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GOOD NEWS FOR NORTH

There is good news for the North in the news these days, and the North certainly needs and deserves such news. According to an announcement made in Toronto last week by Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Minister of Highways, it is expected that some seven million dollars will be spent this year on roads in the North. The greater part of this money will be expended for paving the highway through this part of the North. "All stretches of through highway which are ready for it will be paved this year," the announcement says, "and those stretches not in condition for concrete will be graded and straightened as far as possible this year for 1938 paving."

W. O. Langdon, president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, last week expressed his pleasure at the announcement. "In the terms of the announcement are carried out," he said "it will completely satisfy the people of this part of the North." He added that the announcement in effect promised practically all that the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade had been urging in recent years. The Advance agrees with Mr. Langdon that the people of the North will be well pleased with a programme such as that outlined in the announcement if it is carried out in fair way. It is true that there is room for difference of opinion as to whether any stretches of the highway are "ready for paving." It would be possible to hold any or all stretches as being unready this year for paving. There has been so much neglect of the highway in recent years that it is open to criticism all the way along. It would have been more assuring to the public if the sections to be paved this year had been definitely named. Perhaps, this will be done later. Indeed, the suggestion that a survey is being made of the 534-mile stretch from Severn Bridge to Hearst indicates that the information as to the condition of the various parts of the highway is not yet officially available, and so definite announcement as to the parts to be paved can not be reasonably expected until the survey is completed. It is to be hoped that the survey will be made as speedily as possible, so that actual work may be undertaken as soon as weather and other conditions will permit. In this case, "speed is the essence of the contract." It makes particular difference, for instance, to Timmins at this time, as this town intends to hold its silver jubilee this summer and the condition of the highway will have a vital effect on the success of the celebration. It is for this reason that there has been particular regret at the neglect of the roads in the last few years. With the highway maintained in first-class condition, a great influx of old-timers and other visitors might well be expected this summer, with resultant benefit to all concerned. However, if definite announcement is made in the next month or two of the actual work to be undertaken, it will be found that the people of the North will accept the situation in the right spirit and give the fullest credit to the government for the work undertaken. If the North has been rather bitterly critical of the government for neglect of the roads of the North, there has been ample justification for such an attitude. It should be noted also, that in suggesting the placing of the roads of the North in proper condition, the North has not been altogether selfish. As a matter of fact the South would benefit almost on equal terms with the North from good roads in this country. The value of a good highway to Timmins in the matter of the silver jubilee of this town has been mentioned as an incidental matter only. The tourist trade, while of much value, is also incidental. The real virtue of good roads for the North is in the opening up of the country and the impetus given to the development of the wealth of the North, and in this the South will reap a large share of the advantage.

The government will benefit the whole province by giving the right attention to the roads of the North. At the same time, it will be found that the North will be specially appreciative. The general feeling at the announcement of the programme of roads in the North this year seems to be aptly expressed by Mr. Langdon's suggestion that the north will be delighted and satisfied. There is just one thing that The Advance would add, and it is respectfully suggested to the government at this time:—"Don't forget roads for the settlers—a vital point in the real development of the North."

A REMARKABLE OBITUARY

Some of the big city dailies have been commenting on an obituary published in a recent issue of The St. Mary's Journal-Argus. One paragraph in this obituary read as follows:—"Tom Crosier was a good neighbour and he contributed to the attractiveness of his home town. We think he had a lot of fun." The city newspapers consider this a remarkable paragraph to find a place in an obituary notice. As a matter of fact it suggests that the local community newspaper, like The St. Mary's Journal-Argus, does a much better job of reporting than the average daily. How much more

illuminating is the St. Mary's account of that death than would appear in a daily newspaper in one of the cities. The daily newspaper's obituary is usually a meaningless form, giving no real record of the life of the man who is gone. Name, age, cause of death, members of family (if prominent), societies he may have joined, political positions he may have filled,—what do these particulars really tell about the man who has gone? One obituary in a daily is like a thousand others. But to the thoughtful reader the St. Mary's account gives a living picture. "He was a good neighbour!" "He contributed to the attractiveness of the town!" "He had a lot of fun!" There in a few brief words is the story of a man who served his day and generation, thoughtfully, with an eye for beauty, and found it all happiness! It is not every man of whom all this might be said. But the community newspaper would find some good to say—something true—something typical. It might be that he loved music, or flowers, or children, or even dogs or horses. It might be that he had his hobby or that, or that through the years he devoted himself to politics, or religion, or art, or something else, as a second business in life. It might be no more than to say that the dead woman was a devoted mother, a loving wife, a faithful member of the church. There is the intimate touch that comes from knowledge of the subject. So often, the community newspaper, living and serving a community of friends, writes from the heart, because the subject of the sketch is a dear friend, valued and appreciated, because known so many years. The city newspaper may well envy the close personal touch of the community newspaper. Seldom is the city daily in position to paint a life story like those few brief sentences in The St. Mary's Journal-Argus. It may be argued that the community newspaper is inclined to speak well of all who pass away. That, too, is fidelity to truth—the highest form of art. There are few, indeed, who are not worthy the good word—few, who have not outstanding virtues. It is the knowledge of people, the touch with them, that makes it possible for the community newspaper to speak the truth, and be kind. There is too much surface in the city—not enough depth. The St. Mary's Journal-Argus has given the hustling city reporter a mark for ambitious aim—to write in so few words as complete a picture of a life—a picture that will recall the man to all who knew him—as that painted by those illuminating words:—"Tom Crosier was a good neighbour, and he contributed to the attractiveness of his home town. We think he had a lot of fun."

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

In certain circles, (so say the despatches from London, England) there is serious suggestion that King George VI should grow a beard, like his father King George V. People in the Old Country already are commenting about the striking resemblance between the present king and the late King George V. A similarity is noted in the eyes, nose, forehead, general shape of the head and the way the hair grows on the head. Some argue that with a beard it would be difficult to distinguish a picture of the present king from one of his illustrious father. Some think that this is an argument against King George VI growing a beard. Others feel that the more the present king resembles the former King George the better for the Empire. It should be remembered, however, that beards do not grow to order, but as they will. Many may recall the case of the Spanish King who attempted to grow a beard, but was induced by his queen to abandon the mad project. A King George V. beard is dignified, but what would happen if the whiskers proved of the Dundreary type, the Yankee chin class, or the Smith Brothers variety?

Toronto newspapers are authority for the statement that the Ontario government has given instructions to the city of Toronto that the tax bills of the city this year must carry the words in bold letters:—"General tax rate has been reduced one mill by reason of the provincial subsidy to municipalities." Further, it is suggested that the same instructions will be given to all other municipalities. This is so outrageous that it is scarcely believable. It is surely a sad day for municipal government when tax bills are thus used for political propaganda. If any such instructions are followed by Timmins the town, in fairness should add in bold type the words:—"The general tax rate this year had to be raised two mills because of the filching by the province of the income tax."

In a recent address Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources for the Dominion, said:—"An industry which contributes \$360,000,000 in a year to the wealth of the Dominion can certainly hold up its head." "It's surely not to be sneezed at," is the comment of the proverbial crib player. Whether in the language of the cabinet minister or the crib player, mming in Canada has won respect.

The tax rate of Forest Hill, near Toronto has been increased eleven mills this year, through the fact that the provincial government has taken over the right to collect income tax. It may be that property owners in Forest Hill will be able to pay the extra taxation thus arising, but it does not appear to be a fair procedure. It may be that provincial collection of income tax is preferable to collection by the individual municipalities, but municipalities already in financial difficulties enough, can scarcely be expected to view with equanimity the filching of their sources of revenue.



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Mr. and Mrs. John Fogg have returned from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Nelson were visitors to Cochrane last week.

R. Levesque is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Levesque at Callander, Ont.

Mrs. Wm. Vancliff, of Montreal, was a visitor last week with friends at Timmins.

Mrs. D. E. Curtis is in Toronto with her daughter, Miss Ruth Curtis, who is recovering from an operation performed there last week.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Joseph Colgan, 114 Railway street, on March 20th—a daughter.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Belenger, 24 1/2 Wilson avenue, on March 16th—a son.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Campbell, 91 Hemlock street, rear, on March 18th—a son.

The two-weeks-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zvarec, 159 Spruce street, rear, died on Friday. The funeral was held the same day.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Andrews, 22 Toke street, born just seven hours before, died on Thursday last week.

Cochrane council last week struck the tax rate for that town at 50 mills for both public and separate school supporters.

Mrs. G. Stephenson returned to Timmins last week after a visit to her mother, Mrs. H. Hill, at Hill's Lake, near Englehart.

J. J. Denny returned last week from a trip to the West Indies, attending the C.I.M.M. convention at Montreal on his way back. Mrs. Denny has remained in the South for a few weeks.

Dominion Stores Head Office to be Ready Soon

Occupying the entire three storeys at 3 Sullivan street, Toronto, the new head office building of Dominion Stores Limited will be ready for occupancy about April 1st.

The fireproof brick structure, with concrete and steel flooring, has been completely remodelled and is now one of the modern office buildings in Toronto.

The exterior of the building was sandblasted and pointed and the whole interior was torn down to the bare walls before proceeding with the installation of the modern office arrangements.

The building contains 16,500 square feet of floor space equipped with the latest type of steel window sash; approximately 50 per cent. of the wall areas is occupied by generous-sized windows, giving an unusual amount of natural light and air to the interior.

Terrazzo flooring, with the Company's crest set in the centre, is used in the attractive main lobby. All offices are illuminated by modern glass fixtures approved by lighting experts as being among the most efficient.

With the necessarily large staff, the accounting offices is situated on the main floor. The absence of partitions results in a spacious office area. Further space is provided in a convenient office for the personnel department. The ceiling on this floor is soundproof.

On the second floor are located the buying and merchandising executives, together with other executive offices. The entire third floor will be equipped as an attractive lunch and recreation room for the use of the entire staff. The work of renovation and installation was carried out by T. Pringle & Son, Limited, of Toronto and Montreal.

WANT Ads

FOR RENT
FOR RENT—3-roomed apartment; all conveniences; immediate possession. Apply at 164 Birch Street, South, Timmins. -23p

FOR SALE
SPRINGER SPANIEL PUPS FOR SALE—Registered. Apply at 43 Wendle Avenue, Timmins. -20-21U

FOR SALE
FOR SALE—Must sell, 3 rocking chairs, 1 couch, 1 dining table, English file table cover (blue). 12 Sixth Avenue. -22-23p

Easter Number of The War Cry Unusually Attractive

The special numbers of The War Cry are always interesting and attractive and this is particularly true of the Easter and Christmas issues. The Easter number for 1937 is now on sale and it is a splendid example of the printer's art as well as a fine specimen of able editorial work. The Easter issue of The War Cry is printed in appropriate colours, and there is beauty and interest on every one of the sixteen pages. Many will find some of the full-page plates worthy of framing. The contents of the number cover a wide field of interest. Titles of articles in the issue include:—"The Radiance of the Cross," by Commissioner John McMillan; "Light Beyond the Hills," by Nicholas Wills; "The Supreme Art," by Captain Clarence Wiseman; "The Ground Secrets of Salvationism," by the Editor-in-Chief; "Christ Re-Appears in Unexpected Places," by General Bramwell Booth; "There Is No Death," by General Evangeline Booth; "Resurrection—the Final Stone in the Foundation," by Commissioner Brengle; "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," by Brigadier Arthur Smith; "The Monkeys of Nellore," by Adjutant Holdsworth; "What Lies Beyond the Bridge?" by Alice M. Lydall; "My Friend the Murderer," by Brigadier Hector Habkirk; "Tom's in the Rocks."

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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 -19-20U

Auspicious Opening of New Shoe Store Saturday

R. Neill Limited opened a footwear store Saturday at 9 Pine street north in the premises formerly occupied by F. O'Hearn and Company. Their bright windows are a very creditable addition to this busy street. For some weeks now men have been busily engaged in making alterations, installing fixtures and preparing for the opening. Saturday saw the windows attractively trimmed and beautifully set off with large baskets of flowers which Mr. C. E. Blewett, assistant general manager, explained were congratulatory tokens from business associates. Mr. M. L. Stanbrook, store manager, reported that business had been even better than expected the opening day, and that he appreciated very much the public response. He spoke highly of the friendliness of Timmins people and is looking forward with pleasure to making his home here.

ARTICLES FOR SALE
FOR SALE—Used double deck bunks, wood burner camp ranges, and heaters. Apply Crawley and McCracken, Limited, Sudbury, Ont. 19U23

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. 44U

WOOD FOR SALE
FOR SALE—Dry mixed wood; 16-inch \$2.25 per cord. Frank Feldman, 110 Pine South, Telephone 130. 20-21U

Provincial Police Make Raids in Goldale Townsite

Three raids in Goldale townsite by provincial police this week-end have resulted in three charges for to-morrow's police court. Two men are charged with keeping liquor for sale while the third is alleged to have had liquor illegally in his possession. The first raid was Friday night and the two others Saturday night.

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