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CANADA NOT SO SAFE

A correspondent of The Advance recently referred with scorn to the idea that any foreign nation should dare to interfere with Canada. Has that gentleman read the report from Ottawa of the speech of Mr. Thos. Reid, M.P. for New Westminster, in the Canadian House of Commons? According to Mr. Reid, the Japanese have already invaded Canada, using on the people of this country somewhat similar tactics to those employed against the Chinese in China. Mr. Reid says that the Japanese in British Columbia have secured control of the fishing industry and are maintaining and extending that control by methods that are high-handed. Canadians have been assaulted by the Japanese in British Columbia, Canadian motorboats have been deliberately wrecked, Canadian nets have been cut, and generally Canadians have been shown that the Japanese are in control of Canadian fisheries in the British Columbia district. "The Japanese exercise dictatorial authority over cod-fishing, and have assumed absolute control of the mouth of the Fraser river," says Mr. Reid. The Ottawa Government has promised a full investigation and prompt action to remedy the situation, if it proves to be anything like what Mr. Reid has described it.

This is by no means the first time there have been reports of improper conditions in the Pacific province in regard to the Japanese. Some years ago the attention of the government at Ottawa was directed to the matter, and the Ottawa authorities enacted legislation and regulations to assure the control of the fishing industry remaining in the hands of Canada. Permits to Japanese fishing monopolies were to be reduced each year over a period of years. Unfortunately, however, nothing was done to right conditions. Apparently after being roused to the seriousness of affairs, the government dropped off to sleep again. Instead of the Japanese being gently crowded out of the fishing industry, they have apparently been allowed increasing control, until to-day it appears they have the boldness to uphold what they term their rights by strong-arm methods.

To the average thoughtful Canadian the situation in regard to fishing at the mouth of the Fraser river savours altogether too much of the position in regard to matters some years ago in China. What guarantee is there that what happened in China will not occur in Canada? It does not take much imagination to conjure up cases of sturdy Canadians refusing to stand by and see an industry stolen from them by foreigners in the lawless manner described by Mr. Reid. The temptation to take the law into their own hands in their own country, just as the Japanese are doing in Canada, might prove too much for sturdy Canadians, if the Canadian authorities continue to be lax and heedless. The Chinese example suggests what will happen in such a case. The Japanese war machine would be forward under the pretext of protecting the subjects of Japan, and Japan would have all the excuse it needed for securing a further foothold in British Columbia. Anyone who thinks this to be far-fetched or unlikely needs only to study the case of the Chinese.

The Canadian government should take very prompt and effective steps in regard to the matter. It will take little time or investigation to prove the truth of the charges made by Mr. Reid. As soon as the basis for the charges is made plain, the government should move speedily and effectively not only to remove any present abuses but also to prevent the possibility of any of this sort of Japanese invasion in time to come. If the Japanese have been given any form of permit or contract in the matter, this should be rescinded. Hon. Mr. Hepburn has given striking example of the fact that government contracts or agreements are by no means sacred. While the example of the Ontario premier may not be one to emulate in this particular, the Japanese case is a different matter. If the charges made are substantiated—and there has been no approach to denial so far—then the action of the Japanese monopolists has automatically abrogated the contracts. The existing contracts should be cancelled and no more permits issued to the Japanese, unless it can be shown that the spirit, as well as the letter, of Canadian law has been observed.

QUEER SENSE OF HUMOUR

Some people have such a distorted sense of humour that they have no sense of humour at all. Take the case of the so-called joker in Toronto who annoyed a respectable family in that city by repeated phone calls at 2 o'clock in the morning until the telephone operator disconnected the line. The joker then continued his supposed spirit of fun by sending the fire brigade, a taxi service and an undertaker, in turn, to the unoffending family. The family so persecuted could not imagine who could possibly have played these scurvy tricks upon them. "I didn't know I had any enemies," was the pathetic comment of the lady of the house. So the only conclusion seems to be that the cow-

ardly pranks were played by some one with one of those perverted minds that imagine something annoying is humorous.

Another recent example of this irritating form of false humour was given by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. This corporation has been promising since its establishment to give Canadians opportunity to listen to Canadian programmes. It has been promising to do away with advertising on the air. After radio owners had patiently borne with affairs in the hopes that the promises of the Radio Broadcasting Corporation had some little touch of sincerity, the Corporation displays its false sense of humour by selling out at a cut-rate to United States radio advertisers, forcing Canadians to listen to the cheapest of tawdry United States programmes, and adding the supreme touch of malicious false humour—a touch akin to that of the Toronto clown who placed the undertaker on his list of morning callers—sneers at Canadian radio owners as cheap guys because they express displeasure at being expected to pay an extra fifty cents per year in license fees to finance the sell-out to United States interests. Perhaps listening to radio programmes breeds a perverted sense of humour.

WHY NOT BE FAIR?

In a recent issue The Rouyn-Noranda Press made another double-jointed attack upon Harry Oakes, chief owner of the Lake Shore Mines at Kirkland Lake. The Rouyn-Noranda Press condemns him on two scores:—First, because he left Canada to escape income tax and succession duties impositions on his estate; and second, because he is giving away generous donations to causes in his new home and in Britain. Why didn't Harry Oakes do something for his own town of Kirkland Lake, where all his money was made for him? asks the Rouyn-Noranda Press. The answer to that question would no doubt give the reason that made Harry Oakes move elsewhere. In a word he felt that if he remained a citizen of Canada, he would have no money to give away—taxes would take it all—and he felt that should he die, the onerous death duties would leave his family without due provision for their comfort. The Advance has no brief for Harry Oakes, but as a matter of fairness it does seem the better part to enquire whether or not taxation being piled upon some men to an extent that it absolutely forbids generosity on their part, and tempts them to defend themselves by moving out of Canada. The fact that newspapermen are most unlikely to be in the financial position of Harry Oakes should not prevent them considering the possibility that undue taxation may defeat its own purpose. It is worth remembering that considerable of the unemployment and business depression suffered by Great Britain some years ago was due to harsh taxation. Britain's wealthy men met it all with rare good humour, yet it is a well-known fact that the high taxation ruined many of them, and left most of them with no alternative but to reduce their expenditures—thus creating unemployment and hardship. Would it not be better to consider whether in the end personal expenditures that created employment—donations to worthy causes, contributions to community welfare—should not be at least partially exempted in computing taxes. Unless this is done, the result seems inevitable. Already all national causes—charities, educational enterprises, hospitals—have been affected by present methods in Canada. Certain it is that Canada cannot have national and community generosity after eating it up in taxation. In these days the idea of "soaking the rich" is very popular, but it might be worth while to consider just how far this idea may be carried in common sense, not to mention fairness. Also, it would be well to remember that while to-day Harry Oakes is just a rich man, it is not so long ago that he was only a struggling prospector. He may be forgiven a little bitterness as he recalls the disparity between the number who extended a helping hand to the poor prospector and the crowds that appear to relieve the rich man of his load.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

It may be foolish to be superstitious and to believe in signs and omens and so on. But there is a lot of comfort on occasion in such beliefs. Also, there are few folks that do not pin some faith to these so-called superstitious ideas. Those who gain comfort from superstitions will be pleased with one fact about this year: there is only one Friday the thirteenth in the whole 1938 calendar—Friday, May 13th. Last year there was also but one Friday the thirteenth, and most people will admit that last year was a better year than some other recent ones. In 1936, 1935, 1934 and other previous years during the depression, there were two occasions each year when Friday was the thirteenth day of the month. Indeed, one year was more or less famous because "Friday the thirteenth" occurred three times in the course of the one twelve-month period.

In several recent issues of The Advance there have appeared letters written by Mr. Jos. A. Bradette, M.P. for this riding. Mr. Bradette is using this plan to keep his constituents in touch with his work at Ottawa, just as he has used every legitimate method to keep in touch with his constituents all through the years of his public service. The letter in this issue from Mr. Bradette is especially worth careful reading by all in this riding, as it gives a graphic description of the daily routine of a conscientious member at Ottawa, fully



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Miss Audrey Price returned on Friday from Victoria, B.C.

Mrs. T. Crocco was a recent visitor to Smooth Rock Falls.

Mr. Joe Burke left on Friday to visit at his home in North Bay.

Mrs. N. Elites is in Toronto visiting her daughter, Mrs. Habib.

Mrs. F. Turcotte, of Kapuskasing, was a recent visitor to Timmins.

Mr. Graham Clark, of Smooth Rock Falls, was a visitor to Timmins last week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Carroll and little daughter, of Toronto, were the guests of friends in Timmins last week.

H. H. Sutherland and J. Marlon of Toronto, are in town this week in connection with the Porcupine Lake Mine.

Miss Marie Field returned last week to New Liskeard after spending a few days with friends in Timmins.

Her many friends will be sorry to know that Miss Eva Pezzola underwent an operation for appendicitis early Friday morning.

Little Donnie Jelbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jelbert, of 35 Messines avenue, underwent an operation in St. Mary's hospital on Saturday morning. His condition is reported as fair today.

Mrs. E. M. Stobhouse, who recently broke her ankle when she fell on the slippery walk, is reported as being much better to-day, and will soon be able to be up and around again.

The Junior C.W.L. are holding a nomination meeting on Thursday evening, March 3rd, in the basement of the Church of the Nativity commencing at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. J. F. Mercer, Timmins, wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter, Lorraine MacMillan, to Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fortin, Timmins.

The R.N.O.A. are holding a special meeting in St. Mary's hospital on Tuesday evening, March 1st. All nurses are urged to attend.

His many friends will be glad to know that Herbert Hatton, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks is rapidly recovering and reported as being much better to-day.

Disproving any suggestion that members of parliament do not earn their money.

The Globe and Mail is doing a genuine national service in publishing interviews with normal and happy families in Ontario. There are so many evidences to-day of lack of family life, of neglected homes, that there is a danger of people believing that there is no more of the happy old-fashioned home life. The truth is that Ontario—Canada—has thousands of such happy, normal homes, with the inmates contented, yet ambitious, thrifty yet with many pleasures. Were it not for such homes the outlook for Canada would be poor indeed. It should prove an encouragement to the thousands of such homes in the North that there are thousands of similar good homes in other parts of the province.

A man in British Columbia, working in the lumber bush, has just won \$100,000 in a lottery. He says he intends to keep on working as before. A

WANT Ads

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Eskimos Again Lose to the S.P. Monarchs

Badminton at Iroquois Falls. Card Party at Ansonville.

Iroquois Falls, Ont., Feb. 26th, 1938—(Special to The Advance)—Some 300 spectators coming on the special train from South Porcupine and Timmins witnessed the two intermediate teams play one of the best games of this season, and although the Iroquois Falls Eskimos again lost by a score of 5 to 0, they put up the best game this year with the South Porcupine Monarchs.

The first period was a no-score, fast and exciting twenty minutes, and the second encounter saw the Monarchs make two goals, but the game continued in its same aggressive tone. The third period found the boys a little tired, but still working hard.

Thomas for the winning team played in great style, and was responsible for the first goal, while Hume made two counts also. These Monarchs are all fast skaters, fine stick-handling and great on the stopping. Walsh for the losing team kept the score down, as he played a lovely goal tending game, and Behan, also for the Eskimos, took several shots at Patzer, but were stopped. Roger Gignac was out to win or bust, and his tries were numerous as he kept continuously on the trail of the rubber. The Eskimos put up a real good battle, and although they have lost most of the games, it does not daunt their spirits or hopes.

Two goals, one score by Thomas on an assist from Patterson, and one scored by McCann, as the three forwards slipped through the defence in an effective team play were the only counts in the second period. The last period was very interesting as two Monarch players were penalized at one time, and the Falls all up to try and score. Patzer was busy, but managed to keep it a shut-out game. Hume scored at an early interval when he took a pot luck shot to have it just eke into the corner of the net. However, Hume and McKay gliding down together, managed to make a nice count, when passing one to another, Hume managed to slip it into the net. Smith made the fifth count, when he picked a loose puck up in a scramble to place it past Walsh, who had already thrown it aside several times.

Special Features at Legion Meeting

Report on Dominion Convention, Coronation Films, Etc., This Evening.

A large attendance is already assured for the monthly general meeting of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. to-night (Monday) in the Legion hall. President Walter Greaves will conduct the meeting in his very efficient manner and full discussion will be allowed on all topics. The meeting has been slated for 7:30 p.m., and will commence as close to that time as possible to allow those going on shift at 11:00 p.m. a chance to be present at the full meeting.

There will be an added attraction at this meeting. After the close of business a series of motion pictures will be shown by Mr. Golden. These will include some very excellent Coronation films and also some comic ones, as well as other short subjects. This feature is the first of a series, arranged by the officers, to make the meeting nights more attractive to the members. In all probability the March meeting will feature a short talk on interesting things as seen by a prominent local man during a recent trip. It is entirely up to the members, if these special treats are wanted. By your presence you will give the president and officers encouragement and they in turn will look after the features for each meeting night.

One looked-for item on the business paper will be the address of Austin Neame, on the Dominion Convention at Fort William. There are several points worthy of careful note. One item especially will be the Veterans' Assistance report. In connection with this, legislation will no doubt be put through to relieve this vexed question at this session of parliament. The report, given as concisely as the speaker can give it, should prove of utmost importance to all members.

All members are urged to be prompt, and a very interesting evening is assured all attending. Please remember—to-night (Monday), 7:30 p.m., Legion hall.

Badminton Club Hold Novel Night

The Iroquois Falls Badminton Club held their regular monthly social evening in the town hall on Friday, the feature of the programme being the tournament played between the married and single members.

This tournament proved most interesting, and while both teams were in hopes of defeating the others, yet the final result was a tie score of 24 points for each side. Mr. P. Hamilton was captain of the married members teams and Mr. D. Lough, captain of the single members' teams. Entered in this contest were 44 players, composed of 14 ladies of each side and 8 gentlemen players for both sides.

The games were played in mixed ladies' and men's doubles.

Also played, during the evening were two tournament matches between club members who have managed to remain in the running to the near finish, and the winners of these two contests will meet their opponents in the following week, to play the finals.

Following the enjoyable evening of badminton, the players participated in a lovely lunch which was prepared and served by the lady members.

Card Party in Ansonville

A delightful evening was had by members of the Federation of French Canadian Women, when they gathered together at the home of Mrs. W. Ethier on Friday evening, to play game of 50c.

The games were highly contested and interesting, as many people turned out.

FOR SALE

CANARIES FOR SALE—Also Cages and Breeding Cage. Apply 91 Main Avenue. -15-16p

MISCELLANEOUS

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

and the winners were: ladies, first, Mrs. W. Paquette; second, Mrs. O. Gevin. For the gentlemen winners were: first, Mr. G. B. Rondeau; second, Mr. W. Ethier.

A lovely door prize, a pressed glass vase, was won by Mrs. G. Potelle, who held the lucky number. Miss Racine and Mrs. L. Gagne also were lucky, when they received prizes in bingo game.

Following the card games, a lovely lunch was served by the lady members, and was heartily enjoyed by all.

The members joined in singing of many fine old favourite songs after lunch, and were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Durand and Mrs. Paquette.

Properties for Sale

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

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAMS—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Edward Williams, Goldenville, N.S., who passed away Feb. 28th, 1935. Those whom we love go out of sight but never out of mind. They are cherished in the hearts of those they leave behind.

Loving and kind in all his ways, Upright and just to the end of his days. Sincere and true in heart and mind. Beautiful memories he left behind. —Ever remembered by Wife and family. -17p

Connought Cougars Take Timmins Tigers, Score 5-4

The Timmins arena was the scene of a benefit match in the interest of St. Anthony's Parish last Sunday afternoon when in a fast and interesting hockey game the Timmins Tigers were defeated by the Connought Cougars by a score of 5 to 4 but only after 10 minutes of overtime. A large crowd attended the match and enjoyed a good clean game which was evenly matched throughout. After the game the Cougars and their followers were the guests of the Tigers and their friends at an informal banquet held in the Oddfellows' hall where toasts, speeches, songs and general good humour was the order of the evening and a most pleasant time was had by everybody.

Skating Meet Here Proves Big Success

The speed skating meet held at the ball park on Friday night under the auspices of the local branch of the Canadian Legion turned out to be an overwhelming victory for three Kirkland Lake skaters, who carried off eight of the eleven available first prizes. Bill Bassett was in front in all five events that he entered while his sister, Dorothy Bassett, topped the two ladies' events. A Tremblay, also of Kirkland Lake won the half mile for boys under 16.

Omar Therrien won the 440 yards for boys twelve and under for Timmins, with Gerald Charron taking the obstacle race and J. Madock the 220 yard low hurdles. The complete results are:

- 220 Yards Open**
1. Bill Bassett, Kirkland Lake.
 2. Carlo Cattarello, South Porcupine.
- 440 Yards, Girls 14 and under**
1. Dorothy Bassett, Kirkland Lake
 2. Wilma Hawse, Timmins.
- 440 Yards Open**
1. Bill Bassett, Kirkland Lake
 2. A. Tremblay, Kirkland Lake
- 440 Yards, 12 Years and Under**
1. Omar Therrien, Timmins
 2. Marcel Dupite, Timmins
- Half Mile, 16 and Under**
1. A. Tremblay, Kirkland Lake
 2. L. Bissonette, Timmins
- Half Mile Backwards**
1. Bill Bassett, Kirkland Lake
 2. J. Madock, Timmins
- 440 Ladies Open**
1. Dorothy Bassett, Kirkland Lake
 2. Hanna Assad, Timmins.
- Half Mile Open**
1. Bill Bassett, Kirkland Lake
 2. J. Madock, Timmins
- Obstacle Race**
1. Gerald Charron, Timmins
 2. Ferg. Cook, Timmins
- 220 Low Hurdles**
1. J. Madock, Timmins
 2. N. Lukon, Timmins
- One Mile Open**
1. Bill Bassett, Kirkland Lake
 2. A. Tremblay, Kirkland Lake
- The Timmins Branch of the Canadian Legion and its energetic committee under the chairmanship of Archie Brown deserve the greatest of praise for the very successful meet and the able manner in which it was handled.

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Six Births Registered Here During Past Week

- Born—on February 23rd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Benoit Veillette, of 126 Poplar street—a son.
- Born—on February 21st, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Donat Paquette, of 13 Cherry street—a son.
- Born—on February 23rd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Korri, of 179 Huot street, South Porcupine, at 267 Elm street north—a son.
- Born—on February 25th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Young, of 111 Tamarack street, at St. Mary's hospital—a daughter.
- Born—on February 23rd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Wakfer, of 209 Elm street south—a son.
- Born—on February 25th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Charbonneau, of 37 Commercial—a son.
- Toronto Telegram:—Spring will be welcomed by the women. It will be warm enough for them to wear their furs.

man in Pittsburgh, on relief for years, has also won \$75,000 in a lottery. He says:—"I haven't worked for years. I don't see why I should start now!"

A reader who intended to compete for the \$150 prize offered for a theme song for Kirkland Lake complains about the difficulty of getting suitable rhymes for Kirkland Lake. What's the matter with:—"cakes we bake"; "all is fake"; "on the make"; "like a rake"; "claims to stake"; "like a wake"; "might be jake"; "big earthquake"; "for Heaven's sake."

Despatches from New York say that the Dionne quintuplets now call their parents, "Ma" and "Pa." This is not so interesting—even if true—as what the parents call the late Hon. Mr. Croll.

Fish cleaners at Halifax are reported as on strike. No doubt the trouble is due to the scales of wages, or the wages of scales.