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THE MINES DO HELP

An item published the other day is well worth consideration by the people of Ontario—the people of Canada. The statement was to the effect that the total payroll of Ontario gold mines for 1937 amounted to \$27,098,405, an increase of 27 per cent. over the previous year. What other single industry can show such a record? What other single industry can equal the value to the province and to the Dominion implied by such a payroll and its notable increase in a year when payrolls in general have not shown a disposition to increase in any such proportion?

Of course, there are other industries in Ontario will larger total yearly payrolls than mining. It is doubtful, however, if there are any other payrolls that are as advantageous to the province. There is no other industry where the ordinary workman has as large returns with year-round employment. Men who work in mines are well paid, and with this goes the fact that as a class they are free quickly. This means that the mine payrolls go quickly into circulation and mean much to all other lines of industry and business. Mining business is good for every other line of business, and so all other lines of business should be pleased when mining ventures show a good profit. Much money goes into mining ventures without returning to the investors. Even this money, however, returns to the workers and to business and industry in the form of wages and the price paid for supplies and other costs. Of course, this is true of other lines of business and activity, but it does seem that in the mining line the returns are more direct and do add more to the general prosperity and advantage.

TORONTO INSULTED

Toronto has been insulted, and, strange as it may seem, the rest of the province does not like that a little bit. Ontario often refers to Toronto as "Hogtown," as a term of endearment, and the "City of the Good," as a term of reproach, but these things are family love-taps, as it were, and in the provincial heart of hearts there is really love, admiration, and pride for the capital city of the province. So, even though Toronto may take it in Chamberlain-like forbearance, the province is touched with Eden-like war spirit and there is talk of armament, or appeal to the League of Nations.

Despatches from Quebec last week said that a judge in that province had allowed freedom to a youth charged with stealing a ride on a train. The young man claimed that his entry into this clash with the law was due to his desire to get to Toronto to take up residence in that city. "If you are going to live in Toronto," the judge was quoted as saying, "then that is punishment enough for any wrong that you may have done." No! Hold hard! That was not the insult that roused Ontario. That was only a joke! Ontario has not reached the European level — where everything seems to be a joke—and yet no one can stand the joke.

No! the insult came later in the week. Despatches from Montreal went to the extent of denying that any Quebec judge had ever said that it was punishment to live in Toronto. The kindly folk in Quebec went out of their way to explain that no one had stated that Toronto was worse than jail, prison, penitentiary. That was the real insult—to suggest that Toronto couldn't take a joke like that. The chances are that Toronto scarcely noticed the alleged reflection, except in a spirit of disappointment because it was not a little more pointed. It is easy to imagine a Torontonian rousing himself with a "Ha! here's a new one! Toronto worse than jail. Now that's a lot better than the old one about the man who spent a week in Toronto one Sunday!" It is easy also to vision The Toronto Telegram proving that the joke was only an old one after all. "Toronto worse than the pen!" the Toronto evening advocate would exclaim, "don't you see that the 'pen' must be the hog-pen, thus it is all that ancient joke about 'Hogtown'."

The Advance believes in the freedom of judges. Any judge who thinks it a punishment to have to live in Toronto should be able to say so, without anybody having to apologize for it afterwards. He might be right. Montreal has certainly had to stand enough jokes about that mysterious place called "James Street," where all the financial wickedness of the capitalistic world of Canada is supposed to be centred. Montreal hasn't said a word about it. Indeed, Montreal men like Sir Edward Beatty go all over Canada telling every town and city in the country that they are wonderful, and never once mentioning that anybody ever threw a reflection on Montreal.

In this age of the world and stage of circumstances everybody and everyplace has to learn to "take it" and pretend to like it. A few years ago Irishmen began to object to jokes about Pat and

Mike, and look at poor Ireland now! Years ago Russia seemed to be the only country where the Jews were persecuted. Is there any connection between the fact that there was a campaign against Jewish stage jokes, and the fact that in most European countries, people relieve their ignorance by killing off Hebrew people instead of telling stories about them? Even in Russia to-day a Jew isn't any safer than an ordinary Russian—which is hard luck.

With most of the world with a chip on the shoulder or a greedy look in the eye, every loyal Canadian will do all possible to prevent that sort of thing in this country. Accordingly, Quebec province should apologize to Toronto for apologizing to Toronto. Toronto can take a joke at its expense—indeed, is Scottish enough, to say, "hang the expense" in that regard. Toronto should be able to stand the odd joke. That City of the Good has had enough practice in that regard. Toronto can take it—has taken it—continues to take it. Let there be no insult to the contrary. Nobody in Ontario will turn a hair when Toronto is called Hog-town, Pigville, City of Churches, City of Saints, the Sad Sunday City, Penitentiary—City—on—the—Humber, or what have you! But to suggest that Toronto can't take all this with an extended smile—and both hands extended—is to court war and slaughter.

JOURNALIST IN JAIL?

Last week there was a lot of talk in the newspapers because an Edmonton newspaperman was thrust in jail. No doubt there are a lot of people who believe that all journalists should be in jail, but the trouble with that idea is that there are too many journalists and not enough jails. Also, it is a proven fact that it is much more profitable business for a democratic people to support its newspapermen in freedom rather than keep them in jail. Canadian newspapermen are quite ready to go to jail if the need arises, but the question for the people of Canada is whether this country can afford to have any material proportion of its newspapermen behind the bars—that is behind the bars of a jail. The incident at Edmonton last week should rouse the people of Canada to think about the matter. If Canadians wish to retain their liberty and rights — many of them being filched from them in quiet way from day to day—then they must more or less adopt John Dalton's motto—"We never sleep." The price of liberty still remains connected with the watchful public eye.

It might be as well to admit that the Edmonton journalist referred to was never really in jail. But it was intended that he should be, so far as the Alberta government was concerned. The correct expression for what happened to Don C. Brown, of The Edmonton Journal, was that he was in "technical custody." That is an expression reminiscent of reports from Russia and from Germany, and the methods adopted in Alberta were of the same foreign dictatorial type. Mr. Brown was alleged to have written in critical way of the parliamentary procedure of one member of the Alberta Legislature, and the wrath of the government was shown against him by the proceedings that placed him under "technical custody." The apparent intention was to keep him in technical custody at the pleasure of the Legislature, but better judgment prevailed and on Friday evening last the Legislature unanimously adopted a resolution by the Liberal party in the House to release Mr. Brown from the technical custody aforesaid.

It is a matter of no moment as to the grounds upon which Mr. Brown was placed under technical custody. He is reputed to be a journalist of experience, skill and good judgment, and his friends have vigorously denied that the offending article passed the bounds of truth or of fair criticism. If he had libelled any public man there was full recourse in the ordinary law. Indeed, the ordinary law leaves the newspapers perhaps too wide open in such cases. Before any penalty or any imprisonment could have been visited upon the journalist under the ordinary law, however, a fair trial would be necessary. He would be entitled to a fair hearing by his peers. Apparently, this British method was too slow and ineffective for the Alberta government, and so attempt was made to rush the alleged offender into "technical custody," as they have it in Russia, Germany, Italy and other lands where dictators hold sway, and common folk (like journalists) have no right and no redress. The parliaments of Canada and the provinces have certain powers in regard to comments on their proceedings, but in the past British precedent has been followed of using these powers very sparingly. Any other plan is a direct menace to the freedom of the press and the liberty of the subject. Every government in Canada that has attempted to use the powers possessed for upholding its dignity by summary arrest has suffered in public estimation as a result. It is difficult for British peoples to imagine a situation where governments would be immune from criticism. Such a situation implies the end of British freedom. Were criticism of the government punishable by technical custody, The Advance would have no sooner been released for criticism of the Farmer Government than it would have been back behind the bars for telling off Hon. Wm. Finlayson for neglect of roads in the North. Indeed, there would be another term now for what had to be said about Hon. Mr. Hepburn's treatment of this country in the first term of his government. To British minds that sort of thing is unthinkable. Unless



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Mr. "Spike" Price left on Friday to attend the hockey playoffs in Toronto.

Dr. and Mrs. McKeehan left on Friday to spend a few days in Toronto.

There were 18 coaches in the weekend excursion train leaving here last Friday.

Mr. Fred Miles, of Sudbury, returned home last week after visiting friends in Timmins and district.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Foster, of Toronto, were the guests last week of friends in Timmins.

Miss Mary Sharp returned last week to Sudbury after a visit to her mother, Mrs. L. A. Sharp, Timmins.

Messrs Dan Marshall and Tony Delmonte are spending the week-end in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Rosner are spending a few days in Toronto, and will return on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Norman Johns is spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Price, at Giroux Lake.

Miss W. D. Rutherford, formerly on the Timmins High School Staff, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Howse, 14 Maple street south.

Mr. E. C. Brewer, who is in St. Mary's hospital, having suffered from a slight touch of pneumonia, is steadily recovering his health, and is feeling much better to-day.

Mrs. Alfred Asselin, of Fort Coulonge, Quebec, arrived in town during the week-end, to visit with her daughter, Miss Irene Asselin, and with friends in town.

Mrs. A. P. Brennan, and Mrs. H. De-Mille left here on Friday for an extended holiday. They will spend a few days in Toronto, where Mrs. Brennan will visit her son, Andrew, at De La Salle "Oaklands," and will journey from there to Halifax, from where they will sail on the morning of April 2nd for British Guiana, also spending some time at Bermuda and Porto Rico.

the people of Canada prefer Soviet treason trials and Nazi purges, it might be well for the people to make it plain that this sort of thing will find no toleration here. No doubt some of the people may be amused by the idea that the newspapers have something to worry about now in regard to parties and governments. The truth is that it is really the public's worry. Newspapers can adapt themselves to such conditions better than the general public. It is a menace, of course, to a free press, but it is still more a dire danger to a free people.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Reduced tax rates appear to be a present fashion in the North. Haileybury's tax rate was recently reported as three mills less than last year, and New Liskeard's rate is down two mills from 1937. Last week Cochrane came along with a tax rate of 48 mills for 1938—two mills less than last year. What about Timmins? Why bring that up?

The chief point of interest in the much-heralded statement of Dr. H. S. Birkett, of Montreal, that pipe smoking is the most dangerous cause of cancer of the throat, is the opportunity it gives pipe manufacturers to announce over the radio that their particular forms of pipes are never the

WANT Ads

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FOR RENT—Six-roomed upstairs apartment, all conveniences, newly decorated. Apply 168 Elm Street South, Phone 609-W. 25-26p

Miss Elsie Sullivan is spending a few days in Toronto.

Jack and Louis Cohen visited Toronto over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Waller, of Sudbury, are visiting friends in Timmins.

Mr. A. E. Prout, of 167 Spruce street north, who has been quite ill for some days, is reported as being in much better health to-day.

Mrs. Ennis (nee Miss Gabriel Morin) of Sudbury, is visiting with her mother Mrs. J. E. Morin, of 58 Balsam street south.

Mrs. R. Turcotte, accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. Linney and Miss Ruby Turcotte, left on Friday for Toronto. Miss Ruby Turcotte will attend the funeral of Mrs. Block who died suddenly on Wednesday evening.

William Cummings, who is in charge of Doherty Roadhouse's office in New Liskeard, returned to Timmins for the week-end.

Mrs. Embleton, who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. Clifford Wingrove in town, returned to Toronto Sunday night.

Pretty Wedding at the United Church Saturday

The United Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday evening when Margaret Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, of Mountjoy street, became the bride of Mr. Michael Vince, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vince, of Timmins. Rev. W. M. Mustard officiated at the wedding. The witnesses were Miss Winnie Andrunyck and the bride's brother, Mr. Roy Wilson.

Football Outlook Bright This Year

A largely attended meeting of the Northern Ontario Football Association was held at Timmins Fire Department quarters on Saturday night and from the enthusiasm shown it would appear that the game is due for a big season here this year. Indications were that the local section of the group will have five teams, with entries expected from McIntyre, Hollinger, Pamour and Ankerite. While no definite statements were made it would seem that the clubs started some time ago to look for material and no doubt will field high class teams. Officials of the various clubs were asked to have their entries in the hands of the secretary as soon as possible. Wright Hargreaves and Lake Shore are scheduled to enter from Kirkland Lake.

Sudbury Star:—She was warned not to look a gift horse in the mouth, and responded that she always thought that business of looking in a horse's mouth was pretty silly anyway.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Newly built apartment house showing good returns on investment. Apply Sullivan & Newton, Insurance and Real Estate. -7-84f

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

IN MEMORIAM

MICHAELSON—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Minnie Michaelson, who passed away March 28th, 1937. Ever remembered by Husband and Family. -25

Another Infant's Body Sent by Mail

Second Gruesome Parcel Mailed in Toronto This Year.

The second dead body of an infant child to be mailed in Toronto this year was found in the mail collection delivered at Terminal A, Toronto, shortly after 9 o'clock on Friday morning. The body—that of a well-developed male child—was enclosed in a shoe box, which was wrapped in ordinary brown paper and tied with white cotton string. The parcel was unaddressed and without stamps or any marks likely to identify the sender. The postal clerks in charge of cancellation of stamps took the parcel to the supervising officer when it was seen that there were no stamps or address on the parcel. An investigation was immediately started, detectives being called in to assist on the case. It is only a few weeks ago that the body of a new-born infant was found in the Timmins post office. It was also in a shoe box and had been mailed from Toronto. There was a Timmins address on the parcel but the address appeared to be fictitious. Toronto police have been working on the case seeking to locate the sender, but up to the present appear to have met little success. Now they have a second case to work upon.

St. Mary's Journal-Argus—A minister had been on bad terms with his congregation, and eventually he decided to leave the parish. When preaching his farewell sermon he announced that he had been appointed chaplain to a well known prison. He gave out this text for his sermon: "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there ye may be also."

POSITION WANTED

POSITION WANTED—Capable woman wishes position as housekeeper or cook. References exchanged. Disengaged April 20th. Write Box B.R., The Advance. -25-26

WANTED POSITION as salesman, or other place of trust, by energetic and reliable man of character. Best of references. Apply to 12 Birch Street South, or phone 1647-W. -25p

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Poultry farm, capacity 1200 birds; 5 acres garden land, 4-roomed bungalow, all buildings new, 20 apple trees—4 years old; 15 miles east of Toronto. Price \$6000. \$2000 cash. Owner has other interests. Write L. C. Stut, Penetang, Ont., owner. -25

MORTGAGE SALE

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale by public auction, on Friday, the 8th day of April, 1938, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at Number 41 Montgomery Street in the Town of Timmins, by Herbert Warren, Auctioneer, the following property namely:

The Surface Rights of lot number 19, as shown on Plan M-56, Temiskaming, now deposited in the office of Land Titles at Cochrane.

There said to be a one and a half storey residence on the lands of brick veneer construction.

The sale shall be subject to a reserved bid. Terms: 25% of the purchase money to be paid down at the time of sale and the balance to be paid within ten days thereafter.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to HERMAN MOSCOE, Schumacher, Ontario, Solicitor for the Mortgagee. Dated the 19th day of March, A.D. 1938. -23-25-27.

Miss Nellie Ploplis to Leave for Sault Ste. Marie

Miss Nellie Ploplis entertained a group of her friends at her home, 185 Elm street north, on Thursday evening. Miss Ploplis will leave next week for Sault Ste. Marie, where she will enroll in training at the Sault hospital. The young ladies who were present at the party took several snapshots in remembrance of the occasion, and played games. The hostess served a delicious supper, and a happy evening was spent by her friends at this farewell gathering. Those who were present included: Misses Eileen, Helen and Elsie Sullivan, the Misses Boileau, Miss Senja Kyllonen, and Miss Bronie Ploplis.

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TOWN OF TIMMINS

NOTICE

Tenders will be received by the Town Clerk for 14 Firemen's Uniforms and extra pants; goods to be made of 22 ounce Indigo Serge. Tenders to be filed with Town Clerk on or before 12 noon, Thursday, March 31st, 1938.

Rouyn Council Asked to Stop Sunday Sale of Beer

Rouyn, Que., March 26—Rouyn council meeting on Tuesday evening took no action on a resolution, sponsored by La Federation des Femmes Canadiennes-Francaises, the League of the Sacred Heart, and two representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, that would have made the sale of beer illegal in Rouyn on Sunday.

Councillor Amedee Paquin, manager of the Quebec Liquor Commission's Rouyn store, sponsored the resolution that found no seconder. It would have asked the commission to cancel all dining room beer licenses in the town or change them to tavern licenses, thus making them impossible for hotels to serve beer in any room on Sunday. Letters from Bishop Rheume, Bishop of Haileybury diocese, and from Father Pelletier of St. Michael's church, favoured the proposal.

Vancouver Sun:—As the volume of the news from Europe continues to grow and swell in the newspaper offices, the conviction increases that the sane and measured utterances of Prime Minister Chamberlain express, as well as anything could, the type of thinking and the kind of action that are essential if the world's peace is to be maintained.