

# The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine

By One Interested in their Welfare

## A Lead-Ending Story

A very interesting clipping was handed to me last week and is reprinted here for the benefit of any who may wish to try for a pension. It shows clearly what one is up against, so my advice is be sure you have the goods before you try to put one over. The story reminds me of a similar case. A gunner of the heavy artillery, applied for pension on the grounds of deafness. The board tried all kinds of stunts to prove the man was not deaf. Then one of the doctors said:—"Well I guess, we can mark him down for pension." Making signs to the applicant that they contemplated pension for him he was told to go. As he walked through the door the chief M.O. called "Shut the door, please." The man returned to do so, and bang went one more pension. The story handed in is as follows:—

A psychologist whom I know—the only psychologist whom I really do know, for they are very awkward people to know—told me how he had detected a long lie that had been for many years on the lips of an ex-soldier. This soldier was for all practical purposes deaf. Medical boards had "sat on" him times without number, and none had been able to prove that he was not stone-deaf. Shots had been fired behind him, and he had not flinched. Someone had discovered the name by which he was known as a little child, had called it out to him—and he never even so much as batted an eye, though it was years since he had heard his pet name. Never a word did the man appear to hear. My friend, being a psychologist, saw something about the man's eyes that told him that the patient was a malingering fraud. He said to the other members of the board, of whom he was the youngest member, that he could cure the man of his deafness, if only they would allow the malingering to accompany him to an adjoining room.

The medical board, being—like all others—eager to save the Government a steep pension gave the due permission; and my friend went with the fraud into the room. The doctor held the man's pulse and said to him, "I know perfectly well that you can hear everything that is said to you. You are only pretending to be deaf. You're a fraud—and a very nasty fraud at that, because you're depriving other people of pensions that are perhaps their due. If you are prepared to own up to me, that you have been telling lies these last few years, I am quite willing to say nothing about the matter; but if you still go on pretending that you cannot hear, I shall denounce you—and I've no

doubt whatever that the board will take my word for the fact that you are one of the completest liars that they have ever met. And you'll go to jail."

All the while, my friend told me, the man's pulse had been playing very odd tricks. When he was told that he was a liar, it immediately started jumping. When, on the other hand, he was told that if he admitted that he was a liar, nothing would happen, the pulse smoothed itself out. And the man said, "You're right sir. I heard every word you said." My friend not to be outdone, returned to his colleagues on the medical board and took credit for a cure.

## The Right Dope

It has been brought to my notice that reports in the other local paper are misleading in so far as the information concerning the coming election of the balance of the officers of the branch of the Canadian Legion on Monday, March 25th. To put the matter straight and also to give the members a reminder that if they need the correct news on Legion happenings, The Advance is the paper to watch. Since the inception of the branch here over nine years ago this paper has conscientiously recorded all the events of this local organization, and it has yet to be told when the facts given have not been correct in all details. For the information of those contemplating voting on Monday, March 25th and it is hoped all will see that they exercise their rights.—There are to be six elects. The first "Two" candidates polling the highest number of votes, will become officers of the branch, namely "First and Second vice-presidents." The next four in line constitute the executive committee. The chairman of the entertainment committee, also becomes a member of the last-named executive committee. There is expected to be about eight candidates in the field. Some of these have had several years experience on the board of directors. Those mentioned among the probable contestants include several of the present executive who are in a position to know the needs of the branch and are ready to help carry out those needs if elected. It is rumored at the club that some of the newer nominees will also take a chance and that the discard is due to some of the "regulars." In any event the 25th will soon be here and all will be on hand to hear how the election has made out. For correct advance information the following is also given:—The ballot boxes will be open only at the following times: 9 a.m. to 12 noon; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The same places as those picked

for the president's election will be used. Little Jottings from the Club Who will represent the Legion to bring that silver cup home from the St. John Ambulance hut?

If anyone hears the cat trying to get in at the next meeting, don't look alarmed. Tommy took it home to South Porcupine on Monday, but every one knows cats always come back. Me-ow! We wonder how Tommy did it?

Wanted—A stenographer? one who can use all necessary fingers, and not just one. Jimmy says he'll have the sketch parts typed in time to produce it at the Vimy Pilgrimage.

A sure sign of Spring? Caledonians, Taffys and Blokes wearing the little sprigs of green! Good Old St. Pat!

Personal—Will the party who removed the nickels from a special attraction, kindly see that same are placed in full view of the members. Please do not use the magic wand—Thanks! W. A. Devine, Box 1428

## Canadian Prisons Not as Bad as Represented

An editorial in The Kincardine Review-Reporter says:—"We haven't any sympathy with those reformers, who want to change the prison system. The Canadian system can be improved, but not by the Toronto Globe or Agnes McPhail. All matters in connection with our prisons is constantly being studied. As better methods are found they are instituted. Because Miss McPhail goes into the 'hole' and shuts all the doors and finds herself in the dark doesn't say that all the prisoners are kept in the cells that compare to the hole. The cells are bright, well lighted, clean and well equipped. The 'hole' is used for punishment. The best advice we can give the Globe is to attend to its campaign of support for Mr. Hepburn. Its forte isn't changing prisons; Miss McPhail should also attend to her knitting. Any serious abuses in our prisons will be known and dealt with. Canada is a law-abiding country, we should dislike to see the Globe and Miss McPhail place us in the position of pamperers of prisoners."

## SAYS RAMSAY MACDONALD READY TO RESIGN PLACE

A despatch from London, England, quotes The London Evening News as saying that Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald had decided to resign as head of the National Government.

## SALE OF HOME COOKING BY THE C. W. L. ON SATURDAY

Announcement is made of a sale of home cooking to be held in the Empires block, next to the Holly Stores, Third avenue, on Saturday afternoon of this week, March 16th. The event is under the auspices of the C. W. L. which is full guarantee that it will be an occasion that none interested should miss.

## Discussion at Council Assessment Matters

(Continued from Page One) Town Clerk H. E. Montgomery wrote stating that he was of the opinion that there were no errors or omissions in the assessment of the Northern Power Company here. He stated that he believed the Court of Revision have no right to increase the assessment now that the books are closed. He advised that the advice of a solicitor be obtained to clarify the situation.

Northern Power Company wrote in answer to a letter asking a conference between the town and the company officials with a view to discussing the value placed on their equipment and the possible sale price. The company stated that they considered the council a little premature in opening the discussion until such time as the electors express an opinion, but they would be pleased to meet the council at any time, provided a few days' notice were given.

"It's quite evident that the power company is not in any mood to give a price on their equipment," said Mayor Richardson. "I would suggest that we leave it until about two months before the election, then place the whole thing before the council."

"Now is the opportune time for action," said Mr. Bartleman. "We may want to negotiate for months on that question. If you leave it until two months before the elections, the people won't have any idea of the cost of changing to Hydro."

The Northern Power Company franchise expires in December 1936 and at the December elections of 1935, the electors of Timmins will be asked to vote on whether or not they wish to continue with Northern Power or switch to Hydro. If the power company's franchise were not renewed the town would likely buy the equipment on the streets.

"Even if we could buy the equipment of the power company at the assessed value, how would we get the money?" asked Councillor Morrison.

"An expenditure of that kind is not regarded as a debenture debt, said Mr. Bartleman. "Other municipalities have no difficulty getting it for that purpose and Timmins is more prosperous than them."

Mayor Richardson said the matter would be held in abeyance until another meeting.

The town's approval of a new subdivision was asked by G. H. Gauthier. It will be part of Timmins Heights, south of the school on Tisdale avenue and in the township of Tisdale. The plans were inspected by the councillors and checked for lanes and streets and approval given.

Mr. Gauthier also offered to trade one strip of property near Gillies lake for another in a re-arrangement of the lots there. This will be decided at a later meeting.

Another property discussion centred around the part of Broadway that cut Cedar street south of Third avenue. Though sales have been made of some of the pieces of land no titles have been given. Proper procedure will be taken to make the sales legal.

A transformer to be used as a pipe-thawer has not proved satisfactory according to J. D. MacLean, town engineer, and a representative of Herrington-Scarlett was at the meeting to offer the services of a motor-generator recently built by them at a price of \$5.00 per job. They will do the collecting of accounts if the town passes on the jobs to them. The scheme will be tried temporarily at least. It is considerably cheaper than the transformer method, it is claimed.

Tenders will be asked for a new police van to replace the one ordered off the road by the council at the last meeting. Accounts must now be in on the Monday preceding council day if they are to be ordered paid immediately by the council, a motion by Councillors Chateauvert and McDermid read.

The story of a Timmins boy in the Home for Incurables at Toronto came to light when a letter from that institution was read. The boy has been there for some years suffering from a congenital disease of the spine. He will never be able to walk but will be confined to a wheel chair as long as he lives. He went there on August 2nd, 1930 and until September 30th, 1934, his mother paid the amount asked by the hospital; \$15 part of the time but when the institution learned of her poverty it was reduced to \$8.00 a month. Now the mother is on relief and the town is asked to pay the \$6.00 minimum. It is possible that this will be done. The home said that the boy was particularly bright and mentally alert. He has the advantage of a public school education.

Gray's Shows asked permission to play Timmins early in June. Their license will be granted from June 1st to 10th but they will be warned that the chief of police has instructions to check up on all games of chance.

An account for special nurses in the case of a child who would have died without the constant attention was again up for payment. As the total is more than \$200, the council felt that a reduction of some sort should be made, in view of the fact that doctors are paid only 50 per cent. of their accounts.

Several relief applicants appeared before the council, most of them old residents of the town. One man asked that his fare be paid to Toronto to be examined for a pension. Another, 58 years of age, said he couldn't be taken on at the mine any more as he was too old. A third, who has been here since 1912 and owns two houses in town, hasn't

# Week-End Specials

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- Vick's Vapo-Rub ..... 37c
- Murine ..... 53c
- Waterbury Extract ..... 89c
- Agarol ..... 69c and \$1.29
- Russian Oil ..... 59c and 89c
- Scott's Emulsion ..... 49c
- Pure Cod Liver Oil, lb. .... 49c
- Mentholatum, large ..... 53c
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- Ayerst Cod Liver Oil . 50c and 89c

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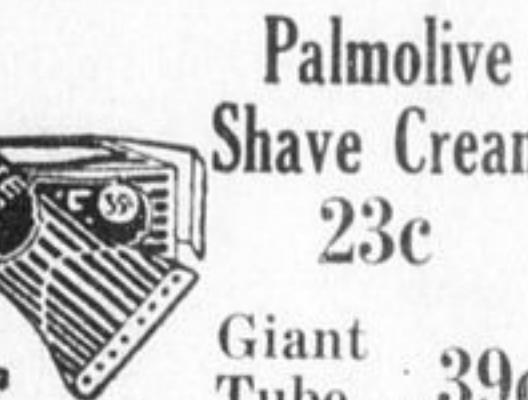
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- Woodbury's Soap ..... 3 for 25c
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- Vacuum Bottles ..... 33c
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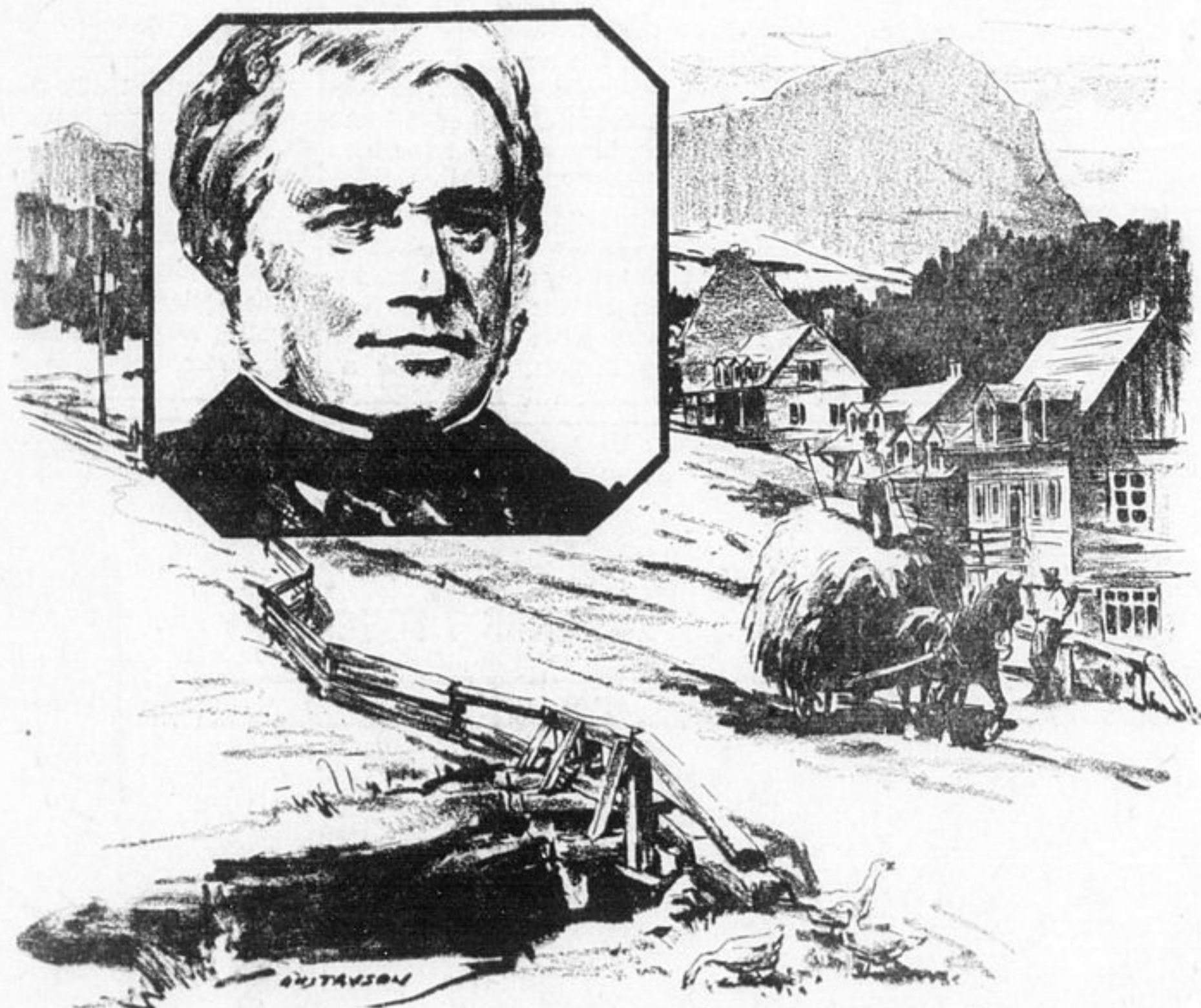


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## Car Salesmen Hold Conference in Town

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There was a very interesting event on Tuesday this week, when all salesmen of the Timmins Garage and Marshall-Ecclestone gathered for a conference.

Presenting the new General Motors cars to dealers in the Northern Ontario area and discussing the sales programme for 1935, a number of executives of the Toronto zone of General Motors Products of Canada Limited were in town this week. A meeting with dealers and salesmen of local dealerships was held and the new features of the 1935 models, as well as some of the new phases of dealer relations were outlined. The statement was made that the outlook for motor car business in the North is excellent for 1935. The local dealers also heard that

the new General Motors cars with their solid-steel turret-tops and other advancements have caused a sensation at motor shows across the country.

The visiting executives included:—C. P. Dunsmore, Sales Promotion Manager, Toronto zone; J. B. Sangster, Truck Sales Manager, Toronto zone; District Managers Z. H. Petch and C. Daynard; E. A. Simpson, District Service Manager; and C. A. McCaig, Territorial Manager of G.M.A.C.

Some time was spent in presenting the 1935 Chevrolet trucks, the Chevrolet passenger cars—both Master and Standard—and also Pontiac, Oldsmobile and McLaughlin-Buick.

The following dealers and salesmen attended the conference:—Timmins Garage and Marshall-Ecclestone representatives.

A feature of the visit here was the showing of the motion-sound pictures displaying in effective way all the features of the General Motors cars. An excellent dinner was enjoyed by all at the Empire hotel.

## Sunday is Erin's Day



"Sure, an' he was a fine man, was Old Saint Patrick. Didn't he kick out all the snakes from Erin and leave everthin' as beautiful as this colleen. The colleen is Claire Trevor, whose mother is Irish. Claire is of great assistance in helping us tell you that Sunday is the 'Sivinteenth of Old Ireland."

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