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A TRIBUTE TO DR. MOORE

It is a generous tribute that the present Medical Health Officer for the town, Dr. McInnis, pays to his predecessor, Dr. H. H. Moore, in a report on health conditions in Timmins published elsewhere in this issue. There is double pleasure in reading the good words of Dr. McInnis. It is in keeping with the fine sportsmanship of Dr. McInnis that he should make occasion to give credit where it is due. The tribute is one that is richly deserved. Dr. McInnis does not exaggerate the matter when he says that this community owes Dr. Moore a sincere debt of gratitude. The record of Timmins in the matter of health is a most pleasing one. It is different from that of most of the mining towns and the other new communities of the North. Most of them have suffered severely from typhoid epidemics; some of them have had smallpox epidemics; and nearly all of them, at least in their early history, have found that community health was to be safeguarded or there is a serious price to pay. In a new town, and especially in a mining town, health is the last thing considered. Thanks to Dr. Moore this was not the case in the early days of Timmins. To use one of the phrases of the day, he made the people "health-conscious." He had to battle all the way, but fortunately he was a bonny fighter when it came to defending the people's health. He believed in preparedness—the real defence. Twenty years ago he was battling with the council to secure a pure and adequate water supply. When that was arranged, he led in the battle for pasteurization of milk. These were his main attacks to prevent typhoid from securing any foothold here. He supported these drives with efforts for full disposal plant facilities and extension of the sewerage system. His battle against smallpox was equally effective. He popularized vaccination in the schools, urged this method of prevention upon adults, and persistently pleaded for proper isolation hospital facilities. While there have been a couple of minor outbreaks of smallpox in town, there has never been a real epidemic of the disease—thanks very largely to Dr. Moore. It was the same way with diphtheria. He preached inoculation against this disease for years. The record shows how well he did his work. The number of diphtheria cases in Timmins in the history of the town is small, indeed. The average year passed without a single case. It is impossible to take from Dr. Moore the major part of the credit for the health of the town. In this connection it is well to remember some of the difficulties he had to surmount. The files of The Advance show literally scores of meetings of council where Dr. Moore appeared to urge some health measure. His persistence, his grasp of the subject, and above all his earnestness and tact, sooner or later won out in most cases. There is one exception—that of a proper isolation hospital for the town. That was something that Dr. Moore urged for years. It is interesting to note that Dr. McInnis is carrying on the good work in this, as in other particulars.

Dr. Moore is not the type that would particularly care for an article like this. He did the work of Medical Health Officer practically without fee, and he did not even ask credit or praise for his work. He would be especially displeased at such a reference as this, if it failed to record one other fact—that the other medical men, the nurses and others of kindred professions gave him very general support and co-operation. It is true that much of his notable value to the town and the town's health was due to the fact that he was able to secure the co-operation of all in the good work. It is not luck that Timmins is now "one of the healthiest towns in the Dominion," to use the words of Dr. McInnis. Timmins has purchased its comparative health by the same plan that it has bought its comparative freedom from fire. An effective fire prevention and fire fighting organization, with something approaching adequate equipment, has given Timmins its "luck" in the matter of fires. An able organization to guard community health, with support from the medical and allied professions, and with the co-operation of the public has given the town its "luck" in health.

There will be a general belief that Timmins' chief "luck" in the matter of health lies in its Medical Health Officers. Most people feel that Dr. McInnis will carry on the good work of his predecessor, and that he, too, will have the support of all the doctors, nurses and others directly concerned. In this particular week—"Clean-up Week"—it is especially timely to urge a continuance and extension of the support of the general public. With this co-operation assured, Timmins will continue to be "one of the healthiest towns in the Dominion"—a proud and pleasant title for any town.

SAUCE FOR THE GANDER

In replying to some criticism of Rev. J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., The Globe and Mail suggests that the C.C.F. leader has never done anything to help Canada, but rather has devoted his whole time to

keeping his seat secure in parliament by preying on class prejudices. This suggestion will be mortally offensive to Rev. Mr. Woodsworth's followers who will assert with great force that he is unselfish and sincere. How do they expect people in general to believe this when their friend sees nothing but improper motives in everybody else? There may be some not connected with the C.C.F. who will think The Globe and Mail's suggestion a little harsh. Such people should remember that those who are forever seeing evil and crookedness in all but themselves are setting the standards by which they themselves are judged. If Rev. Mr. Woodsworth desires to be considered as actuated only by the highest motives, unselfish to the largest measure, and unaffected by the thoughts of greed or power or fickle fame, it will be essential that he credit some others with some purity of motive. Rev. Mr. Woodsworth has condemned the whole Conservative party. He has been equally severe upon the Liberals. A recent statement of the C.C.F. leader was to the effect that the King Government has failed to do anything for fear of offending somebody. The retort to that is that perhaps the C.C.F. leader has said everything just to cater to the disgruntled and disaffected. There is a reply to nearly everything, and people are learning to give the answers. Even to the old story of the old lady who exclaimed as she watched the soldiers go by, "They're a' oot of step but oor Jock!" there is the answer, "Yes, and your Jock is more out of step than any of the others." Only in the dictator countries of to-day is there belief that only one man has all the brains and all the virtues, and even in the enslaved lands there may be some who know the answer to that. The continual preying on class prejudices—the eternal adoption of a holier-than-thou attitude—the persistent re-iteration that every other man is a crook—bring their own penalty. There is a well-grounded belief in the world that a truly honest man does not believe every other man is a crook—that a really sincere man does not feel all others are hypocrites. There is always danger that those who believe the claims of the dictatorial-minded about the morals of others will carry the idea to its logical conclusion and include the dictator with the rest of the world. That is one of the advantages of a two-party system; it leaves at least a part of the population as pure and patriotic. It is true that the Tories depict the Grits as a most deplorable lot, but they do leave the impression that the Conservatives are a noble army of pure patriots. The Liberals may condemn the Tories to the deepest depths of Dante's Inferno, but they reserve some hope for the people by pointing to the crowds of Grits whose wings are well sprouted. Third, fourth and fifth parties becloud the issue, and tempt to too-sweeping generalities where the average man comes to the logical conclusion that the fellow who has the least trust in his contemporaries bases his opinions on inner knowledge.

HOLIDAY HIGH JINKS

Mayor Bartleman is quoted as saying that the business people of Timmins refused to co-operate with him in the observance of the Queen's Birthday this year. The fact is that it was the mayor who refused co-operation. Although the merchants and other business concerns decided to follow the law and observe the Twenty-fourth of May on the Twenty-fourth of May, and according to Dominion statute to that effect, as well as in line with common sense, co-operation in this was refused by those who should set an example in the observance of law and deference to higher governments. There was the ridiculous spectacle of the municipal offices being closed down on Monday to the inconvenience of the public, while schools, stores, offices, banks, brokerage houses and other business and professional places were open for business as they should be. Then on Tuesday the situation was reversed but no less ridiculous; the municipal buildings were open for business, while the financial, business and professional offices, schools and other institutions loyally observed the holiday.

In this particular case, the question of holding all holidays on Mondays is not the issue. Definite word came from Ottawa that this could not be done this year, and that the birthday of Queen Victoria this year should be observed on May 24th, the date proclaimed. As to co-operation, the result plainly showed who was lacking in co-operation. Schools, banks, stores and other places, and the public in general, co-operated to observe the day on the date required by law.

Mayor Bartleman no doubt sang, or tried to sing, years ago that ditty dear to the hearts of school children:

"The Twenty-fourth of May
"Is the Queen's Birthday.
"If you don't give us a holiday,
"We'll all run away!"

But if the child is father to the man there may have been a discordant note, with one voice singing:

"The Twenty-fourth of May
"Is the Queen's birth date
"But if you don't give me my way,
"Then you don't co-operate."

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Premier King was once quoted as saying that Canada is the hardest country in the world to govern. But this was before so much was in the papers about Spain, China, Czechoslovakia and Mexico.

On the authority of Beverley Baxter, M.P., the statement was made this week that the action of the British ambassador at Berlin had much effect



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Supports Drive to Curb High-grading

Suggests All Should Co-operate in Plans of Attorney-General.

In The Advance on Monday reference was made to an interview with Hon. Gordon Conant, Attorney-General for Ontario, on his recent visit to Timmins. Hon. Mr. Conant referred to the high-grader as an insidious parasite on the mining industry and suggested that it was in the special interests of all in the North to give all possible assistance to curb the activities of those who have made a criminal racket of the theft of gold. In commenting on Hon. Mr. Conant's suggestions, The North Bay Nugget this week has the following editorial reference:

"Hon. Gordon Conant, Ontario's attorney-general, who last week completed a quick tour of the T. & N. O. region, has set for himself a great task in a determination to check the theft of gold from Ontario mines.

"This offence, ordinarily termed high-grading, has been developed into a criminal racket of exceptional proportions and with organizations that will be difficult to disband. It can be done, however, but, as Hon. Mr. Conant said, all police organizations must work in close co-operation to defeat the aims of the racketeers, and if possible, ferret out those encouraging the game.

"The attorney-general also found that the public, represented in juries who participate in the trial of high-graders, must be acquainted with the fact that this criminal act must be stamped out to assist in the furtherance of the great gold mining industry.

Police and other law-enforcement agencies are convinced that high-grading is mainly built upon the organization of gangs which start with sending members into mines as employees to commit thefts and is carried out by

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in curbing the warlike inclinations of Herr Hitler. When the situation between Germany and Czechoslovakia seemed strained to the point of war, the British ambassador at Berlin on his own initiative gathered together the wives and families of British officials in Germany and prepared to ship them out of the country. While this action was unofficial, it gave striking indication of the attitude of Britain in the event of any attempted invasion of Czechoslovakia. Mr. Beverley Baxter suggested that it was effective beyond words.

The business places of Timmins and the citizens of Timmins celebrated "the Twenty-fourth of May" on the Twenty-fourth of May. The municipal building celebrated the holiday on extended daylight saving time—by moving the clock full twenty-four hours ahead.

The London Free Press is all in a tither because an 83-year-old barber at Collingwood was charged in police court with cutting rates as well as hair. The Free Press says it seems a shear invasion of

means of a chain which facilitates the marketing of the stolen mineral.

"Mining companies lose heavily by the operations of high-grading gangs and the dishonesty of a small percentage of their employees who commit thefts on a small scale. The latter are difficult to detect for their takings are small and are disposed of in no great quantities. The organized bands, however, work on an extensive scale and are responsible for exceptionally heavy losses each year.

The Dominion government, through the Criminal Investigation Department, keeps a relentless watch on the drug traffic and with good success. Speaking in Timmins, Hon. Mr. Conant declared that only by co-operation of Dominion, provincial, municipal and mine police can high-grading be effectively checked. He later added that the public must assist to the extent of educating jurors to the seriousness of the crime so that offenders will be made suffer due punishment.

"There shouldn't be any hesitation on the part of any law-enforcement body or any citizen to assist in stamping out this criminal racket. It will only require close co-operation for a short time to practically eliminate it from the list of principal crimes.

Mrs. E. F. Stephenson Dies at New Liskeard

Notable Pioneer Passes Shortly After 87th Birthday and 68th Wedding Anniversary.

New Liskeard, May 24.—Special to The Advance—Two weeks after she had kept the dual celebration of 87th birthday and her 68th wedding anniversary, Mrs. E. F. Stephenson, wife of the well-known Northern Ontario newspaper publisher, died last night at her home here. She had been seriously ill only a few days.

Member of a pioneer Simcoe county family, Mrs. Stephenson was born at Penetanguishene on May 9, 1851, a daughter of James Wright and his wife, Anne Williams, Old Country people who had settled in that district about the middle of the last century. The former Emma Wright, she was married to Mr. Stephenson at Penetanguishene on May 9, 1870, and they had lived since in Aurora, Bracebridge and New Liskeard, in all of which centres her husband has published newspapers.

The family have lived here over 30 years. Mr. Stephenson being editor and joint proprietor of The Speaker, pioneer Temiskaming journal. Mrs. Stephenson is survived by her husband, who will be 93 next month, one son, A. E. Stephenson of New Liskeard, and four daughters, Mrs. L. B. Beck, Fort William, Mrs. W. L. Bird, Schenectady, N.Y., Mrs. R. D. Chester and Miss Florence, of New Liskeard. There are two brothers, Herman Wright in Toronto and Arthur, in the southern United States. A brother, the late Charles Wright, was at one time warden of Simcoe county, and a former member of the Ontario legislature.

The funeral will be held here on Thursday afternoon, with Rev. Dr. T. E. Holling, of the United Church, officiating. Burial will be made in New Liskeard cemetery.

Rummage Sale Under the Auspices C.W.L., Saturday

The Timmins C.W.L. announced a rummage sale in the Church of the Nativity Hall on Saturday, May 28, commencing at 9 a.m. There will be an attractive array of varied goods on sale and like previous events under the same auspices, the occasion will be well worth attending.

Rev. P. Wellington Graham Inducted at Englehart

Rev. P. Wellington Graham, M.A., was inducted into the pastoral charge of Englehart and Tomstown last week at a special ceremony held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Englehart. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. C. J. McKay, of Kirkland Lake, moderator of the Presbytery. Following the induction, Rev. E. J. Karr, of New Liskeard, gave an address. Elders taking part in the ceremony included Mr. Charles H. Powell, of Englehart, and his son, Leonard Powell, of Kirkland Lake. The new minister was welcomed to Englehart by Rev. R. K. Trowbridge, of the Anglican Church, and Rev. F. B. Keyes, of the Baptist Church. Rev. L. H. Turner, of the United Church, was unable to be present on account of illness.

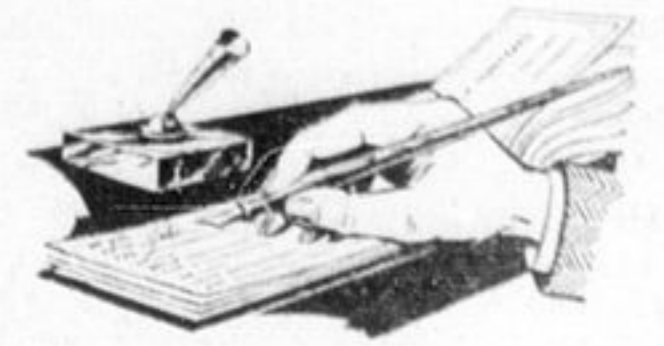
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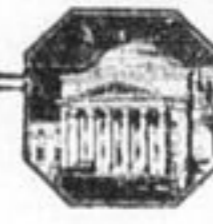
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Canadian Legion and "Magna Carta Week"

Observance of Notable Event Being Sponsored by Legion.

(From Globe and Mail)

Members of the Canadian Legion in Guelph, in association with other bodies have begun plans for observance of Magna Carta Week, June 12 to 19, marking the 723rd anniversary of John's yielding to the barons' demands for a charter of rights. Co-operation of more than a dozen other patriotic bodies indicates recognition of the importance of preserving the liberties secured at Runnymede.

The Provincial Command of the Legion is divided into thirty-three zones, and in each of these similar preparations for Magna Carta Week are going on. The purpose of the celebration appeals to all Canadians, to all who stand by British principles of personal liberty. As the Legion President, Lieut.-Col. H. R. Alley puts it in a message to the members: "When you get down to facts, communism and fascism both depend on the suppression of the individual citizens and complete control of the State over the movements of business, speech, and even the thought of every person. We believe that the British system is better—the system whereby every man is free to learn what he can from a free press, free to form and state his own opinions, free to elect his own government, free to choose his own occupation, free to come and go as he thinks best—provided of course, that he doesn't make a nuisance of himself to his neighbors."

This is a condition that exists in Canada and it is a condition the Canadian people want continued. But threats to its continuance are evident enough. Therefore it is important that there be organized expression of determination to maintain this liberty of the subject. Individual efforts will be less effective.

And what body of men is better fitted than war veterans to crusade on behalf of all loyal Canadians? Devotion to their country and its ideals has been proved. In war they were pre-

pared to sacrifice their lives that liberty should endure, and in peace they are taking advantage of an opportunity to strike another blow in support of their country and its institutions.

Plans being made for observance of Magna Carta Week promise to make vocal a great body of public opinion which otherwise never might be known. And, as in Guelph, the more support there is by other organizations the more impressive will be the demonstration of loyalty.

Bride was Formerly Resident in Timmins

Miss Mary Aileen McLaughlan, of Haileybury, Married on Saturday.

Haileybury, May 26.—(Special to The Advance)—A former resident of Timmins, who in recent years has been a nurse on the staff of the Red Cross hospital at Kirkland Lake, was a bride here last Saturday, when Mary Aileen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McLaughlan, of Haileybury, was married to Edward Walter "Ted" Grierson, member of a family well-known in Cobalt's earlier days. The ceremony was performed in the bishop's palace by Rev. Father Lassalle. The bride had chosen white chiffon for her wedding gown, with off-the-face hat and shoulder-length veil and accessories to match, and her bridal bouquet was of Talisman roses and lily-of-the-valley. The bridesmaid was Miss Margaret McCarthy, of Kirkland Lake, who wore pale blue net, with large picture hat of blue mohair, and whose bouquet was of pink roses. James "Sonny" Casey, of Kirkland Lake, was groomsmen. The wedding luncheon was served in the Hotel Haileybury, followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Grierson left on the evening train on a wedding trip to New Orleans and other parts of the southern States. They will live at the Sladen-Malartic Mine, where the groom is on the staff. The father of the bride is a former officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and was for a time chief of police at Timmins.

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