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ISSUE OF THE ELECTION

Efforts are being made at present to raise false issues for the coming municipal election, but there is really only the one issue—whether the electors are to be bamboozled by false suggestions, egotistical claims and impossible promises, or whether they will judge men on their records. The Advance has every confidence in the good sense of the electors of Timmins and believes that the silly policy of high pressure hysteria used by some will prove unavailing. The men behind this form of campaign are the same who foisted the 1926 council on the town with consequences that injured the town for years. Conditions such as prevailed in 1926 in town may be advantageous for a few of undesirable type but are most injurious to the people in general for whom they mean only loss and grief. At the present time there are reports current of this and that notorious character preparing to move back to town in case the high-pressure campaign is successful. The people are not likely to be foolish enough to overlook all this, nor to neglect the fact that all the supposed cases of wrong-doing trumped up only to be disproven as soon as given publicity are simply schemes to becloud the real purpose of the campaign.

In a word the issue is whether the people want wild talk, talk, talk, nothing but talk, or whether they wish their affairs conducted sanely, sensibly and efficiently. The town at present is in excellent position, financially and otherwise. The present mayor and council have given splendid service to the town and no doubt would have given better had their time and effort not been taken up so much with continued call for unnecessary explanations from one of their number who seemed to do nothing all year but find fault and obstruct. The financial statement to be published this week will show how carefully and efficiently the financial affairs of the town have been looked after. The town has the best police force in its history, and that is high compliment. The fire department is functioning with its old-time efficiency. The public works department has been carried along in excellent way. The administration of the relief department is most creditable to all concerned, and its efficiency might well be the envy of most other towns and cities. The mayor and all the councillors seem to have performed their duties in excellent way. Possibly the majority of them have not advertised themselves and their good work sufficiently, but at least one of their number has offset this by taking the public stand that everything anyone may think of value was done by him alone, while everything not so satisfactory must be blamed on everyone else. The people of Timmins are not likely to be deceived by any such silly claim. The record shows the facts and indicates that the affairs of the town in general have been well handled, despite perverse obstructionist tactics this year as last year.

Present indications are that there will be good material available from which to select a proper mayor and council for 1936. The town has come through the depression possibly better than any other town in Canada, but this is all the more reason why there should be no monkeywrenches thrown in the municipal works at this time. Electors would do well to be on their guard against organized deception. There is a report current to the effect that it is the plan of one mayoralty candidate to use the organization of the C. C. F. from the recent dominion election to assure his election. Any attempt along this line should be met by the ratepayers of all political stripes joining in a citizens' organization to circumvent any such attempts at machine politics. In the past the citizens have earnestly opposed and upset every attempt to introduce provincial or Dominion politics into municipal affairs, knowing well that all such attempts have improper purposes behind them and are distinctly against the best interests of the town.

GOOD MAYORS OF TIMMINS

A speaker over the radio the other evening made the astounding suggestion that Timmins never had a really good mayor—that there was something seriously wrong with all of them. New-comers in the camp may take such a suggestion at its face value, but to anyone who knows the story of the progress of Timmins and the pleasure of living in this town through the years will rather recall the fact that Timmins for the first time in its history is threatened with an unworthy mayor, though the threat is probably more "talk" than anything else. It may not be amiss to recall the worthy men who served the town well in past years in the mayor's chair.

The first mayor of the town was the late W. H. Wilson who gave years' good service. Following the first mayor came J. P. McLaughlin, who gave further dignity to the office by his personality and his business ability. Dr. J. A. McInnis, the third mayor of Timmins, served the town ably and well for seven years. The only

breath of scandal during his long regime came from those who themselves had halitosis. His tact, his friendliness, his ability to meet the public were especially valuable to Timmins during years when delegations from the South came frequently to this country. Dr. McInnis made an ideal host and there is no doubt that he did as much as any man to make the needs of the country known and to secure a fair deal for the town. The business side of the municipal office was equally well cared for during his regime. His record should be a strong factor in his success in the coming municipal contest in which he has announced himself as candidate for the mayor's chair. With his affiliations at Toronto and Ottawa and his agreeable disposition he should be a particularly valuable man for mayor for 1936. Dr. McInnis was followed in the mayor's chair by E. G. Dickson who held the office for one difficult year, and was succeeded by E. L. Longmore. Mayor Longmore's name was probably the first to spring to the minds of those who heard the suggestion over the radio, as Mr. Longmore is generally considered as probably the best of all the good mayors of Timmins. Mr. Longmore undertook a very difficult task and carried it through with decided advantage to the town as well as credit to himself. After Mr. Longmore came Geo. S. Drew, who served the town ably and efficiently. He was followed by the present mayor R. Richardson, who has carried on the office with credit to himself and advantage to the town. None of these mayors have sounded their own praises. Possibly their true value would be recognized to greater general extent had they been more vocal in self-commendation. However, citizens of the town do appreciate the good services they have received in the past from mayors and councils who served unselfishly and to the town's advantage. Timmins need make no apologies for present or past mayors. They always rose to the occasion. They always did their duty as they saw it, without fear or favour, but still without senseless rancor or the bitterness that alienates good will. Despite the suggestion by the radio artist, there wasn't a "yes-man" among them. At the same time there was not one of them with a penchant for unnecessary quarrels that imposed foolish costs upon the town. If Timmins has as good mayors in the future as it has had in the past, Timmins will continue to prosper and progress and be a happy town in which to live.

TO REDUCE SPEED MENACE

At an inquest at Kapuskasing into the deaths of two young men who were killed in an automobile accident near Cochrane, Coroner E. R. Tucker, the coroner's jury and the police alike proved the value of the coroner's jury system for the public advantage. By careful work on the part of the police and skilled questioning on the part of the coroner and jury, it was possible to establish the real cause of the tragedy—excessive speed. By taking the time the party of young people left Cochrane until the time of the tragedy, it was proven beyond question that the car had been travelling at a speed of possibly 70 miles an hour—a rate at which it was impossible for the driver to control the car on the road used. The jury's verdict concluded as follows:—"We find that the cause of the accident was the excessive speed on the part of the driver of the car in which the deceased were riding. In view of the fact that a large percentage of fatal accidents on the highways are caused by automobiles travelling at a rate of speed in excess of fifty miles per hour, we feel that the great loss of life from this cause warrants the government in giving serious consideration to the passing of legislation compelling all automobiles sold after a certain date to be equipped with speed governors limiting the rate of speed at which an automobile can be driven to fifty miles per hour."

The verdict of the Kapuskasing jury should receive very special attention. It gives in plain language the real cause of the accident, and then adds a pertinent suggestion to avoid similar tragedies in the future.

The suggestion for mechanically limiting the speed of motor cars seems a most timely and desirable one. The government would do well to heed it. Dalton's Taxi Service, Timmins, and McLellan's Taxis, Kirkland Lake, are among those already using the governor system to prevent excessive speed. They find the plan practical and of value to the taxi owners as well as a safeguard to the public. On the roads of the North a speed over fifty miles per hour is seldom safe, and usually very dangerous. It is to be hoped that in the public interests the suggestion of the jury at Kapuskasing is given the most careful attention and consideration by the powers that be.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

At a local eating place, a well-known town gentleman, who is a bachelor of long standing, complained about the way his order of buttered tarts was served. The usually good-humoured waitress was peeved at his complaint. "No wonder fellows like you can't get wives," she commented. And the gentleman and bachelor replied:—"I'm not proposing marriage. I'm simply ordering buttered tarts!"

About the hardest physical exercise some people take is to pat themselves on the back.

The man who claims to be all good and that everybody else is all bad will bear watching, to say the least.

Mines Spent Huge Sums for Supplies

Dominion Bureau Figures Suggest the Amount will Total Fully Eighty Million Dollars.

Some months ago The Advance published a review of the value of purchases made by the Canadian mining industry, as compiled by the Canadian Metal Mining Association, of which C. G. Williams, formerly of Timmins, is the secretary. The figures were admittedly incomplete but they were most impressive, showing the indirect value to the country of the industry through the help it gave other industries and business in general. Now, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, with the cooperation of the Canadian Metal Mining Association, the Ontario Mining Association and other organizations, has made a wider survey and it produces a figure of \$76,083,000 as outlay by the mines of Canada in 1934. Admittedly the survey did not cover all operations, such as prospecting and exploration and the activities of the numerous syndicates. The real figure is probably closer to \$90,000,000.

The Bureau, in its report, points out that the figures represent only the direct purchasing power of the industry and do not entirely reflect the increasing economic importance of the communities dependent, partially or entirely, on the development of Canadian mineral resources.

The reports show that metal mining, non-ferrous smelting and refining accounted for 89 per cent. of the purchases listed. This is interesting, for the reason that production of metallics in Canada in 1934 amounted to \$193,845,512 in value, as compared with an outlay for supplies of \$60,979,000.

It may be noted in parenthesis, that the computation does not include expenditures for labour, but it does include power, freight and insurance.

In considering the purchasing power and the production value of the industry it is worth noting that about 90 per cent. of the metallics and a large percentage of the non-metallics are exported. This flow of mineral products abroad has a potent effect on Canada's trade balance. Moreover, the gold and silver producing companies are not in competition with one another. The mines that turn out copper, nickel, lead, zinc and platinum find an outlet in the world market.

Of the total expenditures in all branches of the industry throughout the Dominion those of Ontario amounted to \$35,072,000 or 46.1 per cent.; those of British Columbia (including Yukon) were second in importance with a total value of \$17,531,000 or 23.1 per cent.; Quebec was third at \$9,714,000, and in the order of importance the other corresponding provincial expenditures were as follows: Nova Scotia \$5,488,000; Manitoba (including Saskatchewan) \$4,843,000; Alberta \$3,196,000 and New Brunswick \$240,000.

The magnitude of certain particular expenditures is reflected in such items as \$9,139,000 for electric power, \$11,787,000 for freight, \$8,671,000 for coal, oil and other fuel, \$5,311,000 for explosives, \$4,154,000 for lumber and timber, \$2,301,000 for flotation reagents, cyanide and other chemicals, and \$1,050,000 for rock drills and parts. Other interesting items include \$1,665,000 for pipe and fittings, plumbing supplies and valves, \$2,343,000 for electrical equipment and supplies, \$385,000 for stationery, office equipment, etc., and \$58,400 for hospital equipment.

The following tabulation, as prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, shows the purchases of mining and milling equipment, general supplies and freight and insurance expenditures by the Canadian mining industry in 1934.

Belting of all kinds, including elevator, transmission, conveyor, etc., and fasteners for same, \$304,639.

Bolts, nuts, rivets, studs, washers, coach set and machine screws, etc., \$494,615.

Castings—unfinished, iron and steel, \$334,240.

Unfinished brass castings; brass and copper rods and sheets, babbit and non-ferrous metals of all kinds, \$481,133.

Cars and locomotive and mechanical parts for same, \$780,393.

Track materials—rails and fittings, switches, spikes, bolts, etc., \$605,717.

Explosives—powder, fuse and detonators, \$5,310,932.

Rock drills and parts, \$1,050,007.

Drill and tool steels, \$658,443.

Pipe fittings, plumbing supplies and valves, \$1,665,381.

Well casings, \$300,606.

Iron and steel bars, sheets, plates, and all structural steel, \$1,761,866.

Wire rope and fittings, \$706,618.

Diamonds and bore for drilling, \$157,150.

Safety equipment and apparel—safety hats, boots, gloves, goggles, respirators, etc., miners' lamps and accessories and lamp rental, \$443,811.

Fuel—coal, coke, charcoal and wood, \$7,154,816.

Fuel oil, kerosene and gasoline. Lubricants—oil, grease and waste, \$651,218.

Lumber and timber of all kinds, \$4,153,615.

Building materials—cement, brick, tile, roofing, and building paper, insulating material, building hardware, glass, putty, paints, varnishes and brushes, wood screws, nails, screw hooks and eyes, sand, lime, and miscellaneous, \$1,427,743.

Electrical equipment and supplies—motors, batteries, wire and cable, etc., \$2,342,920.

Crushing, grinding and screening machinery and parts: ball and tube mill liners, roll shells, etc., \$1,275,150.

Filter cloth, rotor covers and ore dressing blankets, \$203,263.

Balls and rods for grinding, \$1,066,635.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two-roomed apartment, partly furnished; immediate possession; also three-roomed apartment, possession at an early date. Apply 164 Birch Street, South. -86p

FOR RENT—Four-roomed shack; toilet; hot and cold water. Also two-roomed shack for rent. Apply 180 Maple Street North. -87p

ROOM TO RENT—Large furnished room; heated; comfortable and pleasant. Apply to 79 Balsam Street, South. -87p

HOUSE TO RENT—Six rooms, all conveniences. 63 Hemlock Street. Apply R. Allen, telephone 419-W. -87f

FOR RENT—Two-roomed shack and garage. Apply 172 Spruce Street South. -87p

ROOM AND BOARD

CHEERY ROOM, EXCELLENT BOARD—in private home at 3 Elm Street South. Also meal tickets, 21 for \$6.50. -84-85p

HELP WANTED

COOK—GENERAL WANTED—Apply to 18 Sixth Avenue, Timmins. -85p

Friday Programme at Schumacher H.S.

Illustrated Address by J. R. Todd.

Attendance at the Friday evening programme being put on in the Schumacher High School for the students in which the students themselves play a large part are almost as large as those at school classes. The idea of having one students' night every week appears to be most popular with the boys and girls.

Beginning with a boys' basketball game at 6:55 p.m., a diversified programme was brought to a close at ten o'clock after half an hour's dancing for which music was supplied by the school orchestra.

Some idea of how quickly the parts were carried off is indicated by the outline of the remainder of the proceedings. From 7:25 to 7:50, girls' basketball was played; from 7:50 to 8:20, J. R. Todd delivered an interesting talk of his many trips to the Hudson Bay area. Motion pictures taken by Mr. Todd on the journey were shown by A. Tomkinson, as were motion pictures in full colour of the Jubilee Day parade here last May, the work of E. H. King. The Camera Club under the sponsorship of Mr. Kitchen took up a short period of time. From 8:20 to 9:00 there were gymnastics in the corridor, while the debating club held sway in the auditorium on "The Treaty of Versailles and its Effect upon the Modern World." From 9:00 to 9:30 there were games and athletics for all.

The student council of the school which met on Friday afternoon, decided that students will hold a concert there on the last Thursday and Friday before Christmas. In order that they should not miss any part of the activities, the members of the council had supper at the school.

Machinery, mill, n.o.p. parts, \$1,538-137.

Machinery, mine, n.o.p. and parts—steel shop equipment, hoists, mine pumps, etc., \$1,766,257.

Machinery, smelter, n.o.p. and parts, \$731,282.

Machinery, miscellaneous and parts: machine, blacksmith, carpenter shop and general surface equipment, \$1,259,977.

Motor cars, trucks and accessories, \$407,090.

Tools—brooms, picks, shovels, hammers, handles, saws, wrenches, machinists' tools, etc., \$553,355.

Welding and cutting equipment and accessories—oxygen, acetylene welding, rods, tips, etc., \$255,308.

Rubber goods, suits, boots, hose and accessories, pump valves, launder linings, etc. (not including belts), \$386,245.

Flotation reagents, \$887,605.

Cyanide and cyanide plant chemicals, \$960,079.

Acids and chemicals, n.o.p., \$452,820.

Refractories—brick, cement, fireclay, etc., \$67,660.

Smelter fluxes—fluorspar, limestone, quartz, sand, etc., \$1,509,205.

Hospital equipment and medical supplies, \$58,406.

Stationery, office equipment and supplies, survey and drafting equipment and supplies, \$344,914.

Miscellaneous materials, n.o.p. Includes all materials not otherwise provided for in any other item, \$3,818,043.

Power—electric, \$9,139,510.

Freight—incoming—only amounts paid directly to railway company, \$8,456,238. Outgoing, \$3,331,294.

Express—incoming—only amounts paid direct to express company, \$149,184. Outgoing, \$112,189.

Insurance—fire, \$837,748. Sickness and accident, \$50,153. Group, \$253,281.

Workmen's Compensation, \$2,161,149.

Bullion, \$59,238. Other, \$183,300.

Added items for coal-mining industry:

Underground mine cars, \$161,932.

Coal cutting machinery and parts, \$263,098.

Horses and horse-keep (includes the purchase of horses, oats, hay, mixed feeds, harness, etc.) \$182,184.

Ground limestone for dusting, \$43,657.

Total, \$76,082,765.

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WANTED—The Porcupine District Pipe Band wants all whist players (ladies and gentlemen) to make the attempt to win one of the valuable whist prizes (presently on show in Marshall Ecclestone's window) by attending the Pipe Band Whist Drive and Dance to be held in the Hollinger Recreation Hall, Timmins, on Friday evening first, November 22nd at 8 o'clock. Refreshments served. -87-88

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Young team of horses; sound; 3200 lbs.; with or without harness and sleighs; also young pigs. Write Box 549, or call at farm, one mile N.W. Sand Claims. -86-87-88p

FOR SALE—One brown pure-bred Irish water spaniel pup, male; aged 3 months; house-broken and partly trained to commands. Ideal Christmas present for a boy. E. H. King, 113 Maple Street, South. -86-87-88p

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Opening Badminton Club Dance Proves Success

More than 90 couples attended the Friday evening dance at the Badminton Club at Schumacher when one of the most successful events of that kind was held. Al Pierini and his orchestra provided the music.

"It was more like a debutante's dance," officers of the club told The Advance. "The gowns were simply beautiful and there were so many of the younger couples of the community there."

Railwaymen Pay Visit to Timmins Last Week

No extraordinary significance is attached to the visit to Timmins last week of Jasper Humphrey, general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and Mr. McNelly, passenger traffic manager, of Toronto. The officials arrived here on Thursday morning's train and departed on Thursday evening.

It is understood that they were on a regular tour of inspection of Canadian centres.

Notice

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned until twelve o'clock noon Monday, November 25th, for the property known as number 82 Second Avenue, Schumacher, Ontario.

The property consists of Lot No. 142 on which is erected a two-storey frame dwelling, containing twelve rooms. This house has been permanently rented for \$50 per month.

Terms: 50 per cent. on acceptance of tender and balance in twelve monthly payments.

All tenders must be accompanied by a cheque for 10 per cent. of the amount of the tender, which, in the event of the tender not being accepted, will be returned immediately.

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

E. C. Brewer, 87-88- Box 741, Timmins, Ontario.

MISCELLANEOUS

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GET SOMETHING FOR YOUR OLD HORSES—Old horses wanted for fox feed. Must not be diseased or with distemper. South Porcupine Lake Fox and Mink Ranch. -85-86-87

DANCING AT THE MOOSE HALL—Tuesday night, featuring Andy Congiano's orchestra playing those beautiful old pieces that everybody loves. You are welcome. -87p

CUSTOMS ASSAYING—Done at Gilles Lake Porcupine Gold Mines. Apply at property or telephone 263. -87-88-89-90

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. 44f

LOST

LOST—Brown wallet, on Saturday evening. Contains sum of money and identification papers. Leave at 108 Maple Street South. Reward. -86p

Assisted in Success of the Recent I.O.D.E. Event

In the report in The Advance on Thursday of the I.O.D.E. tea and sale of baking held at the home of Mrs. D. Ostrosser there was one error and one omission that the I.O.D.E. has asked to have corrected. The error was in the use of the wrong initials for one of the soloists assisting on the programme. The singer was Mrs. Percy Carson, whose vocal number was much appreciated. The omission was the name of Mrs. G. S. Lowe, who gave several piano numbers which were thoroughly enjoyed. As neither Mrs. Percy Carson nor Mrs. Lowe are members of the Chapter, the local I.O.D.E. particularly appreciates their kindness in contributing to the programme and helping so much to make the event the success it proved to be.

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