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TORONTO UNDERSTANDS

At last Toronto really understands how the North feels about the attitude of governments to this country. There have always been men in Toronto who fully appreciated the situation of the North—the feeling here that the country was being used unfairly—as a milch cow—was often the expression. There were Toronto people who had lived in the North, had visited the North, had interests in the North, were acquainted with the North and understood its problems as well as its potentialities. But the majority in Toronto scarcely understood the matter. They were inclined to sneer when the threat of secession came from the North. They were tempted to scoff when there was hint of boycott. Perhaps they are not to be unduly blamed. What people do not know may not hurt them, but it does not help them to understand either. All the eloquence about the need for roads in the North, all the logic about the riches of the North going to the South, with the North's interests more or less ignored—all this more or less fell on many deaf ears in Toronto. They did not know and they did not understand.

But all Toronto knows now! Toronto has had a touch of the same sort of treatment that has been given as a matter of course to the North. And Toronto reacts in much the same way that the North reacted. Toronto now is actually threatening secession from the province—securing a Dominion charter and operating without regard or responsibility to Ontario. One of the aldermen of the city seriously proposes this procedure, and none of the Toronto newspapers have held his plan up to scorn as impossible and impractical under the constitution, as they did in the case of the same proposal in the North.

Toronto sees its taxes and resources taken by the provincial government without proper return for the city. The North has suffered from the same trouble these many years, and only a few Toronto people have been as sympathetic as they are likely to be now when they really know how it feels. In its search for additional revenue the Ontario government took over the collection of the income tax in the province. This form of taxation had previously been the prerogative of the municipalities. In Toronto it had amounted to a considerable sum—exceeding, indeed, a million and a half dollars in recent years. In some of the towns of the North the income tax was a material source of revenue. In Timmins, for example, it exceeded twelve thousand dollars a year in recent years. When the province announced the deliberate appropriation of this source of revenue, there was a considerable outcry. First the government showed a tendency to attempt to bluff it through. Perhaps this was due to the fact that many Old Ontario municipalities—especially the rural ones—more or less neglected the collection of income tax, and it was this type of municipality that the members of the Ontario Government knew the best. The more up-to-date towns and cities, however, specialized on the income tax levy as a source of revenue, and there was so much objection to the filching of this form of taxation from the municipalities that the province eventually promised to give the municipalities that had been carefully collecting the tax an amount equivalent to the loss through the transference of the collection from the municipality to the province. The government could well afford to do this, as the provincial method of collection, being tied up with the Dominion Income Tax Act procedure, was much more thorough than under municipal collection in its individual and haphazard style. The government could have paid all the municipalities the amount formerly collected for municipal income tax, and still had a balance for itself to make the plan worth while. Instead, however, and despite the promise directly made, the Ontario government has again shown its tendency to repudiation. Now, the province proposes to discontinue the payments to municipalities of an amount to balance the loss of income tax collections. In place of its former promise, the government issues a brand new promise:—It will pay the municipalities' share of old age pensions and mothers' allowances. In the case of Toronto this means a direct loss to the city of over \$800,000 a year. It means a loss to Timmins of some \$11,000 per year. Timmins will make very decided objection to this injustice and breach of trust. Timmins, however, has been used to that sort of thing from governments. But for once, there is a little comfort in the matter, for it is felt that this time, surely, all in Toronto will understand and appreciate exactly how the North has felt on a score of occasions when the government call of "Take everything" has been followed by the echoing cry, "Put nothing."

It remains to be seen whether the government can get away with this latest form of grab and repudiation. Just why old age pensions or mothers' allowances should be paired with income tax is a question that only appeals to people like Hon. David Croll or Attorney-General Roebuck, who for

the moment appear to dominate the government. The municipalities that collected the greatest amount of income taxes would naturally seem to be the ones likely to have the least responsibilities in the way of mothers' allowances and old age pensions. The protests made all through Ontario over the latest government proposal appear to prove this point. But, perhaps, neither fairness nor justice are desired in this case. They did not appear to receive much consideration in connection with the needs and rights of the North in the years that have passed. It is sincerely to be hoped that whether justice is done in the present case or not, the people of the South will see the lesson in it, and through their own suffering come to an appreciation of the fact that "taking everything" and "putting nothing" is one of the poorest slot machine games there are for the victims. The North knows from many years' experience.

THE FRONT PAGE

In a recent issue of The Advance, reference was made to a letter received, the contents of Canadian newspapers being condemned and suggestion made that editors hereafter devote the front pages of their journals to the printing of passages from the Gospels and to religious news and views. The claim was made that the material in all newspapers these days emphasizes the destructive side of life to the exclusion of the constructive and the spiritual. Among other newspapers in the North receiving the same Toronto letter were The New Liskeard Speaker and The Halleyburian, both of whom pointed out the unfairness and lack of knowledge of facts displayed by the letter in question. The Halleyburian paid enough attention to the letter to consider the claim that newspapers emphasize the destructive rather than the constructive side of life. By actual study of some leading daily newspapers The Halleyburian proved the falsity of the charge in the Toronto letter. Had The Halleyburian taken a number of weekly or semi-weekly newspapers, it might have made out a still stronger case. A perusal of The Halleyburian itself each week would surprise most thoughtless people in regard to the constructive effort given for the community. The same is true in even greater degree in regard to The New Liskeard Speaker. And in the company of newspapers that are striving all the time for the betterment of their communities and the emphasis on the finer things of life will be found nearly all the newspapers of the North. Looking at Northern newspapers last week with the thought of that Toronto letter in mind, all the front pages seemed to be designed specially to give the lie to any idea that the constructive and spiritual sides of life take even second place in the newspapers of the North. The Kapuskasing Northern Tribune, The Northern News of Kirkland Lake, The Halleyburian, and The New Liskeard Speaker may be classed as not only evidently anxious but able to bring out the best there is, without deliberately side-stepping the unpleasant things that make a part of life. In holding up the mirror to life, they show life as it is—some good, some bad—but the good well in the ascendancy after all, in this North Country. Every good cause, every worthy movement, every effort for better things, finds generous support and leadership in their columns. There wasn't a passage of scripture on any of the front pages but there were many items that would do as much good as a text or a sermon.

That suggestion in The Halleyburian about studying the actual front pages instead of accepting wild claims in Toronto letters led to a cool survey of the front page of the last issue of The Advance. There did not seem to be a single destructive item on the page. There were, of course, the sad news of some deaths, but these unfortunately are inseparable from the story of life. Indeed, little of the Bible may be read without some reference to deaths and war and misadventure. Other items on the front page may be catalogued as follows:—

"Wednesday Half-Holiday Not Observed Yesterday." Only the thoughtless would see that as destructive, when the sub-heading told of plans for a new and better by-law.

"Drilling for Gold in Timmins Back Yards." Now, that's both constructive and interesting. Close to the "Streets of Gold" too.

"Drilling Contract Awarded by Wilwood." "Stores to Stay Open on Pay Nights." "Cobalt Councillor Faces Court Charge." "Hollinger Options More Claims"—all of these carried a moral, hidden, perhaps, but there for the thoughtful to read, and they spoke of hope and faith and progress.

There was one about damage from fires in the previous few days. That might be considered as featuring the destructive. But even to overbalance that there was the announcement of the annual banquet of the Timmins fire brigade, and that is such a happy and inspiring event that the balance is still on the side of the constructive—the battle for the maintenance of the good and useful.

"President of Legion Addresses Auxiliary." That was instructive as well as constructive.

"Warmest December in Past Four Years," and "More Unsettled Weather." The one offsets the other, and such is life.

"Missionary's Wife Recovering Nicely." Glad tidings, surely! And telling, too, the story of an epic air flight to bring the lady from distant Moose Factory to hospital and treatment!

"Inaugural Meeting of the New Town Council." Surely, nothing destructive in that. At least, may it be hoped so!

"New Public School to Be Opened Next Week." "Inaugural Meeting of the Separate School Board,"



'We discovered that our girl was almost blind in one eye'

"We never knew until one day at school they had a sight test. She couldn't see the letters on the chart when she covered her left eye.
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Dangerous Play by Boys on the Streets

Parents Should Warn Their Youngsters About Hanging on Trucks and Sliding in Traffic.

Timmins, Ont., Jan. 9th, 1937.
 To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.
 Dear Sir:—There was a near fatality on Saturday afternoon on Second avenue, when a boy who was foolishly hanging on to a truck decided to let go at Elm street and was trapped between two oncoming cars, and only for the quickness and presence of mind of the driver of the Timmins Provisions truck avoided hitting the boy, by bringing his truck to a stop just in time.

There is quite a lot of this foolishness going on at the corners of the stop streets, of boys getting hold of car bumpers to steal a ride in spite of the continual warnings in The Advance.
 Another dangerous practice the children have is that of sliding down the high bank opposite the Baptist church. A car driver had to stop his car and in spite of the tongue-lacing he gave a boy and showed him the danger he was in, the boy just laughed and continued to slide. The police have chopped the ice and snow off, but it was not long before the children had it in good sliding order again.

Yours Truly,
 Careful Citizen.

New Wiener Journal.—The pessimist's view: Marriage is an institution which gives the man double duties and half the rights.

"New Separate School Opened Here Monday." If that is giving emphasis to the destructive, then words have no meaning.

"Two Runaway Boys Cause of Much Anxiety." That was close to a sermon in itself, eulogizing the kindly hearts and ready service of Finnish United Church ministers here and at Toronto in looking after two lads who had run away from home and landed in the wicked city of Toronto. It even contained admonitions to boys in general to have a heart and remember that their thoughtless escapades might cause anxiety to parents and friends.

"To Stage Big Bonfire at Park." Ha! Now isn't that destructive? No! That was a reference to the Timmins Police Amateur Athletic Association and its plan to have a big bonfire of discarded Christmas trees, thus helping clean up the town, keep down fire and dirt menace, give the boys and girls a thrill. The T.P.A.A.A. has proven itself one of the greatest constructive forces in the town. In this town even the police force is a force for good.

If the Toronto letter-writers would read the newspapers—and particularly the newspapers outside that city—they might not be depressed by the lack of glad tidings on the front pages.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Hitler is credited with sending Christmas cards and hampers to some three million German homes at the recent Christmas time. The hampers were said to include sausage. What kind of sausage? Why, the usual kind of sausage given out by Mr. Hitler. And what kind is that? Bologna, of course. If this paragraph were published in Europe, it would likely mean another war. That is one of the advantages of living in a country like Canada. Or is it?

The first act of the new council at Sturgeon Falls, Ont., was to demand that the sign "Mayor's Office" should be removed from the front of the room on Main street where it has hung for some months past. This room was next door to the barber shop conducted by the mayor of Sturgeon Falls for 1936. There are towns where citizens do

WANT Ads

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ROOMS

FURNISHED ROOM FOR RENT and office. Apply Office 18, Reed Block, or phone 1013. -3-4-5

GIRL GUIDES

Brownies
 The 51st I.O.D.E. Brownies held their meeting Friday evening. In the absence of Brown Owl, Captain Cranston and Kay Wilkinson conducted the meeting. After the fairy ring was formed and inspection taken the Brownies played games. Then Miss Cranston read them a story. The meeting closed with the Brownie squeeze.

Guides
 The 51st I.O.D.E. Guides held their meeting on Friday evening. Roll call and inspection were taken by Captain Cranston and Kay Wilkinson.

A game was played and then the Guides went to their corners. At campfire the first part of "Christina the Guide" was read by Kay Wilkinson. The meeting closed with Evensong and Taps.

Rangers
 The Rangers held their meeting Tuesday evening in the Hollinger hall. Some Guide work was begun. The next meeting is being held on Wednesday evening at 136 Commercial avenue.

Number of Cases of "Flu" Reported in the Province

Reports continue to come from London, England, in regard to the prevalence and severity of the "flu epidemic now raging in the Old Country. A large number of prominent Britishers are among those suffering from the disease. It also seems to have attacked members of the police force particularly. Some cases of influenza are also reported in Canada. Toronto has a number of cases at present, while other cities further north are also said to have a number of cases. Despatches from North Bay indicate that that city has several cases, though as yet the disease has not assumed epidemic form there. Some cases are also reported from Sudbury. Elsewhere in the North there are some cases. Fortunately for Timmins and district, this area seems to have escaped any material number of cases of the flu, though the odd case here and there is reported.

POSITION WANTED

POSITION WANTED—Male stenographer seeking position anywhere. Write 194 Main St. W., North Bay. -3-4p

NOTICE

I wish to be known to all my former patrons that the milk supply of my dairy will in future be turned over to the Timmins Dairy.
 Mrs. Jos. Huot,
 South Porcupine.

Gala Scene at Park on Friday Evening

Hundreds Present as Christmas Trees Make Big Bonfire. Skating Enjoyed

Although not as many boys turned up with used Christmas trees as had been hoped, there was a good big bonfire at the ball park on Friday night under the supervision of T.P.A.A.A. officials and firemen.
 With hundreds of people skating on the four well-illuminated open-air rinks and another big crowd gathered around the flaming fire in the middle, the park on Friday night looked as if there was a sort of winter fete going on, after the style of Montreal's famous "Fete du Nuit" winter carnival.
 This is just the first of what T. P. A. A. A. members hope will be a year-round series of community events in which the older people of the town as well as the youngsters may take part.

Truck Struck Telephone Pole and Caused Trouble

When a local truck ran into a telephone pole on Third avenue between Pine and Spruce on Saturday afternoon, the heavy timber cracked nearly half way up and broken off, bringing down with it a tangle of wires and cables.
 Telephone repair men immediately set to work and within a short time had a temporary system set up so that the service was continued.
 Road and sidewalk pavements had to be torn up to get the stump of the post out. It seemed to be a particularly stubborn post and yielded only after

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED TO EXCHANGE—1928 Chrysler Coach, 52, 4 cylinders, in good condition—will exchange for 1928 Chev. Write to Box K. P., c-o The Porcupine Advance. -3p

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. 4411

WOOD FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Dry mixed wood, 16-inch \$2.25 per cord; 4-foot mixed wood \$5 per cord. Jackpine, \$3.25 per cord. All prices delivered in Timmins. For an additional 10c per cord, we deliver in Schumacher. Frank Feldman, 110 Pine Street South, Telephone 1301. -99-10011

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DIVIDEND NUMBER 288
 A regular dividend of 1% has been declared by the Directors on the Capital Stock of the Company, payable on the 28th day of January, 1937, to shareholders of record at the close of business on the 14th day of January, 1937. Dated the 8th day of January, 1937.
 I. McIVOR,
 Assistant-Treasurer.

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not have to go next door to a barber shop to be trimmed.

After reading the editorial in The Advance last week on "jazz" music, a local lady suggests that comparatively speaking, "jazz" music is not so bad. "Didn't you ever hear crooners?" she asks in explanation.

The Toronto Telegram asked this one:—"What can be said for the civilization which pays Mae West the highest salary of all entertainers?"
 Well, what of the profession that paid Arthur Brisbane the highest salary of any editor in the world?

The Sudbury Star advises its readers not to be alarmed if the city water appears to have a milky appearance. It is not likely that Sudbury people would be alarmed over a little thing like that. Indeed, it is doubtful if they would notice it. If the milk had a watery appearance, however, it would be time for a warning.

The Advance has been officially informed that there is no longer "jazz" music. The name has been changed to "swing" music. If they will change the "swing" from the music to the players, it will be all right with The Advance.

The observance of "Boxing Day" (the day after Christmas Day) as a holiday proved very popular in the North, and many have expressed the hope that it may be continued in the years to come as a general holiday. In the Old Country it is just as generally recognized as Christmas Day as a holiday. The past year, however, it came on a day that made it most acceptable. It will be several years before it will be as generally approved as a holiday. This year Christmas Day will fall on a Saturday, and the following day being Sunday will be a holiday in any case. In 1938 Christmas Day being Sunday, the following Monday will be a holiday for the observance of Christmas, so that "Boxing Day" will not have much chance of being generally adopted until at least 1939 when Christmas Day is on Monday.

Sister of J. T. Leduc Died at Ottawa on Saturday

Saturday's Ottawa Journal says:—"Mrs. Rose Ann Leduc Prestley, wife of John Prestley, and a resident of Ottawa for the past ten years, died suddenly to-day at her home, 193 Somerset street East, Mrs. Prestley who was in her 54th year was born at The Quarries on the Montreal Road, a daughter of Antoine Leduc. Since coming to Ottawa she had attended St. Joseph's Church. Survivors include her husband; three sons, Thomas, John and Eric; seven daughters, Mrs. Edward Olsen, Montreal, Mrs. Robert Sweeney, Trenton, Mrs. C. Booth and the Misses Helen, Beatrice, Katherine and Frances, all of Ottawa; three sisters, Mrs. N. Chandler, Montreal, Mrs. H. Lewis, Montreal Road, Mrs. V. Holcomb, Miami, Fla.; one brother, J. T. Leduc, Timmins. The funeral will be held from her late home, 193 Somerset street East, Monday morning at 8.45 o'clock for requiem high mass at St. Joseph's Church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in Notre Dame cemetery."

Men Only:—Said she, (on the way home from church)—"I'd no idea; Dan and Beersheba were places; I always thought they were husband and wife—like Sodom and Gomorrah."

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