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## SAFETY FROM FIRE

This is Fire Prevention Week throughout Canada, the week being set aside by royal proclamation with the purpose of so directing public attention to the matter that the serious fire loss in the Dominion may be reduced. In the past ten years 414,000 fires in Canada have destroyed property valued at more than \$350,000,000 and caused the loss of over 3000 lives, while 15,000 people have suffered serious injury as a result of these fires. It is the earnest and well-considered belief of those in authority and in position to know that fully 80 per cent. of the fires referred to might have been prevented by reasonable care, proper preventative measures, and adequate fire-fighting equipment in the municipalities concerned. The royal proclamation setting aside Fire Prevention Week urges first of all the fullest possible consideration and co-operation of the public in reducing the serious losses of life and property from fire.

Are efforts such as this Fire Prevention Week of any value? The answer is a very emphatic "Yes!" The town of Timmins itself has proven the efficiency of public interest and co-operation in this matter of fires. In its early days Timmins showed interest and thought that have given this town a unique place among the new towns of the North. Chief credit for the fortunate history of Timmins should go to Dr. J. A. McInnis. As a town councillor and chairman of the fire and light committee of the council for several years, he gave every ounce of his energy and enthusiasm to building up "good luck" for the town of Timmins. He fought a gallant battle to secure proper fire-fighting equipment for the town. When that was secured, he put up another battle to assure an efficient fire-fighting and fire-preventing organization here. The securing of the services of Fire Chief Borland as head of the fire department in Timmins was the beginning of the long years of "good luck" for the town in the matter of fires. There isn't any doubt about the "good luck" of Timmins in the matter of fires. It is in striking contrast to the sad story of losses and burdens in other towns of the North. But it should not be forgotten that it was "good luck" bought and paid for, and it would have been impossible without the co-operation of the general public. The story of Timmins should make it clear that public co-operation may be secured by the right kind of publicity and leadership and that "good luck" in fires may be purchased and prove a genuine bargain.

The latest available statistics in regard to fires in Canada are those for 1935. They show a number of very interesting facts. In a list of the losses in towns and cities of 10,000 population and over, it is shown that Timmins has a lower per capita fire loss than any but eight other places in the list. All of the centres with lower per capita fire loss than Timmins are older, more established places, where buildings are naturally of more fire-resisting type, and also where life and business give less chances for fires. To-day there are many practically fire-proof buildings in town, but in earlier days, before building by-laws were added to the other methods to fight the danger of fire, enough buildings of light construction were erected to make the fire danger greater here than in Old Ontario towns and cities. Some of the buildings erected in new towns before proper restrictions are imposed constitute a danger not only in regard to fire in the premises themselves but also from the difficulty of preventing fire spreading to these light buildings from other sources. Galt, with a per capita fire loss of 9 cents, has the proud distinction of leading all Canada in the matter of small fire losses. St. Catharines has a fire loss of 18 cents per capita; Woodstock, 26; Oshawa, 28; Kingston, 43; Welland, 48; St. Thomas, 52; Sarnia, 68. It would not be fair, however, to compare these towns and cities of Old Ontario with the town of Timmins in the matter of fire losses. In the North, Timmins easily leads the matter of comparatively small fire losses. For 1935 the total losses by fire were \$18,968, or 86 cents per capita. Sudbury's fire loss for the same year was 88 cents per capita. Kirkland Lake had a fire loss of 95 cents per capita; North Bay, \$1.15; Port Arthur, \$2.30; Fort William, \$2.61; and Sault Ste. Marie, \$3.94. Other smaller towns in the North are not listed, but in every case the per capita fire loss will be greater than in Timmins. Timmins has reason to be proud of its position in this matter. Its "good luck" in the matter of fires comes from good equipment, a good fire chief, a good fire-fighting and fire-preventing force—all these made possible, however, only through an intelligent public attitude made effective through good leadership.

As the Timmins contribution to the Dominion Fire Prevention week and the public endorsement of the plan, a special "Fire Prevention Week" section of The Advance is published this week. Again, co-operation does it! The issue has public support, municipal councils and business concerns supporting the venture and adding to its effectiveness. In this issue will be found suggestions for

reducing fire losses, for protecting lives and property. Continued thought and attention and interest are necessary for the maintenance of the high position of Timmins in the matter of fire prevention and fire-fighting. Co-operation will do it! Let all co-operate!

## FOR PUBLIC ADVANTAGE

At the meeting welcoming members of the council of the Association of Registered Professional Engineers to Schumacher on Saturday evening last, one speaker made mention of the fact that Securities Commissioner Godfrey is insisting that all mining syndicates and companies offering shares to the public must use reports on the properties made by qualified mining engineers. It is easy to see that the Securities Commissioner has found this procedure essential for the protection of the public. It may be added that the protection of the investing public is vital to the welfare of the North. As another speaker at the meeting on Saturday said, every man, woman and child in the North has a direct interest in the progress and development of the country. The mining industry is of supreme importance here, and anything that hurts that industry hurts everybody in the country. At the present time there is a boom in this North, but nothing will give the country a black eye more than any wildcatting or misrepresentation. The Securities Commissioner is taking the proper view in insisting that in the matter of reports on properties the public is protected to the extent at least that the reports shall be from competent and honest men, such as are the regularly recognized mining engineers of this country. The question must arise, however, "Who is a mining engineer?" So far the answer to this question seems to have rested solely upon the Securities Commissioner. He has had to shoulder the responsibility for determining who is competent and qualified to make reports on properties. No doubt he has had his standards and the facts of the case seem to suggest that he has kept the status high. It does seem, however, that the duties of the Securities Commissioner are onerous enough without adding that of determining who are and who are not mining engineers qualified to report on properties in which the public is invited to invest. It would seem to be a good move on the part of the government to pass legislation of some kind or another in regard to the qualifications necessary to entitle a man to be accepted as an authority on mining properties. The Registered Professional Engineers' Association would appear to be the logical body to decide what men are qualified as engineers. No one is better equipped to judge the capabilities of an engineer than a large group of recognized engineers. The Registered Professional Engineers do not limit their membership to those who have academic training. They recognize the full value of such training, but realize that experience in the work is of even greater importance. The membership of the association includes men who have not attended any college or taken any course except in the school of practical experience. They accept those with academic knowledge, provided they have some practical experience in the work. The purpose of the association is to build up high ideals among all engineers and to encourage the highest types of ethics and public service. The association might with safety and confidence be given the task of defining the qualifications for engineers reporting on mining properties.

A great deal of propaganda has been used in the past against the Registered Professional Engineers' Association. It has been insinuated that they aimed to form a close corporation, and to secure a monopoly for themselves. The truth is that from the beginning, even when they were working in their own interests, they were also serving the public in special way. Their readiness to accept the man with practical experience as a member of their organization was proof of their breadth of mind. To the impartial observer they seemed to be chiefly anxious to give distinct status to their profession and to hold its ideals and ethics at the highest possible point. This would all be in the interests of the public.

It should be noted that the interest of the public does not stop at the matter of reports on properties. That is only a minor point after all. On the skill, the knowledge, the integrity of the engineers depends the safety, the lives, of all who work in mines. For the protection of the worker, no less than the investor, the engineer must have the highest degree of skill, of knowledge, of the spirit of service and responsibility. It is in the public interests that the standards for engineers be maintained on the highest levels. In the engineering profession there appears to be necessity for the same safeguards for the public interests that are given in the case of the legal profession, the druggists, the doctors and other lines.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

A returned soldier the other evening explained to The Advance that Great Britain and other nations would not have the same difficulty they are having in securing men for their armies and for other lines of defence, had they followed the suggestion he made at the time of the close of the last war. The gentleman, it must be confessed, was slightly under the influence of liquor when he addressed The Advance the other evening, and he was rather hazy as to whether or not he was in similar state at the time he made his suggestion to the authorities overseas. However, here is the suggestion he made:—In case of war, there should be an eight-hour day, with pay for overtime. "If



## "Mother is getting on in years"

"She finds her main enjoyment in knitting, fancy work and reading. Naturally her eyes aren't as keen as they once were and the strain troubled them a lot. My husband made an appointment for her with Mr. Curtis. Now, with her new glasses, she sits contentedly reading and working by the hour. Life for her, is enjoyable again."

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## South End Ready For Badminton

Interest Revived in Badminton, Other News From South Porcupine and the Dome

South Porcupine, Ont., Oct. 3rd. Special to The Advance. Mrs. W. F. Taylor, of Toronto, and Mrs. T. Lang, of Toronto, both well known to residents of the Porcupine camp as having at one time lived at the Dome and New York Porcupine Mines, and Timmins, are visiting friends in town.

Mr. A. Carlson, of Sudbury, Mr. Suddes, of Swastika, and Mr. A. R. Black, of Kingston, were registered at the Empress hotel this week. We are very sorry to report the illness of Mrs. Jim Haneyberry. Her condition to-day is reported unchanged. The situation is a very critical one, her mother having been sent for to Toronto. Her brother, Blair Campbell, and sister, Mrs. Harvey Miller, of Noranda, and Mrs. Hill, of Noranda, are here. Her many friends in town are earnestly hoping for her return to health.

Mr. W. H. Johns, of the Dome Mines, left on Thursday for Portland, Oregon, where Mrs. Johns has been for some weeks visiting her parents. Mrs. Johns will return with him in a week or two. Mrs. R. Jones, who has been visiting her sister, Miss B. M. C. Shaw, for the past summer months, left last Monday to spend the winter in Owen Sound.

Mr. Jos. Smith left last week for Toronto. His mother, Mrs. J. Smith, is taking up residence on Connaught Hill with Miss Pettigrew.

Messrs. Allan Pearce and Harry Martin are spending the week-end hunting at Moose Lake.

Mrs. S. Sky, who has been quite ill for the past week, is reported to-day as being much better.

A meeting is called at the Recreation hall at Dome Mines for Sunday (4th), the object being to call together the badminton devotees in camp and inaugurate the winter session.

Mrs. J. A. Deane, sister of Mr. Jas. Alexander, and three daughters, Anne, Rona and Doris, of Chicago, have been visiting at the Alexander home on Bruce avenue this week. They left on Thursday for Montreal, en route for

war is to be a regular business," he argued, "why not put it on a modern business basis?"

His Honour Judge Plouffe, newly-appointed judge of the judicial district of Nipissing, is hailed by some newspapers as above the fear of superstition, because his first court is to be held on October 13th. As this 13th is not a Friday, and as there are several times thirteen cases to come before the court, the significance of the thirteen in this case is not so apparent.

The dust blowing around all the time on the streets of the town reminds the people all the time of the mayor all the time.

Tim Buck, Communist, is reported as at present in Spain. It doesn't seem reasonable. Communists are seldom to be found where there is trouble. They are usually there just before it starts.

Premier Hepburn has been made an Indian Chief, and given the name, "Chief Dawn of Day." The Indians apparently have more time of day for the premier than a lot of white people have.

What the North needs in radio is a government radio relay station to make radio available for the North.

As will be noted elsewhere in this issue, the proposal to boycott the business interests of the southern part of the province as a protest against the neglect and ill-usage given the North has taken

# WANTED Ads

**WANTED**  
MEN WANTED—To train for positions in Diesel Engineering. Must be mechanically inclined, fair education and furnish good references. Give residence address. Apply Box C.I. Porcupine Advance. -73-741f

**WANTED**—Agents, Salesmen, Canvasers, Merchants, to take orders for popular magazines. Also one in each town to sell goods to stores. Write Zalek Vertlieb, Wawbewawa, Ontario. 77-78-79p

London, England, where they will complete their holiday. Last Saturday a car crash on the Golden City road resulted in one man being sent to the Tisdale hospital with head and face injuries, he being thrown through the windshield of a car driven by Paul White. The other car, driven by H. Niemi, with children in the rumble seat and three in the driver's seat, was damaged but nobody was injured.

The Junior Bridge Club met at the home of Miss W. Nash on Thursday. The honours were won by Mr. H. Doran and Miss Nash.

Mr. P. Robinson and Mr. Foster motored down to Toronto this week. The Glee Club met in the United Church on Tuesday last. It may be possible to again resume practices in the High School hall later on, if another day and time are agreed upon. Members are requested to each bring a friend next Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the United Church.

Miss Ray Roberts, of Montreal, is the guest of Mrs. Barnes, of Dome Extension.

Mrs. Wm. Thomas, with sons, Sidney and Kenneth, spent the week-end in Noranda visiting Mrs. Nicholls, sister of Mr. Thomas, who has just returned from a holiday in England.

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Friday at the home of Mrs. W. Lemmon. Mrs. Lemmon and Miss Pearl Kennedy were joint hostesses in honour of Mrs. Lex Lovergan (Bess Hendry). A number of friends were invited, among them Mrs. Lang of Toronto, and the recent bride was presented with a joint wedding gift in the shape of a lovely walnut tea wagon from her girl friends. The evening was spent in playing the two new popular games—"Monopoly" and "Easy Money." The prizes went to Mrs. Leigh Bladen and Mrs. Jen. Lang for honours in "Monopoly," while the guest of honour—Mrs. Lovergan—and Miss Kay Reynolds, took prizes for "Easy Money." A very delicious lunch was served to the guests.

Kevin Cahill had the misfortune to sprain his finger while boxing at the Scout hall on Friday.

The A.Y.P.A. held a court whist at the Parish hall on Wednesday night. Seven tables were filled with young players and a happy evening was spent. The prizes went to: 1st, Miss Mabel Lewis (powder and perfume set), and 2nd, Miss Winifred Naish (deck of cards). For the masculine side Mr. Hugh Gilroy took first prize (cigar-ette lighter), and Mr. George Hawkes second (deck of cards).

Scouts and Cubs with their leaders and some parents, gathered at the Scout hall on Wednesday night in honour of Mr. A. Paddon, who was visiting the Scouts in camp. The meeting opened with "O. Canada." Games were taken by Cubmaster D. Leitner and rope spinning exhibitions were given under Bill Skelton. The town troop won the honours under H. Pyke. Miss McCulloch and Scouter Lemmon also took games during the evening. Mr. Paddon's speech on Scouting and what it means was intently listened to by every Cub and Scout present. Refreshments were served after the activities.

To-day (Saturday) the public school youngsters are having a free matinee at the High School while

**FOR RENT**  
GARAGE FOR RENT—Apply 109 Maple Street South. -77p

**FOR RENT**—Two-room shack. Apply at 208 Maple Street North, Timmins. -77

**FOR RENT**—At 65 Bannerman avenue—5-room house, all conveniences; furnace. Apply at 1 Elm North in the morning. -77

**FOR RENT**—Two-room front office, heated, also one room, over Metropolitan Store. Apply Sky's Specialty Shop. -77-78

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**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. 441f

**WOOD FOR SALE**

**WOOD FOR SALE**—Dry Jackpine, \$2.50 per cord in four-cord lots or more; one cord, \$2.75; for limited time only. G. Morin, Phone 1385; -544f

"Mother Goose" is having a dress rehearsal. Don't forget Monday night when the operetta will be produced to the public.

**Guide News**  
The Girl Guides met on Wednesday in the Parish hall. The routine was carried through and Lillian Kaufman and Audrey Jamieson completed the test for entertainer's badge. Both told humorous stories and the rest of the troop gave the verdict which was satisfactory.

The Brownies will start on Friday next. Miss Betty Martin, who had resigned as Brown Owl, has agreed to continue with the Brownies until another Brown Owl has been appointed. Mrs. R. Stark has consented to the consideration of this office and may take over this excellent work shortly. Mrs. Stark has been helping in many ways with the whole movement and nobody could fill this difficult office with more efficiency. The little Brownies will be lucky indeed if Mrs. Stark accepts the office of Brown Owl. Miss B. Maxwell-Smith will continue as Tawny Owl.

**Death of Gwinith Williams at the Age of Four Years**

Gwinith, four-year-old daughter of Thomas Williams, died in St. Mary's hospital yesterday following an illness of more than a month. The funeral service is to be held tomorrow from Walker's funeral parlour.

**Weather Likely to Continue Unsettled**

**Snowflurries in Morning and Showers During Day, to be Expected.**

The weather will continue unsettled, cool and cloudy, the weatherman said this morning. Snowflurries in the early mornings, and showers during the day may be expected.

Temperatures have been, Thursday, max. 44, min. 42; Friday max 45, min. 32; Saturday max 44, min. 27; Sunday max 41, min. 29; minimum last night 33; eight o'clock this morning 36.

A trace of snow fell Friday morning and an eighth of an inch yesterday morning. There was a trace of rain on Thursday afternoon, .02 inches of rain Friday and up to 8.30 this morning there has been .15 inches of moisture.

## ARTICLES FOR SALE

**FOR SALE**—1 Singer sewing machine; 1 Beatty washer; 2 chiffoniers; 1 dresser; 1 kitchen cabinet. All in A-1 condition. Must be sold at once. Apply 120 Maple Street South. -77

**FOR SALE—USED DOUBLE DECK** bunks, wood burner camp ranges, and heaters. Apply Crawley and McCracken Company, Limited, Sudbury, Ont. -75-82

**Piano & Theory**  
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## LOCALS

Mrs. J. Harman, who has been seriously ill recently, is reported to-day as well on the way to recovery.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Oakley Brochu, 6 Laidlaw street, on October 1st—a son.

Miss Annie Lukon has returned from Toronto where she spent the past three weeks holidaying.

Geo. S. Drew is a patient in St. Mary's hospital to-day. He is suffering from an infected throat.

Mrs. Karl Eyre, who is a patient in St. Michael's hospital, Toronto, is getting along as well as can be expected, it was learned this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wood returned to Timmins this week-end from their honeymoon. Mrs. Wood was formerly Miss Padgett. They will make their home here.

Earl McDiarmid, supervising principal of Kirkland Lake public schools, intends to visit Timmins public schools on Oct. 6th and 7th to study the system and methods in use here.

Word from Toronto last week was to the effect that Russ Grigg, who is seriously ill at the General hospital there, was making some progress to recovery, being slightly improved after the operation. Mrs. Grigg is in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Monck, of Copper Cliff, were visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Monck here. Mrs. S. Monck accompanied them on their return to Copper Cliff and will remain there for a brief visit.

Mr. Thomas Laidlaw, of Edinburgh, Scotland, who spent the past year visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Laidlaw, of New Liskeard (formerly of Timmins), sailed for his home in Scotland on Friday last on the S. S. Letitia.

Mr. and Mrs. John McFarlane, of Toronto were visitors to Timmins last week, calling on old friends here. Mr. McFarlane, who in the early days of Timmins was a member of The Advance staff and well-known in the North, his home being at Haileybury, was one of the original discoverers of the Pickle Crow gold area.

Hosts of friends in town and district are heartily welcoming back to his post as manager of the Timmins office of the Doherty, Roadhouse Co., Chas. E. Hall, who some months ago was forced by ill-health to go to the South for treatment and recuperation. He returned last week to Timmins, much improved in health.

## Married at Iroquois Falls on Saturday

Miss Frances Depencier Ebbitt and Mr. C. W. R. Day Wedded.

Iroquois Falls, Ont., Oct. 3rd, 1936. Special to The Advance.

The marriage took place in St. Mark's Anglican church at Iroquois Falls on Saturday, October 3rd, of Miss Frances Depencier Ebbitt, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Ebbitt, of Iroquois Falls and Mr. C. W. R. Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Day, of Toronto, the Very Rev. Archbishop A. U. Depencier, Westminster, B.C., uncle of the bride officiating. The church was decorated with cut flowers. The groomsmen were Dr. S. Legate. The ushers were Dr. D. B. Westcott, Dr. C. C. Evans, W. E. Willson and L. Stuart. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. On their return from the honeymoon tour, Mr. and Mrs. Day will take up residence at La Reine, Que.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hargreave, of Montreal, spent a few days in Timmins last week the guests of friends here.

**SNAP**  
Cleans Dirty Hands