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FURTHER CO-OPERATION NEEDED

Doctors, nurses, teachers and others particularly interested in the health of the children have been alarmed at the number of cases of tubercular trouble in the Porcupine district. For some years past it has been felt by those who have studied the matter than something should be done about it. In a country like this it was felt that tuberculosis should be rare. The outdoor life led by the people and the bracing air appeared to be guards against this disease, but the facts seemed to be that the disease had a tendency to increase the number of its victims in this country. There was general satisfaction, accordingly, when the Timmins Lions Club and the Porcupine Tuberculosis Committee inaugurated a plan for the testing of all school children for the disease. All those found to be infected with T.B. were to be recommended for treatment. This was a forward move in the battle against the disease in the Porcupine.

Facts and figures given at the Lions Club last week, and noted in detail in another column of this issue, show that hearly five thousand Timmins children have been tuberculin-tested. In some respects the figures given are reassuring. While it is true that it is regrettable that any child should show signs of tuberculosis, the results of the testing do not show the disease to be as prevalent as some were tempted to believe. Out of 4,155 children tested, only 601 reacted positively to the test. This does not even mean that as many as 601 necessarily are infected with the tuberculosis germ. It is understood that while a positive reaction to the test means that the germ is present, this occurs sometimes in healthy people and does not argue that the disease has any hold of the tested person. On the other hand if the reaction negative it does prove that the child is free from tuberculosis. As the plan followed by the Lions and the Porcupine Tuberculosis Committee in cludes passing on suspected cases to Dr. Wilson' chest clinic and also any needed medical attention and care to halt the possibility of the progress of the disease, it is easy to see that the final result is the inevitable reduction of the number of victims of tuberculosis and the curing of many by taking the disease in its early stages when it yields readily to medical skill and attention. To that extent the results are indeed gratifying.

For the complete success of the plan, however the fullest co-operation of the public is needed. In each case before the test is made, the consent of the parents is secured. The number of parents who have refused to allow their children to be tested is somewhat discouraging. As will be seen by the table published elsewhere in this issue there are a number of cases in each school where refusal has been made by parents. At the High and Vocational School the refusals totalled 122. the Central public school the parents of 104 children would not give their consent to the tests being made. Other schools in the town have a lesser proportion of refusals, but in each case it must be regretted that there are any refusals at all. There is no fee for the service, the children are not injured or inconvenienced in any way, and the protection afforded to the individual child is a material one. To secure the best results from the testing, it is necessary that all children be included. A tubercular child is a danger to his or her companions. Guarding the individual child 'against the danger of tuberculosis is an asset to the whole community. It seems doubtful that any parent who has given the matter full thought would refuse this safeguard for the children. The Advance would suggest that parents who have hitherto refused their permission should consult their own doctors and nurses and thus learn the value not only to their children but to the whole community of the tuberculin-testing plan.

ABOUT PORCUPINE'S STORY

Not only are The Advance and its readers in debted to Mr. A. C. Brown for the interesting and informative letter published elsewhere in this issue, but this well-known barrister-one of the real pioneers of the North-does a genuine public service in calling attention to the desirability for accurate and authentic history of the Porcupine while the facts are still available. As Mr. Brown points out, Porcupine's history goes back only twenty-eight years-a period well within the personal knowledge of many still living and active-yet details of the earlier days are obscure and there is danger of the actual facts being lost in the multitude of more or less fanciful accounts. For twenty years or more, The Advance has been urging the gathering and arrangement of the facts of the case while the material and the people who has been no real curb on the communist and the know are still available. The Advance has done foreign methods of that party. Quebec does not freight charges. In this country few people have the dear and familiar "Dora." It was the same much work along this line, and it is not too much to say that the fyles of this newspaper through the years constitute a complete and reliable history of the Porcupine Camp since its establishment. The incidents and accidents of the days before the camp actually came into active being are not so clear, however, and effort is being made now to in this country.

settle definitely some of the points at issue in regard to the first days of the prospectors in the Porcupine area. Letters like those of Mr. Brown give valuable assistance. Mr. Brown is not only conversant with the facts but he can state his case in interesting and effective way. The letters of H. A. Preston are also very valuable and interesting, and have done much to establish an authentic history of Porcupine.

During the present year-the year marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the town of Timmins-The Advance will enlist the assistance of a number of the real pioneers of the Porcupine-men who were here before there was any Timmins, or Schumacher, or South Porcupine, or even Golden City or Pottsville-to record the full and accurate story of Porcupine and îts gold.

To many it may seem odd that there should be the conflicting stories in regard to the early days of this section. There are a number of reasons for the situation. A main reason, perhaps, is that the men in Porcupine were too busy making history to write it. Another reason is the public love for the odd or the glamourous. There was the story, for instance, of the blacksmith who in a fury threw his hammer at a fox, and so uncovered a vein of silver and led to the establishment of Cobalt silver camp. Facts more truly interesting about the establishment of Cobalt camp fail to grip public memory like that romantic tale. The same idea holds true about the story of the Porcupine. Another material factor in the misconceptions current about Porcupine's story is the fact that too often outside attempts to give the story of this camp were no more than moneymaking rackets. Readers of The Advance may recall one special edition of an outside newspaper that presented what purported to be a review of the Porcupine camp, and there was no more than one casual mention of the Hollinger Mine, while small non-producing properties that most people here had never even known-or had forgottenwere given particular prominence. The reason for this was that the edition was on a purely monetary basis. Mines that took generous advertising space were given special notice, while those who could find no advertising value in the issue were penalized, as was the general public by such a plan. In direct contrast to this procedure, mention should be made of special editions by The Northern Miner on various occasions, when the picture was painted with accuracy, faithfulness and balance. It should also be noted that government publications—especially those of the department of mines -contain much of interest as well as of truth about the early days of Porcupine. The Ontario Department of Mines has always held a keen and active interest in the Porcupine gold area. Dr. Chas. Camsell, Deputy Minister of Mines at Ottawa, made a survey of this district before the establishment of the Porcupine Camp. Hon. Wesley A. Gordon, former Dominion Minister of Mines, followed the trail to Porcupine with a pack on his back before there were towns or railways in the

country. It will be seen that there are ample resources from which to construct an accurate history of the Porcupine, at first-hand, as it were. The Advance, however, trusts most to the living men and women who made the country-men and women still living and active and interested on whose vision and faith and courage and cheerfulness has been built the mighty industry so important to-day to the stability and progress of the Dominion-the gold mining industry—and from whose industry and effort and patience and perseverance and undaunted foresight have been born and reared the towns and cities of the Porcupine. The story of the Porcupine is the story of the lives of its people, and this story The Advance intends to continue telling. Just as in the past there have been North Bay normal school is spending sketches of the people who have made the Porcupine, so this year there will be pictures and stories of the pioneers and the prominent people to whom the Porcupine owes its birth and its prosperity. These sketches will be given without fee or cost, but simply as a service. The Advance will not sell its news or editorial columns, but now, as in the past, will present as accurate a picture as possible of Porcupine-past, present, and to come.

The Ottawa Journal appears to be sadly disturbed because the Quebec government has passed laws to curb the evil activities of the communists working in the province. The Ottawa Journal fears that the laws in question are un-British and un-democratic. Well, the men at whom the laws are aimed are certainly un-British and un-democratic enough in all conscience, so the new Quebec laws may suit the case in specially effective and appropriate way. In any case, it may be noted that Quebec would not have needed any new laws if Section 98 of the Criminal Code had not been repealed. It may be admitted that the new Sault never wanted anything without asking for ground for such a fear in this British country. The Quebec legislation does appear to curb freedom of speech. Section 98 did not do that. All Section 98 did was to forbid the advocacy of change of the form of government by violence or the threat of violence. Since the refusal of that section there intend to tolerate the communist violence and threat of violence. Quebec has taken its own methods to meet the situation, and few who know the facts will blame Quebec.

Winter seems to be staging a "sit-down" strike



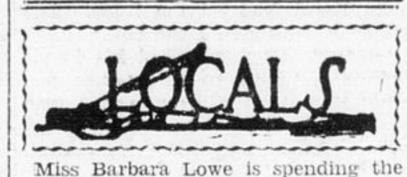
"My accountant

was making the most simple mistakes. It was so annoying I threatened to discharge him. Toward the end of the week he came in wearing glasses. He explained to me that he hadn't been able to see distinctly but that Mr. Curtis had prescribed new glasses and assured him that he would not be troubled further."

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Jack Gurnell, Jr., visited his hom

Miss V. Jones, of Kirkland Lake, wa

ere for the Easter holiday.

among recent visitors to Timmins Mrs. E. M. Condie is visiting he

sister Mrs. Hull, at Haileybury.

Mrs. J. B. McClinton is visiting

Mrs. S. H. Korman, of Rouyn, pending the Easter season with friend and relatives in Timmins

Miss Cecile Migneault, of Montreal was the guest of Timmins friends last

Miss E. Boisvert, who has been at

tending Ottawa Normal School, spending the Easter holidays at he Born-to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bra-

zier, 381/2 Columbus avenue, on March 27th—a daughter. Born-to Mr. and Mrs. John Bois-

vert, 210 Spruce street south, on March 27th—a daughter. Eurn-to Mr. and Mrs. Luigi Bag-

cariol, 208 Pine street south, on March Born-to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond

Furner, 14 Columbus avenue, on March Ottawa, were the guests this week-end

of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor.

Miss Mary Beadman, student at the drain last. the Easter vacation at her home here

Mrs. James Kitts and family, of Matheson, are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Carson.

Manitoba, and her friend, Mrs. Frank C. Lowe, of Kirkland Lake, were recent visitors to Timmins.

comment on the notable display of thousands down there. house plants shown at the Noranda ho-Herticultural Society.

airs while others merely whistle them. in 1910 and then in 1911 when the worship.

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ROOMS

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Visited Many Blind Merchants in South

The busman's holiday is famous-the busman having a holiday and spending it in riding up and down on the buses all days. E. M. Thomson, blind merchant at the Buffalo-Ankerite, had a sort of busman's holiday recently, spending most of the time visiting other blind merchants in the South. But he reports a particularly pleasant and interesting holiday and is back at his own work with renewed energy and inreased enthusiasm for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. During his trip south Mr. Thomson visited Toronto, Peterborough, Oshawa, Bowmanville and other centres. He found the blind merchants in t he South had been doing very good business lately. While in Toronto, he attended a meeting of the Merchants Association of the Canadian National Institute of the Special Easter Services Blind. This association included 7 members, blind men carrying on retai business successfully. For the month of February the wholesale departmen handling the supply of merchandise for the blind merchants reported a tota turnover of \$15,000—an impressive re cord for business. Every indication i that 1937 will be the best in the history of the association.

While in the South Mr. Thomson me D. B. Lawley, J. Clunk, Douglas Strong and L. Williams, blind men known and esteemed in the North. As a matter of interest it may be noted that all these are in the North this week. Mr. Clunk will be in Timmins in the near future to assist a number of new cases of blindness here. Mr. Lawley hopes to make his annual visit to Timmins in June.

How Frederickhouse Lake Was Drained

(Continued from Page One) Height of Land. His trench were soon opened up with the force of the water

behind it and became a river in itself. we went out to record our claims early sides of Frederickhouse River. With of the Christian Church as taught in The Easter services at all the the subsidence of the water this ice the United Church of Canada. The churches here were attended so well was sloping and in many cases we had to take to the bush in order to avoid sliding into the water.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Warwick, of waves. The trail from the main line surrection and the Life," the candi- Flat, and Rosewig's "Regina Coeli." The across the waves and this was not very George Darling, of Upper Canada nice. The lake did not really drain rite of confirmation was thereupon ac- ing and evening services were attended College, is with his parents here for until 1911. All the country right back ministered to the Communicants so well that the church had difficulty

> I do not remember seeing any ducks on Frederickhouse Lake at any time.

tel under the auspices of the Noranda | the early days of the camp from people | who were suposed to be here in 1909. but as a matter of fact there were very | South Porcupine and Timmins starting Ottawa Journal:—Some people put on few people in this country in 1909, more next Sunday, after regular service of

Recently the pack of the wolves kept in the zoo "H.I.P." Why not? Home Improvement Plan is

at the Sault escaped onto the streets and back a long title for busy people, and the scheme is

lanes of the city. Despite the stories told for securing so much publicity and support that every-

years by The Sault Star about the gentleness and one is likely to know that H.I.P. means Home Im-

lack of bite to the teeth of Sault wolves, the people provement Plan. The Journal may fear that if

Boss." Naturally, dead wolves are not wanted at meant, even if few could remember what the ini-

the Sault. They want something alive there. tials of the word formerly signified. Perhaps un-

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railroad came in there were plenty. Ir 1909 one could travel the trail from here to the steel and never meet a soul. and there was only the one way to

I am afraid the trail of 1909 is geting very much in the same position as he "Mayflower" and the Jamieson Raid. If all the people who are alleged to have come over in the "Mayflower" were gathered together they would more than fill the "Queen Mary." Every oldtimer in South Africa claims to have been in the Jamieson Ra. When the Boers shot up and captured Dr. Jamieson and all his followers at Krugersdor; in 1896, the total that they captured was 196. If all the people who claim to have come to Porcupine in 1909 were gathered together on the trail between here and the steel, the traffic would be heavier than on St.

Catherine street in Montreal. History repeats itself and there is an eld adage, "History is a lying Jade." We have a short history of 28 years of the Porcupine camp. I never seem to read two accounts the same. What must ancient history be in regard to

Yours truly, A. C. Brown,

Easter Sunday was another historymaking day in the life of the Finnish United Churches of South Porcupine and Timmins. The chapel of the Timmins Finnish United Church was filled to overflowing and although additional seats had been brought from homes, the "little brown church in the valley" was unable to accommodate the mul- Tisdale hospital-a son. titudes who had arrived to the sercommodation for worshippers.

mild and there was ice only on the Christian faith and duty and docurnes decided a success. English and Finnish languages a credit- services the church was filled. Frederickhouse Lake drained gradu- | ble account of their knowledge. At the ally, because in 1910 I went over it in evening service after an appropriate Church the choir surpassed itself in a cance. It was shallow, with high sermon on the subject "I am the Re- its rendition of Leonard's Mass in B of the T. & N. O. met the lake in the dates were again brought before the soles taken were very beautifully sung. south-east corner so one had to travel church and openly confessed Jesus The church was filled to overflowing Christ as their Saviour and Lord. The At the United Church also the mornto the Height of Land had to drain and Classes together with other candidates in seating everybody. Mrs. Christie sang Frederickhouse Lake would naturally of maturer years. In all twelve new "The Palms" as a solo at the morning four adults reverently partook of the evening service. Messrs. Kelly and not on the south portion of it and when Sacrament. The senior Church choir Bowen sang the solo parts of this. The prospecting I was always looking for rendered very acceptably at both morn- flowers were exceptionally beautiful in something in the way of grub. If I was ing and evening services appropriate all the churches this Easter now I would not select Frederickhouse presided at the organ at the morning this (Sunday) morning. It was for a Mrs. R. S. Kirkpatrick, of Oak River, Lake as a feeding ground, especially in worship and Miss Myra M. C. Heinonen chimney fire on Railroad street. The view of the fact that one of the finest at the evening service of worship. The firemen responded quickly and it was wild rice sections of the North lies just church was appropriately decorated for soon under control and no damage reat the south of us in the Grassy River | these occasions with evergreens and sulted. section and to every duck that ever Easter lilies by the young people of Travellers visiting Noranda last week inhabited Frederckhouse lake there are the Communicants Classes. The bervices were very impressive and much One gets a lot of information about appreciated by the large congregations Another Communicants Class will be conducted by the minister at both

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MISCELLANEOUS

THILDREN 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

CHOIR LEADER WANTED-The Educational Committee of the Consumers' Co-operative Society propose the formation of a Junior Choir in the South Porcupine district, open to boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 16 years. It is proposed to hold practices on Saturday afternoon from one and a half to two hours. Applications, stating terms will be received by the committee up to and including April 16th from those willing to undertake the training of this choir who have the necessary qualifications. Address replies to Box 512. South Porcupine.

Churches Crowded at South Porcupine

at Finnish United Church | Record Attendance at Sopth End Churches for Easter. Other South Porcupine and Dome News.

> Scuth Porcupine, Ont., March 29th. 1937. (Special to The Advance).

Born-On Saturday, March 27th, to Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Somerville, in the

The Easter tea held on Saturday at vices and the kitchen-dining room at the home of Mrs. W. H. Johns at the the back of the chapel with the Goor Dome Mines was the greatest success opened to the chapel supplied the need- that the W.A. of St. Paul's have yet ed additional seating or standing ac- had. Numbers of visitors from South End. Dome and Schumacher came in Together with the South Porcupine for tea, and the baking table (in charge and Timmins Finnish Communicants' of Mrs. Woodall and Mrs. A. E. Cook) Classes in all twelve new candidates was completely sold out at 4.30, in spite were received into membership in full of the fact that the display was even communion of the United Church of greater than in former years. The house was a bower of spring flowers. At the morning service, after prepar- Daffedils, tulips, violets and roses lent atory sermon by Rev. A. I. Heinonen, an added beauty to the general Easter the minister, on the subject "Verily effect of the tables. Mrs. Fairnurst, Christ Is Risen To-day," the young Miss Naish and Mrs. Lemmon assisted people of the Finnish Communicants' Mrs. Johns with the tea. The lovely Classes of South Porcupine and Tim- pot of growing double daffed is which mins were thoroughly examined in pub- was offered as a door prize was won The first we knew about it was when lic before the united congregations of by Mrs. W. W. Wilson. The ladies ree! South Porcupine and Timmins as to indebted to their many patrons for in December. The fall had been very their knowledge of the substance of the help given and for making the tea so

> examination lasted more than half an that it almost amounts to a record. hour, and the candidates gave in both In the Anglican Church for the three

At St. Joachim's Roman Catholic

members were added to the Communion | service and the choir rendered part of Roll of the local churches. In all fifty- the cantata, "The King of Glory" at the

Easter anthems. Miss Esther Leeman A fire alarm was sounded at 11.30

Higher Temperature but **Northerly Winds Coming**

Noon weather forecast for Northern Ontario: Northerly winds, fair and cold Tuesday, fair with stationary or a little higher temperature.

Finding Murderer of Manager of Store

Killing Seemed Without Motive and Police had Big Problem.

When Nikolas Nolescue was murdered in the famous silk store he managed in London, England, Scotland Yard men found themselves face to face with a crime for which there appeared to be no explanation. Even the motive for murder seemed to be missing.

Not until investigators found a connection between Nolescue and two of jade did they begin to feel that they were accomplishing anything. Then astonishing things began to happen.

J. R. Wilmot, author of "The Silk Erigma," tells thrillingly just what did happen and how in the end the murder mystery was solved. The story will be Again, why not? "Hips" will recall beautiful published in serial form in The Advance, beginning on Thursday this week. Don't miss the first exciting instalment.

of the city took no chances, but shot down the "H.I.P." is encouraged, it may mean the beginning wolves. As a consequence Sault Ste. Marie is in this country of an alphabetical soup similar to wolf-less to-day, and feels sad and lonely in pro- that in the U.S.A., with its "F.D.R.," "N.R.A.," "A.A. portion. Sault Ste. Marie wants wolves, and the A.," and all the rest of it. There should be little it. Accordingly, the Sault has issued an appeal British have a better way than puzzling initials. to the world at large to send on some wolves to "Defence of the Realm Act," was too long a phrase replace those lost. Anyone having a stray wolf, for frequent use, but did the British seek to escape or two that he doesn't want will be doing a charit- by way of the initials "D.R.A." or anything like able act by getting in touch with the Sault. Per- that? No! the common people made the initials Chinese factions that were trying to haps, the Sault would be willing to pay half the talk and mean something, and so the world had gain possession of five wonderful pieces ever gotten close enough to a wolf to say "Sault with the "Waacs." Everybody knew what "Waac'

der this British plan "H.I.P." will become "Hips."

The Ottawa Journal refers casually to the tend- memories when other "Hips" were in fashion, and ency to refer to the Home Improvement Plan as before the boyish figure became a craze.

Send on your wolves to the Sault.