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PROTECT THE SETTLERS

Some weeks ago The Advance called special attention to the suggestion made by a coroner's jury enquiring into the deaths of children resulting from fire that destroyed the home of a settler near Kapuskasing. As Coroner E. R. Tucker, of Cochrane, pointed out in reviewing the Kapuskasing case—similar tragedies are all too common in the North Land. Every year there are cases where settlers in isolated areas lose their homes by fire, and often deaths result in these fires because of the construction of the houses and the conditions under which the settlers live. Coroner Tucker and his jury, however, were not content to simply call attention to the matter. A specific plan for lessening the danger was proposed. Briefly, this plan was to the effect that the fire rangers, who now inspect the lands of settlers to guard against fire danger, should have their authority extended to the inspection also of the homes of settlers. Most of the fires that occur at the homes of settlers are due to the dangerous condition of stove pipes, and the improper construction of chimneys. Often the pipes run through partitions or near partitions without the pipes being protected in any way, and fire is inevitable if the pipes become overheated. Simple changes that would not cost anything of particular moment would greatly decrease the danger of fire in settlers' homes. The fire rangers, being on friendly terms with most of the settlers, and usually being sound-thinking practical fellows with earnest desire to help and protect the settlers, would soon be able to make very decided change in the risk of fire in settlers' homes. There is a serious danger to settlers and their families from fires in their houses under present conditions. There have been scores of deaths to prove this. All the newspapers of the North have recognized this fact and have advocated at least a trial of the practical and economical plan suggested by the coroner's jury at Kapuskasing. There has been no argument to the contrary, but on the other hand there has been nothing done. The question bids fair to be forgotten again.

Last week there was sad reminder that a question like this can not be forgotten. Two small children, Lawrence Jemus, six years old, and Lucien Jemus, three years old, were burned to death in the log cabin of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Desire Jemus, of Bigwood, in the Sudbury area. Mr. and Mrs. Jemus and Julien Dupuis, their hired man, are in St. Joseph's hospital at Sudbury terribly burned as a result of their gallant efforts to rescue the children from the burning home. Four other children were saved from the burning building, but two lives were lost and all the other lives in the house endangered by the fire. Surely this tragedy is a call not to forget or to pass by the suggestion made by the jury at Kapuskasing. It is to be expected, of course, that tragedy will come occasionally to the settlers in isolated areas. With no effective means for fighting fire, when the home takes fire there is sure to be the danger of tragedy. But the coroner's jury at Kapuskasing pointed out that a few minor changes in most cases would reduce the danger of fire in the settlers' home to the minimum. All acquainted with settlers' homes know this is a fact, just as they know the many unnecessary fire risks there are at present in these little cabins. Is it not a public duty to do all possible to reduce the fire danger to settlers? The plan of having the fire rangers inspect the homes of settlers for needless fire risks and suggest safeguards should be adopted by the government without delay.

NEW CONSERVATIVE LEADER

Everybody seems to be speaking highly of Earl Rowe, the new leader of the Liberal-Conservative party in Ontario. The chorus of praise for Earl Rowe seems to be unanimous. The young men are flattered because he is a young man. The old men like him because he is a young man. The middle-aged are pleased because they know that they won't have long to wait until he will be as they are. No doubt he is a good man, but there must be something against him, and it would be better to have the dark story told now rather than at the next provincial election. There certainly are things to be said against Earl Rowe. For instance there's the fact that a certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper praised him. Everybody expected it to condemn him by wholesale because he was an Earl and it hates the whole established aristocracy. But the certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper actually gave columns upon columns to flattery of Earl Rowe. That's something for the new leader to live down, if he can. Again, Hon. Mr. Hepburn praises the new leader—seems almost anxious to give up his own seat so that Mr. Rowe may have a seat at once in the Legislature. It is pathetic. It is something else to be lived down. But the worst scandal about the new leader comes from The Toronto Mail and Empire. The Mail and Empire published a picture of the new leader being "chaired" by some of his enthusiastic followers, and the picture makes Mr. Rowe look so much like Hon. Mr.

Hepburn that somebody should start a libel suit. Oh yes, the new leader has a lot to live down! Notwithstanding the things that may be said against Hon. Earl Rowe, the new leader of the Conservative party in Ontario, there can not be any doubt but that he is a first-class man. And he surely needs to be for the big job he has undertaken. In the opinion of The Advance the main feature of his work is to battle to bring back liberty, self-government, to the people of Ontario. The nearest approach to-day to self-government is in regard to municipal matters. Only indirectly and at long distance as it were has the average citizen any influence in provincial or Dominion affairs. He knows municipal matters, however, and in that sphere, under British practice, he can make himself felt. The inroads of provincial authority on municipal government in recent years has been alarming, and there is to-day serious danger of the loss of this form of self-government. To return the rights of the municipality, and so to restore self-government to the citizen should be the chief aim and effort and battle of the new leader.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

There is general thankfulness for the oiling of the streets during the past day or two. It is noted that streets running to the northern outskirts of the town have been especially well looked after.

Oliva Dionne, father of the quintuplets made a special trip by car to North Bay last week to deny reports to the effect that he and Mrs. Dionne had been invited to the birthday party of the quintuplets. Why should Mr. and Mrs. Dionne be invited to the birthday party of the quintuplets? They are no particular friends of Hon. David Croll. They are just the parents of the quintuplets, and that doesn't seem to give them many rights!

Canadians are horrified over the crimes imputed to the Black Legion in Michigan and the power apparently secured by that gang. It is well to note, however, that such organizations as the Black Legion are the inevitable result of political interference with the enforcement of the law. The easiest way to avoid gangs like the Black Legion is to follow the British way—leave an efficient police force free to enforce the law without fear or favour.

In an article in The North Bay Nugget last week the statement is made that "Tom McDonald has been in municipal office in Matheson for three score years." That would make the genial Tom at least 81 years of age. If that is the case, all The Advance can say is that there isn't another 81-year-old youngster alive to-day who could stand up against the Matheson lad in any kind of a battle.

Have you picked out your plot yet?

Beware of cocktails! Particularly of the Central-School-Town-Hall variety!

"It is the people's business! The people are entitled to know!" How often was this heard last year? But it doesn't apply to Town-Hall-School cocktails, or to work done in the northern part of the town.

Last week David Meisner was in town with the Conklin Shows. He told The Advance it was his first visit to the North, despite the fact that other newspapers had him here when he was being sought for questioning in the Labatt kidnapping case. About the same time he gave himself up to the police at Detroit. He served eighteen months of a 15-year-term in Kingston for alleged complicity in the kidnapping, a second trial, however, clearing him of connection with the case. Meisner was positively identified by several witnesses as one of the kidnapers of John Labatt, wealthy London brewer. At the second trial, some, but not all, of these witnesses withdrew their identification. Among those saying they had made a mistake at the first trial was Labatt himself. Those who doubt circumstantial evidence should ponder the Meisner case. He was convicted on direct evidence, and acquitted largely on circumstantial evidence. Harry O'Donnell was hanged on circumstantial evidence, and made confession of the crime. Lawyers will agree that circumstantial evidence is the best evidence, except when it is against their client.

According to the deposition of a "special investigator" the widow of Ambrose Small signed a confession before him and before other witnesses in 1928 implicating the widow, now dead, in the murder of her husband. This confession according to the evidence of the "special investigator" was kept from the attention of the authorities for eight years. Even those alleging that they had signed the document as witnesses add that they were told to keep silent on the matter. Apart altogether from the validity or otherwise of the confession it would appear to be in order for the authorities to conduct an enquiry into the methods of some "special investigators."

At their convention last week Ontario Conservatives made it plain that they expect soon to Rowe the Ship of State.

There was only one Conservative from Timmins at the provincial Conservative convention at Toronto last week. That was one more than seemed to be in Timmins after the returns came in on June 19th, 1934.



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LOCALS

Edgar Thorpe visited at the home of his parents in Haileybury last week.

Miss Minnie Labine recently visited her mother, Mrs. Bertrand, Haileybury.

Mrs. Harry Hasset was a recent visitor to her old home in Haileybury.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Little, of Toronto, were guests of friends in Timmins last week.

Mrs. P. McGarry and two sons have been visiting friends and relatives at Cobalt.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Brown, 172 Cedar street south, on May 25th—a daughter.

R. I. Crotte has been added to the household appliances department of the George Taylor Hardware Co.

Vernier Wallingford returned yesterday from a vacation of a couple of months in the Ottawa Valley district.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Basil E. Milberry, 98 Second avenue, at St. Mary's hospital, on May 29th—a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ermilio Petricola, 168 Cedar street south, on May 30th—a son.

Chas. A. Cole came home last night from Haileybury where he has been in the St. Mary's-on-the-Lake sanitarium for some time.

Dan Barr, of Bristol township, is a patient in St. Mary's Hospital this week. While working near his farm last week Mr. Barr had the misfortune to break his ankle. The foot was crushed by a rock, it is understood.

The marriage of Paul L. Tilley, son of Mrs. John Howlett and the late Charles L. Tilley, of Edmonton to L. Thora Peterson, daughter of Mrs. Neils G. Peterson, of Toronto, took place last week. They will live in Timmins after a short honeymoon in New York. Mr. Tilley is employed at the McIntyre.

His innumerable friends in town and district will be pleased to learn that C. E. Hall, manager of the Timmins branch of Doherty, Roadhouse Co., who has been ill in the South, is now improving, though it will be some time before he will be able to return to Timmins.

Frank V. C. Hewett, Northern Miner reporter, who is well known in the Porcupine, was married last week to Irene T. Peterson of Toronto. They left on Saturday for a trip to Europe and will return to Canada within two months. Frank played ball one year for the McIntyre and was so good that he later had a try-out with the Toronto Maple Leafs team.

Many Fire Calls but Little Damage Done

Four Calls Since Thursday Last Week, but Only \$25 Damage for All.

Fire alarms continue to pour into the fire station here at such a rate that by present appearances they will have had twice as many calls this year as last. Most are for minor blazes and in four calls answered since Thursday, there has been a total of only \$25 damage. Thursday evening a stove pipe fire at 18 Columbus avenue did \$10 damage. On Friday afternoon a woodpile in Mountjoy township caught fire but was put out before any real damage was done. Fire in a car at 13 Fourth avenue Saturday did about \$5.00 damage when a short circuit started a blaze. A second car fire occurred yesterday on Second avenue when gas overflowed and caught fire as the engine became heated. Damage amount to \$10.

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Hon. Earl Rowe New Leader of Ontario Conservatives

Hon. Earl Rowe, M.P. for Dufferin-Simcoe, was the choice of the Conservative party in convention at Toronto last week to select a new leader for the party in Ontario. Two ballots were necessary.

On the first ballot the voting was as follows:—
Hon. Earl Rowe, 782; Colonel George Drew, 480; W. J. Stewart, 157; and Leopold Macaulay 99. Wilfrid Heighington received 70 votes; A. H. Acre 47, and Arthur Ellis 10.

On the second ballot Rowe polled 1005 and Drew, 660.
After the first ballot, Messrs. Leopold Macaulay, Wilfrid Heighington, "Holy" Acres and Arthur Ellis, quietly withdrew their names. W. J. Stewart made open withdrawal, calling upon all his supporters to cast their votes for "the soldier Drew," as the ex-mayor of Toronto phrased it.

The new leader of the Ontario Conservative party is a farmer like the last two leaders. He is the youngest man to hold the position, being only 42 years of age.
In his own riding Hon. Earl Rowe is very popular, receiving the largest majority given to any Conservative candidate in the recent Dominion election, though his riding is considered as a Liberal one.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. Joseph McGarry, Cobalt

At Cobalt on Friday morning last the funeral was held from her late residence, 18 Park street, Cobalt, of Mrs. Joseph McGarry, wife of Joseph McGarry, long resident in the camp, and widely known and highly respected in the North. Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. Father Caulfield, of St. Patrick's Church and interment was made in the cemetery at Mileage 104.

The late Mrs. McGarry, who was in her 57th year was born in Germany and came to Canada with her parents when about seven years of age, taking up residence near Poltimore, Que. She was married in 1901 and in 1908 came with her husband to Cobalt where she had resided since.
She is survived by her husband, by seven sons, Joseph of Timmins, Lester of O'Brien, and Joseph, Peter, Thomas, Lloyd and Emil of Cobalt, and by two daughters, Mrs. Gordon Ryan of O'Brien and Veronica at home. Seven brothers and two sisters also survive.

Fine Programme by Timmins Glee Club

Variety and Interest to Programme Presented by Glee Club Last Week.
Although the concert given on Wednesday evening by the Timmins Glee Club at the United church hall was not as well attended as it should have been, those who did hear it came away highly pleased and many took the trouble to ask when the club's next concert would be held. The event was sponsored by the Timmins Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Ten singers, under the direction of Mrs. J. Wilkins, provided a musical evening that had variety and ran along smoothly from the opening selection, the theme song of the programme "In the Gloaming."
The first number, by the group as a whole was "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower," always a popular song with Timmins' audiences and was followed by "The Master's Call."

"Your Song from Paradise" was the title of a song by a mixed quartette, with Mesdames Webber and Gay and Messrs. Jago and Toms. "Going Home," another song by the choir, was one of the most popular numbers of the evening. "Dear Homeland" was a contralto solo by Mrs. Gay. Two short numbers by the choir, "Song of Rest," and "Keep on Hopin'" were followed by a duet by Mrs. Webber and Mr. Jago. "Life's Dream is O'er" with Mrs. Griffin as soloist, "Sanctuary of the Heart," by the choir brought the first part of the programme to a conclusion.

Second Part Interesting
"How Lovely are Thy Dwellings," was the group's selection in opening the second part of the entertainment. Mrs. Webber was the soloist. The perennial favourite "Love Sends a Little Gift of Roses" was a tenor solo by Mr. Jago. "Anchored" sung by the choir was another selection that is popular here.
"Deep Harmony" was the title of a test hymn, the score for which was sent to Timmins by Mrs. Stoneman, who left here last year to return to her native Cornwall. It was one of the songs used in a contest among Cornish singers there. "Mary" was the title of the choir's next offering. Mrs. Webber's soprano solo, "The Blind Ploughman" preceding the closing number by the choir, "Send Out Thy Light."
Mrs. Wilkins played piano accompaniment throughout the concert. Members of the choir were: soprano, Mrs. R. Webber, Mrs. Chas. Surman, Mrs. J. Griffin; contralto, Mrs. T. Gay; tenors, J. Jago, Louis Pare, Percy Reed; baritone, W. Rise; bass, P. Toms.

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