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AN APPEAL TO ONTARIO

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a letter from a settler in the Cochrane area, depicting in brief but effective words the plight of many on the land in this North Country. The letter was written to The Toronto Mail and Empire, but The Advance would like to see it reprinted in every newspaper in Ontario. It is in effect a challenge to Ontario, and the province is falling behind its old-time standards if it does not respond to the challenge if that challenge is made wide enough and broad enough to reach the ears of all. The case is stated in restraint, but The Advance believes it pictures the depressing situation of too many settlers in this North. Settlers who have no milk for their children, because of the season and the difficulties encountered! Even the wild berry crops seem to have failed this season in many areas! No work! No money! Little hope! No means of repairing the leaking roof on the home, because there is no money, no work! The letter stresses the fact that the settlers in question are not seeking relief—do not want relief. In many cases they are on the homesteads in the North in a valiant struggle to keep off relief. "They are only asking for what they were promised—to become self-supporting farmers," as the letter says.

"We do not ask for extra relief or a clothing order, we are willing to continue to wear the rags we have and go short on food, if we can get a chance to be self-supporting." That is a spirit that should appeal to Canadians—to the people of Old Ontario. All through the North there are settlers who have pioneered in the most patient and courageous way. They have made gallant struggle to be independent, to be self-supporting. When their case is presented, there is always somebody to quote the failures, the inefficient, the lazy, the wasters, as a reason why all should be allowed to suffer. The need for a small amount of actual cash each year should be apparent. It is surprising, too, how small a sum would make the difference between progress and failure for the earnest settlers. For years The Advance has been advocating a plan that would help the honest settler and show up the indolent or the careless. This plan is that of a bonus for clearing land. Such a plan has worked wonders in Quebec in assisting colonization and making it permanent. The Henry government promised to inaugurate this bonus plan in Ontario. It is idle to say that the people of the North voted solidly against the Henry government and all its works. The North, like the rest of Ontario, voted for a change—possibly without much thought of details or particulars. To talk about the verdict of the people two years ago will not help the settler to-day. For the credit of the province, for the honour of the people of Ontario, something must be done and done at once to help the settlers. It will pay to do the right thing. A land-clearing bonus along the same lines as in Quebec will give the right kind of settlers the chance to make good. Its monetary cost to the province will be much less than direct relief. To cover the present need, it should be made retroactive, so that the settlers should be rewarded for their labours in the past and encouraged to renewed effort and courage for the future. It will be found that a land-clearing bonus will meet the needs of the settlers who are likely to make good. Those who have no chance for the future should be moved away from the hardships over which they are unable to triumph.

In the past year or two settlers have been in specially serious plight because the one means of making a little cash through roadwork has been lacking. Until a better plan had been evolved the roadwork should have been continued at fair wage. It did give the settler a little assistance, and it helped the country through keeping the roads from ruin. But it took the settlers' attention from their real business—that of building homes and farms. Still it was better than the demoralizing direct relief. The real solution, however, seems to be the land bonus. The settler, under such a plan, earns his money, and on the other hand the country will have any advances of this kind returned in the new farms, the new homes, the new business and the new prosperity and contentment that will be created.

A CREDIT TO ONTARIO

Ontario has always prided itself on its educational facilities and the wide opportunity given to all its young citizens to secure the advantages of education and mental improvement. The money spent in Timmins and Tisdale for schools and other educational facilities is proof of the value set by the people in general on the things that are not material but make the material things worth while. Because of all this there will be particular interest and pleasure in the report elsewhere in this issue of the continued success of the Ontario Correspondence Courses. The Timmins Board of Trade and the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of

Trade took a leading part in securing the adoption of the Correspondence Courses in Ontario. The need for something of this sort was apparent in this country. There were so many families living in isolated areas where there were no schools within reach of the children and where conditions and circumstances made it impossible to establish schools, that unless some new plan were adopted literally thousands of children would have no chance for any education. Correspondence courses were successful in British Columbia, in Alberta and in other provinces and states. Why not try them in Ontario? The trial was made some ten years ago, and the results have exceeded the most sanguine expectations. The first year there were only a few hundred enrolled for these courses. To-day there are over two thousand pupils taking the courses. That means that literally thousands of children have been given the benefits of education who would have been deprived of these advantages were it not for the Correspondence Courses. The child who can get to a post office once in two or three weeks can have the benefit of the Ontario Correspondence Course without any cost but the postage, and if that small expense is too much even that can be arranged. The Correspondence Courses have made good in truth the old Ontario boast that every child in this province should have the right and the opportunity for education.

It did not take long to convince the Dept. of Education that the correspondence course idea was practical. The British Columbia authorities were so enthusiastic and desirous of sharing the good with the sister province that they made it easy to establish the value and the practicability of the course. The Dept. of Education were able not only to work the plan in this province with notable success, but they have extended the scope of the course in outstanding way. Not only those too far from school, but crippled children, youngsters in hospital and other institutions and those for any other reason debarred for any material part of the year from the benefits of school attendance, find the need met by the Correspondence Courses. The courses originally took children only as far as the High School Entrance, but now have extended the service to Lower School Examinations.

There is no doubt of the value or the success of the Correspondence Courses. There are young people in Timmins, for instance occupying responsible positions who have received their education through the Ontario Correspondence Courses. Other towns in the North could make similar claim. Their daily work is proof of the efficiency of the system.

It must be admitted that a great measure of the outstanding success of the Correspondence Courses has been due to the superintendent, Dr. Neil McDougall. From the outset he gave his best talent and his most earnest effort to make the courses a success. His patience, his kindness, his personal interest in each pupil seemed to know no limits. And around him there has grown up a staff of notable ability, with the same heart interest, the same devotion. Under such people, and with the hearty co-operation of the department under each succeeding head, the Correspondence Courses have been successful in the truest meaning of the word.

SOME IMPROVEMENT IN ROAD

This week some improvement is noted in the Ferguson highway, or rather some improvement in a part of the Ferguson highway. The section from Monteith to Swastika has been reported by those using the highway during the week-end as in good condition. It is by no means perfect yet, but a little work has so greatly improved it that it is surprising that similar attention is not given to the rest of the highway. The section from Monteith to Timmins is still in disgraceful state and the stretches of road from Swastika to near New Liskeard and from Latchford to North Bay continue as menaces to safety and to health. It is true that the improvement between Monteith and Swastika is not permanent, but the condition of the other parts of the highway mentioned is so deplorable that the Monteith-Swastika stretch is hailed as something worthy of special note. In the bad sections of the roadway the conditions are very bad. In some places there is not sufficient room for two cars to pass in safety, this condition being due to the roadway being partly washed away. Culverts also constitute a major danger, while many bridges are in sad need of attention. With part of the road fixed up, as least for the present, it is very sincerely to be hoped that badly needed repairs will be made to the rest of the highway.

A gentleman coming over the road last week suggested on his arrival at Timmins that the Ferguson highway would never receive proper attention so long as it bore that name. "If we call the highway the 'Hepburn highway,'" (this gentleman suggested) "we may get some attention." Well "Ferguson Highway" is scarcely an appropriate name for the present highway. Hon. G. Howard was always fairly smooth. Why not compromise? Why not call the section from Monteith to Swastika the Ferguson highway? And the other sections the Hepburn highway. They seem to be pretty rough.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Lake Clear in Renfrew County is the latest place to boast of a sea serpent or water monster. The Loch Ness monster in Scotland was explained by the suggestion that it was due to Irishmen in Glasgow trying to digest Scotch whiskey. The gen-



"I'm Fond of the Movies...."

"but they used to bother my eyes and give me headaches. Finally it got so bad I had to give up going to shows altogether. A friend suggested I have my eyes examined. Mr. Curtis prescribed glasses and now I'm looking forward to seeing 'Dancing Pirate' tomorrow night. My eyes don't trouble me now."

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Appreciation for St. Mary's Hospital

Lieutenant-Governor Dr. H. A. Bruce Writes Congratulating Sisters and Town on Hospital Here.

During his visit to Timmins recently His Honour Dr. H. A. Bruce, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, visited St. Mary's hospital, and was much impressed by the unusually well-equipped building, the work of the Sisters and nurses and the value of such an institution to the town of Timmins. During his brief tour of the hospital the Lieutenant-Governor expressed his appreciation of the hospital and service, and last week Sister Marie Liguori, Superior of St. Mary's hospital, received the following letter from Dr. Bruce, the Lieutenant-Governor:

July 29th, 1936.
Dear Sister Marie Liguori:—
May I again congratulate you upon the very efficient hospital of which you are in charge and send my best wishes to the Sisters associated with you, and to the nurses in the splendid work they are doing. I feel your community is very fortunate in having a well-equipped and staffed institution for the care of the sick.
My wife joins me in kindest regards and all best wishes.
Yours very sincerely,
H. A. Bruce,
Lieutenant-Governor.

New School of Dancing Opened by Miss Ivy Paice

Announcement is made of the opening of a new school of dancing in Timmins. The new dancing classes will be conducted by Miss Ivy Paice, pupil of Tichenor Smith, president of the Dancing Masters of America. Children's classes will be conducted, with all types of dancing taught—tap, toe, ballet, etc. Miss Ivy Paice is a local young lady who has pleased many Timmins audiences with her good work as a dancer, and there will be general good wishes for her success as a teacher of dancing.

Kneller Hall Band Again to be at Toronto Exhibition

To dedicate the magnificent new bandshell at the Canadian National Exhibition this year the management has engaged the Kneller Hall band from the Royal Military School of Music at Twickenham, England. A signal honour has been conferred on this organization inasmuch as that it is the first band to be engaged twice within a period of two years. It was at the "Ex" in 1934. Kneller Hall band is one of embryo conductors many of whom are organists, vocalists, composers and masters of numerous instruments.

tieman who saw the monster in Lake Clear, however drinks nothing stronger than dry ginger ale, so the Lake Clear sea serpent must remain a mystery. It is described as having a head the size of a sheep's head but not as peaceful, a body about the size of a stovepipe and about the colour of some stovepipes. The Eganville Leader recently published a picture of the Lake Clear water monster. Frankly it looks something like the Ferguson highway at the present time.

There will be general approval of the stand of the Attorney-General's office in insisting on the trial of the operator of the motor boat that ran down a small boat with the resultant death of a young lady in the rowboat. Such a trial may impress on motor boat operators the necessity for the greatest care and caution. Motor boats on the Mattagami river in many cases have been so reckless as to be criminal. Deliberately running through groups of swimmers has been one trick against which The Advance has made repeated protest. It has often here been more luck than

Taxes Drive Men to Poetry in Melbourne

Taxpayer Makes Poetic Plea and Commissioner Replies in Kind.

A friend of The Advance sends in the following clipping from The Courier-Mail, of Brisbane, Australia:—
Melbourne, Sunday.

Probably for the first time on record, a Commissioner of Taxation has composed an official reply in rhyme to a taxpayer seeking time to pay. The taxpayer was poetic. He couched his application to the Commissioner in a moving rhythm with a pathetic jingle, but the Commissioner (Mr. R. W. Chenoweth) was poetic too. He adopted the same rhythm and jingle for his reply, and gave the taxpayer time to pay. "The taxpayer's plea was:—
"My friend, if I may call thee friend,
Who yearly through the post doth send
That interesting billet doux,
Which says that income tax is due,
I really find it very hard,
To think that for thy New Year card
Now though my taxes I'd not shirk,
I'm still a lad who's out of work,
And as my family older grows,
So with them grow financial woes;
And though my album's looking gay,
With all the stamps I've put away,
It needs another page or two
To see the business nicely through.
And so the object of this rhyme
Is just to seek some further time
In which I may the stocking fill
To liquidate your bill."
Mr. Chenoweth's reply, which the taxpayer has just received, was—
"My friend, for this I'll call thee friend,
Your metric plea my heart to rend
Quite proves a slip, for many more
Lead up my desk with troubles sore.
If hee'd be paid to all their woes,
The State's deficit larger grows.
Still, penny that breeds such wit
Must really have an answer fit.
Till end of March we'll let it pend,
Then cash and stamps together send.
The stamps referred to are tax instalment stamps, which may be purchased at post offices at any time and used to pay State taxes when the department issues its assessment."

Touching Appeal for Settlers of North

Ask for Chance to Become Self-Supporting, Suffering Serious Hardships.

In yesterday's Mail and Empire there was a letter that should touch the heart of every true Canadian. There is reason to believe that it is restrained and not exaggerated, and that unfortunately it applies to settlers more or less in general in the North Land. Here is the letter:
To the Editor of The Mail and Empire:
Sir—Many thanks for publishing my letter of the 14th inst. I feel that it is only by trying to waken the public of Ontario to the need of these people that a change may be accomplished. Let me stress first and foremost—these people are not asking for increased relief or charity. They are only asking for what they were promised: viz., to become self-supporting farmers. What chance have they or their families? We have a school—a one-room school—jammed to the doors—one teacher for all grades. These children are given no health treatments—no health nurse, no optician or dental attention. Hardly any milk, fruit so scarce as to be a curiosity, no fresh tomatoes and even though it is now the end of July, we have had no fresh vegetables of any kind. This year, the berries have been so few that one might as well say there were none and the number of children who have seen fresh fruit of any kind this year can be counted on one hand. Talk about a fresh air fund—yes we have lots of fresh air. Try hanging your mattress and bed clothes up to dry each time it rains and also imagine how the settler feels who is unable to repair his roof. There is nothing he can do to earn a dollar—no one has one. How can you keep cows when you cannot grow enough feed for them? Ask any farmer how many years it will be before a lone settler on a green bush can grow enough feed to stock feed for ten months in the year.
We ask that a chance be given these people.
Will some of our societies please remember the fact that these relief settlers are fellow-citizens—people from towns and cities who have made their stand to get off relief. These people deserve your help. Look up Cochrane on the map, try to visualize where they are and what they are up against.
Mr. Heppburn and Cabinet, what do you think about it? You hate relief and its problems—so do we! Will you help us to get off it? We do not ask for extra relief or a clothing order, we are willing to continue to wear the rags, we have and go short on food, if we can get a chance to be self-supporting.
B. WARREN,
Frederick House,
Cochrane, July 30, 1936.

Four-Year-Old Girl Dies in Fire at Home

Another Tragedy in Settler's Home. Boy Also Suffers Serious Burns in Fire.

Another tragedy from fire at a settler's home occurred on Thursday last on the highway about two miles south of Matheson when Isobel McKee, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McKee, lost her life in a fire at the home. A brother, a little older than Isobel, was badly burned before he was rescued from the burning home. This brother, Lionel McKee, is in the hospital in a critical condition, though his recovery is hoped for.

The fire is supposed to have originated from sparks from the stove, or perhaps from a defective stovepipe. The house was a light and inflammable structure built of one-ply lumber and tarpaper. The flames made incredible speed in such a structure and it was only a few minutes before the house was burned to the ground. According to word from Matheson, Mr. McKee was a little distance from the house hitching his horses to the mower to do a day's work in the fields. His attention was on the horses and he did not notice either smoke or flames at the house. Mr. McKee and their ten-year-old boy were in the barn doing the milking and they had no chance to see the fire at their house. It was some men passing along the highway in a truck who first noticed the fire. One of these men, Mr. Fleming, dashed into the burning house at great risk to himself. He managed to bring out the two children after some difficulty, but the little girl was already dead. The boy was rather badly burned on the shoulders, side and feet before he was rescued. Had it not been for the timely arrival of Mr. Fleming, the boy as well as the little girl would have died in the fire. The boy was rushed to the hospital at Matheson where it is hoped that he will recover. Mr. and Mrs. McKee came to the Matheson area a few months ago from Manitoulin Island.

Topoka Daily Capital:—Among other tongue-twisters to test a motor-car driver's sobriety, there's Harry Lauder's test: "If ye can say 'tis a braw'richt, moonlicht, nicht, ye're all richt, ye ken."

REMANDED TO AMOS JAIL ON THE CHARGE OF MURDER

Hugh Lanctot, of Lake Dore, Quebec, was in court on Monday of this week at Rouyn before J. O. Tardiff, district justice of the peace. Lanctot, who is said to have admitted to police that he shot Frank Adamowski, or Adams, on July 20th, is now charged with murder. He was remanded on Monday, the date of the preliminary hearing to be set by the Attorney-General's Dept. in Quebec.

Late J. Morel, Kapuskasing had Relatives in Timmins

The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing, last week had the following:—
"John Morel, night constable for several years prior to his illness ten months ago, died at his home early last Sunday morning at the age of 71. He had been a resident of Kapuskasing for 13 years. Mr. Morel was born in Quebec and resided in Mattawa and Sturgeon Falls, where he was a contractor and lumber merchant, before moving here. He was buried Tuesday morning after services at Immaculate Conception Church. Besides his widow, Mrs. Ellen Morel, he is survived by four sons, Oscar, Alpheo and Armand of Killgan, and John, of Hartly, and five daughters, Mrs. H. L. Martin of Chapleau; Mrs. Leo Marchand, of Tilbury; Mrs. Walter Longpre of Timmins, and Mrs. Joseph Claville and Mrs. Al Smith, both of Kapuskasing. Two brothers, Fred of Timmins, and Frank of Mattawa, also survive."
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A writer in the Halifax Herald says that "War is Murder." It is equally true to say that "Peace is suicide," sometimes. So what?
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Touching Appeal for Settlers of North

Decent Roads Would Mean Many Tourists for North

(From New Liskeard Speaker)
A New York motorist pulled up to a New Liskeard garage on Tuesday and in the car with him were several other visitors. The party were on their way to Timmins, and, evidently they were determined to get there if at all possible. In conversation with The Speaker this gentleman stated that he didn't think an awful lot of the highway over which he had travelled and expressed the relief experienced by all when the hard road was reached at Latchford. Said he, "thousands of American tourists would visit this part of the Ontario Northland if the roads were fit to travel over and that fact was known throughout the United States."
Every car to pass North Bay and go into the Temiskaming and Cochrane districts means possibly from \$25.00 to \$100.00 distributed to various business men throughout the territory covered. In the meantime we are losing that business, in addition to the inconvenience of the road to our own people, and the damages inflicted on our cars by the rough conditions of the roads.
Incidentally, this visitor had been warned what to expect after leaving the hard road surface a hundred or more miles south of this town. Doubtless a similar warning has prevented many tourists from taking the Ferguson Highway for points further north.

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