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NEED GOVERNMENT STATION

It cannot be emphasized too strongly that what is needed in the matter of radio in this North is a government radio station that will make Canadian programmes available to this large section of country. The latest newspaper to lend its able aid to campaigning for a government radio relay station for the North is The Rouyn-Noranda Press. The difficulties encountered by radio owners in Northern Ontario are felt with equal force by the people of Rouyn and Noranda and district and The Rouyn-Noranda Press, always to the fore in any matter for the advantage of the people of its constituency makes the need and the remedy clear. "Little stations such as those now located in the three communities mentioned should not be encouraged to the detriment of radio service in the districts outside their small radius," says The Rouyn-Noranda Press, adding that it "regards the present situation as calling for the establishment of a proper Commission station at some suitable point in this territory rather than the granting of additional facilities to miniature stations which fail to satisfy even local demands where they are located. The needs of this great northern area and its large and steadily growing population should receive consideration by the radio authorities."

Less than two years ago when the question of petitioning the government to establish a radio relay station for the North came before the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, the reply to the well-grounded arguments in favour of the installation of such a station took the form of creating division among those who urged the government station. Some wished to have the station located near Bourke's; others suggested North Bay; some thought Timmins a more central location. The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing, came forward with the proposal that the government station should be at Moosonee. Probably the most reasonable proposition in this regard was that the proper place for a government radio relay station was at a point near Sudbury. In such a location it was claimed that radio would be made available to a wide territory stretching from North Bay north to Moosonee, west to Sault Ste. Marie, east to a large portion of Quebec, and taking in a territory that would include all the centres of Northern Ontario, Northwestern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec. The proposal for a government station, however, failed to receive the fullest support of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade because of the division of opinion as to the proper place of location. At the present time, however, the newspapers of the North and the people of the North have taken the position that the location of the proposed station is far less important than the fact that there should be a government station to make radio available to radio owners and license payers. "What we want is a radio station!" seems to be the general attitude. "It does not matter particularly where the station is located so long as it serves the widest possible territory. The experts of the radio department will no doubt select the most suitable location. What we ask is a government radio relay station! But we certainly do ask that!"

Just as there was attempt to becloud the issue two years ago, so the present agitation for a government station is met with all sorts of efforts to sidetrack the issue. When J. A. Bradette, M.P., who has always taken a keen interest in radio and has sincerely endeavoured to secure a square deal for radio owners, sought to secure support to his stand in parliament by way of a petition to secure better radio service for the North, the matter was twisted by certain local people into an apparent effort to further fasten private monopoly in radio on the North. "The whole trouble was due to interference," was the suggestion made. As a matter of fact local interference is not a serious matter for the simple reason that as soon as it becomes particularly objectionable a call will bring the inspector here and there will be considerable improvement at once. Probably the form of interference that caused the most recent annoyance was the fact that the local radio station was "all over the dial" and prevented the proper reception of acceptable stations. The visit of the radio inspector seemed to remove this annoyance at once. It is interesting indeed, to note that before the petition about interference was well under way, the matter of interference had been dealt with so far as possible by the radio inspector.

An incident related to The Advance by a Timmins radio owner last week gives effective illustration of the chief trouble and suggestion for the only real remedy. Knowing that the Melodic String orchestra is the finest on the air on this side of the ocean to-day, this gentleman made every possible effort to hear it on Thursday evening. He could not hear it without "blurring" and "noises" so long as he tuned in on the Canadian stations that sponsor this outstanding orchestra. People who do not understand radio may say:—"Oh, yes! more of that local interference." No doubt one local man curses electric refrigerators, barbers' clippers and so on. But the truth is that the local gentleman eventually enjoyed the Melodic String orchestra. He secured excellent reception, clear and complete, by tuning in on the United States National Broadcasting System, which was also broadcasting this feature. This proves that what was needed was not something to remedy local interference, but a relay station powerful enough to assure reception in this part of the country. Again may it be said:—"What is needed in radio in the North is a powerful government radio relay station that will make available to the people of the North the excellent Canadian programmes now on the air."

THE AUTOMOBILE MENACE

There seems to be general agreement that the death toll from automobile accidents in Canada is appalling. Yet little seems to be done to curb the menace. Many Canadian towns and cities are boasting these days about the fact that they have conquered that former dread disease, diphtheria. Is there no serum, no inoculation that will do something to reduce the number of deaths chargeable to careless driving of automobiles. One of the chief troubles at present seems to be that despite all the talk in the newspapers the menace of the evil driver is not really realized as it should be. There are people who are still ready to argue that the speeder is not necessarily a danger to life and property, or to find excuses for the drunken driver. There are countries with greater loss of life from automobile accidents than from war who support peace societies but have no organization for the prevention of slaughter by motor. The motor car and the motor truck are more than conveniences. They may be termed essentials to modern life and progress. There is nothing to say against the automobile. For this reason it

is all the more deplorable that something can not be done to prevent the improper use of these modern blessings.

Canada is not the only country that has suffered from improper use of the motor car. There was a time when Great Britain had a notable record in the matter of motor accidents. There was no stated speed limit, and there were people who were shortsighted enough to argue that Britain's freedom from accidents might be duplicated in Canada by removing the speed limit here. As a matter of fact the authorities in Britain had a speed limit—a variable one, it is true. Their plan was in effect to consider any speed that was dangerous as beyond the legal limit. The tendency was to declare even ten miles an hour as dangerous if accidents occurred. In more recent times Britain seems to have become careless in its enforcement of the law in regard to motor traffic with the result that accidents have greatly increased. British authorities have been alarmed by the increasing number of automobile accidents and various plans have been adopted to remedy the situation. One of the schemes tried in Britain to educate the public in the matter is the placing of dramatic but gruesome warnings at dangerous corners. For instance, in several cases a dangerous corner has been decorated with two overturned and damaged automobiles, with several dummies of dead bodies realistically sprawled nearby. It would be interesting to know the real reaction of the British to this type of warning. It may be taken for granted that such a plan would not be successful in Canada. The average motorist here would slow up once or twice as he saw in the distance the realistic depicting of what appeared to be a common road accident. Then his reaction would be to curse the authorities for using such gruesome scenes. Likely actual accidents would be passed by on the supposition that they were only "another of those crazy warning signs by the government."

The world to-day seems to have a mania for seeking short-cuts. There appear to be as few short-cuts now as ever. The remedy for the danger from the misuse of the automobile is not likely to be found by the speeder. Rather it will be located (like the road out of the depression) in a general education of the public to a realization of the fact that comfort and safety for all depends on the individual realizing his responsibility and acting with regard for the rights of others. "Stop and think!" should be the warning sign. The rights and the safety of others should be well considered and in such consideration and care will be found a return to general safety.

NATURAL HISTORY

Some of the daily newspapers have been making much of the case of a black squirrel that has been attacking school children. The careful, canny Globe has even given front-page prominence to the matter. The Globe says that this vicious black squirrel has been terrorizing the children attending a certain small city school. "After having attacked and bitten four or five boys and girls at intervals recently," says The Globe, "the big male squirrel on Friday last dashed down from a tree and made an unprovoked attack on an older girl who was walking with 8-year-old June Taylor. The older girl kicked the squirrel, whereupon it ran up June Taylor's side and bit her severely on one ear and her right hand, drawing blood. The child was rushed to a doctor's office."

No! This did not happen at Sault Ste. Marie, where the wolves are tame! But at St. Thomas where the squirrels are fierce.

The dog-catcher was sent out with a gun and the vicious black squirrel at St. Thomas was shot through the heart, if any. A veterinary surgeon interviewed by The Globe assured that paper that there was practically no danger of rabies from the bite of a squirrel. The bite of a squirrel was no more dangerous than that of any other small animal, the veterinary surgeon said. The Globe was further informed that unprovoked attacks by squirrels on human beings were very rare.

Isn't it a fact, though, that a squirrel came out of the woods near St. Thomas last summer and has been snapping at a lot of human beings since? Didn't the mayor of Toronto suffer a snap or two? Wasn't the former premier of Ontario attacked? And the Lieutenant-Governor? And the Securities Commissioner? And the former chairman of the T. & N. O.? And Dr. T. T. Shields? And were not the heads gnawed off thousands of civil servants in the province? This squirrel hasn't been shot as yet. This squirrel has been doing the shooting. Of course, The Advance may be mistaken. This paper may be confusing the squirrel with the nut.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

A friend of The Advance has handed in a very interesting little clipping from a British newspaper. The extract tells about the claim of Brisbane, Queensland that it has the biggest children's school in the world. The number of scholars has just passed the 6,000 mark,—but none of the children have ever seen their teacher. No, it is not a school for the blind. It is the State Primary Correspondence School and its 6,000 pupils, who live in such widely separated parts as Northern Territory, New Guinea, Papua, Sourabaya and the Solomon Islands, receive their education by mail. It may not be generally known but the province of Ontario for some nine or ten years past has maintained a correspondence school for the instruction of the children of settlers and others who are situated in localities where ordinary school facilities are not available. By virtue of this Ontario correspondence school over 2,000 children to-day are receiving education who would otherwise be unable to secure any education at all. It was through efforts originating in Timmins that Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, then premier of Ontario and Minister of Education, adopted the correspondence school plan to assure educational facilities for the children in sparsely-settled areas where there were no schools and where schools could not be maintained. Ontario has reason to be proud of its provincial correspondence schools which have been unusually successful.

Two Timmins men were walking in the bush near Timmins recently. One of them stopped before a poplar tree, and, taking off his hat, bowed deeply. "What's the big idea?" asked the other man. "Oh, I'm only saluting my next year's Christmas silk tie!" was the reply. "Huh!" his friend retorted, "you don't know all that you may be saluting to-day in a poplar tree. Everything from silk to locomotive wheels and from paper to fire buckets may be made from the poplar. Science is certainly working hand in glove with industry in these times." The poplar tree is a good illustration of the truth suggested by the Timmins men in their humorous argument in the bush. Another example is the use of rabbit skins in industry through the help of modern science. Collier's Weekly is authority for the statement that rabbits, which furnish a large part of the world's fur under 90 different names, are now scientifically bred so that their coats are quite similar to the furs of rarer animals, a resemblance so close that expensive processes of dyeing and trimming are no longer necessary.

The trillium has been recommended by the Ontario Horticultural Society as a suitable choice for the official flower of this province. To this there will be little objection. The national flower of the North Land, however, will remain as



SPODE'S "Fairy Dell"

One of Spode's very quaint old shapes and patterns recently revived. The design is drawn in fine line running style, and painted under the glaze in soft warm colours of pink, yellow, green and mauve.

The Charlotte shape designed for Queen Charlotte in 1820 makes an effective setting for Fairy Dell decoration. For its historic interest as well as its beauty you should see these pieces.

C. A. REMUS

Jeweller
17 Pine St. N. Phone 190
Timmins

I.O.D.E. to Continue to Aid Rural Schools

Hope to be Able to Establish Bursary for District This Year as Part of Plan.

The assistance rendered rural schools in the District of Cochrane last year is to be continued this year. The Advance was told in an interview on Saturday with Mrs. T. E. Pritchard, educational secretary of the Golden Chapter of the I. O. D. E. who was in charge of the work last year and was re-elected to the same office this year. With the beginning that has now been made in the work, the officers of the chapter hope that even more may be accomplished in that direction this year. As noted by Hon. Dr. L. J. Simpson, minister of education, on his northern visit this summer, the rural schools attended by the sons and daughters of settlers are in real need of help. The local chapter of the I. O. D. E. has been active in trying to at least partially supply the needs of the children but there still remains a great deal to be done.

Last year 15 large shipments of books were made to different schools. Included in them were Canadian magazines as well as text books and children's story books. In all, 20 Union Jacks were supplied to schools in the district. Six libraries were begun which may be added to this year, and nine schools each received a dozen copies of "The Wonder Atlas of the World" a work that can be used extensively in public school teaching. A large number of boxes of clothing were also sent to help supply the need in that line.

The work of the educational branch of the I. O. D. E. also involves the continuance of bursaries. It is hoped that next year a bursary may be established for this district. Among the members of the chapter, readings and discussions on current topics are also carried on. Last year "Canada and World Peace" was the topic and the growing use of the League of Nations was thoroughly considered. This year it is expected that "Canada and the Empire" will be the main subject.

Mrs. J. A. McInnis, regent for the past 11 years, who was unanimously chosen honorary regent at the annual meeting last Monday, continues to take an active interest in the affairs of the chapter.

Mrs. H. L. Traver succeeds Mrs. McInnis as regent of the Golden Chapter.

C.W.L. Card Party Outstanding Event

Nearly Three Hundred Present at Affair at the Church of the Nativity Wednesday Night.

The basement of the Church of the Nativity was the scene of a well-attended affair on Wednesday night when nearly 300 people turned out for bridge, five hundred and euchre. There were 69 tables in all, 40 of bridge, 22 of five hundred and seven of euchre.

Those who won prizes at bridge were: Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Mondoux, Mrs. Delahunt, G. Archibald, P. Cooper and F. Macnamara. Prizes at five hundred were won by:—Mrs. Perrault, Mrs. De-Feu, Mrs. Tierney, E. Vachon, J. Landers and E. Rogers. At euchre Mrs. O'Grady, Mrs. Weber, Mrs. Jennings and Messrs Egan, Powell and Reiler were the winners. Jules Badeski won the door prize.

It was one of the best card parties the Catholic Women's League has had

heretofore. It is a flower that thrives in the North—found in all sections of the North—in city and hamlet and in the settlers' farm—ubiquitous, hardy, useful, beloved—good old haywire.

It is said that the proceedings leading to the arrest and conviction of David Meisner, sentenced to penitentiary recently for the kidnaping of a wealthy London brewer, totalled less than \$2,500.00. The lessons given to gangsters and racketeers from outside the province by this arrest and conviction was certainly worth \$2,500.00 of any province's money.

The seed catalogues are here again to prove that anticipation is always better than realization.

WANT Ads

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Garage or taxi stand; centrally located at 16 Cedar Street, North. Apply to B. F. Lemman, 10 Elm Street, North, Timmins. -13ptf

FOR RENT—House to rent; three rooms; all conveniences. Garage. \$17.00. Apply at 62 1-2 Lake Shore Road. -16p

FOR RENT—House with all conveniences; water paid; immediate possession; location, Birch Street, South. Apply at 12 Third Ave., Timmins. -16-17-18-19 p

FLAT FOR RENT—With all conveniences; heated. Apply at 24 Maple St., South, Timmins. -16

FOR RENT—Two-roomed house; heated; furnished; all conveniences; water and light; \$18.00 a month. Apply at 25 Way Ave., Timmins. 16p

ROOM AND BOARD

BOARD AND ROOM—Room with two single beds, in comfortable private home where board excellent. Recently remodelled and newly furnished. Mrs. M. Lawlor, 3 Elm street south, Timmins. Telephone 552-j. -7

ARTICLES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Holstein cows, good square young cows just fresh with calves at side or due to freshen shortly. Tuberculin tested and blood tested for abortion. Grades or pure-breds. Years of experience in selecting and shipping cows for particular customers. Write or phone Wm. J. Murphy, Lindsay, Ont., Telephone 1352 Lindsay, Secretary Victoria County Holstein Club. -13-15

NOTICE

My wife, Josephine Hurtubise, having left my bed and board, seven months ago, I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her, in my name. My wife can't be holding any claims against my property. (Signed) Moise Hurtubise, February 20th, 1935. -15-16-17p

for some time. The new system in which tables were made up before the games began and players pivoted at their own tables was popular with both bridge and five hundred players. The euchre was progressive.

Mrs. George Adams and Mrs. Chas. McCann were conveners of the committees that did so much to make the affair the success it was.

North Bay Nugget:—We hope spring isn't around the same corner that it took prosperity so long to negotiate.

PRIVATE BILL TOWNSHIP of TISDALE

Notice is hereby given by the Corporation of the Township of Tisdale that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, to enact a Private Bill at the next session thereof to validate and confirm all sales and conveyances of land within the Township of Tisdale prior to the 31st day of December, 1934, for arrears of taxes in respect of the land so sold.

Dated at South Porcupine in the Township of Tisdale, this 28th day of January, 1935.

The Corporation of the Township of Tisdale by:

CHARLES V. GALLAGHER, Reeve.
FRANK C. EVANS, Clerk-Treasurer
10-12-14-16-18-20.

MORTGAGE SALE

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage, which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction on Wednesday, February 27th, 1935, at 2.30 p.m., at 102 Cameron Street, North, Timmins, Ontario, by E. C. Brewer, Auctioneer, the following property namely:—

Lot Number Fifteen (15) on the East side of Cameron Street, as shown on Plan M-47 (Temiskaming), deposited in the Office of Land Titles at Cochrane, and more particularly described as being Municipal Number 102 Cameron Street, North, Timmins, Ontario.

This Lot consists of approximately One (1) acre and there is said to be a four-roomed frame dwelling and a large stable erected thereon.

Terms: 50 per cent of the purchase money to be paid down at the time of the sale and balance to be paid within one year.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to—

GAUTHIER & PLATUS, Reed Block, Timmins, Ontario, Solicitors for the Mortgagee.

Dated the 8th day of February, 1935. -12-14-16

Notice of Application to the Legislature of Ontario

Notice is hereby given that the Corporation of the Town of Timmins will apply to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, at the present session thereof for an Act authorizing the said Council to pass a By-law fixing the Poll Tax at an amount not to exceed \$10.00.

Dated at Timmins, Ontario, this 16th day of January A.D. 1935.

T. A. MACDONALD, Timmins, Ontario, Solicitor herein for the Applicant. -6-8-10-12-14-16

Want Ads

With the issue of The Advance semi-weekly, the rates for want advts have been simplified. Want advts now are 1c per word with a minimum of 25c (35c if charged).

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED—TWO BILINGUAL CLERKS—Wanted at Timmins Provision, one to be Junior clerk. Applications must be in writing to P.O. Box 890. No personal applications. -16

HELP WANTED—Factory representative to handle famous Health Appliances. Wonderful opportunity. Harmony Electro Mfrs., 93 Neville Park Blvd., Toronto, Ont. -15-16p

MISCELLANEOUS

CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION—Good homes desired for children, boys and girls, Catholic and Protestant, ages 4 to 14 years. Any home desiring to adopt a youngster should have their clergyman write A. G. Carson, Supt. Children's Aid, Timmins, Ont. 4411

LOST

LOST, STOLEN OR STRAYED—Last Tuesday, the 19th, grey and black Maltese Persian cat, with collar and string. Reward if returned at once. Anyone found harboring this cat will be prosecuted. Call at 160 Spruce Street, South, Timmins. -16 p

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

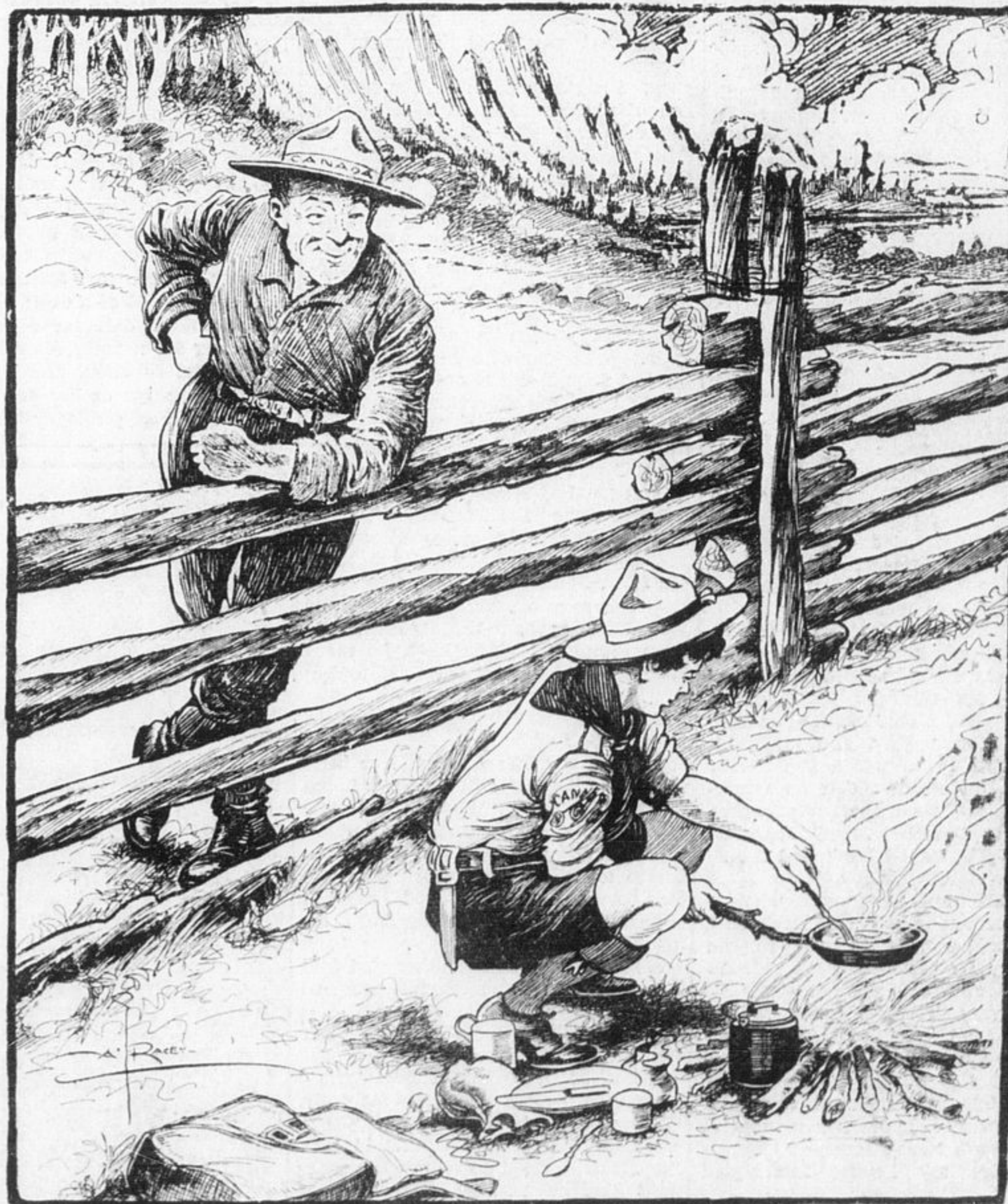
FOR SALE—Thirty-eight acres of choice farm land; also three head of Beef. Apply to Peter I. Mitchell, Pottsville. -13-14-15-16p

WANTED TO RENT.

WANTED TO RENT—Four or five roomed house or apartment with all conveniences, by 31st of March. Apply to P.O. Box 869, Timmins. -16 tt

IN MEMORIAM

CREWS—In loving memory of William Crews, who died, Feb. 26th, 1927. Love's greatest gift, Remembrance. —Sadly missed by wife and daughter Helen. -16p



FARMER CANADA: Great life, eh, young fellow? Too bad we haven't a hundred thousand more such healthy-minded lads, away from town, learning this he-man Scout stuff!

There are more people than a certain local Scotsman would like to take the "noises" out of local radio.

Stop the interference—with the plans for a government radio relay station for the North.

When it is considered that a government radio relay station would serve fully four-fifths of the total area of Ontario, it does not seem to be an unreasonable request to ask for such a station does it?

The Attorney-General proposes the establishment of a school at Toronto for the training of police. The police of the province are less in need of training in their duties than are some of the present-day politicians.

Shelbourne Free Press:—For the first time in 67 years an Ontario state dinner has been cancelled. Just think of it—and when you add 6 and 7 together, what do you get? Another one for the Thirteen club.

Brantford Expositor:—Gracie Fields, Lancashire comedienne, has signed a year's movie contract with an Old Country firm of producers which will net her 150,000 pounds (about \$750,000) for 1935-36. It is pointed out that this is \$200,000 more than the King receives, so that to be a movie queen these days is far more remunerative than occupying an actual throne.