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GOVERNMENT STATION NEEDED

The Advance greatly appreciates the support given this paper locally in the fight to secure a government radio station for the North so that radio owners may be able to enjoy Canadian radio programmes of merit. By telephone, letter and personal call have come words of enthusiastic support and approval for the campaign to secure this long-needed advantage to the North. One friend emphasized the fact that "piffing," as used by The Advance, very aptly describes the sort of programmes endured here on most occasions. "It seems to me that I have to do far more 'shutting off' than 'tuning in' was the way another gentleman described his experience with the radio. Of course, there are some good programmes available from the United States at certain hours, but why should the people of the North be defrauded of the chance to hear the excellent Canadian programmes available to other parts of Canada? The people of the North have to pay their share of the cost of the Canadian programmes sponsored by the Canadian Radio Commission. Why should the North be defrauded from enjoying these programmes? There are literally thousands of people in the North paying radio license fees. There would be more if acceptable programmes were available. Is the North not entitled to some return for the money paid this year, last year, and for a dozen years past. Why should there be discrimination against the North in this matter? Other sections of Canada have had service in the matter of radio. Why should the North be left to suffer in this respect? In this connection it is interesting to note that the North was radio-conscious long before other sections of Ontario. There was a radio station in Timmins several years ago and the operator, M. J. Cavaney, was a real pioneer in the matter of radio and did much to popularize and advance this new branch of scientific achievement. Is the North (one of the first to assist radio) to be left to the last to receive assistance to make radio available here? There was an implied promise given several times in recent years to the effect that the North would be given a government radio station so that the country north of North Bay and Sudbury and stretching from Northwestern Quebec to Sault Ste. Marie would be able to receive the radio programmes available elsewhere.

What is the official answer to this? There has been no answer from the Radio Commission and no answer from the government. It may be that these bodies have been deceived into believing that the utterly inadequate local stations fill the need. Nothing could be further from the fact. The three little local radio stations in the North are simply toy affairs, with a covering capacity for such a restricted area as to be almost negligible when other factors are taken into consideration. The programmes available are of a type that does not appeal to radio owners. Those who happen to like such programmes can enjoy them on their own victrolas.

If there are no public answers, there are many attempts at semi-official replies. One of these peddled recently was to the effect that The Advance is the lone malfacetted seeking a government radio station for the North. The fact that it might be alone in its advocacy of what it believed to be in the interests of the North would not make The Advance hesitate to campaign for any general benefit. It would not be the first time that The Advance hammered away at a question all alone, but confident in the belief that soon there would be plenty of support in this country where people love a fair deal. As a matter of fact, however, this is one time when all the newspapers of the North are united in the demand for a proper government radio station to meet the needs of the North. The Kapuskasing Northern Tribune, The Cochrane Northland Post, The New Liskeard Speaker, The Halleyburian and The North Bay Nugget have been fully as outspoken as The Advance in the matter, and the only other newspaper, The Northern News, of Kirkland Lake, has also apparently endorsed the idea of a government station.

Another peddled reply is along the lines that the call for a government radio station is due to alleged competition in advertising between the radio stations and the newspapers. This of course, is in direct contradiction to the suggestion that only one newspaper has criticism for the local radio stations. But why bring that up? One of the promoters of the little radio stations in the North some time ago emphasized and reiterated the statement that in North Bay the radio and the newspapers did not conflict in advertising. Yet The North Bay Nugget to-day is leading the campaign to secure a government radio station for the North. The Kapuskasing Northern Tribune, far beyond the scope of radio advertising from any local station, is emphatically against the inadequate service of the local stations and in favour of a proper government station. So is the Cochrane Northland Post, The New Liskeard Speaker, The Halleyburian, all unaffected by any supposed competition in the matter of advertising. In this matter of suggested competition between radio and newspaper advertising The Advance will say this—that if the law in regard to radio is observed, the competition can not be other than negligible.

Still another reply is that the local radio stations should be given a chance. The answer to that is that they have had enough chance already. The local stations have been treated with surprising consideration. Fault has been found with The Advance on more than one occasion in the past year or so for failing to score the imperfections and absurdities so apparent to the general public. Only on three or four occasions has The Advance voiced public complaint in regard to local radio. On one occasion the local radio was utilized to defame local merchants and The Advance certainly did feel that public notice should be taken of such an undesirable and unfair procedure. There has been no recurrence of this form of broadcasting. The public complaint that the local station was all-over-the-dial and prevented radio owners from enjoying outside programmes of merit also was one that seemed to need attention. This fault has also been remedied, so that criticism appears to have accomplished benefits that nothing else could achieve. Accordingly, there need be no apologies for the very restrained criticism. The ordinary radio owner has much more grievance because the criticisms were not more frequent and more severe. But all this is beside the point. Certainly the people of the North are not content with the present inadequate radio service. This local service is available in a very restricted area, leaving all the rest of the North without service. No one wants this inadequate service extended in any way. The feeling is decidedly against fastening any private monopoly on the people of the North in regard to

radio. Certainly the money of the people should not be further spent for private links for private profit. There has been too much of that already. That is the big objection in regard to the whole radio system—the people have been paying and receiving practically nothing in return. What is needed is a government radio relay station that will make available to the North the excellent programmes enjoyed in most other sections of Canada.

DO EDITORS WORK? AND HOW

Once there was a truly delightful fight in progress in Rouyn. It was a case where a group of five or six or seven friends had been drinking together and decided to have a friendly fight. The men were from European countries but they fought with cosmopolitan joy. It was one of those lovely contests, where there are no snobbish sides, no mean factions, no dividing sects or creeds, no contemptible reasons for warfare. It was every man for himself, and every other man a foe. In that fight no man had to run around to find his opponent. Every man just hit the man nearest him. All that is necessary in that sort of heavenly contest is just to fight. Oh, joy! Oh, bliss. What a fight!

Then along came Archie, Dan and Alex. They gazed in rapture at the slaughter. "Couldn't we get into this?" asked one. "Sure! It's a free-for-all!" responded the other two. So the three were welcomed into that enjoyable engagement.

All went along joyously for a time. Then came a querulous voice: "Stop it, Dan! Stop it! You've been beating up Archie!" So entered discrimination and distinction and class consciousness into the conflict, and the heart went out of it. Soon, the men, one by one, and two by three, slipped off shamefacedly, and thus ended in disillusionment one of the grandest fights in the fight-full history of Rouyn.

Far be it for The Advance to spoil a noble row. Yet there is always the temptation to join in one of those fragrant free-for-alls where the nose nearest is the one to bash. The Ottawa Journal and The Toronto Mail and Empire recently started just such an idyllic skirmish, and newspapers from far and near have hastened to join the happy throng.

Unlike the delicious Rouyn riot this battle commenced with argument, but it still held much of the ideal spontaneity that should characterize every glorious mix-up.

"An editor works too long and too hard," said The Mail and Empire.

"You're another!" was the come-back of The Ottawa Journal. "An editor scarcely works at all. He plays golf!"

"Well, isn't golf hard work for you?" chortles The Toronto Star. Down goes The Journal.

"Neither of you know anything about golf or work." This back-hander from The Renfrew Mercury knocks out The Star. The Journal waits for the bell. There isn't any bell.

"If writing editorials on Tim Buck isn't work, what other excuse have you?" This uppercut from The Advance rings the bell, but The Journal stays down. Nobody counts.

"If editors work, why don't they do some work?" enquires The Globe. The Mail and Empire is down again.

"If editors don't work, then somebody works them." This was the stinger from The Perth Expositor. The Globe was groggy for a moment. The other time The Globe was groggy was when Premier Hepburn started his beer parlours last summer.

"If The Ottawa Journal editor knows how to get along without work, why doesn't he put it in a book?" demands The Stratford Beacon-Herald. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King claims a foul.

"If it's a fowl, it's sure to have a gold nugget in its gizzard," spurs The Sault Ste. Marie Star. That puts several out.

"You're always crying 'Wolf! Wolf!'" sneers The Mail and Empire. The Sault Ste. Marie Star takes the rocky road to unconsciousness.

"That's below the belt!" exclaims The Cochrane Northland Post. There are five down panting for wind.

"You just get below this belt!" yells The Eganville Leader. Nobody counts the fouls. Most of them didn't even count the sheep before they went to sleep.

"Stop! Stop!" roars The Gore Bay Recorder, "you're hitting our side!"

And so the fight is off with nothing proved except that writing editorials is certainly hard work! Why it's hard work even to get anything to write about!

THE PROBLEM OF RELIEF

Recent references in The Advance may have suggested that the towns and cities of Ontario have a serious relief problem on their hands. It will not be over when the depression passes. At the present moment it is holding the depression on the scene, as it were. There are people—many of them enjoying relief—who will attempt to stifle discussion of the problem. They will cry out against heartlessness and lack of thought for others. They will talk about helping the weaker and the unfortunate. All the talk in the world, however, will not alter the fact that everybody, including those on relief and their sons and daughters, will suffer seriously unless this relief problem is dealt with. The real problem now is to provide such relief that people will be able to get off relief. There are people to-day who rant about class distinction and yet deliberately foster an attitude of mind that can result in nothing more nor less than creating a new class—a class of people permanently on relief—people who consider relief as their right—people not ready to accept work—people who have become accustomed to depending on relief and who prefer that mode of existence. It is true that large numbers who could not escape the necessity of accepting relief wait anxiously for the very first moment when they can escape from all forms of the dole. But this fact does not take away the other truth that a class is being built up that looks to relief measures as a permanent way of existing. This class is not confined to any one section or area, nor to city or country. Some of the most appalling cases are in rural sections. In one such section in the North there are 150 settlers. They have been on their homesteads for years. To-day they have only five cows between them. There are only a few pigs. They are actually buying pork, buying milk, buying butter. They are on relief. They are little interested in a land bonus. They complain that road-work keeps them from farm work. Yet they are doing little farm work. They are on relief. The indignity of it has passed. They look upon relief as their right—their mode of livelihood. Years ago The Advance urged that work be provided and relief avoided as far as possible. The authorities were frightened at the possible cost of such a plan. Yet the expense of relief is appalling. Something will have to be done to get people away from the relief idea. It is against all British ideas and ideals. The work plan has been fairly freed upon the Ontario government. It will need to be adopted still more generally. In the rural parts of the North the land bonus may take the place of the relief system. It would be infinitely better for all concerned. The final cost would be much less than direct relief. It would mean work rather than direct relief. In the cities, towns and villages, work will be required to replace relief. It will be a calamity if relief is permitted to force itself on the country as a permanent burden, sapping industry and stifling character and enterprise.

Local Bonspiel to Start Here Monday

Marshall - Ecclestone Cup, Club Event and Consolation to be the Features of the New Local Bonspiel.

Another local bonspiel will be under way on Monday night. This time the Marshall-Ecclestone cup, the club event and the consolation will give every rink plenty of games. First and second prizes will go to the winners and runners-up in all three events.

Entries will be accepted at the Club by Secretary J. M. Belanger up until Sunday afternoon and it is definite that play will begin on Monday, by which time the Ramsay rink will have returned from Kirkland Lake. Play in the finals of the McIntyre trophy will probably be delayed for a short time.

With no more than three weeks of good curling weather left, club officials are anxious to get the trophies all awarded and the bonspiels all over before soft ice sets in and interrupts the schedule.

Legion Honours at Funeral on Tuesday

Peter Johnson, formerly of 222nd Batt., Laid to Rest by Comrades of the Timmins Legion.

The Last Post sounded on Tuesday afternoon when funeral services were held for Peter Johnson, formerly of the 222nd Battalion, C. E. F., Saskatoon, who died on Saturday at the South Porcupine hospital after a long illness.

Rev. Bruce Millar conducted the service which was under the auspices of the Canadian Legion, Branch 88, Timmins. A number of Legion members gathered at Walker's funeral parlors at 4:15 p.m. to hear the last rites read over the body of their former comrade. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and a wreath of poppies gave evidence of his war service. Comrade A. Pearce sounded the Last Post during the ceremony.

Do You Want Your Daughter To Be Pretty?

Here's how one girl put roses into her cheeks and rounded out a thin face

Mothers who are anxious for their daughters to be healthy and attractive will be interested in the story of a certain young girl who was pale, run-down, underweight, when she went to a competent authority to have her blood tested. She weighed only 91½ pounds. The test revealed the trouble. Her blood was too poor in quality to keep up her strength, weight and vitality. Her blood was below normal in the number of red corpuscles and in vitally-necessary haemoglobin. She was instructed to take two of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills (so called because they have a pink sugar coating) three times a day for a month and then return for another blood test.

Thirty days later a changed, happy girl came back. She had gained nine pounds. Her blood tested almost normal in its haemoglobin content and was slightly better than normal in number of red corpuscles. She felt a tremendous lot better and looked it. She had roses in her cheeks and everyone said that her face had rounded out and she was positively pretty!

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GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Apparently Germany believes in letting female agitators and spies "blow off steam," assisting this process by decapitation.

According to some people it would seem that the next war will be fought for the freedom to fight.

Apparently Premier Hepburn thinks the Orangemen are yellow.

If that Manitoba law forbidding the slander of any race is adopted generally, that joke factory in Aberdeen will have to close down.

John Rowlandson, M.P.P., is putting up a determined fight to keep the Government farm and buildings at Monteith for the use of the people of the North. It is claimed that the institution under its present plan is costing too much for the good it is accomplishing. The government would do well to be sure that the Monteith Academy cannot be made worth while before discontinuing it. Mr. Rowlandson believes that by the addition of agriculture and mining to the subjects already taught Monteith Academy would prove itself worth its cost. Before closing down Monteith Academy the most careful consideration should be given to the representations made by Mr. Rowlandson and others.

Three relief committees with headquarters in Geneva and Vienna, have issued a joint manifesto to the effect that Russia is threatened with another famine as disastrous as that of 1933. These relief organizations declare that a considerable part of the Russian population is once again in imminent peril of starvation. It would appear that agitators in Canada who have been affirming the wonderful beauty

dence of his war service. Comrade A. Pearce sounded the Last Post during the ceremony.

Legion members accompanied the hearse to the vault at the cemetery, where the body will rest until burial in the spring.

Chicago Daily News:—Uncle Sam may sue Al Capone for \$391,503. It is cheerful to learn that anybody can have that much left after hiring so many lawyers.

To be Guests Speakers at the Kiwanis Club Here

M. B. Scott will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club at their luncheon on Monday, Feb. 25th, in the Legion hall. Mr. Scott is a talented speaker with something of special interest to say whenever he gives an address, and there will no doubt be a good turnout to hear Mr. Scott.

Another specially popular guest speaker will be with the Kiwanis at their luncheon on the following Monday, March 4th, in the person of His Worship Mayor R. Richardson. This also should boost the attendance record of the club.

Sudbury Star:—The eight-hour-day legislation in the House of Commons does not affect newspaper men. They are just getting up full steam at the end of eight hours.

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of life in Russia have known all along of the famine conditions there and for this reason have displayed so remarkable a disinclination to going to Russia to live. After all Russia's most successful five-year plan has been in the production of famines.

The Ottawa Journal and a certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper appear to be disputing as to the "size of a piece of pie." Why not ask Premier Hepburn. He has his finger in it.

A United States newspaper comments on the efficient speed of the slow British. A letter mailed in Brighton, England, at noon, was delivered the same day to the person addressed in London, fifty-two miles away. Britons, however, seem to lose this sort of "slowness" on this side of the ocean. Possibly, it's the air! Anyway a letter posted at Timmins at noon will reach Devonshire, forty-two miles away, on the evening of the fourth day thereafter.

At Winnipeg Mr. Justice Montague has issued an order restraining further publication of libels against the Jewish race. Most people will agree that there is some warrant for the Manitoba law which condemns the slandering of races and classes as well as individuals. At the same time there are people who advocate this class of law who object to Section 98 of the Criminal Code which forbids the slander of a nation with the added touch of incitement to violence. No slander conceivable against any race or people could be more libellous or more evil than the degraded falsehoods against the police, the mining industry, the newspapers, the churches, the Canadian Legion and other classes and conditions of people, circulated here time after time by the red element. Yet there are people who say the reds should be allowed to "blow off steam." "Don't make martyrs of them!" is the cry from some quarters. It's a funny world, if you don't weaken!

Huntingdon Gleaner:—A call to a branch police station in Chicago told of a motorist having dumped a woman out of a car and speeding on. Police answering the call found the woman indicated who gave her name as Mrs. Pearl Erzine. She admitted she had been thrust out of the car, but added it was her husband who had put her out. "I tried to drive from the back seat just once too often," she explained.

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