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## THE OIL MYSTERY

Thursday of last week honest residents of Sixth avenue were amazed, amused, astounded, astonished, dumbfounded and flabbergasted to see their street so flooded with oil that it looked like Crude Oil Boulevard. The first reaction was to wonder whether they had stepped out from their houses onto the wrong street, or whether by some of his well-known legerdemain the mayor had transported all their houses onto his own street, just like he reduced electric light bills, brought down taxes upward, or decreased the cost of theatre tickets without affecting the price.

Certainly Sixth avenue was never like this! All summer the dust had triumphed and flourished over the anaemic applications of sparse thin oil. Sixth avenue never before in its history had seen a shower of oil. And now here was a veritable flood! Passing cars splashed it on the fences! Children brought it onto the sidewalks on their boots, and into the houses! After the great oil drouth, here was oil by the inch, by the gallon, by the great horn spoon! Speaking of whiskey, an old Scotsman once said: "A little too much is just enough." That was the oil situation on Sixth avenue on Thursday last! For investigation showed that it was Sixth avenue still despite the oil. "Too bad!" said everybody on Sixth avenue, "the mayor must have moved onto our street. How else could any street in Timmins have so much oil?"

But further investigation showed that the mayor hadn't moved, so the mystery of the oil remains as great as ever. It is a fact that all the streets in town this year should have been oiled the way the block in which the mayor lives was oiled heretofore. To some people it may be a mystery why other streets were skimped on oil and the one block was soaked so generously. To others the mystery is why Sixth avenue at long last is given parity with Crude Oil Boulevard. Is the hope for provincial votes more potent than the desire for municipal support? Perish the thought! It wouldn't be sporting to lavish municipal oil to buy provincial votes. And so the mystery of the oil on Sixth avenue remains!

## EPIDEMIC IN POLITICS

Just as poliomyelitis ("infantile paralysis" to the wayfaring man) is epidemic in Ontario today, so conventioncrookeditis ("packed conventions" to the honest voter) appear to be scourging the body politic in this province at the present time. Other election times have heard the odd word about the packed convention of this party or that, or both, but in these days the disease seems so virulent as to cause alarm among those who hold hope in democracy, and love for their country. In Ottawa charges of the introduction of this vicious germ in the Conservative convention proceedings has led leading Tories to take the case to the law courts in the hope of quarantine and helpful treatment. In the riding of Nipissing it was the Liberal body that was attacked by the conventioncrookeditis germ. After the first vote to select a candidate the disease seemed to be so deep-seated that the convention was adjourned without choosing a candidate and a hurry call was sent to headquarters at Toronto for serum to bring the patient back to some chance for life. In North Cochrane the charge has been made that the virus had been released in the Liberal ranks, though the hope was expressed that it would have no more serious result than to give the patient some measure of immunity from election germs. In South Cochrane the virus released at the Conservative convention threatens to leave the party crippled for many years.

From other ridings in Ontario there are reports of the deadly work of the conventioncrookeditis germ. The disease is not restricted to any party. It attacks in the most unexpected places. If democracy is to survive at its best, there must be discovered some anti-toxin or inoculation to prevent the inroads of the germ. Certainly the "iron lung" used at conventions, and the "throat spray" used on some convention trains are not as effective for the public political health as equivalent devices at work in infantile paralysis cases at Toronto, Sudbury and Kirkland Lake.

Anyone who knows anything about politics knows that a certain amount of organization is necessary to assure party nomination, just as it is imperative for election. Perhaps, a certain amount of ballyhoo and hysteria may also be allowable in regard to conventions as well as to elections. There should be a limit, however, to these tactics. Were packed conventions closely restricted to members of the political party concerned, no particular harm would be done. But when members of other political groups are dragged into service to force unwanted candidates on a party, the result is not for either the party's good or the public advantage. It is a hopeful sign, however, that in many places (such as Ottawa and Nipissing for example) the rank and file do not intend to succumb without putting up a struggle.

To assure the greatest measure of success for democracy, there must be fair and free choice of candidates for the parties, as well as intelligent choice between the respective candidates on election day. As The Advance has noted on several recent occasions the ideal condition would be the selection by each and every party of the most able and public-spirited candidate available. Under such a plan the public would have a real choice, with assurance that in any event the interests of the constituency would be served. Under the present imperfect convention method, however, the will of a party is easily frustrated by methods that are far from desirable. Too often the man with the most money or the loudest ballyhoo defeats a better man at a convention.

Recent disclosures show that politicians have much to worry about in regard to conventions. No doubt the time will come when conventions will be conducted as fairly and honestly at least as elections. In the meantime, however, the public has its remedy. There are few constituencies in which there is not at least one outstanding candidate—a man who will serve the people, irrespective of party. If the public in general will support the best man available, the voters will find that they will not go far wrong. In this riding of South Cochrane, for example, the voters do not need to heed ballyhoo or impossible promises, or take anything for granted. They have one candidate whose record of long service for this district and the North is far more impressive than the endorsement of any convention. C. V. Gallagher has worked honestly and ably for the North as a private citizen, as well as a public man. He has a record of this sort covering a period of thirty years. In the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, in municipal service in the Township of Tisdale, in various public and semi-public offices, and during the years when he held no public office, he has worked steadily, ably, public-spiritedly for the progress of the North. He has always been trying to help the North and its people, and when elected as a member of the Legislature, it will mean that he will simply have the better opportunity to do what he has been doing for a third of a century.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

It may be said that infantile paralysis crippled the Toronto exhibition this year.

Two Sudbury aviators are charged with breach of air regulations by flying too low and otherwise endangering public safety. Their names are given as Tony Sunday and Billy Bell. Shouldn't the names be Billy Sunday and Toney Bell?

A young lady asks The Advance why one political party uses the name "Liberal-Conservative." The young lady seems to think the Conservatives are not not entitled to use the name "Liberal," as it is used by another political party as a name. The fact of the matter is that the Liberal-Conservative party seems to be more entitled to the use of the word "Liberal" than the "Liberals" are. The name "Liberal-Conservative" goes back to the days when effort was being made to unite the provinces of Canada into a confederation. There were two parties then, "Liberals" and "Conservatives," as they were known, and they joined forces to achieve confederation. The union of parties for this patriotic purpose was known and recognized as the "Liberal-Conservative" party. After confederation, some former Liberals, led by Hon. Geo. Brown, broke away from the "Liberal-Conservative" party. The new party was known commonly as "the Clear Grits," a term humorously applied to them from an expression used in one of Hon. Geo. Brown's speeches. There were some of the members of the party who would have adopted this term of intended derision as the name of the new party, hoping to build it into a name of respect, just as the "Methodists" took the name given them in ridicule and made it a term that held the regard of all. However, Hon. Geo. Brown preferred a name for his party that would be more immediately respectful, and he termed the party "the Reform Party." So it was known for years, and while the members of the one group were usually classed as "Reformers," and not "Liberals." It was some years after Confederation before the "Reformers" re-appropriated the name "Liberals." The young lady in question lives in Iroquois Falls and in reply to her rather scornful query, "How can a man be a Liberal and a Conservative at one time?" the appropriate answer is "How would you like to live in South Cochrane and be a C.C.F.-Liberal-Conservative?"

Despatches from Europe suggest that there is serious danger of war between Germany and Russia. No one would worry much if these two nations would go to war, if they would just keep their war to themselves. Germany seems to be aching again for a good old war, and Soviet Russia seems to have been training for war for many years past. If everybody else would stand back and let them fight, the chances are that the world would feel better by the time they were through. The trouble, however, is that so intricately are the interests of the various nations interwoven, that the big fight that all the nations have on their hands at present is to avoid getting into a war that will drag into combat the nations that are so anxious to mind their own business and progress along peaceful lines.

Political ballyhoo would be amusing were it not



## "School bored me stiff"

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## LOCALS

Mrs. W. McCord, of North Bay, has been visiting in Timmins.

Miss Ruby Hawkins is spending a vacation at Echo Bay, Ont.

Mr. M. J. Gutcher spent the week-end visiting at his home in Halleybury.

Miss Lottie Cogan spent a short holiday at Toronto.

Just a reminder! The duck season opens on Wednesday next, Sept. 15th.

Miss Sally Notte, of North Bay, is spending a few weeks' holiday in town.

Miss Lillian Ringstead, Mrs. Van Rassel and Jerry and Andy Van Rassel were visitors to North Bay last week.

Mrs. G. A. Macdonald returned on Saturday from a visit to Muskoka and the South.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gurnell returned on Saturday from their vacation in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Somers and little daughter, of Toronto, visited friends here last week.

Mr. Bill Doran returned on Thursday from a holiday visit to Toronto, Port Arthur, and Fort William.

There will be a pantry shower at 11 James street to-night, Monday. All members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion are asked to attend.

Mrs. W. D. Watt, who is on the staff of the Martin-Bird Mine, Larder Lake, spent the week-end at his home in town.

Miss Gertrude Aho left on Friday for New Liskeard where she will visit friends during the week-end, and then leave for Normal School in North Bay.

Mrs. Arthur Smith and Mrs. Nell Lartiere, of Rouyn, who were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Morin, 24 Sixth avenue, left for Rouyn on Thursday.

Mrs. F. J. Hornby returned Thursday night from a ten weeks' visit to her homeland of England. Mr. Hornby, a son, Bert, motored to Montreal to meet here on her return.

Mrs. J. E. Patterson, Miss Jean Patterson, Miss Gerald McIntyre, and Mr. V. Middleton, of Toronto, were the guests here last week of Mrs. H. R. Chantren. They were up from the city to attend the marriage of Miss Maizie Spence at Iroquois Falls on Saturday.

so insulting to the intelligence. For instance, one local supporter of J. P. Bartleman loudly suggests: "Elect Jimmy to the Legislature, and he will help the workingman in the province, like he did in the mayor's chair!" Glance at the record! The first and probably the only thing accomplished by the present mayor was a general reduction in the salaries of all in the employ of the town. The wages were brought down to such low levels that they have all had to be increased since then. No other mayor has talked as much about silicosis and Workmen's Compensation and none of the previous mayors were ever so ineffective in actual practice in securing concessions or assistance. As for the ordinary citizen, including the workingman, the record is increased taxes, deficits each year, bitterness, disturbance, ill-will. Of course, the mayor will blame all these things on someone or something else. But he held previous mayors fully responsible for it all. Were he elected to the Legislature on his present wild promises, it would be the same old thing—excuses, blame for others.

# WANT Ads

**FOR RENT**  
FOR RENT—A Four-roomed house. \$22.00 per month. Water paid. Apply at 275 Elm North. -70p

Thomas Scott, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Scott, 59 Charles street, died here one day after birth.

Mr. W. J. Motts, and son, John Motts, both of the executive of The News Record, of Kitchener, Ont., were the guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Denny, of the McIntyre.

Mrs. W. Lawrence has returned home to Timmins after a visit to North Bay, to which city she accompanied her daughter, Miss Grace Lawrence who is attending St. Joseph's Academy in the Gateway City.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Blackman, accompanied by their son, Donald, and daughter, Florence are leaving on a holiday to New York to-morrow. Donald is going to attend Albert's College at Belleville and Florence will go to Ontario Ladies' School at Whitby.

## Four Boys and Two Girls Born in Past Six Days

Born—on September 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Olivier, of 69 Third avenue—a son.

Born—on September 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Cerubine, of 4 Kirby avenue—a daughter.

Born—on September 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Boudour, of 57 Charles street—a son.

Born—on September 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bohm, of 51 Charles street—a son.

Born—on September 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Krasevac, of 110 Toker street—a daughter.

Born—on September 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brazeau, of 111 street north—a son.

## Pretty Wedding at Church of Nativity

Miss Kathleen Murphy and Mr. James B. Stevens Wedded.

A pretty wedding took place in the Church of Nativity at 8 a.m. Saturday, when Rev. Fr. McManus united in marriage Kathleen Murphy, daughter of Mrs. Cassidy, of North Bay, and James B. Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stevens, of Timmins. The bride was attended by Miss Mary V. Murphy, of North Bay, as bridesmaid, while Mr. Horace Butterfield, attended the groom as best man.

## Election Campaign is Well Under Way

Liberals Have Located Five Offices in the Camp. Liberal-Conservative Headquarters on Spruce Street.

The election campaign is under way and committee rooms are working busily with voters' lists and organization matters. The Liberals have five committee rooms located in the Porcupine camp. Headquarters is in Timmins at 12½ Pine street, south. In charge is P. H. Andrews, who is running the Liberal campaign for the candidate, Mr. Gallagher. There are two more rooms in Timmins, one at 117½ Pine street south, where Leo DeVillano is in charge and the other at 83 Wilson avenue where Larry Jeffreys is in charge. Telephone numbers of the three are, 2½ Pine street, 1120; 117½ Pine street, 128 and Wilson avenue, 1504. The Liberal committee rooms in Schumacher are on Second avenue, James R. Todd is in charge and the telephone number is 1061. In South Bay the committee rooms are on Bruce Avenue, J. Deacon is in charge and the telephone number is 57, South Porcupine. The principal Liberal-Conservative committee rooms are at 5 Spruce street.

**FOR SALE**  
FOR SALE—4-foot jackpine wood; counter scales, coffee mill, meat slicer, sausage stuffer, meat chopper, "Jack Frost" ice machine; one tractor, 2 chicken coops, store counters, etc. All deals cash. Apply Nick Blahney, Third Avenue. 42-434f

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north. The telephone number is 2050. In Schumacher the telephone number to the rooms is 1050. When The Advance sought information this morning as to other committee rooms their location and telephone numbers, no satisfaction could be obtained from the committee rooms on Spruce street.

The Labor-Farmer candidate, Tommy Church, has located his committee rooms at 39 Fourth avenue in the Miners' Union office below the Harmony hall. Mr. R. A. Nadeau is in charge of Mr. Church's campaign. Telephone number is 1045.

## Vansickle Truck Burns With Load

A load of furniture carried by a truck of the Vansickle Transport Co., of Timmins, was destroyed near Bradford on Saturday night by fire, which is believed to have started somewhere in the load. Flames shot fifteen feet high from the truck and tied up traffic on the highway for half an hour. They were extinguished when 30 or 40 motorists formed a bucket brigade from a nearby pump. The truck was bound from Toronto to Timmins. William Downs, Timmins, the driver and his helper, George Dalton, of Timmins, said that they saw wisps of smoke and stopped but that the fire was out of control before they could do anything to stop it.

## Killed at Englehart in Collision With Car

While riding a bicycle on the highway about three miles north of Englehart on Friday morning last, George Fordete, a well-known resident of the Englehart district, met instant death in a collision with a motor car. According to Provincial Constable L. Trezanga, who investigated the accident, Fordete was riding along on his bicycle and crashed into a car driven by Fred Villeneuve, of Schumacher. Fordete was thrown into the ditch. Dr. Richardson, of Englehart, was summoned to the scene of the accident, and found that death was instantaneous from the injuries received in the crash. Eugene Montigny, of Schumacher, was a passenger in the car with Mr. Villeneuve, and both these men were to testify at the inquest held into the tragedy last week. George Fordete was about 60 years

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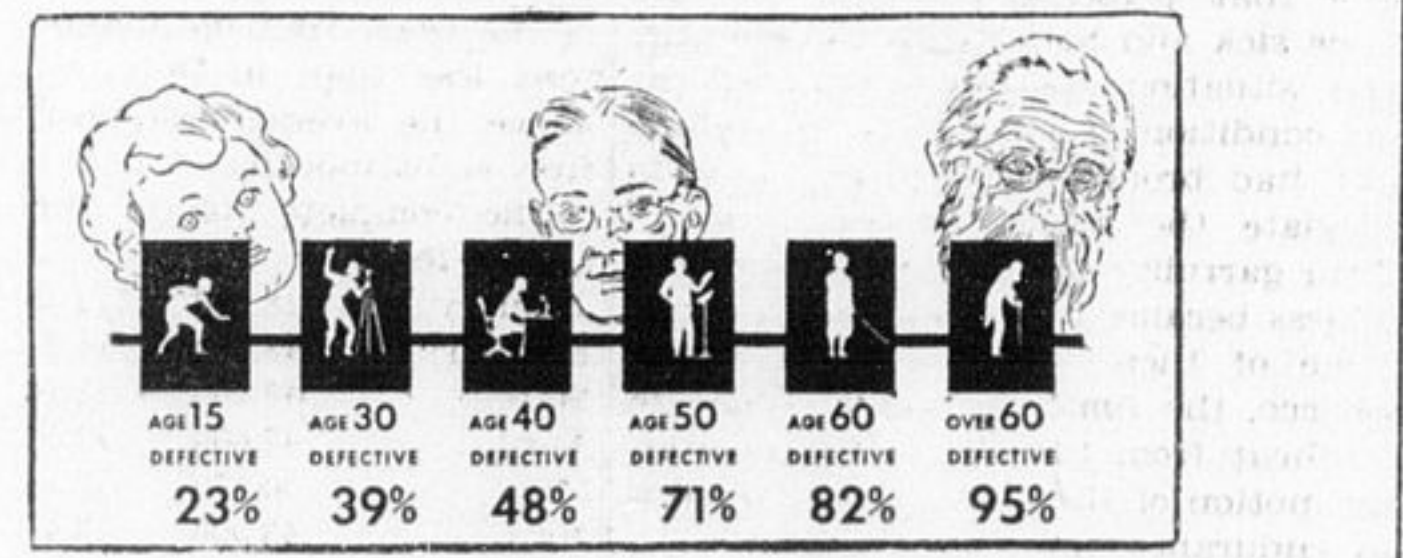
**CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION**—Good homes desired for children, boys and girls, Catholic and Protestant, ages 4 to 14 years. Any home desiring to adopt a youngster should have their clergyman write A. G. Carson, Supt. Children's Aid, Timmins, Ont. 441f

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of Ernest Geoffrion, late of the Town of Timmins in the District of Cochrane, retired prospector, deceased. Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demands against the late Ernest Geoffrion, who died on or about the seventeenth day of July, 1937, at Timmins, Ontario, testate, are required to send post prepaid, or to deliver to the undersigned, solicitor herein for Jean Charles Brodeur, Administrator of the Estate of the said Ernest Geoffrion, their names, addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims and statements of their account and the nature of the securities held by them, if any. And take notice that after the fifteenth day of September, 1937, the said Jean Charles Brodeur will proceed to distribute the assets of the estate among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall have then had notice, and that the said Jean Charles Brodeur will not be liable for the said assets or part thereof to any persons of whose claims he shall not then have received notice. Dated at Timmins, Ontario, this 30th day of August, 1937. WILLIAM O. LANGDON 68-69-70 Solicitor for the said Jean Charles Brodeur.

## IN MEMORIAM

SHIELDS—In loving memory of Wilfred Melville Shields, who passed away Sept. 14th, 1934. No one knows how much we miss you! No one knows the bitter pain We have suffered since we lost you! Life has never been the same! In our hearts your memory lingers, Sweetly tender, fond and true! There is not an hour passes, That we do not think of you. —Mother and Dad, Ethel, Percy, Margaret and Russell. 70p

of age, and lived on a farm about four miles from Englehart. He was a pioneer settler of the Clay Belt area and had resided in the district for some twenty-six years. He served as clerk of Chamberlain township and also as secretary of the school there. He is survived by his widow and by a daughter, Mrs. Stewart Stiven, of New Liskeard. Nellie, Eddie and Henry Ringstead visited their parents at Larder Lake during the Labour Day week-end.



**Age Changes Eyes**  
Very frequently the eyes of children are defective even before they use them to any extent. Even normal eyes, as a child grows older and goes to school, and reads in poor light, are likely to become defective. As the illustration shows, 23% of children 15 years old suffer from defective vision. Every year increases the likelihood of defective vision, until, at 50 years of age, 71% of people have defective sight. Clear, sharp vision is so vital to efficiency and health, that no chance should be taken. Eyes should be examined at regular intervals, and any defect corrected.

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## Geo. Anderson, Organizer Running in Sudbury Riding

Four candidates are in the field in the Sudbury Riding. One of them is Geo. W. Anderson, organizer for Ontario for the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, who was nominated as a Labour-Farmer-Progressive candidate last week. Mr. Anderson is known in Timmins and district, having spent much time here in the past few months in the work of securing members for the I.M.M. & S.W. Union. While not known personally here to many outside of Labour circles, his voice was frequently heard over the local radio in past months. The other candidates in Sudbury riding include J. P. F. Lemieux, Sudbury barrister, who has announced that he will run as an independent Liberal, Alderman James Newmum, of Sudbury, who has been nominated as the Conservative candidate, and the choice of the Liberal convention on Friday last.