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## ABOUT SWIMMING POOLS

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a letter from Mr. T. A. Skelly, chairman of the public school board. Mr. Skelly gives earnest support to the proposal made by Councillor W. Roberts that the town build and operate a swimming pool at the town park at Gillies Lake. This letter of Mr. Skelly's is well worthy of careful consideration. Mr. Skelly rightly emphasizes the need for safe and convenient swimming and bathing facilities for the children of the town. It is easy to agree with Mr. Skelly that a swimming pool at Gillies Lake would be much better than the counter proposal to establish a larger swimming place some distance from the town. The latter project has too many serious disadvantages. To be of value the swimming and bathing facilities must be convenient, or else they will not be able to successfully compete with the nearer, but dangerous swimming places now available. It would appear that to meet the needs of the town to-day more than one swimming place will have to be provided. When giving his letter to The Advance, Mr. Skelly suggested that perhaps as many as four swimming places conveniently located might be needed for Timmins. These four places would cost less than one large one to accommodate all the town, and they would meet the needs much better. It would be well to try out one this year. Councillor Roberts deserves credit for pressing his suggestion in the interests of the children and the town. The cost will not be prohibitive, or even burdensome. The town owns the Gillies Lake park and should take the necessary steps to make it of more service and value to the people. Councillor Roberts seems to be absolutely right in his idea that the town should make the most and the best possible of the park facilities at Gillies Lake before embarking on any more grandiloquent ventures.

## GOVERNMENT SHOULD HELP

In Thursday's issue The Advance published pictures of the new dam on the Frederickhouse river, together with a review of this notable work. This new huge dam is a credit to the engineering skill necessary for its construction. It is equally a credit to the enterprise and foresight of the Hydro Electric Commission and the Provincial Government. To that extent, it is something in which to take pride. But there is a feature of the matter that is not so pleasing. The completion of the dam means that twenty or more families at Barber's Bay will lose their homes. When the dam is in use these families will be flooded out. They have already received due notice that they must move. So far as the law is concerned they have no right in the matter. They are in the eyes of the law simply squatters—interlopers, trespassers, what you will. But in a moral sense, they have some rights that should be respected. Some of them have been for fifteen to twenty years in undisturbed possession of the land upon which they have built their little homes. Some of them bought the land from others, in good faith, believing that they were acquiring rights that would be respected. Moreover, they have been paying school taxes for years, and could scarcely be blamed if they believed that by accepting taxes on the properties the government was admitting their rights to the property thus taxed. It may be that if the twenty or more settlers had the money to finance lawsuits to enforce their rights, the courts might take cognizance of the tacit admission that they had some colour of right to the property, or why impose taxes on them in regard to that property. Lack of money, however, will prevent any appeal to the law in this regard. The settlers at Barber's Bay are poor people who can take no effective measures to protect the rights they feel they ought to have. For this very reason, the Ontario Government should do something about it. It would be a splendid gesture on the part of the government, if it would say something like this to the people affected at Barber's Bay:—"We are sorry that we have to move you from your homes, but that is absolutely necessary for the cause of progress. We are not, however, going to leave you homeless. We are simply going to move your homes to another location just as good as the one you have to leave."

Speaking of progress, is it not a fact that under the cloak of progress harsh things are often done—things that appear unnecessary after all. In this matter, surely, governments should set an example to private enterprise. Yet private enterprise has indicated time and again how progress may be carried along without harshness to the poor who may be affected. There was a recent case in the Porcupine camp where a projected public building made necessary the removal of a building on the property of a private individual. The very first offer of the mine concerned was a generous price for the land desired, the free removal of the shed and its erection anywhere desired. The mine did not stand on legal rights, but recognized the truth of the fact that the less hard-

ship progress entails on others, the more truly is it progress.

In the case of the houses that will be flooded out at Barber's Bay, the government would do well to show a generous attitude. The legal rights in the case in this age of the world are chiefly of academic interest. Human rights should have precedence. It would cost the government but a pittance to move the Barber's Bay homes from the area to be flooded to another site on government land about a mile away. Some of the settlers concerned have no way to do this moving themselves and they are utterly unable to pay for it. It would be a small chore for the engineering and moving skill that the Ontario Government departments can muster at short notice. It would leave the huge new dam project on the Frederickhouse river as a real all-round evidence of progress, without unnecessary hardship on those who have had little enough of ease or luck or prosperity in their lives. The Advance would like to see the member for this riding, Mr. C. V. Gallagher, take up this question with the Ontario Premier and Cabinet. With the case presented as Mr. Gallagher could present it on behalf of the people concerned, it seems certain that Premier Heppburn and his Cabinet will adjust the matter so that instead of the people of Barber's Bay being robbed of their humble homes, they will be re-established elsewhere in better condition and circumstances than they have been in the area about to be flooded.

## GOOD NEWS FROM CHINA

It appears that dictators are so busy telling others what to think that they have no time to think themselves. Certainly if dictators took off time these days to do a little thinking of their own, they would consider the case of China and Japan and decide that might is not always right—that the race is sometimes won by the lame. The news coming recently from China is taken by other nations—Britain and her Dominions, France, the United States—as good news. That is another thing that the dictators might ponder. Why is there such general delight in Canada, for instance, because the Japanese are being beaten in China? It is not because of any racial prejudice. For years the Japanese were allies of Great Britain, and until the commencement of the present war in China, the general feeling seemed to follow the lines of preferring the Japanese to the Chinese. There was an idea that the Japanese was more modern in his outlook, a more presentable fellow. It is true that Canada has a large proportion of Chinese in its population. It is true that the Chinaman has won a name for himself for sterling honesty, for quiet, peaceful good citizenship. Yet it is the fact that this was not fully realized by most people until the present war in China was well under way. Canadians had so little knowledge or appreciation of its Chinese citizens (most of whom, by the way are British citizens) that it was a common thing to hear people say:—"I can't tell one Chinaman from another." Yet to-day the average man accepts news of Chinese victories or advances with almost as great pleasure as if they were British successes. Why? That would be another thing for dictators to think about—if they had time for thinking.

Instead of swapping boasts in Rome, the dictators to-day would be doing a lot of thinking on the probable eventualities—were they a thinking people. They would think of the present in the light of the history of the past. Rome once had its legions that in all the bounds of logic must conquer the world and hold it. History upsets the logic. In 1914 the German war machine was invincible; in truth, it was from every scientific and material viewpoint. There was nothing to make its defeat possible—except the power of humanity that is greater than the machinery that men make. China had no earthly chance against the military might of Japan as the present war opened. Yet what has happened? After a series of defeats that seemed to prove the truth of logic, the Chinese have turned the tables. In the recent battles over Suchow, the pick of Japanese troops were surrounded and almost annihilated by ill-armed and poorly-equipped Chinese troops. This is said to be the first field defeat of Japanese infantry in history. To the dictators, it must seem against all sense, all logic. But it is the fact, and were dictators thinking men, they would be thinking hard as to the inner meaning of it all.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Were it possible to view the agitators in a detached sort of way, their antics would rouse nothing but ridicule and scorn. Consider the case of the communists, for instance. In Canada, the communist agitation was carried on chiefly by paid aliens who would confess when pressed that they could not live themselves in Russia, but were advocating the people here to turn this country into a similar unhealthy state. Perhaps, the most glaring sample of this perverted idiocy of the agitator was given last week in New York. A Negro—of all people—mounted a soap box to plead for government by dictators. He wanted two Hitlers to persecute the Jews in the United States he said. And this demented Negro chose Manhattan's east side as the site for his soap box. This section of the city is overwhelmingly Jewish and the deluded Darky soon found himself in danger when the crowd naturally, and literally, "took him up." The crowd used no violence on him—simply took him in charge, as it were. But the Negro, who answered to the name of Yokum Washington ("Hokum" would have been a better first name) was



Mr. Francis Trench returned Sunday from a short visit to Toronto.

Tom Brown, of the Bank of Commerce staff, is spending two weeks at his home in Oshawa.

Mrs. N. Rihinen returned last week after spending a few days visiting her daughter, Maila, in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kerr, of Noranda, are the guests of Mrs. Kerr's sister at Timmins.

Mrs. R. Turcotte has returned from Toronto where she was a patient at the Toronto General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gendron, of Montreal, spent a few days last week the guests of friends in Timmins and other towns in the North.

Mrs. Len R. Hopkins, of Porcupine, is expected home today after spending the past two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Deagle, in Island Falls Junction.

Miss Grace Yull returned on Sunday after a holiday spent visiting friends in Kirkland Lake. She was accompanied by Miss Betty Tolman, who is spending a few days in town.

Mr. T. Del Villano, formerly of Timmins and for some time manager of the theatre at South Porcupine, but now of New Liskeard, spent the week-end visiting his parents and relatives and friends in town.

Mrs. Roy Behie and little daughters, June and Beverley Ann, of Kirkland Lake, are spending three weeks with Mrs. Behie's mother, Mrs. J. L. Hopkins, Porcupine Junction.

Miss Mary McGregor and her brother, Mr. Howard McGregor, and Messrs. Syd Grahame and Joe McIntyre spent the week-end visiting friends in Cochrane.

Mrs. S. Greenwood returned recently to her home at New Liskeard after visiting her son, Mr. Fred Greenwood, and her daughter, Mrs. Twamley, Timmins.

Mr. Arne Simola returned last week after completing a course in mechanics at Vancouver, B.C., to spend a few weeks at his home before taking a position.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips (nee Ina Rein) arrived in Pottsville last week from Detroit, and are making their home with Mrs. Phillip's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Rein.

Mr. F. W. Schumacher, of Columbus, Ohio, was a visitor last week to the town named in his honour. Mr. Schumacher maintains a steady and generous interest in the town of Schumacher, Ontario, and always enjoys his visits there.

## Fire is Discovered by Firemen on Way to Work

Even without their regular equipment, Timmins firefighters are characteristically resourceful. Last Friday morning Captain Jim Morton and four other members of the brigade were on their way to the station house on foot when they noticed a chimney on fire at 7 Birch street north. The quintette had the situation well in hand in a short time and one of the men remained at the scene until the chimney burned itself out. There were no alarms on Sunday, one call to a chimney fire at 14 Moneta avenue being made on Saturday evening.

greatly alarmed. Passing a fire alarm box, he took the desperate expedient of turning in an alarm in the hopes that the firemen would rescue him. They did, but also they had him arrested on charges of malicious mischief and turning in a false fire alarm. It would all be amusing only, were it not for the dire difficulty of dealing with these agitators who have no sense of humour, no sense of the ridiculous, no sense of decency, no sense of any kind.

Despatches state that the visit of Hitler to Italy will cost the people of Italy a total of twenty million dollars in cash. This may seem incredible, but the statisticians have worked it all out in logical way until it appears reasonable enough. The cost of the aeroplane displays, the cost of the military exhibitions, the various other forms of entertainment for Hitler and the regular army of retainers that accompanied him to Italy—this would all entail a cost that might not be extreme at twenty million dollars. It is to be hoped that the cost of the visit will be confined to cash alone for Italy, even though it be as much as twenty millions.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, of New Liskeard, today are celebrating the 68th anniversary of their wedding, and very rightly much is being made of the fact. To few, indeed, comes the honour of celebrating 68 years of happy married life. It suggests a remarkable length of life. But in recognizing this fact, it should be noted that Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson have greater claims to true fame than the simple accident of longevity. The length of their years is secondary to the quality of their lives. They have pioneered two different sections of Ontario, helping in the growth and development of centres in which they may well take pride. It is more important that their garden at New Liskeard is a proverb in the North—that they have

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## IN MEMORIAM

McHUGH—In loving memory of our dear father, W. G. McHugh, who passed on May 10th, 1937. The flowing stream of life rolls on. But still the vacant chair. Recalls the love, the voice, the smile. Of him who once sat there. His life was one long sacrifice. His heart was true and tender. He toiled so hard for those he loved. Then left us to remember. —Ever remembered by Son and Daughter-in-Law. -37p

## IN MEMORIAM

McHUGH—In ever loving memory of our dear Father, Wm. G. McHugh, who passed away in St. Mary's hospital, May 10th, 1937. A wonderful father, companion and aid. One who was better, God never made; A wonderful worker, faithful and true. One in a million, that father, was you. Just in your judgment, always right. Honest and loyal, ever upright; Loved by your friends, all whom you knew. A wonderful father, that father was you. —Always remembered and sadly missed by his Daughter and Son-in-Law, Lizzie and Harrison. -37

## Successful Tea in Aid of New Italian Church

A very successful tea in aid of the Italian Church was held at the home of Mrs. John Carnovale, 30 Sixth avenue, on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. G. B. Hamilton presided at the table and Misses Lillian Mascoll and Theresa Vitummo served tea. The tables were arranged in a very pleasing manner, with bouquets of roses and mixed flowers to give a delightful finishing touch. A "lucky box" containing a luncheon cloth and bureau scarf, was won by Miss Flora Spadafora with the ticket 15c.

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was given last week when nurses and supplies were flown in to save the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Spiers, formerly of the Dome, but now of the interior of the Red Lake area, where Mr. Spiers is manager of a mine at Middle Bay. Mr. Spiers, who was for years at the Dome, was stricken with pneumonia, and Mrs. Spiers also contracted the same disease. Dr. D. G. Revell sent out a call for medical aid and for nurses and supplies. Wings Limited answered the call, making an epic flight against rain and winds, taking supplies and three nurses. Word later last week from Middle Bay said that Mr. and Mrs. Spiers were making good progress to recovery.

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