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THE IMMORTAL MEMORY

Two hundred men and women gathered in the Hollinger hall at Timmins on Tuesday night to do honour to a poet dead over a century and a half. All over the world there were similar gatherings, even in the Arctic circle and in the torrid lands. As Rev. Mr. Mustard said in proposing the toast to "The Immortal Memory," it was a striking thought to realize the unfading tributes paid all over the wide world each recurring year to this peasant poet. No other poet, indeed no other great man of the earth born in these last 1900 years was so honoured through so many years and with such recurring loyalty and affection. Rev. Mr. Mustard suggested the reason for the century and a half of recurring recognition and remembrance when he pointed to the title of the toast, "The Immortal Memory." In the poetry and the life of Robert Burns, there was the spark of immortality, because of the vision, the humanity, the dream of brotherhood and justice and kindness, that was the very lifeblood of his verse. In other words, Burns is among the immortals, because he knew the vital things that are of immortality. Those who are wont to scorn the idealization of the great Scottish poet should note and remember that the groups that gather in every nook and corner of the world do more than keep alive the memory of a beloved poet—they are as well immortalizing the great ideals, the hopes, the visions that were the mainspring of his life and the incentive to his genius.

VALUE OF THE NORTH

For years past the Northern Ontario Boards of Trade have been seeking to impress on Southern Ontario in particular and on Canada in general the value of the North to the rest of the Dominion. The idea behind this attitude has been largely along the line that for self-interest alone the South should do more than it has been doing for the development of the North. Effort has been made to emphasize the thought that the North is not asking for expenditures for roads and other purposes simply for the sake of the North alone, but that any money spent in opening up the North will return many fold to the South in new employment, new wealth, new business. Instead of the cry "Help the North!" the appeal has taken the form, "Help the Dominion by assisting in the opening up and development of the North." So far, it can scarcely be said that the resolutions and briefs presented by the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade have borne much direct effect. They have, perhaps, been more educative than immediately successful. Yet the attitude of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade has been of value. It would be well for the Northern Ontario Associated Boards to continue its efforts. Sometimes the work may seem discouraging, but there is no doubt that some results are coming from the persistent campaign. It is the absolute truth that every dollar spent to develop and advance the progress of the North returns to the rest of the Dominion, accompanied by several other dollars, directly and indirectly. Because there is truth in the idea, it must prevail eventually.

Elsewhere in The Advance to-day there is an address by Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources in the Dominion Cabinet. When W. O. Langdon, president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, read the address, he was struck by the fact that the basic ideas of Hon. Mr. Crerar's address were the very ones that the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade have been so earnestly promulgating these several years. Those who have followed the campaign of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade will be impressed with the skill and earnestness that Hon. Mr. Crerar has given to the case previously presented. When it is remembered that Ontario is the leader in the mining industry of Canada and that the North is the centre of mining activity for Ontario, it is easy to realize that the points made for mining in Canada apply with particular force to the North, where mining is the chief industry. Hon. Mr. Crerar points out that Canada's mining has grown from a total output of \$28,000,000 in 1897 to over \$452,000,000 in 1937. This new wealth, he explains, was expended in the form of wages, purchase of supplies and equipment, freight and other transportation, power, insurance, taxes, dividends. While the mining companies employ 105,000 persons directly, with a total payroll of \$135,000,000, Hon. Mr. Crerar shows that this not only leaves out of account the many thousands engaged in prospecting and in individual placer mining, but it also overlooks the number who owe employment in other lines to mining activity. While every business venture means some further employment, indirectly, than just the bare number actually employed, this idea of one business creating other lines of work and business applies very particularly to the mining industry. "Assuming," says Hon. Mr. Crerar, "that each employee is supporting three dependents, we find

that at least 410,000 people were directly supported by the mines in 1937." He notes also that the Hollinger payroll was approximately \$6,000,000, or about 36 per cent. of its total production—a very high percentage. From this basis Hon. Mr. Crerar proceeds to show that while it costs a million dollars to bring a gold mine into production, at the rate, say, of 200 tons per day, this would mean the direct employment of 150 men, making the capital expenditure from \$5000 to \$6000 a man. This capital expenditure, he points out, has been spread in every walk and calling of life in Canada. Turning to indirect employment, the case is even stronger, supplies, equipment, transportation (all being direct means of employment to others) taking maybe 30 per cent. of the total outlay. To emphasize the point, Hon. Mr. Crerar quotes cases where manufacturers, unable to find outlet for their wares in their main former lines, have turned to the making of mining supplies and equipment in Canada, with the result that thousands of workers who would in the course of events have been crowded out of employment, are still gainfully employed, thanks to the activity of the mining industry. The value to the farmer, the railway, the merchant, the manufacturer, and through them to the tens of thousands of employees, is effectively outlined by Hon. Mr. Crerar. Instead of the mines being responsible for a hundred thousand men being employed, the industry really could be credited with a number of men employed running into the second million, when all the various activities, direct and indirect, are considered. All this is true of the mining industry in greater degree than of most other industries, because of the high wages paid to mine workers and the capital outlay involved before there is a mine.

It may be noted that Hon. Mr. Crerar does not forget the contribution made by the mining industry in maintaining Canada's international credit. The external trade in minerals in 1937 was sufficient to pay for Canada's total imports during the year from the rest of the British Empire and from all principal foreign countries with the exception of the United States.

The North is founded on mines and mining. It is an off-repeated statement that so far as mining is concerned, the North has scarcely been scratched as yet. The immense wealth taken from the earth in the North in the years that are past is but a fraction of what may be secured in the years to come. Surely, as a matter of business, of common sense, of patriotism, it is supremely well worth while to encourage, to foster, to support an industry and a section of country that can do so much to create employment, business, industry, wealth.

Instead of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade being discouraged over the results so far achieved, there should be general satisfaction that the Dominion Minister of Mines is so effectively preaching the same doctrine; that helping the mining industry, helping the North, is to help all Canada, and to speed up the development of this area of country, and its resources is to hasten the return of material prosperity, not only for the mines and the North, but for all the Dominion.

RADIO LOGIC

The announcement that it is intended to raise the fee for radio receiving set licenses from \$2 per year to \$2.50 has been greeted by storms of protest. The chief cause of the protest is that most people considered \$2 per year an imposition. The extra 50 cents is simply adding insult to more injury. It would be well for the Government to consider the real reason for the protest. The same people who are objecting to the 50 cents per year increase in radio fees, accepted without any noticeable murmur the very recent increase in the price of newspapers. The increase in price of the daily newspapers amounts to several times the proposed increase in the price of radio licenses. It seems to be proven that people are not unreasonable—do not all want something for nothing—are not prone to grouch and groan without due cause. The trouble experienced in collecting radio licenses should tempt the Government to do some special thinking on the subject. Indeed, it is safe to say that had there been such determined opposition shown to the collecting of automobile license fees, for instance, as demonstrated in the collection of the radio fees, the governments would have been warned to make due enquiry into the matter. Even the sales tax has not encountered the same determined efforts at evasion evidenced in regard to radio fees. The Advance, for one, does not believe that radio owners in Canada are mean or selfish. Indeed, they are the very same people who have borne their full share of burdensome taxation without more than the usual human reluctance to part with hard-earned money. No other single tax of small proportions has encountered such persistent attempt at evasion. No other minor tax has needed so many agents, special agents, and prosecutions to assure its collection. The fact that radio license fees are singled out for such determined objection should prompt the Government to seek the real reason why. It is irritating, to say the least, to read the suggestion in The Ottawa Journal that it is chronic grouchiness that prompts objection to such fees as the radio license. Are there thousands of these growlers in Toronto, hundreds in Ottawa—even 69 in North Bay? The Journal and the Government should explain why all these grouches are grouchy only in regard to radio license fees.

Installation Night at Abitibi Lodge

Officers Installed at Iroquois Falls Last Week.

Iroquois Falls, Ontario, January 23, 1938. Special to The Advance.
The Abitibi Lodge No. 540 A. F. & A. M. held their annual installation of officers on Friday night, January 21st.

Many out-of-town visitors were present to witness and assist in the impressive ceremonies, and with a good representation of members of the Lodge, the evening was reported as a great success.

After the routine business of the meeting had been completed, the installation of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with.
Rt. Wor. Bro. E. J. Mason, P.P.D.G.M. of South Porcupine, acted as installing officer, and was assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. R. C. Mortson, D.D.G.M., and other Past Masters of the district.
The following officers were duly installed:
W. M.—Wor. Bro. A. E. Dixon
I. P. M.—Wor. Bro. J. H. Smith
S. W.—Bro. J. C. Kincaide
J. W.—Bro. W. Stables
Chaplain—Bro. A. C. Cullen
Treasurer—Bro. T. C. Dobson
Secretary—Rt. Wor. Bro. F. K. Ebbitt
Organist—Bro. H. M. Young
S. D.—Bro. F. H. Towsley
J. D.—Bro. E. Ingleby
D. of C.—Wor. Bro. W. J. Grummett
S. S.—Bro. P. A. Nelson
J. S.—Bro. R. A. Locke
I. G.—Bro. C. C. Ollivier
Tyler—Bro. R. W. Smith

Officers for the General Purpose Committee for 1938 are:—Bro. J. C. Kincaide, chairman, Bro. W. Stables, Secretary; Bro. F. J. Bean and Bro. D. G. Boyd.

For the Sick and Benevolent committee: Bro. G. D. Adams and Bro. A. R. Armstrong.
Historian—Rt. Wor. Bro. Frank K. Ebbitt.
Instruction Committee—W. Bro. J. H. Smith.

Librarian—Bro. A. C. Cullen
Music Committee—Bro. H. M. Young
Auditors—Bro. E. J. Varrett and Wor. Bro. W. J. Grummett.
Trustees—Rt. Wor. Bro. J. R. Spence, Wor. Bro. T. Mills and V. Wor. Bro. A. R. Mobbs.

After the ceremonies, the brethren gathered together to partake of the pleasing banquet, which was prepared and served by the Ladies of the Eastern Star.

During the course of the banquet, A. Delean and his five-piece string ensemble, delighted the audience with his soothing and enjoyable music. Many visitors voiced their opinion that the music surrendered was excellent.


Grace was said by Bro. A. C. Cullen. After the repast, Wor. Bro. A. H. Dixon, toastmaster for the evening, called on the brethren to rise and drink a toast to the "King and the Craft," which was honoured in the usual way by the singing of the National Anthem.
Rt. Wor. Bro. J. R. Spence proposed a toast to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, and was responded by Rt. Wor. Bro. R. C. Mortson. An address and collection re Children's Aid Society was given by Bro. R. W. H. Smith.

A presentation of Crown Derby cups and saucers was made to Rt. Wor. Bro. Frank K. Ebbitt in token of his services to the Lodge, by Wor. Bro. J. H. Smith.

Wor. Bro. A. H. Dixon then made a presentation to the Installing Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. J. Mason, who thanked him, and responded in an appreciative manner.
A toast to the New Officers was proposed by W. Bro. W. J. Grummett and responded to by W. Bro. A. H. Dixon, Bro. J. C. Kincaide and Bro. W. Stables.
Proposed by W. Bro. F. E. Wood, a toast to the Visitors, and was responded to by Bro. Francis Joy, Rt. Wor. Bro. Walter Hill, Rt. Wor. Bro. Walter Hill, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. S. McCullough, W. Bro. W. G. Nixon, M.P.P., and W. Bro. J. H. Evans.

A pleasing and appropriate address was given by Bro. Francis Joy, who is a new resident in Iroquois Falls, and was given great accord by all attending.
Bro. J. H. Evans, South Porcupine, delighted the audience with several recitations.
The Junior Warden, Bro. W. Stables,

The Ottawa Journal is equally astray when it suggests that the increased tax should be quietly accepted and paid without demur, because radio in Canada is on the basis of being self-supporting—"without support, or without main or important support from advertising or other financial activities." The truth is that it is because the people know that the radio is being sold out to advertising that the present outcry is so decided. People feel that under the recent arrangements made by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, United States advertising has been practically subsidized with the money of the people here and to the decided disadvantage of the industries of Canada. There was disposition to support the new—the present—radio commission, because it was announced that the new body intended to curtail radio advertising and to present Canadian programmes of merit and interest. Instead the advertising blah blah is now going stronger than ever with advertising featured even on Sundays. Had the original intentions of the new radio commission been followed out, there would have been no objection to an increase in radio fees. The people would have shown that they are not grouches, nor mean, nor selfish. A three dollar fee, or even more would not have been begrudged for good Canadian programmes, to develop Canadian talent, Canadian enterprise. Some of the Canadian programmes prove that all this is not only possible, but practical. The truth is that the radio owner has always felt that he got nothing



THE DOMINION BANK

Condensed Statement as at 31st December, 1937

LIABILITIES	
Deposits	\$117,782,320
Deposits by Other Banks	3,319,146
Notes in Circulation	5,528,741
Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Sundry Other Liabilities	2,473,321
	\$129,103,528
Capital, Reserve and Undivided Profits	14,946,129
	\$144,049,657
ASSETS	
Cash on Hand and in Banks, including Bank of Canada	\$ 27,567,007
Deposit with Minister of Finance	334,650
Government and Other Securities	54,048,742
Call Loans	9,494,941
	\$ 91,445,340
Commercial Loans and Discounts	44,541,177
Bank Premises	5,685,000
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Sundry Other Assets	2,378,140
	\$144,049,657

The General Manager,
The Dominion Bank,
Toronto, Ontario.

We report that we have examined the above condensed Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1937, and compared it with the books and vouchers at Head Office and with the certified returns from the Branches. We have examined the cash, and the securities representing the Bank's investments, held at the Head Office and certain of the larger Branches as at December 31, 1937, and in addition we examined the cash and the securities held at certain of the important Branches during the year. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet discloses the true condition of the Bank and is as shown by the books of the Bank.

Toronto, Ontario,
17th January, 1938.

A. B. SHEPHERD, F.C.A.,
of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.
W. D. GLENDINNING, C.A.,
of Glendinning, Gray & Roberts.

was then called on for his toast, bringing to a close, one of the most enjoyable and successful meetings recorded.

Among the many out of town guests were: W. G. Nixon, M.P.P.; Dr. J. S. McCullough and W. H. Simmons, of New Liskeard; Rev. J. H. Atkinson and J. H. Roberts, of Kapuskasing; Walter J. Hill and Fred A. Eriett, of Englehart; W. M. Widdfield, Jas. Goodman, R. C. Mortson, of Timmins; E. J. Mason, W. H. Johns, F. J. Mason, F. H. Evans, R. Mansfield and Maxwell Smith, of South Porcupine.

C. Y. O. Hold Sleigh Ride Party
On Friday night, 25 boys and all officers of the Catholic Youth Organization turned out to enjoy a fine sleigh ride party.

Starting from Knights of Columbus Hall, the party proceeded to Montieith, where they turned back by way of Porcupine Junction. Riding along, singing, talking and making merry, these boys enjoyed themselves to the full. At one point they had Joe Johnson running along side of the sleigh, having succeeded in boosting him off, and it was some time before they would give into their little fun, by letting him on again.

On coming back to town, they proceeded to go justice to a fine bean supper with all its trimmings, which had been prepared by the officers prior to the ride.

After supper they joined in playing many games of checkers and cribbage, etc. The evening was brought to a close with a few words from the leader, all having had a wonderful time.

Boy Scout Promoted to Rover Crew
At a regular meeting of the First Iroquois Falls Boy Scouts, held in the Parish hall on Friday evening, Scout Edward Goodman was promoted to the Rover Crew of the same group.

Shortly after the opening of the Scout meeting, Scoutmaster E. A. Frowe proceeded to carry out the impressive ceremony of this promotion, thanking him

on behalf of the troop for his faithful and long services, also mentioning the fact that he would be greatly missed by one and all.

With three rousing cheers from the whole troop given for Edward and the goodwishes and continued success in the Rover Crew extended by its leaders, Edward met his Rover Leader, M. Owen. He was given a cordial welcome by Mr. Owen, and congratulations.

A short talk was given by District Scoutmaster, Geo. L. Whiting, on the development of Scouts, Cubs and Rovers, as described by the Chief Scout Lord Baden Powell.

Rev. Francis Joy, who was once a Rover Leader, gave a short talk, pointing out the aim of Rovers, as being of service. Having learned in Scouting all of the useful things in the game of life, the Rover, being older, put all these learnings into practice.

Edward Goodman has been an active Scout for many years, always eager to carry out Scouting to its full, and obtaining many merits. Being always willing and dependable, Edward will be greatly missed, by his brother Scouts.

Government Departments Appear to be Slow to Move

An editorial in The Halleyburian on Thursday of last week says:—

"Government departments are not noted for their speed. This is particularly true in regard to complaints over public services. We are thinking of a request made by the Halleybury Board of Trade for an inspection by a radio engineer of certain sections of the town, where it is claimed that reception is being ruined by some local interference, which the layman is unable to account for. All that was requested was a visit from the district inspector and it was believed that he would be at least able to locate the trouble. All

that was received was a letter from the inspector's office at North Bay, to the effect that he was out of town, but the matter would be called to his attention when he returned. In the meantime, there is no interruption in the interference.

"Radio is a peculiar thing, anyhow. An article in a Toronto paper last week gave the experiences of listeners in a considerable area of Southern Ontario in regard to the new Station CBL, and the greater number of complaints came from the vicinity of Hornby, where the transmitter is located. The corporation engineer, W. G. Richardson, said that a "wave trap" might be the solution, for certain types of sets, but he apparently thinks that new and up-to-date sets are required, for he is quoted as saying: "People with anything but antiquated sets should have no difficulty with CBL. The trouble is that Canadians are not used to such powerful transmitters as CBL's. We cannot stay in the 100-watt class and compete with other countries. Not much sympathy in that, apparently."

Popular Digest: Recent statistics show that brunettes are safer as night drivers than blonds. Well, it's about time the dark complected girls get some sort of a break. But what d'ya mean "safer?"

Toronto Telegram: Former premier of Egypt, who claims damages of five cents from a youth who tried to assassinate him, risks becoming known as "a cheap politician."



"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.
"We're correcting it now and—if she wears her glasses steadily for a few years—her sight should be normal when she's through school."

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