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vention and asking branches to force immediate action,—in other words to make a big noise for no apparent reason. Let us consider the ulterior motive behind it all. All sane thinking men realize that there are elements at work with one express purpose, this being to have the Canadian Legion broken up. To governments and other authorities the Legion is a thorn in the side. Ask any politician and he will tell you that the Legion has to be considered in practically every question coming before parliamentary members. Since the formation of the Canadian Legion, all remedies for the improvement of the returned soldiers' position has been completed in a peaceful and quiet manner. The Legion has won the admiration of the people of Canada for this attitude alone. Are we in Ontario to throw this to one side? Is it the wish of the majority that the Legion in Ontario, assemble in Toronto and make demands? The manner in which Capt. Jules Ferry has taken the matter up seems to be the logical action, but of course a very slow one. All the dismissals are to be reviewed individually and this will take time. A delegation to the Hepburn Cabinet would only get the same treatment, so why all this ballyhoo from other sources. A cure is available for the disease, and can be applied to the mutual advantage of all. First, look around your own branch and cure any defects there; second, show the people of Ontario that the Legion can continue its peaceful negotiations for the re-instatement of those returned men dismissed. Then to complete the cure renew a wider interest in the work of the Canadian Legion and you'll find that renewed pep, vigor and energy will be

the result. An illustration of this can be seen by the continuance of this week's letter.

More Big Nights Planned

The success met with during the past two weeks has spurred the committees of the Timmins branch on to bigger things. The checker contest last Thursday was one of extreme interest. Comrade Rushworth proved himself checker champion par excellence, but the interest displayed by those playing and in the gallery watching the play, showed that these events are more than appreciated. On Friday evening another monster crowd was on hand to support the Ladies Auxiliary and all eagerly looking forward to some more of the ladies coffee and cakes, etc., not forgetting also the pleasant evening.

Now comes another week of events. On Tuesday there was a bridge party and an account will be found elsewhere of this.

On Thursday the undefeated checker champion will again challenge 12 or more at this game. This is open to checker champions from Timmins and district.

Not to be outdone the domino experts also are on the warpath. Comrade Fred Curtis and his challengers are putting on a contest on Saturday night. Fred's hand is very sore at present but he's hoping to be fit for this event.

Next week I am hoping to record another list of interesting doings.

Now we have got that far, it is permissible to take a peep into the future. The entertainment committee has preparations well in hand for Vimy Night, with a big sketch in St. Anthony's hall on April 9th. The executive is all prepared for Conklin's Shows in July.

Your correspondent is completing arrangements for the showing here of the Canadian War film "Lest We Forget." The secretary W. D. Forrester, is busily disposing of the tickets for the relief fund draw and last but not least is the Spring Stagette, some time after Easter. Doesn't that shake away the Blues?

W. A. Devine, Box 1428

Division Court Here on Tuesday of This Week

Cases heard at Division Court here on Tuesdays were mainly wage disputes and debt settlements. Judge Caron of Cochrane presided.

At the January session judgment was reserved in the cases of M. Bucovetsky vs J. H. Graves and Graves vs Bucovetsky. Between the January and February courts, Judge Caron handed down judgment, dismissing Graves' action against Bucovetsky but holding Graves responsible for damage done in a collision in the fall of 1934.

Regular Monthly Meeting Timmins Chapter R.N.A.O.

The regular monthly meeting of the Timmins Chapter R.N.A.O. will be held in the lecture room, St. Mary's hospital, on Monday, March 4th, at 8 p.m.

All nurses interested are invited to attend.

Brampton Conservator:—5,569 men are now employed in the 25 camps under the Department of National Defence Unemployment Projects. Although 13 camps have been closed since Sept. 1, the total number of men employed at that date was 4,755. These men in these camps are all unmarried, and are free to leave at any time if more remunerative employment is procurable by them.

Plea for Miners in Unemployment Plan

J. A. Bradette, M.P. for Cochrane Riding Expresses his Views on the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

A despatch from Ottawa last week says:—"Interesting views on the unemployment insurance scheme sponsored by the Bennett Government, as it applies to the mining industry in Northern Ontario, were voiced in the House of Commons Tuesday by J. E. Bradette, Cochrane, (Lib. Temiskaming North) during debate on the rates of contribution."

Mr. Bradette's remarks as reported in Hainsard were:

"I should like to make a few observations regarding some of the industries in my section of the country. I have in mind particularly the mining industry and permanent industries. May I state at the outset that I have always supported a system of contributory unemployment insurance but I believe the operation of the present measure would be injurious to the gold mining industry. I have in mind the fact that the Hollinger mine, for example, has been operating consecutively for twenty-two years, and the McIntyre mine, the Dome mines and others have been working for long periods of time. Geologists maintain that most of those mines will function for another sixty years at least."

"Under the present schemes the employers and employees each contribute a third. For the sake of argument we will suppose that one of those mines operates steadily for the next twenty-five years. We can readily see that the men working in them would receive no compensation for the money they had paid."

Ease Contributions

"In such cases I am convinced there should be a gradual decrease in the contributions made by the employers and employees. For instance, some men have been working in the Hollinger mine seven days each week for twenty-two years, without losing one hour of time. It is fair to presume that many workers will work as steadily in those mines for the next twenty-five years. The present scheme I am convinced would do an injustice to those men and to the corporations affected. They would not be making mere contributions; their insurance payments would be large and simply a tax. I repeat, that so far as these industries are concerned the insurance payments would be a tax. I should like the Prime Minister and the committee to consider inserting clauses in the measure which would provide that contributors making payments for a period of five consecutive years, for instance who have not lost any time through lack of work would enjoy the benefit of a gradual decrease of 20 per cent each year down to a minimum of five cents per week. Payments could continue at that rate until the close of the mines working period."

"Members familiar with gold mining in this country will know that the history of that industry indicates it has been a permanent industrial organization. It has given employment for three shifts each day; seven days a week. This has been going on for the last twenty-two years in the case of some mines. Take some of the mines in the constituency of my hon. friend the Minister of Labour, some of the old silver mines at Cobalt, for instance, which have been working consecutively for the last thirty-five years or more, and I believe that the same remarks applies just as strongly to our gold mines in Northern Ontario at least."

"I am making an earnest appeal to this committee to see that no injustice is done to the mining institutions that must be regarded as permanent. Otherwise it would be simply encouraging some other industries which have been highly seasonal in their employment to be more seasonal in future. I have a case in point. I hold no special brief for any of the big owners; I am speaking for the working men, and also the industries, and I say that steady employment has been provided over a long period of years in the gold mines, and these contributions would be simply an added tax on the working men. To illustrate the permanency of some of the mines in Canada I need only mention the Hollinger, McIntyre and the Dome mines, where men started in to work when the mines were first opened and have continued to work there for twenty to twenty-two years, and have now their sons working alongside them in the same mines. I think the committee will be vividly seized of the permanency of employment in some of these mining organizations when I mention that, and again I make this appeal very sincerely, more particularly on behalf of the working men. In the case I have just cited it would be simply direct taxation on the shoulders of the miners to support an insurance scheme from which they will get no benefit whatever."

"The committee must also bear in mind that so far as the mining industry generally is concerned there is only a definite amount of ore, a certain amount of minerals, to be taken from the bowels of the earth, and when that is done the life of the mine is finished. I want the committee to study this question very thoroughly so as to be fair to that section of the population. I know the miners and the mine-owners in our section of the country want to be fair to this act. They know that it can be very beneficial in many cases, but I believe that it is not the intention of the Prime Minister to put an added load on people who will receive no benefit from this legislation, but will simply be an additional direct tax on them," he concluded.

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Company to Develop Property in Denton

Jowsey-Denton Gold Mines has Interesting History Originally Staked by Terry Carlton.

Foreseeing renewed activity in the area immediately west of the town of Timmins, a new company has been organized with the object of undertaking a further programme of exploration and developing on gold showings in Denton Township, some of which have been held under patent for nearly 20 years.

The new company is Jowsey-Denton Gold Mines Limited and R. J. Jowsey, president of God's Lake Gold Mines Limited, Bobo Mines Limited and numerous other important ventures is the president. The property of the company consists of a group of claims surrounding a discovery which Mr. Jowsey has held for more than 16 years and which yielded evidence of important possibilities under sampling last summer. Announcement of the company is accompanied by reports of H. W. Heine and M. C. H. Little, both well-known Northern Ontario engineers who were favourably impressed with the results of their sampling and who recommend a resumption of development work with diamond drilling.

Originally staked by the well-known prospector, Terry Carlton, for silver, the claims were partly prospected in the early days of Porcupine. The main vein, where trenched, was found to consist of about 12 inches of quartz and from 18 to 24 inches of rusty shearing, with some visible gold occurring in both. The vein was stripped for a distance of 250 feet, and near the bottom of a 42 foot pit yielded \$39.30 a ton across a width of 2.3 feet. At a point 85 feet east of the pit, on surface the vein sampled 2.6 ounces, equivalent to \$87.50 a ton, across 2.5 feet, and 15 feet west of this point another sample gave .71 ounces or \$24 a ton across 2.3 feet. At a point 29 feet west of the pit an assay of .31 ounces or \$10 a ton was obtained across 12 inches. Gold was also found in a vein uncovered on the adjoining patented claim.

Jowsey-Denton Gold Mines, Limited has an authorized capital of 3,000,000 shares of which 1,000,000 shares have been issued for the properties, leaving 1,999,995 shares in the treasury. Out of these an offering of 600,000 shares to net the treasury \$150,000 has been announced. Officers are President, R. J. Jowsey, vice-president, A. W. Lang, Timmins; Secretary-treasurer, G. A. Hudson; directors, D. R. Michener and E. B. Jolliffe.

Training School for Domestics Now Open

May be the Solution to Vexing Problem and May Raise the Standard of Such Positions.

The problem of supplying well-trained domestic servants to the hundreds of applicants who apply to the Employment Service of Canada daily is being solved in part by the action of the Y.W.C.A. in Montreal in opening an intensive training course for young women. So said H. C. Hudson, general superintendent of the Ontario office of the Employment Service of Canada, a government operated bureau, in a recent address.

The trainees are taught that their right attitude to work and the family whom they serve, will help to raise the status of the occupation in the public mind. They will be better equipped to be the pioneers in the much needed movement toward better hours, conditions and wages. Less slavery and more desire to serve, is one of the hoped-for results of a series of these courses."

The action of the Y.W.C.A. follows closely on the heels of a similar movement in the United States and it gives young women between the ages of 16 and 35 an opportunity, at no cost to them, to learn the best ways of doing things about a home. Four weeks are spent in practical and theoretical work at the Y.W.C.A. at 21 McGill street, Montreal. From 9.30 to 4.30 daily, six days a week, the girls are given lessons

Future in New Fields Bright

Looking to the future for employment, Mr. Hudson, who should be in a position to know, so close is his touch with the newer fields of employment, was optimistic as to what the years will bring. "Some day someone is going to perfect a medium-priced, fool-proof aeroplane. Our ideas on housing are going to get an awful jolt and our children will think we must have been very old-fashioned to put up with the type of homes that look all right to us today. And what about roads? I expect to live long enough to see a speed road between Toronto and Hamilton, for example, on which it will be possible to roll along at one hundred and fifty miles an hour. Only yesterday, you know, Sir Malcolm Campbell travelled faster than that, and he didn't have his car out of second gear!"

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