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FLOWERS AND FUNERALS

The Creemore Star, The New Liskeard Speaker, The Bowmanville Statesman and some other Ontario newspapers are at present conducting a campaign against the practice of publishing lists of floral tributes in the newspapers. They suggest that the practice is not in good taste, that in some cases it suggests a spirit of boastfulness, and that there are cases where people feel compelled to send flowers to funerals though they cannot afford the expense. The newspapers referred to appear to believe that if lists of flowers were not published all these evils, if evils they be, would disappear. If the points were well taken, The Advance doubts very much if the spirit of "keeping up with the Jones" could be so easily overcome. As a matter of fact, however, The Advance does not believe that the case against flowers at funerals is at all well grounded. Scores of times the beautiful flowers that cover the coffin constitute a subtle form of comfort, not only to relatives, but to near friends. Particularly is this true in many cases where the departed man or woman or child has been known as a lover of flowers. "He would like that!" "She would just love those flowers!" How often have such expressions been made with deep truth at a funeral where flowers told, as they do in most cases, the story of loving thought and remembrance. The Advance usually refers to the flowers at a funeral as "floral tributes" because that is what they usually are. It is not so long ago that The Advance made special reference to the floral tributes of three little girls to a dead friend—a bouquet of wild flowers gathered by loving hands. If those children felt any glow of pride in seeing their names listed in the newspaper, surely no harm was done to anyone.

As to the publication of lists of flowers being in "bad taste," The Advance can see no more truth in such an argument than there would be in calling it "bad taste" to say that a dead man or dead woman had friends who mourned their loss and chose a beautiful way to express their grief. There may be cases where there is undue ostentation at funerals, but such cases are not very common—not common enough at least in this country for anyone to worry. But at most funerals in this land, there is real grief, and if flowers help assuage the sorrow in any degree—and they do—then The Advance is ready to support floral tributes, even though they be thoughtlessly and falsely termed ostentation.

STRIKE NOT EXCUSABLE

Last week The Ottawa Journal had an editorial article in one of its regular issues, making it plain that the public would not excuse those responsible for a railway strike that would inevitably disrupt business and set the country back just at the time when Canada has opportunity to make progress back to prosperity. The Journal says it would not presume to say which is right—the employees or the railways—but that neither will be forgiven by the public at large for the certain injury and loss to the country by a strike at this time. The Journal sums up both sides of the case, suggests that both have plausible arguments, but concludes by saying that for the country's sake both the railways and the men simply must get together and settle the differences without the calamity of a strike. There will be general agreement with the idea of The Journal—with some restrictions. So far as the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway is concerned the case for the men seems to be unassailable. The railway is making money sufficient to return to former rates and hours. If the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific are not in equally good position that surely is not the fault of the railwaymen. The men accepted cuts in wages and reduced hours that had the effect of still more serious reduction of wages, all on the direct promise that as soon as conditions warranted return would be made to former terms of employment. It is difficult, indeed, to believe that if conditions warrant the return to former terms of employment for civil servants in Canada, the same benefit is not due to railwaymen. During the depression no body of men suffered more than the railwaymen, and they bore it all in sportsmanlike and patriotic way. It should be remembered that they were closely organized and had they not been amenable to reason and consideration for the public, they could at least have created serious trouble in the country. Instead, they accepted the promise, open and implied, given them, and it does appear that they are by no means unreasonable in asking at this late date for a material return to former hours and pay.

The attitude of the Ottawa newspaper in the matter is largely the viewpoint of the general public—that there is doubt as to just exactly what may be the facts of the case. It would seem to be necessary in such a case for the public to inform itself on all phases of the question. It will not be well to sit back and say: "A strike on the railways is unthinkable. It must not occur, therefore it will not occur." Anyone giving even cursory examination to the news of the day will note that the rail-

waymen voting on the matter are practically unanimous in their desire for a strike unless they are given a fair deal. In view of the voting in favour of a strike, it is foolish surely to say, "There can be no strike!"

In a news item published elsewhere in this issue the casual remark is made that "Timmins does not take seriously the threat of a strike on the T. & N. O. Railway." That attitude seems to be a nationwide one in regard to the danger of a railway strike. Is it a wise attitude to assume? Would it not be better for the public to inform itself in the matter, to bring pressure to bear on the governments and others concerned to make it certain that the men will be fairly treated? If the railwaymen are given a square deal, there will be no strike, or even strike talk. So far as the T. & N. O. employees are concerned The Advance believes that a part return at present to former rates and terms, with a direct and definite promise to cover the rest of the question in the near future will be accepted in good grace. The men have shown themselves very fair, very reasonable. On the other hand they are quite ready to admit that the T. & N. O. management has treated them in decent and considerate way. If there is a strike, The Advance will be inclined to blame it—not on the men or on the railway—but rather on the general public. If the general public would "take the threat seriously," the situation would be much different. It would strengthen the hands of the railway in going as far as possible to meet the requests of the men if they knew the people were actively behind them. On their part the men would also be strengthened by the knowledge of public understanding of their difficulties. It would not make the men unreasonable or autocratic in their demands. The history of the railwaymen in the North rather suggests that public support would tend to make them even more conciliatory, feeling that intelligent and well-informed opinion was with them.

There should be no strike! As The Journal says, it is up to the railways and the employees to see to it that there is no strike. It is also, however, just as fully incumbent upon the general public to demand fair play and the fulfilling of promises for the railway employees.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The Globe and Mail says:—"A proposed change in the Ontario Statutes declares that every person deemed to be a lunatic shall be deemed to be mentally incompetent, thus emphasizing the fact that lunatics are none too bright." Sounds crazy to us.

A corporal in the British Army is reported as having been placed on trial by courtmartial for accepting a small fee for serving hot tea to the privates in his company before they got out of bed in the mornings. What on earth is the world coming to? Recently there was a motion picture called "The Devil's a Cissy." That was disappointing enough, but if a British corporal is also a "cissy" and making "cissies" of his men, the only hope for real men lies in the good old sergeant-major.

There was a solid bloc of thirteen Liberal party members in the Ontario Legislature, but now there are only twelve. Premier Hepburn is responsible for this slight change, just as he will be responsible for the greater change in that solid bloc that is coming soon.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. But apparently the people are too tired to rouse themselves to pay the price. How otherwise explain the fact that the Legislature plans to take away from income tax payers the right to vote in the municipality in which they live? First the Ontario government filched the income taxes from the municipalities. Now they seek to steal the votes of income tax payers.

As usual with matters of concern to the North Land the proposed new train service between Timmins and Toronto was announced in The Advance several days before any other newspaper had any reference to it.

The experts seem to be having a difficult time deciding on a suitable "national flower" for Ontario. The Toronto Telegram suggests the onion, as a tribute to the present premier of Ontario. There are other suggestions equally useless. It may be repeated in passing that the "national flower" of the North Land is the haywire. This useful plant is used in the North for mending everything from linotype machines to road culverts.

The Ontario Legislature is planning to stop speeding on the highways by rescinding the speed limit. That should do the trick.

The Ontario budget is supposed to show a seven million-dollar surplus for the year. If that were the fact it would be a sign of the utter incompetence of the Ontario government, for it would prove that the administration made such an outrageous mistake in their calculations that they over-taxed the people to the extent of seven million dollars. With the people taxed beyond the limit, there are few things these days more objectionable than imposing unnecessary taxes.

If people in general had a keen sense of humour, they would find much to laugh about. Perhaps they do. For instance, the same government that established and maintains the beer parlours, solemnly announces that bingo is illegal if the "house" receives a rake-off.



"I like shows... but the strain on my eyes used to give me the most painful headaches and completely ruin my evening. Mr. Curtis prescribed glasses that completely cleared up my trouble. I wear them when I read too and find I don't tire so quickly. It's wonderful what proper glasses can do." Don't tolerate eyestrain when optical service costs so little.

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LOCALS

Mrs. J. McClung and son, Murray, were visitors at Englehart last week.

Chief of Police Wilfred Perrault, of Noranda, was a visitor to Timmins last week.

There are 191 government licensed tourist camps in the North Bay district, according to recent figures given out.

Finalists in the consolation cribbage event being played at the fire hall are Fred Somers and Charles Wheeler.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brisbois, 92 Wilson avenue, on March 13th—a son.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. V. Taylor, South Porcupine, at St. Mary's hospital, on March 7th—a daughter.

Firemen answered a call from Box 15 at 11.15 a.m. this morning for a chimney fire at 76 Sixth avenue. No damage was done.

Hill-Clark-Frances were last week awarded the contract for building of the new vocational school unit of the Kirkland Lake High School, the contract price being \$47,597.

In the attendance record for January, the Timmins Kiwanis Club came third in the Northern Division, Cobalt being first with 84 per cent, and Noranda second with 77.5. Timmins Club had a percentage of 75.92.

Sportsmen to Wear Badge while Hunting

Button to Indicate License is Paid and Wearers Have Right on Lands.

Hunters in Ontario will be required to wear a button which will signify that they have paid the required fee for the license issued by the Government, Hon. H. C. Nixon, Minister of Fish and Game, told the Fish and Game Committee of the Legislature at Toronto last week.

Badges Once Used
A delegation from the Ontario Hunters' Game Protective Association asked for various changes in existing laws covering wild life, and when the button idea was broached, Mr. Nixon said it would be put into effect. The Minister recalled that the issuing of a button with a hunting license had been tried before and discontinued a few years ago.

Farmers would be in a position to know if sportsmen on their land were entitled to shoot game, if the button was worn by the hunters, it was explained. At present farmers had no way of knowing whether hunters were entitled to hunt as the man with the gun did not have to produce his license if he did not wish to do so.

Additional game wardens were asked by the protective association and some criticism was voiced by one of the speakers over the use of Provincial Police as game wardens. It was claimed that the number of wardens was inadequate in many areas.

Would Trap Beaver
Commercial raising of pheasants was not wholly approved, and the fifty-fifty law regarding the shooting of does and ducks also came in for criticism.

Warm praise, however, was given the committee, Mr. Nixon and his Deputy, James Taylor, for their efforts on behalf of fish and game and their conservation. Confidence was expressed in the policy of the Department of Game and Fish under the present Administration.

Legal representatives of the Hudson's Bay Co., asked the committee to consider an open season on beaver. It was pointed out that for the past four years there has been closed seasons for this animal, and that they were now plentiful. The Indians were not trapping to any great extent and it was further suggested that an area be allotted exclusively to them.

WANT Ads

ARTICLES FOR SALE
FOR SALE—Used double deck bunks, wood burner camp ranges, and heaters. Apply Crawley and McCracken, Limited, Sudbury, Ont. 194229

POSITION WANTED
POSITION WANTED—Middle-aged, widow woman seeking permanent home, desires position as housekeeper in nice home. Write Box S.M., c/o The Porcupine Advance. -20

FOR SALE
SPRINGER SPANIEL PUPS FOR SALE—Registered. Apply at 43 Wendue Avenue, Timmins. -20-2111

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MEN WANTED—To train for positions in Diesel Engineering. Must be mechanically inclined, fair education and furnish good references. Give residence address. Write Box C. J., Porcupine Advance -19-2011

WOOD FOR SALE
FOR SALE—Dry mixed wood; 16-inch \$2.25 per cord, Frank Feldman, 110 Pine South, Telephone 130. 20-2111

Missionary Society Views Foreign Lands
Interesting Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary. Visitor Tells of Mindemoya

There were representatives of foreign countries at the March meeting of the United Church Women's Missionary Society. An African woman (Mrs. Wood) Chinese (Mrs. Thompson), and Japanese (Mrs. Passmore), each told something of the needs of the women and children of her country. It was in connection with the presentation of the Study Book, "Men and Women of Far Horizons," under the direction of Mrs. Alex Ramsay. A series of most interesting stories were vividly told by Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. A. Jackson. These included "The Chinese Mother," "Beautiful Jade," "Where Fear Is King," "Tales From an Industrial Centre in Peking," "If I Were a Woman in Africa," "Opium and Babies," "Hungry Hearts Must Worship," "An Adventure in Play" and "Jesus and the Moslem Woman." In her concluding remarks Mrs. Ramsay drew attention to the many ways Christians are leading the way into freedom and that in all cases one makes one's own happiness only by taking care of the happiness of others.

The president, Mrs. S. Monck, spoke in appreciation of what Mrs. Ramsay's membership has meant to the Timmins Auxiliary since the early days, and calling her forward presented her with a life membership in the society. The address was read by Mrs. H. L. Traver.

An interesting visitor at the meeting was Mrs. Anglin, of Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island, Mrs. Anglin, who is the mother of Mr. Anglin of the Timmins public school staff, brought greetings from that village W.M.S. Auxiliary of which she is a member. She said that Manitoulin is the largest fresh water island in the world—that many of the names of places there are Indian, the Indians being of the Ojibway tribe—that the Anglican Church in the village of Mindemoya is of special interest to the tourists. It contains a stone angel which required a special act of the British parliament to allow it to be brought to Canada, while some of the altar cloths were embroidered by maidens waiting to Queen Elizabeth many years ago.

Mrs. Leck, Schumacher, who represented the Porcupine camp at the conference branch meeting in Toronto early this month, gave some interesting highlights of this gathering. Mrs. Leck will give her much anticipated report in full at the May meeting.

Talent money time was up some weeks ago. Members were asked to take a quarter each and see what they could do with it. Results were more than satisfactory. More than forty-five dollars was handed in with still a few to hear from. How was it done? Marmalade (the teachers were most generous in their payments because of their interest in the work). Coffee-bread, buns and more buns, doughnuts, fudge, were made and sold. Aprons and babies' helmets helped too. One member rented room space for a short time.

An invitation was received from the local C.G.I.T. to attend the dramatization of their study book in the church basement this Tuesday evening. A cup of tea will be served, and a social time with the mothers and girls enjoyed.

A most unanimous "thank you" was said to Mrs. George Drew who kindly gave the use of her home for the annual W.M.S. tea. A splendid sum for local needs was raised at this event which was most successful in every way.

Although Miss Etta Campbell, a former W.M.S. worker in Timmins, has been away from the camp some time, her many friends here follow with unabated interest her activities in other fields. And so the W.M.S. was quite delighted with a lengthy letter from her descriptive of her life in Newfoundland.

The president, Mrs. Monck, occupied the chair. Secretary's and treasurer's reports were read by these officers, Mrs. Travers and Mrs. Jackson. Miss Susie Smyth presided at the piano.

The Scripture reading was by Mrs. Bruce Millar. Mrs. Ian Gordon dedicated the offering.

Arrangements were made to begin work on flannellette layettes under the direction of Supply Secretary Mrs. Fred Passmore.

A sum of money was voted for the supply of cod liver oil to children in need of it and unable to get it otherwise.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at three o'clock in the parlour of the United Church, Timmins. All ladies interested in this work are most cordially invited to attend.

PURCHASE HALF INTEREST IN GROCERY FIRM IN TOWN
Recently announcement was made that A. D. DesRoches had purchased a half interest in the grocery firm of Geo. Diemert & Son, 85 Maple street south, Timmins, the firm to be known hereafter as Diemert and DesRoches.

Horace G. Laidlaw at the Iron Fireman Convention
Horace G. Laidlaw, of Patricia Engineering Limited, left last week for Cleveland, where he will attend the National Sales Convention of the Iron Fireman Manufacturing Co.

Mr. Laidlaw will take part in discussion of the largest newspaper advertising, sales and merchandising programme in Iron Fireman's history. The convention will be attended by about 1200 dealers, from all parts of the United States, Canada and foreign countries.

He will be given a pre-view of the 1937 line of automatic coal burners whose advanced features are expected to assist materially in breaking the 1936 sales record, which was 41 per cent. above that of 1935, the previous peak year, and 225 per cent. above the 1929 record.

Former Schumacher Young Man Wedded at Cobalt
The New Liskeard Speaker last week had the following paragraph, the groomsmen in the case being a former resident of Schumacher and Timmins. The Speaker says:—"A very quiet wedding took place in Cobalt, Ontario, on Saturday, February 27th, when Miss Kathleen Francis McNeill, second youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNeill, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, and Mr. Cornelius Utley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Utley, were united in marriage by the Rev. E. A. Irwin of St. James' Anglican Church. They were attended by the bride's brother, Mr. Douglas D. McNeill, and the groom's sister, Miss Ivy Utley. The young couple will reside in New Liskeard where Mr. Utley is employed as Machine Shop Foreman at the Wabi Iron Works."

Philadelphia Record.—It's a long time since Trotzky lived in New York, but he still knows how to give the Russian conspiracy trials the Bronx cheer.

Jardins Sous la Pluie
(Gardens Under the Rain)

(Reginald Stewart at Timmins, March 11th, 1937)

A crowded theatre—a darkened stage. An instrument of music, and a man. Seated before the keyboard with his two hands. Waiting—mid breathless silence—till the music-god Motivates brain and formulates his plan. And then—using those fingers with divine-sent skill, A melody, heaven-echoing, is there.

Medical chaos has entered every soul. And Fantasy can bear us where she will. Across the years of frozen apathy. Back to the land of Youth and Dreams of Love, Stirring with ruthless witchery the depths. Which a cold world has made so hard to move.

The magic of the morning and the breeze, The sigh of wavelets on a sandy shore, Twitter of birds and scent of daffodils, Memories long dead waken to life once more.

Thunder and storm clouds, pattering rain on grass, Fairy-like bluebells dripping in the sun, Dark fir trees whispering in the wilderness. That life and love have only just begun. Flamboyant youth, zealous and eager, free, Having no thought of what the years may bring.

For one brief span my youth came back to me; I lived again when life was at its Spring. —P. M. S., South Porcupine.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF LANDS

Under and by virtue of an Execution against Lands issued out of the Second Division Court in the District of Temiskaming and to me directed against the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of FREDERICK JAMES DOWZER, in a certain action wherein ALEX MATHESON is the plaintiff, and FREDERICK JAMES DOWZER is the defendant, I have seized and taken in execution and will offer for sale by public auction at the Sheriff's Office in the Court House in the Town of Cochrane, in the District of Cochrane and in the Province of Ontario on Tuesday the 20th day of April, 1937, at the hour of eleven (11:00) o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title, interest and equity of redemption of the said FREDERICK JAMES DOWZER, into and out of the following described lands and tenements, viz:—

Parcel 5595 South East Cochrane, namely,

- (1) Mining Claim P.8225 Situate in the Township of Thomas
- (2) Mining Claim P.8226 Situate in the Township of Thomas.
- (3) Mining Claim P.8227 Situate in the Township of Thomas.
- (4) Mining Claim P.8228 Situate in the Township of Thomas.
- (5) Mining Claim P.8229 Situate in the Township of Thomas.
- (6) Mining Claim P.8230 Situate in the Township of Thomas.
- (7) Mining Claim P.8180 Situate in the Township of Thomas.
- (8) Mining Claim P.8181 Situate in the Township of Thomas.
- (9) Mining Claim P.8182 Situate in the Township of Thomas.
- (10) Mining Claim P.8183 Situate in the Township of Thomas.

Dated at Cochrane this 4th day of January A.D., 1937.

JOHN D. MACKAY,
Sheriff District of Cochrane.

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