saunders, John Dangas and Albert Huard, one year; Louis Beaulieu, Albert Beaulieu, Salomon Lavoie, Albert Paquette, Alfred Lavallee and Armand Lauzon, six months; Ernest Pleau, Philemon Lelievre, Armand Vigneault and Pierre Baudry, four months.

The majority of the trials were staged at Ville Marie, Que., on the shores of Lake Temiskaming. Seventy-seven lumberjacks were flown to the new jail there by airplane because of insufficient accommodation here. Suspended six months' sentence was granted 64 men, while the charges were dismissed against several other accused.

Mrs. George Evank, Noranda, Que., was freed on a charge of abetting unlawful assembly, the judge warning her to stay home in future and look after her children. A similar charge against Joe Elituk was thrown out when the Crown failed to produce sufficient evidence. Charges were also dismissed against Raoul Lalonde, president; Stephen Lemire, chairman, and Rosario Riopelle, member of the strikers' committee.

Bail of \$1,000 Cash Of the two prisoners who remain to be tried, Raketti was refused bail and it is understood that Miss Corbin may be allowed her liberty on \$1000.00 cash bail, or \$2,500.00 property bail, but last week she had not been able to obtain the necessary securities to secure her release on bail.

In reference to the strike situation itself, a despatch from Rouyn says:—"The strike is practically at an end,

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only a few of the 600 men who trekked into this town now remaining here. Eight constables of the Quebec Provincial Police who came here at the first signs of trouble entrained today for Quebec and it is understood the remainder will leave shortly. Magistrate Lacoursiere, who came here from Three Rivers especially for the trials, will also leave shortly.

## ROBIN SEEN HOPPING ABOUT IN KIRKLAND LAST WEEK

A robin was seen in Kirkland Lake last week hopping around as if it were spring. If it were this week it would be quite easy to understand. Last week's robin, however may still be explained on the ground that Christmas may be held a week earlier in Kirkland Lake, so that everybody may be all right for New Year's. Or else, it may be the famous Globe robin that is looking over the North after reading the good things The Globe has said about this country.

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## PREMIER HENRY STARTS INVESTIGATION OF CASE

Premier George S. Henry, of Ontario, Friday announced he would personally investigate charges reported to have been made by Magistrate Daniel McCaughn, of Orillia, that he had been offered \$2,000 to resign his post.

Premier Henry would not comment on the possibility of a Royal Commission being appointed to investigate the charges until his preliminary investigation was finished.

Hon. W. Finlayson and Hon. W. H. Price say that there is nothing to the charge except misunderstanding. They assert that the \$2,000.00 was simply in the nature of a retiring allowance, such as is commonly given when it is found necessary to displace with the services of a public official with a good past record, but whose usefulness is felt to be over. Confusion is added to the case, however, by the publication of letters suggesting that the magistrate taking over the work of the retiring official paid or offered to pay the retiring magistrate. The clearing up of the case will be watched with interest.

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about nothing that it is difficult to figure whether or not any of the so-called scandals they may unearth are anything more than their own excitability. It would be well in any case to wait till all the facts are made plain before apportioning blame. So far little has been heard but the story of the complainant, arranged in chapters by those who are unfriendly to the characters concerned. For the moment judgment should be deferred at least. When the facts are disclosed, as they should be at an early date, it will be time enough to condemn or disapprove. The people of Ontario will not approve any trafficking in positions on the magistrates' bench, but at the same time the ordinary man will not desire to unjustly censure public men for actions that may prove to be neither immoral nor illegal. The point of the whole matter is as to whether the incident complained about was no more than the usual desire to show kindness and help to a retiring official, or whether it was, as charged, a deliberate plan to buy a place for another official.

of "Ace" Bailey is naturally regretful that he should suffer or be in danger. Even those who heard of him for the first time when some of the Toronto newspapers became hysterical over the matter are sorry for the young man's injuries and wish him the best in the world. At the same time, it does seem that there is something wrong with the sense of proportion of some of the newspapers or some of the people in matters of this kind. For this lack of proportion, of course, some of the newspapers are chiefly to blame. They have a habit or mania for nervous excitement and mental exaggeration, and in feeding this distemper they achieve a sort of frantic state that would be amusing were it not a serious condition for themselves and for others. What some newspapers imagine to be the modern touch is nothing more than hysterical emotion run off balance. There is reason to believe that the majority of their readers after all are little moved. During the past week several regular readers of one Toronto newspaper admitted that they had been paying no attention to all the excited talk about "some hockey player or other," as one man innocently phrased it. It is true that the sensational type of silly journalism does affect the neurotic and the previously unbalanced, yet, perhaps, in the main, it does no more than to bring newspaper work into disrepute.

## KIRKLAND LAKE ADOPTING NEW CHECK PLAN FOR RELIEF

Kirkland Lake council has adopted a new plan for checking relief in that town. The costs of relief were considered so high that the Teck council felt something should be done. Accordingly after some consideration it was decided to have a committee of three members of the council to check up on relief. The three members of the council who are to look after this are Councilors Alex Fraser, Walter Little and Norman Mortson. All applicants for relief will be required to take affidavits as to the truth of their answers to the questions on the relief form and they will also have to appear before the committee of three in person before any permanent relief is granted. Effort is to be made particularly to stop transients from getting on relief. There are nearly 300 families on relief at Kirkland at present, about a hundred more than at the same time of year in 1932.