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TWIN BEDS

When the bride and groom were ushered into the elegant bridal chambers at the classic hotel in the big city, the timid little bride took one look at the modern innovation, twin beds, and then turned reproachfully to her new husband to enquire if they had to share the room with someone else.

Timid people in Timmins may have somewhat similar anxiety when they see the twin beds decorating the front of the old town hall.

The new council talked about building a new town hall, but they have not got around to that yet. Still they have made a start. They have a large and flashy sign for the old town hall. Any good builder would be able to erect a nice new town hall behind that sign. The new sign will look well on a new town hall. Indeed, it will look much better on a new hall than it does on the old one.

Julius Caesar said that all Gaul was divided into three parts. The old gentleman's descendants spread it around more, but they do not divide it up so much. The new sign is divided into two parts only. The top part reads in black letters on a brass base, "Town Hall," while in the lower berth are the words, "Hotel de Ville." The building itself doesn't look like either.

Years ago The Advance used to refer to the town building as the "Hotel de Greer." That was a good name. The genial host, Monsieur Mose Greer, usually had a houseful. There was something arresting about the man or the building. He had a way of bringing in guests. Sometimes this jovial host with the biblical name followed the biblical injunction "to go into the highways and the byways and compel them to come in." The meals were good. And few people wanted to sleep those days. There were no complaints, except at the rates. It must be admitted that the rates were high. The cheapest rate was usually on the Your-paying plan—\$10.00 and costs. Of course that was for everything, including extras. Every once in a while they used disinfectant on the extras. Monsieur Mose Greer was a real host—a host in himself. And he had another host in his assistant, Sally. Of course, it must be admitted that despite a fine character Sally was no lady; but he was a gentleman.

The new sign on the old town hall has created much talk and some humour. As soon as one local citizen saw the sign, "Hotel de Ville," he jumped to the conclusion that this new hotel would be the first to get a Hepburn license to sell beer. "They'll soon have enough beer on hand there to stock them for a year or two," he said. This gentleman threatened to report the whole matter to the Stevens enquiry at Ottawa. "Could anything be more unfair," he asked, "than for this Hotel de Ville to rob all the poor old blind pigs of all their beer, make them pay for it, and then secure a license to sell the stuff?" It doesn't seem just right when you put it that way!

Another citizen who remembered the good old Hotel de Greer, thought the name Hotel de Ville a misnomer, if he knew what he meant. "Why not the 'Hotel de Paul'?" he asked. Why not? Monsieur Paul has shown that he can run the house in orderly and satisfactory way and keep it a credit to the town. So why not give him the name as well as the work?

There are other good citizens who question the accuracy of the sign, "Hotel de Ville." Some prefer "Halle Municipale." Others wish some other French name. Still others think there are no words in French to describe that building. The most of the citizens want a new building altogether.

To settle the question of the name, "Hotel de Ville," The Advance looked up the matter in the Encyclopedia Britannica, and it appears that "Hotel de Ville" is singularly appropriate, indeed.

Here is what the Encyclopedia Britannica says under the heading of "Hotel de Ville":—"Hotel de Ville—the town hall of a French municipality. The most ancient example still in perfect preservation is that of St. Antonin (Tarn-et-Garonne) dating from the middle of the 12 century. Other fine town halls are those of Compiègne, Orleans, Samur, Beaugency and St. Quentin. The Hotel de Ville in Paris, built in the 16th century, burnt by the Commune in 1871, has since been rebuilt on an extended site, the central portion of the main front being a reproduction of the old design. There is only one town hall in a French town, those erected for the mayors of the different arrondissements in Paris being called mairies."

Although Timmins town hall is not mentioned by name, it is by inference. All the talk of the twelfth century, the Commune, the main front being a reproduction of the old design, speak in no uncertain way of the Timmins town hall. The reference to the "mairies" is a particularly happy touch. If the places for the mayors remind the French of the mairies, the town building gives the English the willies.

Anyway, as a former deputy chief of police would say—"If the Timmins town hall isn't a Hotel de Ville, it will do till we get one."

SIGNS OF LATE SPRING

Spring still lingers in the North Land. In addition to cold nights, with warm thawing winds in the daytime, the poets are still at it in Kirkland Lake. It seems only a day or two ago—no further back than last winter—when Kirkland Lake didn't have a song of its own. There was the Cobalt song, and no less than three Porcupine songs! And Kirkland Lake had nothing! But the winter had not moved over into the lap of spring when the poets at Kirkland Lake started. Now Kirkland Lake has four or five songs all its own. Perhaps, Kirkland Lake longs now for summer.

The proverb says that he who laughs last laughs best. Maybe the same principle holds true in regard to writing poetry. In any event if it may not be said that the last Kirkland Lake song is the best, it may truthfully be held that it is the least worst. This last song is written by a blind musician, Ernest Conway, A.T.C.M. "The Blind Kirkland Lake Musician" is the way The Northern News phrases it, and that may be the proper way. In any event he is not dumb. Mr. Conway has written four verses, with a chorus for each verse, and then an extra chorus for the end. The song is to be published shortly with music and everything. It should prove popular being touched with the Kirkland Lake spirit to quite an extent. Its feet are solid like Kirkland Lake feet, and it is well and warmly dressed.

No former resident of Cobalt could be brought to admit that the Kirkland Lake song is as good as the good old Cobalt song. Naturally, it isn't anything like as good as any of

the Porcupine songs. But Kirkland Lake is handicapped in such a matter. First there is the brevity of spring and the length of spring poets. Then there is the matter of the theme. What an advantage the poets of Porcupine have in the way of inspiration. Finally there is the very matter of names to be considered.

To find a rhyme for Porcupine
Just grind a line about a mine.
But when you turn to Kirkland Lake
The only rhyme is "takes the cake."
The last song about Kirkland Lake, like all its predecessors has to fall back on that "takes the cake" rhyme. If this isn't a private fight, The Advance would like to suggest a few alternative rhymes that might go with "Kirkland Lake." For instance, how about "on the make," or "regular rake," or "just half-bake." Or how about this—
"Let's sing a song of Kirkland Lake,
The town where everything is jake."
Some time ago The Advance suggested that Kirkland Lake should have a song of its own. It is so easy to make a suggestion, but so difficult to foresee all the results that may occur, and the many things absolutely necessary to make the right things occur in the right way. In the case of this song business, first there must be the poet, then there must be the song, then the music and then the singers. Any or all of them may be murdered before the thing is over.

Possibly, Kirkland Lake doesn't need a song after all. Kirkland Lake has prospered without one. Perhaps, the risk is not worth while. In any event, everybody likes Kirkland Lake and wishes it well, meaning no harm in any way.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

These are great days for the pessimists, the cynical, and for all who love to despair. People of these types must find the news of the day a feast of joyous sadness. The trouble in Germany still threatens. There is grave danger of disorders and destruction in Austria. Spain is in serious condition. China is little better than for years past. All is not well with Japan. Russia's condition is almost desperate. Even Italy is not free from danger of one sort or another. Few peoples in Europe in Asia, Africa, have the boon of security. In the United States serious situations are arising. The general strike in California, with 50,000 men stopping work, with food running short, with grave danger of martial law and the menace of a species of civil war, should bring home to every reader of the newspapers the dire dangers of the day. To the pessimists all the troubles of all the world may bring some sort of perverted satisfaction, but to the thoughtful man who avoids hysteria and senseless fear, the situation brings no comfort. From practically every land on earth these days there seems to come news to disquiet and alarm. The world seems to be performing for the special satisfaction of the pessimist and the discouraged. In reading the news of the day, however, there are two thoughts it is well to bear in mind. The one is that the present difficulties in the world at large may be termed the dark hours before the dawn. The world is on the mend and it is because of this that the relapses, as they might be termed, seem the more serious. The other thought worth keeping in mind is that in no other land on earth is life so secure and men so free as in the Empire that boasts the British flag. Instead of being too pessimistic about the doings of the world at large, the people of the British Empire should see to it that they hold fast to the plans and policies on which their safety and liberty are based. From this distance they can do little to alter the situation in San Francisco or in Germany or elsewhere. But they can see that similar troubles are not allowed to gather force in their own land. This brings up a disquieting feature of the news of the day in this country—the number of accidents and deaths that are preventable and avoidable. Nearly any day the list is a serious one. Improvement can not come from a few, but from a general spreading of the feeling of responsibility, of regard for others, and of respect for the laws made for the general protection and security. Canada has had its own troubles during the past few years but because of adherence to British ideals built up through the years the difficulties have been less than in many other lands and recovery is coming the sooner. After all, looking at the news of the day at its worst and best, Canadians and other Britishers have reason for hope and not despair.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The Barrie Examiner notes an odd coincidence in regard to the members for the three Simcoe ridings in the provincial legislature. All three members seem to be farmers' sons, by birth; graduates of the University, by choice; physicians, by profession; Liberals, by preference; and candidates, by force of circumstances. The three members are Dr. W. D. Smith, Dufferin-Simcoe; Hon. Dr. L. J. Simpson, Centre Simcoe; and Dr. Garnet Tanner, East Simcoe. The Examiner suggests that the health of Simcoe county should be particularly well cared-for by this trio of doctors. Experience would suggest otherwise. The health of the province may be bettered by having these three medical men from the one county in the Legislature, and one of them in the cabinet as well. The health of their own communities, however, will likely lose in proportion to the time taken up by the calls made upon every member of any parliament in Canada.

Hon. Mr. Hepburn says that his cabinet ministers must either walk or use their own motor cars. The premier will find that the only time the people of Toronto will walk is on the Twelfth of July.

An Oklahoma lady called a traffic officer "a big ox!" The officer charged her with disorderly conduct. The judge dismissed the case, saying it was simply the woman's personal opinion and she had a right to express her opinion. The judgment would seem to allow the officer the right to call the lady a cow. It should brighten up the repartee between traffic officers and motorists down in Oklahoma.

Some reader of The New Liskeard Speaker clipped out a couple of articles from that newspaper, endorsed them, and then sent them by mail to The Speaker. Because one of the items was an article from The Advance, the New Liskeard newspaper forwarded that endorsed clipping to The Advance, evidently for an opinion. All The Advance can say is that the name on the clipping is a common one in this country—as common as Smith or Brown or any of the Maes, but not of such good family. Newspapers are often the recipients of letters to which the writers fail to place their names. This is one of the cases where the writer gave his name but failed to write the letter, as Rev. Charles Spurgeon or some other preacher, once phrased it under somewhat similar circumstances.

Old John Bull is often down, but never out. This characteristic shows in sports as in other more serious lines. It is not so long ago since some were glad and some were sad, but old John Bull was never mad, because sports championship seemed to be slipping away from him. Now John Bull has been sweeping everything before him in golf, tennis, cricket. Just after recovering from the economic depression John Bull has started picking up championships in sport again. It is just his way.

Sometimes older people try to impress upon the children some idea of the advantages and wonders they enjoy that their fathers never even dreamed could be. At the same

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The quarterly report issued by the Canada Northern Power Corporation Limited, controlling and operating the Northern Ontario Power Co. and the Northern Quebec Power Co., shows that the corporation is maintaining the satisfactory progress that has obtained for many years. The report issued under the signature of B. V. Harrison, vice-president and general manager, reads in part as follows:—"The progress which has characterized the operation of your company for several years past has maintained, as well as seen by the following comparative statement giving the earnings for the preceding twelve months together with those of the corresponding period ending May 31st, 1933:

12 mos. end. 12 mos. end.
May 31st, 1934 May 31st, 1933
Gross earnings 3865,105.85 3,514,155.62
Operating and Maintenance 1,197,637.89 1,076,722.21

Net earnings 2,667,467.97 2,437,433.41
"The past three months have also been a period of great activity in our construction department, the new transmission line connecting the rapidly growing productive area extending a distance of more than sixty miles easterly from Noranda being almost completed.

"This extension has entailed the provision of two new substations, one in Cadillac township, and the other in Dubuison township in the Simcoe area.

"Since our last report contracts have been entered into for the supply of power to Lamaque Gold Mines Limited in which company Teck Hughes Gold Mines, Limited hold a controlling interest. Contracts have also been signed with Thompson-Cadillac Mines, Limited and McWaters Gold Mines, Limited.

"Power was turned on at the O'Brien Cadillac property on May 4th, and it is expected that service will be supplied to the other customers of the company in this area during the present month.

"The new mill extension at Noranda Mines has been completed, and is now in operation.

"In the Kirkland Lake camp, practically all the mines have made additions to their equipment resulting in increased power loads. In the Porcupine area developments continue to be most satisfactory, the larger mines maintaining their output, while at Buffalo Ankerite Gold Mines additional mill equipment has been installed and operation of the mill at March Gold Mines has been recommenced.

"The Merchandise Department during the month of May conducted a very successful electric refrigerator campaign a total of 132 refrigerators having been sold.

"The various plants and equipment of the company are being maintained at a high state of efficiency."

St. Thomas Times-Journal:—"Instead of a dog, in many instances a man claims that his car is his best friend. At least, it is the last article he will part with when in financial straits.

time it must be admitted that the children of to-day miss great things enjoyed as a matter of course by previous generations. For instance, the A. G. Barnes circus here last week had no street parade, hasn't had one for eleven years or so. The boy and girl of a generation ago got a great thrill from the circus parade. In those days of joy a circus without a parade would have been unthinkable.

Mayor Dave Williams, of Collingwood, who is also the publisher of The Enterprise-Bulletin, and who is widely known for his public spirit and his wide study of public affairs, was a visitor to the North last week. This was his third visit to the North and he was more enthusiastic than ever. On this trip he visited Moosonee and had many good words for the foresight and enterprise of the T. & N. O. Commission in their work of opening up the James Bay country. Wonderful country, with notable prospects, Mayor Williams believes the Moosonee country to be. He feels that all in North and South alike should help to spread the story of its attraction and support its development. While Mayor Williams would not make any comment on

Kirkland Lake Thinks Water Supply in Danger

At the present time Kirkland Lake is anxious because its \$400,000 water supply system is apparently endangered by new mining activities near Gull Lake, this lake being the source of the town's water supply. The Bidgood-Kirkland and the King Kirkland are two of the mines that it is feared will prejudice the Kirkland Lake water supply. The Bidgood having started milling, the fear is that tailings from that mine are pretty sure to find their way to Gull Lake and so cause pollution of the water supply. The danger from the King Kirkland is through the townsite being established near Gull-Lake. The King Kirkland Co., however, is emphatic in assuring Kirkland Lake that they will not contribute to any pollution of the town's water supply. The township council, headed by Reeve Gerald D. O'Meara, are seeking ways and means at present to make assurance doubly sure to protect Kirkland Lake's water supply from all possible danger of pollution from any source. Kirkland Lake is anxious to encourage all possible mining activities but still more desirous to guard the health of the people of the town.

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DR. G. E. CASE APPOINTED HEALTH OFFICER OF COBALT

Cobalt town council has appointed Dr. G. E. Case to be medical health officer for the town in succession to Dr. G. A. Schmidt, who held the position for a great many years, and who died recently in Toronto after a comparatively brief illness. The appointment gives opportunity to note what is little appreciated by the public in general—the fact that medical health officers do not receive salaries for their communities at very nominal rates.

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One of the July weddings at Charlton was that of Miss Phyllis Thevates, of Savard township, to James Kearns, principal of the Savard school.