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COUNSEL FOR COUNCILS

"In the multitude of counsellors there is safety." Probably there was some such idea in the mind of T. J. Patton, a former mayor of North Bay, when he suggested recently that an association be formed consisting of ex-mayors and former presidents of the board of trade, to assist, by counsel, in the work of the government of the city. North Bay, in common with practically every other city and town in the Dominion, is to-day facing unusual problems and difficulties. More and more the heads of municipalities are finding that not only does their position call for sacrifice of time and effort, but also, if they are thoughtful and sincere, they recognize that all the experience and knowledge of municipal affairs that may be needed is desirable for the best administration. From the outside municipal office may appear to call for little special knowledge or skill. Those on the inside, however, know that usually by the time that sufficient acquaintance is made with the problems of municipal government, the mayor either leaves the position of his own accord, or is ousted by the people. The service of the public is a matter that rouses much forgetfulness and much apparent ingratitude. A man may spend years informing himself of local affairs, and just when he is becoming truly adept, he finds it necessary to retire from public service, or a thoughtless electorate dispenses with his services. All the study and effort and training by experience are lost to the municipality. Another man or set of men take office, and the same wasteful method of learning by experience is gone through with all over again. It is to avoid this sort of thing that Mr. Patton makes his suggestion. He would, in brief, retain the services of all trained and experienced public men in the interests of the people. There is no doubt but that Mr. Patton's plan would be of great value, if it could be made practical. Under his scheme, the town or city would not only have the services of the man elected as head of the local administration but it would also retain in an advisory capacity all who in the past had spent time and money and effort to gain a knowledge of affairs.

Under Mr. Patton's plan it is by no means suggested that the man elected mayor should lose any of his authority. There is no thought of having discarded or retired officials holding an undue influence or effect on municipal government. The idea rather is to retain the knowledge and experience of all who have been trained for service of the public.

A couple of years ago Geo. S. Drew retired from the mayoralty of the town. It was generally admitted that in his long and thoughtful municipal service he had gained a large measure of special knowledge of people and conditions in the town. After the new council had been elected, Mr. Drew volunteered to give any information or advice that he might be able to offer for the benefit of the town. In some cases his advice was secured and proved valuable, indeed. It would appear that this plan might well be more generally adopted.

There will no doubt be some who will see in any such plan an attempt to undermine democracy. One man will claim that any such method suggests the weakening of democratic government. Of course, it is nothing of the sort. Instead, it means that the town is gaining the services of those with special training and special experience. All responsibility would have to be assumed by the elected representatives of the people, but they would have at their disposal the experience and ability of a large number of municipal experts.

Has the plan suggested by Mr. Patton ever been tried? Years ago when the Caledonian Society of Timmins was organized one foundation principle of the accepted constitution was founded on just such an idea. While the duly-elected officers were expected to conduct the affairs of the society, the by-laws required that each succeeding past president should join the executive of the organization. In this way the knowledge and experience gained in a term of a year in office, or two years or more, as the case might be, were always available for the benefit of the club. It worked well in the Caledonian Society, and there is no reason why it should not be equally successful with the administration of the city or town government.

Whenever citizens are displeased or disappointed in regard to municipal service, there is always a tendency to talk about securing a town manager or some plan of similar intent. The Advance believes that the procedure proposed by Mr. Patton would be much better for the town. The municipality would have the services of the men duly elected. Some of these might be inexperienced and unskilled. But in addition there would be a number knowing the municipal game who would be available in an advisory capacity. It would appear that Mr. Patton's plan is worthy at least of consideration.

THE MASTER OF DICTATORS

Senator Huey Long is dead. The Louisiana dictator, who muzzled the press, played the tyrant with schools and colleges, ruined businesses and industries that crossed his will, smashed his opponents and curbed with violence all who disputed his rule, has found his master. He defied for a time the powers of church and state. He deceived the people. In recent months it appeared as if none could withstand him. To-day he is deposed. He has found a mightier than he. Death, the invincible dictator, has ousted the Louisiana king from the throne.

The fate of Senator Huey Long is that of all autocrats.

There are many obvious lessons from the life and death of Senator Huey Long. One of the morals apparent is that people in general are often prone to accept vociferous men at the valuation they place upon themselves. Another is that some will enthusiastically accept a real and natural autocracy to escape a mere imaginary bondage. But if the people were misled the man most deceived was the dictator himself. He did not realize that the power and influence founded on force and violence are of necessity fleeting and insecure. Senator Huey Long will soon be a half-forgotten memory.

Probably the thought uppermost in the minds of most people on learning of the fact that a foe had shot Senator Long was that he had met the proverbial fate of the earthly dictator, and that there were a score of men of the same frame of mind as Senator Long who tempted similar fate. Will Hitler heed the warning in the death of the ambitious Senator from Louisiana? Will Mussolini trace resemblance between the murdered man and himself and see the chance of equal danger for himself? Will the lesser imitators of the autocrat and the dictator take to heart the lesson in the death of Huey Long? It is not likely that they will. It is more probable that the tyrants, great and small, will deceive themselves into believing in the efficiency of the precautions they may take to defend themselves.

Death sneers!

WHAT CHANCE HAS THE NORTH?

At the present moment there is considerable activity in the North in regard to roads and other public works. Even if it doesn't last longer than the end of the Dominion election campaign it will be something gained. Work on roads in the North has been less this year than for many years past. The curtailment of work on the roads in the North during the summer months—the very months when the work was the most needed and the most economic tempts many to cynicism.

So long as the work continues, however, it is scarcely fair to question the good faith of either Hon. Peter Heenan or his department of Northern Development. Hon. Mr. Heenan recently came to the North and made a careful survey of the country and its needs. He found the roads in deplorable condition, and admitted as much. For the sake of the safety of the travelling public and for the progress of the development of the North, Hon. Peter Heenan conceded the need for better roads and his sympathy with the people of the North in the troubles and irritations they had to face. Leading Liberals of the North did their best to impress upon Hon. Mr. Heenan the great need for a better policy in regard to the needs of the North. For their successful efforts along this line they deserve appreciation and thanks. Hon. Mr. Heenan also deserves thanks and co-operation for the consideration and understanding with which he viewed the situation as it presented itself to him.

Before there is any criticism in regard to Hon. Mr. Heenan there should be general realization of the difficulties that have to be faced by the Minister of Northern Development before he can attempt assistance to the North. First there is the difficulty of securing money these days even for the most necessary public works. Next, there is the fact that however fully Hon. Mr. Heenan may be convinced that safety and fairplay make a big programme of roads for the North practically imperative, the fact still remains that other members of the Cabinet have to be convinced of the dire necessity for roads and more roads. According to despatches published in another section of The Advance there appear to be members of the present government who have not the right perspective, to say the least.

In any extended programme of road-building that Hon. Mr. Heenan may have in mind, he deserves the heartiest support and the fullest co-operation from all.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

A certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper in grieving over the "good old days gone by," has thought only for such material things as corn on the cob, buckwheat pancakes, pork gravy and pumpkin pie, while overlooking such obviously old-time virtues as thrift, industry, honesty and independence. A return of these virtues is much more to be desired than many pumpkin pies.

United States scientists have discovered that the porcupine (no doubt given its name in honour of the mining camp of the same name) is not a comparatively recent immigrant to this continent as has been generally supposed. The scientists



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Keep on the Sunny Side of Life

Provincial Police Seek Killer of Boy

Haileybury Lad on Bicycle Fatally Injured by Motorist who Speeds on Traffic Stopped in Check-up.

Early this week all traffic on the Ferguson highway near Kirkland Lake was being stopped by the provincial police, the motorists being questioned as to their movements and anything they had noticed regarding other cars, the idea being to secure clues that might lead to the locating of a hit-and-run driver who on Saturday night ran down and fatally injured Russell Crooks, a boy of fourteen years of age, who died at North Cobalt after an accident there. The boy's home was at Haileybury.

According to word from Haileybury on Tuesday of this week, the lad, Russell Crooks, was bicycling with 17-year-old Woodrow Werner, who was riding ahead. Suddenly Werner heard a crash and saw sparks flying and an instant later a motor car speeded past him from behind, leaving young Crooks dying on the roadway, with head injuries and two broken legs.

One passing motorist refused to lend aid, but Arthur Brocklebank of Cobalt picked up the victim and his chum and rushed them to Misericordia hospital, where Crooks died. Provincial Police Inspector Creasy is in charge of an extensive search being made for the offending motorist, and Coroner Dr. W. Arnold will hold an inquest.

REMAND GRANTED IN CASES AGAINST SCHUMACHER MAN

The charges against Wm. McKay, of Schumacher, laid some weeks ago by Township of Tisdale police, were laid over for another week on Tuesday at Timmins police court when the defence asked an adjournment.

have proven to their own satisfaction by fossilized bones found in Idaho that the porcupine is at least two million years old and may be ten million years of age. The porcupine, accordingly, belongs to one of the first families of the North, just as was to be expected.

Several newspapers have gone out of their way to note that the province of Alberta has a system of proportional representation for its legislation. The elections, it is held, differ very materially in result from those in Ontario and other less favoured provinces. Under the Alberta system, one is led to believe that various parties are much more fairly represented than under the time-worn plans of Ontario and other provinces. This is all very well until the theory is checked up. In Alberta at the present time the proportional representation achieved is much like that of Prince Edward Island. The Social Credit party with a little over fifty per cent. of the votes of the province actually has almost ninety per cent of the number of seats in the legislature. The Liberals received one-fifth of the vote in the province but have only a tenth of the number of seats. If this is proportional representation then words have acquired a new meaning in Alberta.

If it takes as long to get the war between Ethiopia and Italy stopped as it has to get it started, it is going to be a long war.

One of the South African newspapers, The Guardsman, has been studying the present situation in the world in general and has come to the conclusion that everything is topsy-turvy or worse in this queer old world. The Guardsman concludes an editorial reference with these words: "It seems to us, in short, that this world is going insane. Madness is in the very air. It is the duty of us who write, and of you who read, to try to help keep our South African bit of Empire and world as sane as



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DOMINION STORES

possible. There never was a time, in the whole history of civilization, when cool heads were more vitally needed—and harder to find. We shall do out utmost to keep cool. We may not always succeed. We, too, are human."

The Winnipeg Tribune makes reference to the report that Hon. Mitchell Hepburn, premier of Ontario, was considered one of the best "end men" ever taking part in an amateur minstrel show in Ontario in the days of his youth. It seems easy to believe it.

"If Will Rogers were alive" what a barrel of fun he would have over the fact that two towns in Oklahoma are quarrelling as to which should be entitled to the honour of erecting a monument in memory of the dead humorist. Oologah, near the ranch on which Will Rogers was born, wants to have the monument in its limits, while Claremore, Oklahoma, is equally insistent that it has the prior right to the honour and the monument. Claremore thinks that a \$2,500,000 museum should be created for the late Will Rogers and that the only place for such a tribute is Claremore, Oklahoma, Will Rogers' own home town. The Oologah response to that is that the nation should decide on the form to be taken by the monument but that the place is already decided, being none other than Oologah, Will Rogers' own home town. "If Will Rogers were alive" which place would he favour? At first glance it would seem that Oologah would win on its name alone. It sounds so much like the home town of a humorist. On the other hand there is something to be said in favour of Claremore with its proposal for a museum. The idea of a museum would appeal to Will Rogers. It is easy to imagine him drawing out the names of prominent people whom he would suggest as fit inmates for his museum. Perhaps, the touch about the \$2,500,000 would be enough to turn the tide of favour from Oologah to Claremore.

Canada Now Stands Fourth in Production of Gold

Although Canada's gold production for the first half of this year was above the first half of 1934, this country has dropped to fourth place among the gold producers of the world, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics announced on Tuesday at Ottawa. At one time it was claimed that Canada ranked second, but the higher price of gold has increased production in other countries as well as in the Dominion.

From January to June South Africa produced 5,268,000 fine ounces of gold. Russia 2,100,000, United States 1,547,000 and Canada 1,509,521. United States production included that of the Philippine Islands. Total world production for the six months was given as 13,863,000 fine ounces, as compared with 12,881,000 fine ounces for the corresponding period last year.

General Evangeline Booth to be at Toronto Oct. 4 to 10

"She shall have music wherever she goes" may not only be said of the "fine lady on a white horse," who rode to Banbury Cross, but particularly so of General Booth, the International Head of the Salvation Army, who will be in Toronto from October 4th to 10th, conducting the Fifty-third Annual Congress of the Army in Canada. During recent months this distinguished lady has travelled to India and Ceylon, to Australia and New Zealand, and to Norway, Sweden, and Finland, and everywhere music and singing, and the shouts of popular acclaim, from tens of thousands of eager people of all classes have greeted her appearances.

Mail and Empire.—If beneficiaries of the Alberta social credit scheme who are to receive a dividend of \$25 a month are found to be spending it on the rum demon it will be withdrawn. We have found that nearly all these new social and economic remedies when closely and expertly examined present a fatal flaw.