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## GOODWILL NEEDED

A reader of The Advance who usually has an original, or at least unusual way of looking at things, remarked the other day that he believed the chief source of the world depression was the lack of goodwill and co-operation among nations and individuals. "Every once in a while the people get into an ugly frame of mind," he said, "and they suffer as a consequence. All the nations were jealous and envious of each other. The poor man cursed the rich and the rich man found his own cause to curse the poor. Without co-operation and goodwill all suffer."

The line of thought indicated will be found to have much to support it. One striking proof of the truth of the idea will be found in the nations first making progress to recovery. Probably Great Britain was the first to show signs of recovery from the world-wide depression and to make the largest measure of progress to renewed prosperity. There is reason to believe that this was due to the British faculty for compromise, for seeing the other fellow's standpoint, for working together despite difference of opinion.

At the present time it would be well for the people of Timmins to consider the value of co-operation and goodwill as factors in public welfare. There is considerable disappointment in town at the small progress made municipally this year. It is felt that despite the fact that a good council was elected, little has been accomplished during the year. This has been largely due to the fact that too much of the council's time has been taken up in attempting to offset the disposition of the mayor. The mayor has been unable to work with this year's council any more than he could work with previous councils. Municipal officials have all been so busy avoiding the mayor's illwill that they have not been able to give the undivided devotion to duty that would otherwise have been given. The same spirit of illwill, of distrust, of uncertainty has been created that caused so much trouble overseas. With as good a council as that of this year, nearly any other mayor in the history of Timmins would have been able to accomplish much. With the proper measure of co-operation and goodwill this town should be in the best possible position this year and everything should be moving smoothly and efficiently.

The voters of Timmins will soon have an opportunity to select new municipal heads for the coming year, and it would be well to give a thought to the idea of the value of co-operation and goodwill. They are genuine assets. The present mayor, after a fair and generous trial, has shown that he is utterly without talent in securing co-operation and goodwill. He seems to be congenitally unable to work with anybody or anything. From his battles the town has received nothing but expense, bitterness, grief. Witness his fights against the power company, the mines, the school board, the police! Nothing constructive, nothing helpful, from it all! It is time the ratepayers of the town were turning their attention to the selection of a mayor for 1937 who will be able to work in harmony with others—with some others, at least—so that the town may have the benefits that arise from co-operation and goodwill, rather than the injury inseparable from bitterness, illwill and division.

## THIS PLAN SHOULD BE TRIED

Some months ago The Advance called attention to the number of deaths occurring each year in fires that destroyed the homes of settlers in the North, and reference was also made to a proposal by Coroner E. R. Tucker, of Cochrane, who suggested that from his own knowledge and experience he had reason to believe that most of the fires at settlers' homes could be prevented if a few inexpensive precautions were taken. Coroner Tucker, while presiding at an inquest held in connection with the death of three children who lost their lives one night in a fire that destroyed a settler's home near Kapuskasing, pointed out that this sort of fire usually was found to occur from improper chimneys, defective stovepipes, stoves set too closely to flimsy partitions, or stovepipes passing through partitions without proper protection for the heated pipes. The coroner's suggestion was that the duties of the fire rangers be extended to include inspection of settlers' dwellings. At the present time the fire rangers inspect the lands of the settler and take the necessary steps to have any fire risks removed. Their authority, however, stops at the door of the settler's home, where his most precious possession, and the most precious possession of the country, may be living in danger. In most cases a few simple changes would reduce the fire risk to the minimum. In most cases the danger would be removed as soon as the settler was made aware of the unnecessary danger there was for his family in the condition of his stove or stovepipes, or the unguarded proximity to inflammable partitions. These fires in settlers' homes usually take place in the cold winter weather. Often they occur in the early morning hours. The

settler or his wife wakes to find the house growing cold, and so a big fire is built and the father or mother goes back to the warmth of bed. The wrongly placed pipes become overheated and tragedy is the result.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an article on this matter from The Northern Tribune of Kapuskasing. Coroner Tucker tells The Northern Tribune that in the past 15 years he has held inquests into some hundred deaths in his district where precious lives have been lost through fires in settlers' homes, and in practically all the cases the deaths could have been avoided and the fires themselves prevented if a few inexpensive precautions had been taken. The few simple changes would have been made had there been competent inspection of the homes and proper advice given the settlers in the matter. The fire rangers are in position to make the necessary inspection with practically no cost to the country, while the fire rangers in general have the confidence of the settlers and would find little difficulty in having the necessary changes made to assure a reasonable measure of safety. While figures are not available at the moment in regard to the number of deaths through fires in the homes of settlers in this and other districts of the North there is reason to believe that they will equal the number in the area for which Mr. Tucker acts as coroner. If the total figure for all the districts of the North were given it would show that scores of lives are lost each year in fires that destroy the homes of settlers in the North. It is equally true that the most of these lives might be saved with a little care, a little thought and a little attention. The way to save these lives is by guarding against the fires. The majority of the homes of settlers are lightly built and prove easy prey to the flames. Usually adults have difficulty in escaping from such dwellings once fire has a grip on them, and too often it proves utterly impossible to rescue children or older people who happen to be ill or infirm.

Another season is approaching when these fires are likely to be prevalent again. There are no means for fighting these fires once they start. The settler can do nothing but stand back and see his home burn down, if he is fortunate enough to be able to escape the flames. On more than one occasion the settler or his wife, or both, have lost their lives in efforts to rescue their children. Is nothing to be done about it? The Ontario Government showed a keen interest in the recent observance of "Fire Prevention Week." Here is an opportunity for the government to show whether that interest was sincere and honest, or not. Adding the inspection of settlers' homes for fire risks to the other duties of the fire rangers would give a large measure of protection to the settlers and their families. Coroner Tucker knows what he speaks about, and his suggestion will have the support of every person acquainted with the conditions around the average settler's home. It can not even be argued that the proposed plan would prevent the balancing of the budget. Its cost would be infinitesimal to either the government or the settler. It is certainly worthy of a trial when so many lives are at stake.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The so-called trick of "debunking" (though it goes back to pre-historic days) has crept into no less a roost than the United States Biological Survey. That Survey claims that the owl's reputation for wisdom is all nonsense. "The owl is a fool," says one member of the Survey. "The owl is simply like a lot of people—he doesn't say much, because he doesn't know anything to say." The theory of the owl's special wisdom goes back to the days when people believed in the goddess Pallas Athene, so the owl must be a fairly wise old bird at that if it has taken the scientists 2413 years to discover its lack of brains. It all goes to show that the less that is said the longer it takes to find a bird's weak points. The moral seems to be to say nothing and give a hoot at every man that comes along thinking he's a wise guy.

The taxpayers of Timmins voted last year for a new town hall. Instead they were offered a real estate deal in public school property. The ratepayers ought to know how to vote this year.

The Toronto Telegram is authority for the statement that blotting paper was discovered by accident. This will be a surprise to most people who ever gave away blotters. These people would naturally believe that blotting paper was invented to meet the demand:—"Got any blotters?"

Premier Hepburn of Ontario and Premier Duplessis of Quebec had a conference during the week-end and are understood to have arrived at an agreement for Ontario and Quebec to co-operate to the fullest extent in the development of the resources and industry of the two provinces. This is excellent news, but it is likely, to judge from other incidents, that there will be a whole lot of announcements about the matter before anything at all is done.

Triplets were born this week to Mr. and Mrs. John Wild at Blenheim, Ontario. And were they wild!

Ernest Lindsay, of Callendar, was arrested last week and taken to Hull, Quebec, on the suspicion that he was Leon Hanley, who escaped from the L'Original jail 18 years ago. After the police had the man at Hull they came to the conclusion that a mistake had been made. Mrs. Hanley, whose hus-



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## Kirkland Not Pleased at Mine Roads Program

(From Northern News)

Conservatives termed it "ridiculous" amending that with "it's what could be expected," while Liberals saw many items of similarity to an earlier programme announced from Ottawa late last week by Hon. Paul Leduc, Minister of Mines for Ontario, in which 27 projects were listed as road work to mining areas for which \$500,000 was to be spent on a share basis by Ontario and the Dominion.

The Conservatives charge of "ridiculous" came when an inspection of the list revealed only five hundred dollars to be spent in this district on the Bidgood road.

"It could be expected," they said, after money was wasted on the uncompleted Goodfish Road at the start of the Hepburn regime.

"They frittered away \$35,000 there and have nothing to show for it," was one claim.

Walter Little, M.P. for Temiskaming South, said he knew more than \$500 would be spent in conditioning the Bidgood road and confessed that he was without notification of this latest programme.

"Maybe this is a new programme," he said, when the \$500 item was mentioned for Bidgood. "The only work of which I have any notice is the decision to spend \$25,000 between here and the Quebec boundary."

Kirkland Lake shares in but \$500 of the small total of \$15,000 allocated to South Cochrane in the \$500,000 road programme announced on Saturday by Hon. Paul Leduc, Ontario Minister of Mines, as an undertaking to "aid the mining areas" with province and dominion sharing the cost.

Two miles of road to the Bidgood Mines from the Noranda highway, listed at \$50 in the summary of expenditures to be made, is the only project in the immediate district on the list announced by the mines minister.

The north end of the riding get the lion's share of the money with \$8,000 listed for the completion of a road from Ramore to the Ross Mines near Hyslop Township, which is operated by local interests and two other projects.

Repairs between Matheson and workings in Garrison Township are to cost \$1,000, the list shows, and \$5,500 is set aside to "construct a branch from the Timmins-South Porcupine secondary road to Delnite Mine, a distance of 1.6 miles."

W. G. Nixon's riding of Temiskaming immediately south of the electoral dis-

band deserted her when he fled from L'Original, was sure that Lindsay was not her husband. She added that she was glad of this, as she and her children were getting along all right without the missing husband and father. Police officers who knew Hanley were equally sure that Lindsay was a different man. The police eventually gave Lindsay enough to pay his fare back to Callendar and set him free. The incident seems like a decided hardship on the Callendar man. The arrest lost him time, money, comfort and reputation. When the matter was called to the attention of Attorney-General Roebuck, that gentleman is quoted as saying that he was sorry for Lindsay but that he did not see that anything could be done in the matter. It looks as if life in Callendar is an uncertain thing, when a man is not sure but that he may lose his children or his liberty—and "nothing can be done about it."

A local youngster was being examined the other day and as the doctor, with stethoscope adjusted, tested the lungs of the young patient, the boy exclaimed:—"Knock! Knock!" "Who's there?" "Chest!" "Chest who?" "Chest testing my lungs!"

Elections nearly always cause the discovery of some startling facts. The other day it was announced that it only cost \$100,000 to elect Abraham Lincoln as president of the United States, while it took \$1,520,658 to elect Franklin D. Roosevelt to the same office four years ago. How time flies!

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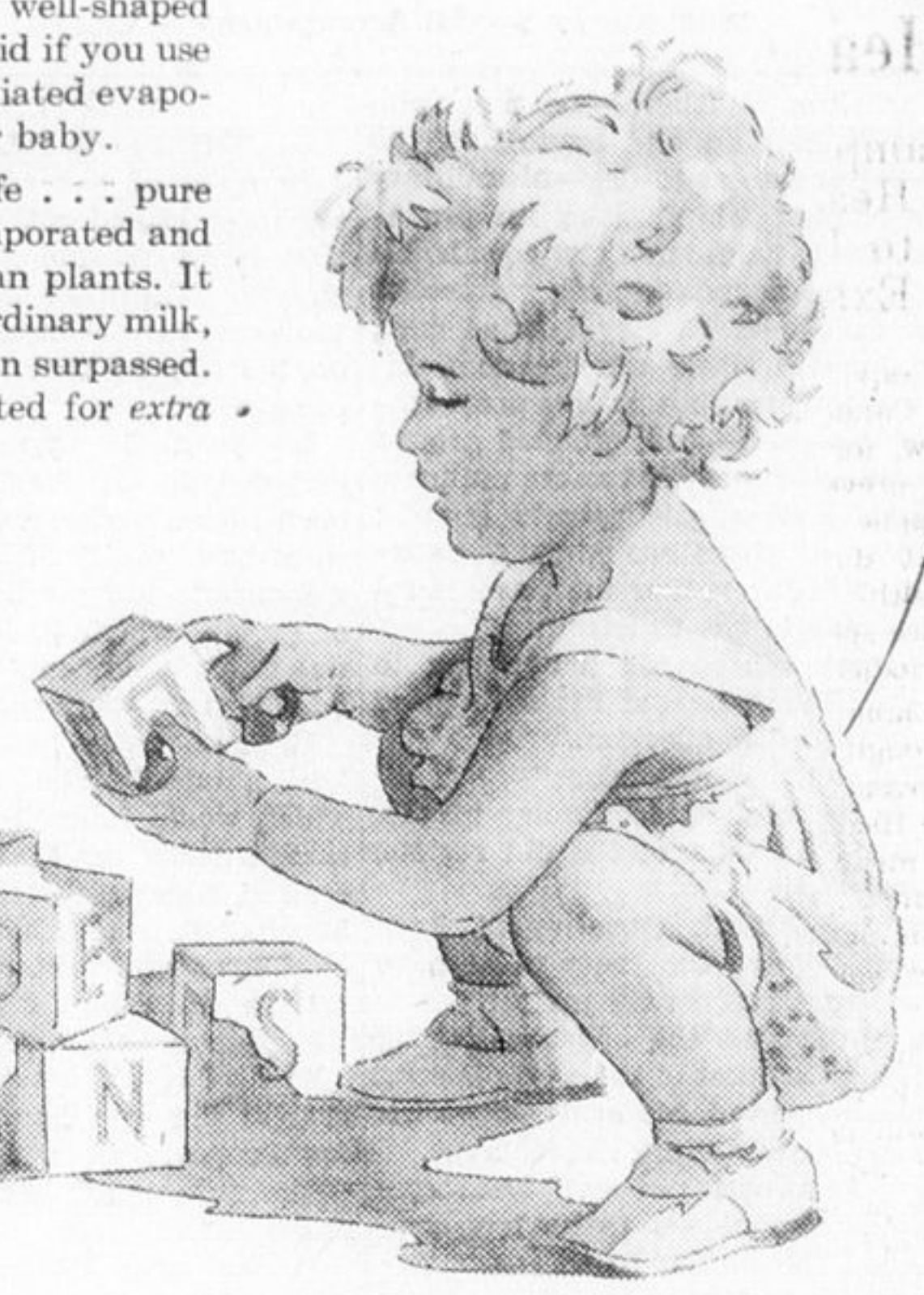
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## Moose of North and South Meet at Kirkland Lake

(From Northern News)

Well over 100 members of the Order of the Moose from Northern and Southern Ontario held a two-day convention at Kirkland Lake on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday evening several candidates were initiated by a degree team composed of Past Dictators.

A church parade was held to the Church of the Assumption and Trinity United Church, over 100 members and ladies of the Moose attending, the parade being led by the Kirkland Lake Pipe Band.

Fellowship associations members from Southern Ontario conferred the Fellowship Degree on nine members from Northern lodges on Sunday and 100 members witnessed the Ramsay Cup ritualistic competitions in which three teams took part and awards were as follows: First, Timmins; second, Cochrane; third, Kirkland Lake. The Judges were Bro. George Wintworth, Toronto; Past Grand Dictator Dr. Taylor, London; Past Dictator, Alex Rouse, Galt.

A banquet was held in the Masonic Temple on Sunday, with Dictator William Paget presiding. Toasts were as follows:

The King.

The Order, proposed by Dictator B. Eridgman, Rouyn, responded to by Past Supreme Dictator Norman C. Heyd, who also presented a Past Dictator Jewel to Bro. B. Devine, Kirkland Lake, and the Great North Moose Jewel to Fellow Dave Powlle, Noranda.

Toast to Kirkland Lake by Past Dictator E. H. Devine, responded to by

With the abandoning of the proposal to merge T.N.O. and C.N.R. services at Cochrane, how about some action in the development of the lignite deposits north of Cochrane?

The South Cochrane Settlers Association recently wrote to Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture in Ontario, suggesting ways and means whereby the settlers might be assisted in the difficult task of establishing themselves as farmers. Hon. Mr. Marshall so far has failed to give the settlers the courtesy of a reply. Those who know the genial Minister of Agriculture expected that at least he would have sent the settlers a little bull. Hon. Mr. Hepburn did.

Statistics issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics are always interesting, and sometimes illuminating. Some figures issued this week may be taken as another indication of the continued return of prosperity. These figures relate to the amount of money spent by the people of Ontario during the year 1935. The spending capacity of Ontario folk in 1935 was 4.1 per cent. greater than in the previous year. Ontario's total retail sales in 1935 are given as \$848,994,000. Some of the items going to make this total are worthy of note. Here are a few in order of size:—Food store sales, \$131,415,000; automobiles, \$102,571,000; men's and boys' clothing, \$24,291,000; women's apparel, \$22,103,000; liquor, \$18,088,000; furniture and household goods, \$13,174,000; radio and music store sales, \$8,393,000.

Councillor Les Hornick, Kirkland Lake Dr. Taylor presented the Kirkland Lake 1935-36 degree team with certain certificates of merit as a break in the toast list and Bro. Wintworth named the winners of the degree competition with Grand Vice-Dictator Bro. William Ramsay presenting the cup to Karl Eyre, of Timmins, captain of the winning team.

Visitors, proposed by Past Dictator George B. Cadman, responded to by delegates from the following lodges: Galt, Hamilton, Sudbury, Timmins, South Porcupine, Ansonville, Noranda-Rouyn, North Bay, London, Toronto, Windsor and Cochrane.

Ladies, proposed by Bro. Jack Hogg, responded to by Senior Regent Mrs. John Hamilton.

The next meeting is expected to be held in Timmins on Labour Day, 1937, it was announced.

The Ladies of the Moose of Kirkland Lake served the very complete banquet on Sunday at which visiting ladies were: Mrs. Wintworth, Toronto; Mrs. Maxwell, Toronto; Mrs. Richardson, Noranda-Rouyn; Mrs. Walters, Ansonville; Mrs. Smith, Ansonville.

Waterloo Chronicle:—A dispatch from Bombay states Mahatma Gandhi is suffering from Malaria. Khandi, in the face of scientific knowledge, says no person has the right to kill mosquitoes and other insects.



## Boy's Life Endangered By Crazy Trick at Rouyn

A remarkable story comes from Rouyn, suggesting that some boys there need some special attention. According to the story a citizen of Rouyn found a boy racing through the streets at 9.30 one night, the lad being in a state of terror and pain, his clothes being on fire. The citizen managed to extinguish the fire in the little clothing left on the boy and then took the lad to a doctor. Then it was learned how the boy came to be in such a dangerous position. His story was that he was playing with some other lads who were a little older and they were having "fun" throwing gasoline on him. When he was well soaked with the gasoline, one of the lads had the idiotic notion of throwing a lighted match on the gasoline-soaked clothing. The result is easy to imagine. The lad's clothing was soon in flames. In his pain and terror he ran, and the two other foolish lads also ran—the other way. The boy had most of the clothing burned off him, and he sustained a number of quite serious burns. Indeed, there is reason to believe that had not the citizen in question happened along and given the poor lad prompt and able help, the youngster would have paid with his life for the folly of the other boys. It is understood that the authorities at Rouyn are checking up on the story and if possible the boys guilty of this idiotic trick will be dealt with and the source of the gasoline will also be traced, with the idea of preventing any similar occurrences.