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THE RIGHT IDEA

A Timmins pioneer who happened to be born in a foreign country expressed an idea that should be more generally adopted by Canadians and New Canadians. "I just want to be British," he said. "I don't want Fascism or Communism or anything else. I just want to be British. I could not live happily in my own country. That is the reason I came to Canada. I have done well here, though not as well as some other people who want to risk changing it all by having Fascism or Communism. What I remember all the time is that in none of the foreign countries that I know could I be really a free man like I am here. I wouldn't dare, for instance, talk like this in my own country. Unless you change with the government there, you find it very hard on your neck. You have no security. You are not left alone to go along and try to make your own way and be happy. They all have different "isms," but they all mean the same thing in the long run—it just means that somebody is not only telling you what you must do, but also what you must think."

Asked if he thought the British system perfect, he replied that he had not been worrying much about that. "I hardly expect anything perfect till I get to Heaven," he said, "and these dictator fellows all seem to be closing up Heaven, or trying to."

"The way I look at it," he concluded, "is that Canada gives people far more opportunity for life, business, progress, culture, happiness, than any of these ism-ridden lands, and on top of that let's a fellow do some thinking on his own, and he can even talk out loud without being shot or castrated. It suits me. So I'm all for the Canadian way—the British way."

CANCELLED

Do you ever notice the cancellation stamp on letters going through the mail? Most people do not. The average man does well, indeed, if he notices the address enough not to be opening letters addressed to his wife. The average man just glances at the envelope and then tears it open. Of course, the average woman is supposed to look at the address, turn the letter over several times, even study the postmark, and guess as to the probable writer of the letter. Also, it is stated on the most ancient and reliable authority that Scotsmen carefully scan the unopened letter to be sure that the stamp or stamps are thoroughly cancelled so as to preclude the chance of using them again. Despite these probable slanders it is safe to say that cancellation stamps are little read by the wayfaring folks receiving mail. The old style of cancellation was simply a blur that defaced the stamp and made it useless for further use by the thrifty. In more recent years, however, the custom has developed of cancelling stamps on letters by stamping across their face nearly everything from plain publicity to sloppy slogans. "Support the Red Cross!" "Attend the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto!" "Buy a Government Bond!" These are a few of the phrases with which postage stamps have been cancelled. Last week a peculiar cancellation on one envelope happened to strike the eye, and led to noting other cancellations used. Reading some of the news from Montreal it might be expected that the stamps on letters from that centre might be cancelled with a row of swastikas, but instead the cancellation was no more than a row of crooked lines, without any reference to St. James Street. The Timmins cancellation carried the words:—"Give Your Change of Address to the Postmaster." That is good advice, if anybody needs it. Probably, now that it is repeated in these columns where everybody will notice it, there may be effectiveness to the slogan. What with the changes in street numbers of houses some weeks ago, the changing in box numbers in more recent weeks, the discontinuance of a number of boxes, and other happenings, a lot of people scarcely know their own address or even where they live. As soon as they find out, they certainly should tell the postmaster, not to mention the grocer, the butcher, the baker, the milkman, the coalman, the candlestick maker, and everybody else, except the bill collector. Trust the latter to find out, even though the postmaster doesn't know.

And Toronto! Now what do you imagine the Toronto cancellation stamp says? Just two words: "Observe Sunday!" It's just like Toronto's presumption to cancel a stamp on letters coming to the North with words like that. "Observe Sunday!" Hasn't the North always observed Sunday? Hasn't the North observed every day of the week? Indeed, quite a few people believe that the North observes Sunday too much and in too many ways. If Toronto means by observing Sunday the idea of going to church, the North still may consider the advice as superfluous. On Sunday The Advance staff photographer took a picture of one local church, already filled to capacity, and with a couple of hundred people on the steps and the walk in front unable to gain entry. Other churches in the town had similar experience on Sunday. If by the phrase, "Observe Sunday," Toronto means what

most people mean when they use the words, then it would have been more seemly for Toronto to have used a cancellation stamp asking all to notify the postmaster of their new address, while the North might well have sent Toronto letters bearing the bold black inscription, "Observe Sunday!" Once Toronto, known as the "City of Churches" and the "Home of the Good," observed Sunday by dropping all business and more or less spending the day in quiet at home and in song and meditation at church. But to-day the people of Toronto simply motor out of the city and leave visitors to the city to face the inconvenience of not being able to buy a newspaper or a packet of cigarettes. To "Observe Sunday" the Toronto way these days would seem to be to buy a sweepstakes ticket or take the girl to a beverage room, these being the latest contributions to the moral uplift of the province imposed upon the people chiefly and mainly through Toronto influence.

CHAMBERLAIN JUSTIFIED

At the week-end there came the pleasing news that Italy and Britain had agreed upon a treaty of friendship. Thus is the stand of Premier Chamberlain fully justified. This treaty promises to do more to assure peace in Europe than anything else that has appeared on the political horizon since the Great War. There is the further cheering news that the probabilities are very great that a similar treaty of friendship will be signed between France and Italy. With France, Italy and Britain firm and understanding allies, their influence and power is almost sure to prevent further aggression in Europe. Students of European politics are inclined to believe that an alliance of Italy, France and Britain means security and peace for Europe. But even though war should prove inevitable, credit must be given to Premier Chamberlain's diplomacy for placing Britain in a position to uphold the right. Surely it is apparent to those tintured with red or pink who attempted to stampee Britain into a war with the Fascist nations on behalf of Spain—or Austria—or any place else—that Britain and France would have been forced to face the danger and bear the burden alone—with the Fascist nations ranged against them. It is something worth while to know now that if such an issue is forced, Italy will be with the British and the French, instead of against them. It is a case of another ally, instead of another enemy, in the event that war does come. If France and Italy now join in a treaty of friendship, the integrity of Czechoslovakia would seem assured. Italy and Britain had been traditional friends and allies for years until their recent estrangement over Ethiopia. It will be popular in both countries that they have renewed their friendship.

Despatches reaching Canada on Saturday say that the points covered by the treaty include:

1. Britain and Italy will maintain their present positions in the Red Sea and Mediterranean.
2. Italy will seek no territorial or political rights in Spain.
3. Britain and Italy will not interfere with shipping in the Mediterranean and the route east.
4. The Ethiopian frontier will be sharply defined to prevent interference with Italian dominance within the country proper.
5. Italy will adhere to free navigation of the Bosphorus and Dardanelles, as provided in the Montreux Convention.
6. Britain and Italy will exchange information about military activities in the Mediterranean area.
7. Italy will respect Britain's dominance of Aden, at southern entrance to the Red Sea.
8. Italy will not interfere with the flow of Lake Tana, headwaters of the Nile.

Formal signing of the treaty is not to take place until Great Britain has recognized the conquest of Ethiopia and Italy has withdrawn her "volunteers" from the Spanish civil war.

Criticism of the treaty will be centred against two special points—the recognition of Ethiopia, and Italy's part in the Spanish trouble. Many people feel that Italy's conquest of Ethiopia should not be justified or condoned. Those who feel that way should face the facts. Britain was unable to save Ethiopia, and the fact cannot be gainsaid that Ethiopia is now completely under Italian dominance. To recognize Italian occupancy of Ethiopia is no more than to acknowledge the fact. If Britain could not risk war to save Ethiopia, would it be sensible to risk war to-day in this behalf when the harm has all been done and no good may be accomplished?

It is likely that the most noise in opposition to the treaty will come in regard to the Spanish situation. Such opposition will be organized by postmasters in the art of propaganda and parade. It should not, however, be taken too seriously. From the beginning the war in Spain was a fight between Fascists and Communists. At first there was attempt on both sides to disguise this fact. When Toronto communists organized a Canadian battalion to fight in Spain, further proof was given of the truth that it was a battle between communists and fascists. Both fascist and communist dictatorships are completely foreign to British ideals. British peoples might well be careless as to which of these objectionable political forces triumph. If they do, the new government of Spain will form little danger for other nations. It will have all it can manage to look after its own affairs. The treaty pledges that Italy will seek no territorial or political preferences in the new Spain, and it is logical to add that Italy will not permit other fascist nations any greater privileges. There is indeed the hope that the new Spain, after a brief



"I get out more now"

Aunt Ess, she lives with us you know, hasn't been well lately and couldn't bear to be left alone. She said she couldn't see to knit, to do anything to amuse herself so I had to stay with her practically all the time. Jim thought it had gone about far enough and took her down to Mr. Curtis. He fitted her with glasses and now she's as happy as a lark as she reads and sews by herself . . . and of course I'm a free woman again. Properly fitted glasses are a wonderful thing."

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LOCALS

- Mr. Geo. Skelly is spending the Easter holidays at Kirkland Lake.
- Miss Edith Kilgour, of Toronto, was a visitor to Timmins last week.
- Miss Rose Fasano spent Easter at her home in Cochrane.
- Miss Barbara Lowe spent the Easter holiday in Toronto.
- Miss Grace Yull is spending the Easter holidays at Kirkland Lake.
- Misses Tina and Isobel Lang spent Easter visiting friends in Halleybury.
- Mr. J. Roberge, formerly of Timmins, but now of The Rouyn-Noranda Press staff, was a Timmins visitor last week.
- Miss Eleanor Lawson, teacher of the Oba public school, is home for the Easter vacation.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. Sullivan, of New Liskeard, spent Easter with friends in town.
- Mrs. J. Malouin and son, Jimmy, left on Thursday to visit friends in Cochrane for the holiday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Holden, of Hamilton, were guests last week of friends in Timmins.
- Mrs. Garbutt, of Toronto, is spending the Easter holiday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Rinn.
- Miss Mary Spencer, R.N., of Cochrane, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Mumford, Schumacher.
- Mrs. Guy Redden of 37 Columbus avenue, who underwent an operation in St. Mary's hospital on Friday is making excellent progress to recovery.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pickering during Easter, are Mrs. Lee (sister of Mrs. Pickering) of Toronto, and Miss Jean Giles (Mrs. Pickering's niece).

Mrs. Labow (nee Chaire Halperin), of Kirkland Lake, is spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Halperin, 7 Maple street south.

period of fascist dictatorship may be able to win its way back to democracy.

In any event true lovers of peace will feel reassured when the treaty of friendship between Italy and France is actually signed and in force. At present it has been initiated and approved by both nations and only awaits the recognition of Italy's right to Ethiopia, and the withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain, to make it actual fact.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

It's odd that some people who are ready to scorn talk of "spy" scares on the national horizon, should be ready to see espionage at home. A committee, or delegation, or something, in Toronto last week suggested that the mines had a spy ring at Kirkland Lake and that there were also spies at work in the mines in Porcupine. These spies are supposed to inform on those active in labour matters. Kirkland Lake must answer for itself, but so far as Porcupine mines are concerned the spy system is what is technically known as "baloney." Proof of this may be gathered from the bills and placards bedecking posts and other places nearly any day, and circulars frequently distributed. These will give the names of officers of labour unions, and still these officers are unmolested in their jobs, and some of them hold good positions at that. The mines need no spies for any such purpose. Union members in this camp do not make any secret of

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Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Honey and family spent Easter at Kirkland Lake.

Mr. C. A. Remus is visiting Kirkland Lake today.

Mrs. Magder (nee Rose Bucovetsky) is spending a few days at the home of her father, Mr. Sam Bucovetsky.

Councillor Karl Eyre and Master Gordon moved to Toronto last week where they will meet Mrs. Eyre on her return from Florida. They are expected back on Thursday of this week.

Misses Margaret and Gertrude ("Eunnie") Burke are spending the Easter holidays at their home in town, the former being enrolled at Marymount College, Tarrytown, New York and the latter a student at St. Joseph's College, Toronto.

Mr. N. R. Arthur, mining editor of The Rouyn-Noranda Press, was a visitor to Timmins last week, and called on old friends here, including The Advance, where he was a member of the staff for a couple of years.

Friends in Timmins and district will be interested in the following item from the local and personal items in last Thursday's New Liskeard Speaker:—"Mr. F. E. Thompson, superintendent of the Northern Telephone Co., who was taken to Toronto for medical treatment, is making satisfactory progress and is expected home the end of the week."

A new code for prices in barber shops at Kirkland Lake and Swastika went into effect last Wednesday. Prices at Kirkland Lake are now much the same as at Timmins. Haircuts at Kirkland Lake now cost fifty cents, and the ordinary shave, twenty-five cents. The code came as a result of the organization of the Kirkland Lake barbers in January, Louis Fine, industrial standards officer of the Ontario Government being present.

Some Sampling on Yama Gold Shows Grade of \$10

A progress report from Dr. H. G. Way, received at the head office of Yama Gold Mines Ltd., Toronto and dated the 11th of April states that "Completion of surface sampling on No. 1 trench shows an average grade of \$10.01 per tons over a true width of 30 ft. 4 ins. The programme of diamond drilling is now under way and assays should be available shortly since No. 1 hole has already been completed."

Dr. Way also states, "The surface crew is immediately engaged in working on the band of iron formation that extends across the Northeast portion of the Northeast claim of the Sherman group. The geological conditions associated with this occurrence are the finest that I have yet encountered in this area. The band of iron formation is at least 25 ft. in width, in immediate contact with an excellent quartz porphyry dyke, showing massive sulphides. I strongly recommend that samples from this occurrence be assayed for nickel and platinum as well as gold and rare minerals, such as may occur in massive sulphides of this type."

Two Men are Arrested on Disorderly Charges

Frank Arko and Louis Kramer, alleged principals in an altercation at a local cafe here early Saturday morning, were arrested by local police and will appear in police court on Tuesday charged with disorderly conduct.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—150-acre farm for sale. Good barn and house. 35 acres cleared. At Sandy Falls. Apply 18 Windsor Ave. -30-31p

Four Boys and Man Drown at Sudbury

Adult Loses Life in Trying to Rescue Boys.

Sudbury, April 16—Four boys, the oldest only ten years old, and an adult were drowned on Friday in the ice-flecked waters of Black Lake, two miles from Sudbury. John Dinwoodie was the man who lost his life in a vain attempt to rescue the children. His brother, George, narrowly escaped death in the same attempt at rescue. Two other boys, the only survivors of a crew of five in a small boat, were rescued. The drowned children were: Lawrence Ross, 9, Gerald Ross, 8, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ross; Paul Ranger, 6, Armand Ranger, 10, sons of Armand Ranger. The two boys saved were Rennie Ross, 7 years, and Demosse Spencer, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spencer.

The tragedy occurred near Sudbury where the boys were on a forbidden fishing trip. They had an old and defective home-made punt, taken without the owner's consent or knowledge. The boat capsized and the screams of the frightened boys attracted the attention of the Dinwoodie brothers who went out in their canoe to attempt a rescue. It is said that the canoe also was overturned when the rescuers reached the scene of the accident. George Dinwoodie, who was himself rescued by George Delongchamp, who rowed out in a boat and dragged him from the water, was unable to tell clearly what had happened. When he and his brother reached the boys it appears that the youngsters were so panic-stricken that all was confusion. When the Dinwoodie boat was overturned the panic was still further increased. John Dinwoodie jumped in the water and tried to grab as many of the boys as he could to save them from drowning. The little Spencer lad is credited with saving Rennie Ross. Spencer swam to a raft and clung to it, pulling Rennie along by the hair, thus keeping him afloat. The bodies of John Dinwoodie and the four children apparently went down together. All the bodies were recovered in a short time.

Thinks Hon. H. H. Stevens Took in Too Much Ground

(From Peterborough Examiner)
 Hon. H. H. Stevens, M.P., who is leader and the entire membership as well of the Reconstructionist party in the Commons, is credited with having stated during a debate that "there was not a single municipality in the whole Dominion which was not either bankrupt or facing bankruptcy."

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. 4411

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This is one case where we hope Mr. Stevens will return to the scene and claim he has been misquoted. If he has been correctly reported then he has said something which never should have been said. He is merely crying about woe in the land of confusion and stringency which has fallen upon the people. There is no hope in him.

Peterborough is not bankrupt, nor is it facing bankruptcy. It is actually in a sound financial condition. Its methods of financing are better and safer than those followed by the Dominion or Provincial governments. According to the last report of the city auditor the city is spending a little less than it receives, and Ottawa and Toronto are not in that safe position.

The city has a debenture debt but it has a fully-sustained sinking fund to meet the obligations represented in these debentures. When Peterborough borrows money by way of debentures—which has not been done in several years—provision is at once made for the setting aside of enough each year to discharge that debt at maturity. Ottawa follows no such plan; neither does our legislature at Toronto.

Peterborough has paid in cash out of its current tax levy year after year the amount required for relief. It is the application of the old pay-as-you-go plan, and that of course is foreign to either Federal or municipal financing.

Miss Isobel Archibald, of Toronto, spent the Easter holidays with her brother, Gordon, and Mrs. Archibald here.

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Heavy Fines Imposed On Kirkland Men

Two Assessed \$1000 and Another \$500

At Kirkland Lake on Thursday Magistrate Atkinson imposed the sentences deferred the previous week on the three men convicted under the Ontario Securities Act of selling securities without licenses. Two of the men, Frank Vesel and Louis Stanich, were fined \$1000 each, and costs, or three months. The third man, Joseph Reuch, was fined \$500 and costs, or sixty days.

The complainant in the case was Arthur Verity of the Ontario Securities Commission. The charges came from the sale of interest in shares of vendor's stock in a company to be formed on nineteen claims in Duparquet township.

Evidence presented in the cases showed that various sums ranging from \$500 had been collected by Frank Vesel, salesman of the company. Testimony at the trial also indicated that none of the defendants had been licensed by the Securities Commission to sell shares, though they must have known—or should have known—that such a license was necessary. Sales had been made, or attempted to be made, not only in the Kirkland Lake area, but also in Timmins. The Stanich Gold Mines, Ltd. was formed with a capitalization of \$1 per value.

their affiliations. The only "spies" that can be found in any of the mines here are employed for another purpose—to seek to reduce the losses from high-grading. It is known that the gold stolen from the mines of the district reaches a large total each year, and the mines no doubt feel justified in trying to protect themselves in this particular. But "spies" to catch those active in labour interests or even in agitation are as unnecessary as they are non-existent.

Don't forget the war in China! Other interests may have thrust it into the background, but it is still in progress, so far, at least, as the Chinese are concerned. Recent reports suggest that the Chinese are inflicting serious losses on the invaders. The Japanese have even made overtures for peace, and now find themselves in the position of the man who had the bull by the tail—it seems impossible to hang on, and dangerous to let go.

Premier Chamberlain is quoted as saying that he will "eat his hat" if he is wrong in his ideas on the European situation. Looking at the new Easter millinery it is more reasonable to believe that Mr. Chamberlain said he would "eat his wife's hat."

Once upon a time it was said that the bottom dropped out of Cobalt mines. Last week, however, it was the top that dropped out of them, almost putting the T. & N. O. in a hole.