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## AGAIN! VALUE OF MINING!

In the last issue of The Advance reference was made to an address by Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources for the Dominion. In his address Hon. Mr. Crerar detailed the direct value of the mining industry to employment, business, industry and transportation in Canada, and suggested that there was also an indirect value of very striking importance. Commenting on the address, The Advance suggested that the indirect economic value of the mining industry was even greater than its direct value, and that the employment and business resulting from new mining ventures would astound those who had not studied this feature of the case. As if to give special endorsement of this presentation of the matter, the report of the Dominion Home Improvement Plan came to hand at the end of the week.

This report is well worth special study, keeping certain facts in mind. Loans made under the Home Improvement Plan indicate the need and the desire in Canada for better housing facilities. In the cases where loans are granted, it may be taken for granted that there is steady employment at more than bare living wages, or loans could not be allowed. Accordingly, it is not unreasonable to say that the report will indicate, at least indirectly, where there is steady employment at good wages, and with a reasonable amount of security for the continuance of the employment.

The report deals with the year ending Dec. 31st, 1937. In that period in towns and cities with a population of 5000 and more there were 23,297 applications approved for loans amounting to a total of \$9,425,853.89. Toronto headed the list with \$1,284,344.67 in loans. Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton and Ottawa followed in the order given, Ottawa having \$288,263.38 in loans under the Home Improvement Plan. Montreal is a city with a population of close to a million, and Toronto is not very far behind Montreal. Winnipeg and Vancouver are in the quarter-million class in population. Ottawa's population is close to the 150,000 mark. Edmonton is the only small city in that group of six, and yet Edmonton has a population over the 80,000 mark. Edmonton registered only \$369,552.86 in loans under the Home Improvement Plan, while Ottawa's loans were still less, \$288,263.38. What about the seventh on the list? That is Timmins with \$271,962.08. Kirkland Lake, another mining town, is a close eighth with \$268,177.92. Calgary, with \$221,165.22, is in ninth place. London, Windsor, Hamilton, Halifax, St. John, Quebec are all below the \$200,000 class. Sudbury, the famous nickel mining town, had \$179,304.01; New Waterford, N.S., with coal mining as its chief industry, had \$119,815.92; Flin Flin, a Manitoba mining camp, had \$100,749.66; and Trail, B.C., a mining town of 8000, had \$94,272.40.

Apart from the fact that cities like Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Ottawa, Vancouver and others named owe much of their development to the mining industry, directly or indirectly, it is interesting to note the leadership of the mining areas in this matter of Home Improvement Plan loans. These Home Improvement Plan loans in every case mean new employment and new business. Timmins, Kirkland Lake, Sudbury, New Waterford, Trail and other mining centres in 1937 took a place much higher than their population would suggest in regard to home improvement. Study in other lines would show the full truth of Hon. Mr. Crerar's suggestion about the value of the mining industry to Canada.

## VERY GENERAL PROTEST

There has been very strong and general protest against the proposal to increase the radio license fee by another half dollar a year. A large number of newspapers have expressed themselves as very decidedly against the imposition. Only the odd newspaper here and there with some personal purpose to serve has shown any tendency to defend the Canadian Radio Commission in its apparent effort to make a goat as well as a monkey out of the Canadian public. Still more worthy of attention, however, is the flood of letters pouring into the newspapers in protest, not only against the increased fee, but also against the whole attitude of the government radio commission toward radio and the Canadian public. Canadians were told of the wonderful things the present Canadian radio commission would accomplish—the development of distinctly Canadian programmes, the encouragement of the better Canadian artists, the reduction of advertising blah blah on the radio, and the prevention of radio in Canada being completely Americanized, in the less pleasing sense of that word. Instead of all this, however, the Canadian Radio Commission has apparently sold out to a few favoured United States advertisers on the air—and at a loss at that—and the Canadian radio public is asked to contribute another fifty cents per year to carry the loss. It is no wonder that there is general protest. The wonder is that the protest is not even more emphatic and bitter.

One Toronto newspaper on Saturday had a dozen letters protesting the increased radio fee. The letters took different lines in expressing objection, but all seemed to be agreed that any fee at all was too large for what the public was about to receive. The Canadian Radio Commission, by turning over Canadian radio to United States advertisers, as has been done, has placed itself in a position where the collection of any fee is unreasonable. United States radio owners have to pay no license fee at all. Why then should Canadians be assessed for listening to United States stations, after these stations have been subsidized as it were through the sell-out of the Canadian Commission?

Those who would find excuse for the Canadian Radio Commission talk patronizingly about how little fifty cents per year is to a radio owner. That is all right for the Radio Commission and others similarly placed. The general manager of the Canadian Radio Commission receives \$13,000 per year and his assistant is paid \$12,000 per year. There are ten members of the commission who receive an honorarium of \$1500 each per year, with \$50 and expenses for each meeting attended. People like that may be able to scoff at fifty cents as a mere bagatelle, but to many radio owners fifty cents is a matter of importance, especially when it is an unjustified addition to two dollars mulcted from them. The license fee is not the only cost upon the user of radio. There is the cost of the radio itself—often bought on the instalment plan. There is the electric power bill each month as another expense, and there are the usual supplies and repairs that occur occasionally. Anyone making a careful check-up will soon see that there is more cost to the radio than the mere license fee. It is interesting to note some of the suggestions made in the letters protesting against the new radio license fee. Several correspondents urge an organized refusal to pay any license fee at all. "They couldn't put us all in jail," says one writer, adding, "even if they did we could then listen to radio free." Another correspondent urges a general demand for the disbandment of the Canadian Radio Commission. "They should be forced to resign," is the way this correspondent refers to the Canadian Radio Commission. Still another correspondent suggests that a radio fee protest hour be inaugurated at which listeners would be asked to send in their promise to refuse to renew their radio licenses. "My radio is going to be locked in the attic, like those of many other people," says another writer. "The working class is always hit hard," he continues, "because they don't stick the way they should to one another." In this matter of radio license fee it is the working man who feels the pinch. He is fully justified in protesting against this extra imposition, that seems only for the benefit of a small group of United States organizations.

Will all the protest made in this matter have any effect? That remains to be seen. It will, if the people show themselves in earnest—show not only the newspapers, but the members of parliament with protests in the matter. There are ways and means by which the people can make their displeasure felt if they take the trouble to do so. But if they content themselves with a few harsh words, and then say, "Oh, it's only fifty cents!" then they may expect that the dictatorial powers—that-be will take advantage of this attitude, and they will be defrauded of many half-dollars to pay high salaries to people who hold them in open contempt.

## WHAT A WORLD!

There used to be a number of newspapers and public men who were famous for their habit of "viewing with alarm" this or that other tendency of the day. If these people are not all dead, or on relief, they certainly have enough to "view with alarm" these days. Apart from wars and rumours of wars, historic honeymoon bridges crashing, and the downfall of hopes and opinions that were once believed to be as solid as the North American continent, which for many years avoided earth tremors and such like, the modern tendency of law to override individual liberty and common sense is enough to make any thoughtful man "view with alarm." For instance, there is the story coming from Denmark, that lends colour to the idea expressed in "Hamlet" about the state of Denmark. A mother and father in Copenhagen, Denmark, according to despatches, were recently arrested for speeding with a baby carriage. The couple hitched their baby's buggy to their bicycles and went merrily pedalling away, until a police patrol stopped them for travelling twelve miles an hour—which is more than the law allows for a baby carriage. The parents were fined \$10 and costs for this alleged speeding.

It is well to "view with alarm" this happening in Denmark. For there is also another cause well worthy of "viewing with alarm" by all who are accomplished in the ability to "view with alarm"—that is, the tendency to import into this country anything that has been adopted by any other country. With so many wanting a Soviet here, because Russia has it, or Fascists because they have black shirts in Italy, or swing music because there are some weak-minded folks to the South of Canada, why not import a law against speeding in a baby carriage? This needs all the "viewing with alarm" that can be mustered. Imagine, traffic laws for baby buggies in Canada! The Dionne quintuplets would likely be the first to suffer—fined \$25 and costs for travelling with five in the front seat!



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Miss Susie Smith spent a few days last week at Kapuskasing.

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Mr. S. A. McMillan and daughter, Miss Muriel, of Englehart, were recent visitors to Timmins.

Miss Glaister, of the R. Simpson Co. staff, was at Kapuskasing last week, assisting in the branch there.

Miss Jeanette Labelle, of Three Rivers, Que., was the guest of friends in town last week.

Mr. T. Reed, of North Bay, came to Timmins last week to visit friends and relatives here.

Mr. Geo. W. Lee, formerly chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission, was a visitor from North Bay to Timmins during the week-end.

Mrs. H. Perreault who has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. Diemert, has returned to her home in Sudbury.

Norfolk Ledger-Despatch: A man has been in Congress twenty years and has never made a speech. He should be elected for life.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The Housewives Association of Toronto has passed a strongly-worded resolution condemning the proposal to increase the radio license fee to \$2.50 per year, and also stating that if necessary the Association will boycott the products advertised over Canadian Broadcasting Corporation stations. If this were done would the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation have the nerve to add another fifty cents to Canadian licenses next year so as to recompense the said advertisers for the loss sustained by such boycott?

Why don't the mines pay this or that or the other? Why don't they? Well, why? Don't they? The Hollinger in 1937, according to the official statement published elsewhere in this issue, paid over a million dollars in taxes during the year.

A radio announcer told the world last week that thirty feet of snow had fallen in Timmins in two days. The amount of snow that had actually fallen was thirty inches. However, there was less difference between the truth and what the radio thinks the people should pay in radio license fees.

As a protest against the proposed increase of radio license fees and the recent sell-out to United States advertisers, the Housewives' Association of Toronto threatens to boycott all advertisers on the radio. What! Boycott Don Amache, Rudy Vallee and Charlie McCarthy!

The North upheld Scottish traditions and customs in the holding of Burns banquets. There were unusually successful and largely attended Burns banquets held last week at Timmins, Kirkland Lake, Noranda, North Bay, Sudbury, and other centres, while Hearnst varied the procedure by planning a Burns concert.

United States newspapers that waxed sarcastic at Japan's facility in making apologies to the nations, now are inclined to grow irate at the fact

# WANT Ads

## PROPERTIES FOR SALE

**FOR SALE**—Newly built apartment house showing good returns on investment. Apply Sullivan & Newton, Insurance and Real Estate. -7-81f

The sales staff and executive of Lynch Electrical Appliance Co. returned to town last night after spending a week at the Westinghouse Convention in Hamilton, Ontario.

The day shift were off work at Kirkland Lake on Friday owing to a break in the power cable between Swastika and the mine. It is thought that the intense cold caused the cable to snap through contraction.

Little Ruth Egan, of Smoky Falls, had the misfortune last week to make a bad gas across one of her eyes while playing with a toy stove made of tin. It required several stitches to close the wound. Dr. S. McTavish going from Kapuskasing to Smoky Falls to treat the injured child.

## Social Evening at the Finnish Church

**Interesting Programme Under Auspices of Ladies' Sewing Circle.**

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Finnish United Church, held a social evening in the church on Saturday evening. Many members of the congregation were present to enjoy the event, all of them still expressing the hope that a new church building would soon appear for the Finnish congregation. A dainty lunch of Finnish coffee bread, cakes, cookies, and coffee, was served to which everyone did full justice. Mrs. Aho was the M.C.

The programme for the evening was as follows:—

All joined in singing "Maamme Laulu," accompanied by Miss Esther Leeman at the organ.

Rev. A. I. Heimonen, welcomed the audience and thanked the ladies for their thought in planning the occasion. Messrs David Leeman and Toivo Kallio sang "Terve Ystava Sa."

Little Miss Hilka Vilppola very ably gave a recitation.

A group of Sunday school girls, accompanied by Miss Myra Heimonen at the organ, presented a song and dance about winter.

Esko Jokela, gave a recitation about a young man who was even too lazy to chase mosquitoes away when they bothered him.

Song by the Sunday school girls. Armas Joki told the story of a boy who was so pampered and spoiled by his parents, that in the end he shot his own mother, resulting in a prison term for himself. The story was entitled "Who Was to Blame?"

Exhibition of shaving by two Sunday school boys.

"Pikkunen Paimen" song by Sunday school girls.

Recitation by Miss Hilka Vilppola. "Varpunen," a song by little Miss Hilja Ryhanen.

The story, "When a Man is Sick," told by Mr. Aho.

## IN MEMORIAM

**SEVERT**—In loving memory of Harold Clair Severt, who passed away suddenly Jan. 30, 1936. Nothing can ever take away The love a heart holds dear. Fond memories linger every day. Remembrance keeps him near. -9p. -Mildred Tackaberry.

Duet, Misses Gertrude and Elli Heimonen.  
Story by Mr. Toivo Kallio.  
Duet, Messrs Toivo Kallio and David Leeman.

Accompanying themselves on mandolin and guitar, Miss Esther Leeman, and Messrs David Leeman and Toivo Kallio, gave a very pleasing vocal selection.

Duet, "Ita Rusko," Mrs. Ryhanen, and Mrs. Peterson.  
Address by Mr. J. Viitaniemi entitled "The Home and the Woman."

Misses Myra and Gertrude Heimonen at the organ.  
Recitation by Mrs. Kivela.  
Miss Esther Leeman and Mr. David Leeman gave a pleasing selection on the mandolin and guitar.

Recitation "An Autumn Night In the Woods" by Mr. Toivo Kallio.  
Duet "Kellot Kalkun," by Mrs. Ryhanen and Mrs. Peterson.  
Community song, "Oi Maamme Suomi Syyntimaa."

The evening was brought to a close with the singing of "God Save the King."

## Heading and Article Were Not in Right Agreement

In a recent issue of The Advance there was a report of the annual meeting of the Timmins Horticultural Society. The article very properly referred to the good work of the past year as very satisfactory, but unfortunately a typographical error in the heading made it appear that the reports for 1937 were "unsatisfactory." As one member of the society suggested there was an 'un' too many in that heading word. While the article itself made it plain that the reports for 1937 were very satisfactory and reflected the greatest credit on the officers for 1937, it may be well to note again here that the word, "unsatisfactory" in the heading was simply one of those slips that occur in the best regulated newspapers. The Horticultural Society has been doing excellent work for years, and its record for 1937 will bear favourable comparison with any other past years. It is not too much to say that the heading should have read like the article itself did, to the effect that the work of the Society in 1937 was "very satisfactory," indeed.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**LEFT IN HOLLINGER HALL**—on evening of Burns' Banquet a gent's good blue suit coat. Owner may have same from William Stewart, 104 Elm Street North, Timmins.

**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, Suppl. Children's Aid, Timmins, Ont 441f

## Ansonville Phone Co. Elects Officers

Annual Meeting Held at Ansonville Last Week

Iroquois Falls, Ont., Jan. 29th, 1938.—(Special to The Advance)—The annual meeting of the Ansonville Telephone Co. Ltd., was held last Wednesday evening, at which time the election of officers for the ensuing year took place. Those elected were:—

President—A. E. Lapolme,  
Vice-President—G. Gauthier,  
Secretary-Treasurer—W. J. Grummett.  
Directors—W. J. Kenny, S. O. Mengeon, A. Grenier, A. Gauthier.

During the early part of 1937, a telephone line was installed in the Ansonville exchange, which enabled all persons calling from either Iroquois Falls, Ansonville or Mount Rock, to make direct connections to one another, avoiding delay and long distance telephone charges. Prior to this advantageous installation, any person wishing to make a call in the surrounding district was required to phone long distance in order to make communication. It can safely be said that the amount of telephone business derived by the Ansonville merchants has been doubled due to this arrangement, and the convenience to all persons making these calls out of town, realized as they are, saved the cost and many unnecessary walks.

## Pleasant Partner Whist Held Saturday Evening

The Corrish Social Club held a partner whist drive in the Hollinger hall on Saturday evening, a very nice time marking the occasion. Several members and their friends were present, the winners being: 1st, Mr. and Mrs. James Vincent; 2nd, Mrs. Stevens, and Mr. Sullivan; 3rd, Mrs. Masters, and Mr. Saunders. The M.C. for the event was Mr. Fred Hawkin, and a delicious lunch was served during the evening.

that Japan is slow to apologize in a recent case. A Japanese sentry slapped the United States ambassador at Nanking, when the official attempted to enter a house guarded by the Japanese soldier. Japanese officials now say that the soldier was fully justified, that he was only doing his duty. It is scarcely pleasant for United States citizens to be informed that it is the duty of Japanese soldiers to slap United States ambassadors.

The kindness of the North is proverbial! Or should be, if it isn't! In effort not to make that radio announcer too big a falsifier, another three feet of snow fell yesterday.

Great Britain, France and Russia are reported as seeking the co-operation of the United States in supplying arms, ammunition and war supplies to China. The Japanese answer to this is that the proposed action will inevitably lead to "conflict between the two nations"—Britain and Japan. So far Japan has been allowed to do many things not done among the best nations. But there will be some limit. The shooting of a British ambassador, the sinking of a United States gunboat, the firing on British vessels, the slapping of a United States ambassador—these are but small things compared to the murderous attacks on Chinese civilians, with no more excuse than could be given by the ordinary thug and assassin.

Last week Montreal lost two notable figures—Lord Atholstan, for nearly 70 years the publisher of The Montreal Star and The Family Herald and Weekly Star—and Hugh A. Allan, the last head of the famous Allan Steamship line. Hugh Allan was 81 years of age at the time of his death, and Lord Atholstan was nine years older. Both these men contributed much to the growth and welfare of the city of Montreal, while Lord Atholstan, first as Hugh Graham, then as Sir Hugh Graham, and finally as Lord Atholstan, had taken a place whose influence was wider than his city, wider than the Dominion.

Heading in Globe and Mail:—"Woman Gives Lecture." Do you call that news

## Iroquois Falls High School Wins Debate

Discussion on State Ownership of Mines.

Iroquois Falls, Ont., Jan. 29th, 1938.—(Special to The Advance)—An interesting and well contested debate was held in the school assembly hall here Friday night, between the Cochrane and Iroquois Falls High Schools.

The meeting was conducted by the president of the literary society, Norbert Smith, who was assisted by Miss Ellen Charron. Many pupils turned out to hear the argument of each team, which proved both interesting and educational. Topic of the debate was, "Resolved that mines should be owned by the state." The affirmative side won, and was upheld by Peggy Cullen and Chester Harbottle. The negative side was taken by the Cochrane School, being represented by Ivor Johnson and Carson Mackenzie. The argument is one of mutual interest throughout the country, and many angles on the subject were brought to mind by these pupils. It was realized that both teams had gone into the subject thoroughly, as the many factors entering into the subject were discussed fluently by the speakers.

Only after considerable deliberation on the debate as they had heard it, were the judges, Mr. R. W. Sterns, Mr. J. Harkness and Mr. S. Olivier, able to render the decision.

Following the debate, a short varied programme was put on by the Iroquois Falls High School and proved interesting to the listeners. Piano solos by Joan Needham and Patsy Cannon drew great accord, as did the guitar duet played by Bernard Philbin and Keith McLaren. The tap dance put on by Marie Cameron and Janet Leclaire, accompanied by J. Potter, was enjoyed by all. A song rendered by Geraldine St. James, and accompanied on the piano by Violet Manion, was done beautifully. Reading of the third edition of the High School Scroll, proved both humorous and enlightening to the audience, being read by Cora Cosgrove and Harry Abramson.

Singing of the National Anthem drew to a close, an enjoyable evening for all attending.