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Extracts from Accounts of Newspapermen's Trip

Comments and Reports Given by the Members of the Ontario-Quebec Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association in Reference to the Recent Visit to Timmins and Kirkland Lake

As The Advance has received copies of sixty or seventy newspapers containing accounts and references to the recent visit to town of the Ontario-Quebec division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association, and as the accounts run from half a column to a whole page each, and as the material covers much the same ground, already fully reported in The Advance, it is impractical to re-publish any of the accounts in full or make reference individually to all of them. However, to give readers of The Advance an idea of the reaction of the editors and publishers to the recent visit to Timmins, the following extracts are given from some of the newspapers received:—

(From Granby Leader-Mail)
From a special miniature edition of the Porcupine Advance published as a menu and programme for the banquet the following concise data regarding Timmins is gathered—assessment valuation \$10,047,838. Tax rate 63.95 mills.

637 business places, 3500 residences, 16 churches, 200 clubs, societies and organizations, 3 theatres, 16 dance halls and it is 350 miles north of Toronto in a direct line by aeroplane. . . . Both at Timmins and Kirkland Lake the speakers stressed the service which the weekly editors could do by showing the real labour conditions as the North is suffering from the effect of the delusion that there are plenty of jobs in the mining camps. . . . Actually there are 1200 men out of work at the present time in Timmins. Only the most healthy and robust can ever hope to get a job in the mines. Workers are earnestly warned not to go to that mining district unless they are booked for a definite job before starting there.

(From Huntingdon Gleaner)
The taxation of mines is a serious matter to the people of the mining country. In Ontario in 1930 there were 105 mines or prospects. In 1936 this number was increased to 436 mines or



This is Timmins Troop No. 7 Boy Scouts, the troop sponsored by Timmins local branch of the Legion. Standing at the back of the picture, in uniform, is Walter Cowan, Scoutmaster. The others shown in the picture are as follows, reading from left to right:—
Back row—Fred Childs, Victor Cowan, Jack Potts, Lawrence Johnson, Jim Price, Clifford Harris, Neria Raffaele, Leonard Gauthier.
Middle row—Joe Cunliffe, Bob Knell, John Pierce, Jim Cowan.
Front row—Bill Dalley, Don Barkell, Jack Potts, Leslie Shields, Hedley Harris.
(Advance Photo and Engraving)

prospects. In 1934 the mine taxes amounted to \$6,800,000 and in 1937 they were doubled to \$13,665,000. In 1931 the taxes represented 33 cents per ton of ore and in 1937 this figure stood at \$1.35 per ton. The payroll of the mines has increased from \$13,000,000 in 1930 to \$26,000,000 in 1937. Hon. Paul Leduc, Minister of Mines for Ontario, stated he would rather see no further mine taxes imposed but more mines employed, so that people living outside the camp area would also benefit through receiving employment. Mine taxation should certainly be stabilized so as to give assurance to the towns where mines are already established. The taxes received from mines, to my way of thinking, are not fairly distributed. 72 per cent of the mine taxation goes into the Federal treasury, 21 per cent, to the provinces and 7 per cent, to the municipality. I hope, after the Rowell Commission report is studied the Federal Government will see eye to eye with us and agree to give a greater portion of this taxation over to the province and municipalities so that more can be done in the way of development." In this North Country much money has to be spent on roads, paving streets and general municipal improvements.

The visit to Timmins was one long to be remembered. The final act of hospitality accorded was that of a house party given by Mr. and Mrs. George Lake. At a late hour the party left for the five special sleeping cars placed at the disposal of the press party by the Canadian National Railways and the T. & N. O. Railway.
(From Huntsville Forester)
Southern Ontario can never adequately understand the viewpoint of the North through any other means

than to visit it, and contact its people. We talk glibly about Northern "problems," and too often turn them aside as among those piped up by a people incapable of understanding anything out of perspective without their own viewpoint.
Last week, a hundred weekly editors from all over Ontario paid a two-days visit to the two leading centres of the great mining belt of the north—Timmins and Kirkland Lake. It is safe to say that they came home with a new conception of the North, and with a broader idea of what the north means to Southern Ontario, in the distribution among our southern producers of the great wealth being taken from the mineral-laden rocks, and the ramifications of the mining industry as they affect business in all parts of Canada.

The magnitude of the wealth being extracted from the rock of the north, is at once arresting. From authentic sources it is learned that the whole mining areas of Northern Ontario produced fifty and one-half million dollars in mineral wealth during the first six months of 1937, with the prospect of a substantial increase during the present year. One hundred million dollars annually is a tremendous contribution to the wealth of Ontario.
The newspapers have done much for the north. In Timmins, George Lake whose paper was established as a pioneer publication, has done much in a personal way, and perhaps more, than any other private citizen to present the claims of his own city and community. He is one of Timmins' greatest boosters, and The Advance one of the north's greatest publicity mediums.
(From Brampton Conservator)

The highlight of the entertainment programme at the Timmins banquet was the artistic and very delightful dance duet by the five-year-old twin daughters of Publisher George and Mrs. Lake.
The dinner programme and menu was a unique and very clever production of the Timmins Advance. On the front cover was portrayed a locked type form with the wording "Timmins Welcomes You." The inside was a miniature 4-page tabloid chock full of information regarding Timmins, along with many personal wise cracks and puns on the publishers in the party.
The Porcupine District Pipe Band provided stirring Scotch music through the evening and orchestral numbers by the Timmins High and Vocational School Orchestra were also much enjoyed.

Other entertainment was provided by a group of Miss Margaret Easton's dancing pupils and by James Cowan, Scotch soloist.
Addresses of a high order were delivered by Mayor Bartleman, W. O. Langdon, President Board of Trade; Hon. Paul Leduc, Minister of Mines; R. E. Dye, of the Dome Mines; G. A. Macdonald, editor of The Advance; H. E. Rice, R. A. Giles and A. E. Dobbie.
Flowers, as a token of gratitude and goodwill, were presented to Mrs. Bartleman, wife of Mayor Bartleman; to Mrs. Langdon and to Mrs. Lake, and as an emblem of the North Mr. Lake presented President-Elect Dobbie with an Eskimo doll.
It was a happy and very interesting

gathering and will live long in the memories of those in attendance.
(From Comber Herald)

Both Timmins and Kirkland Lake are true town of the North—hospitable, friendly and progressive, and the editors of the South were most favourably impressed with the rapid development and spirit of contentment shown by their northern neighbours.
(From Norwich Gazette)

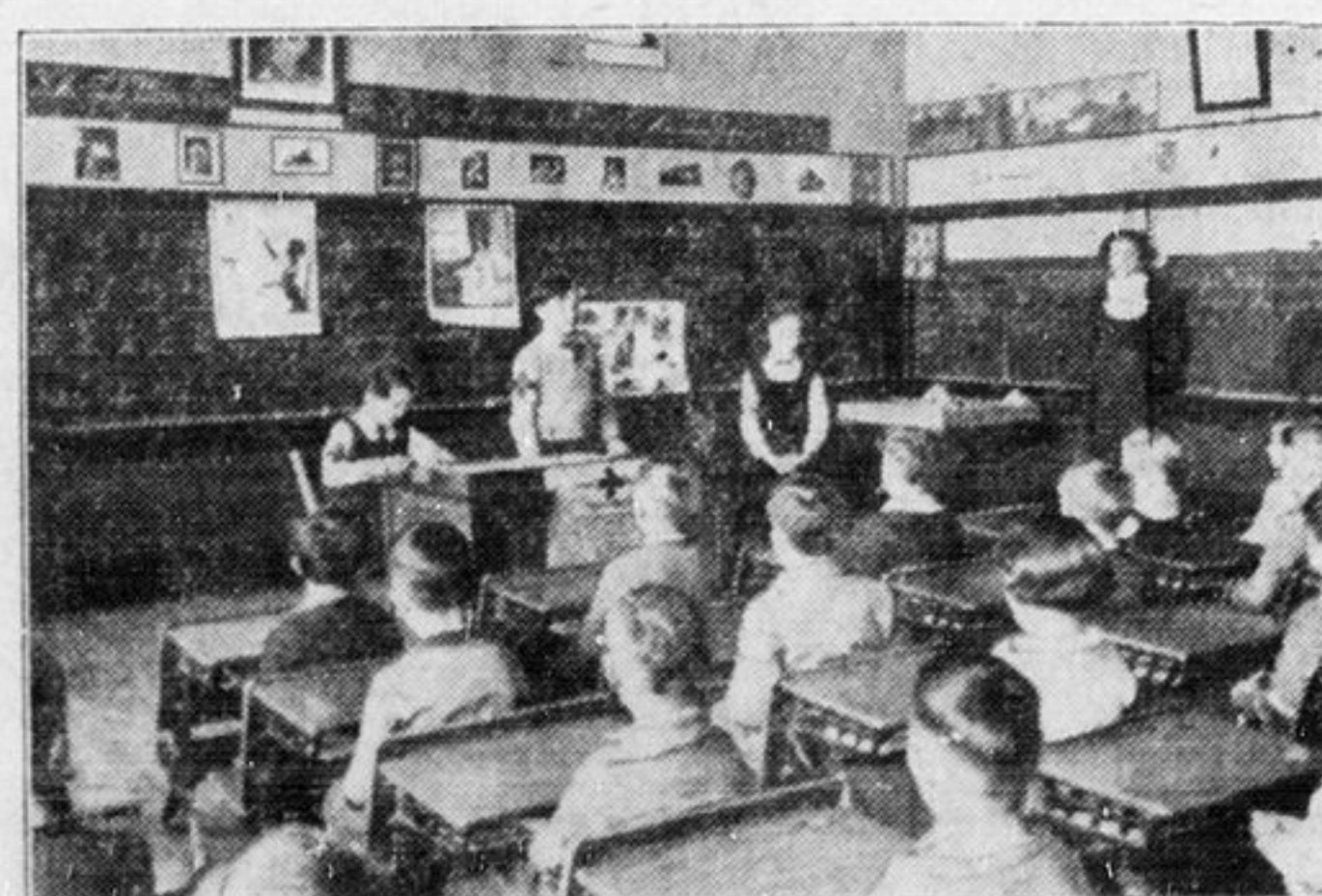
A picturesque and intensely interesting trip—Toronto to North Bay, to Porcupine, to Timmins—upwards of 500 miles in comfort that would rival your own first-class sleeping car, parlor car, dining car and personal service by men trained in the art of catering to the travelling public. But without the cooperation of the railways, an institution that has been a great factor in the development of our country—and is still needed—a fact too few of us seem to realize or are willing to admit, such an outing would be impossible.
Even a comparatively short trip to our North Country will bring to your attention how the railways pushed their steel through almost impenetrable rock, spanned the hundreds of streams, filled the swamps and have maintained the right-of-way, in the North as well as elsewhere, in a way that does them credit, all with one aim—to serve the country's needs—their one and only ambition.
(From Newmarket Era)

Among familiar faces in Timmins was the beaming countenance of Fred Penrose of Newmarket, who is enjoying life in the northern town, working in a store.
(From Bowmanville Statesman)

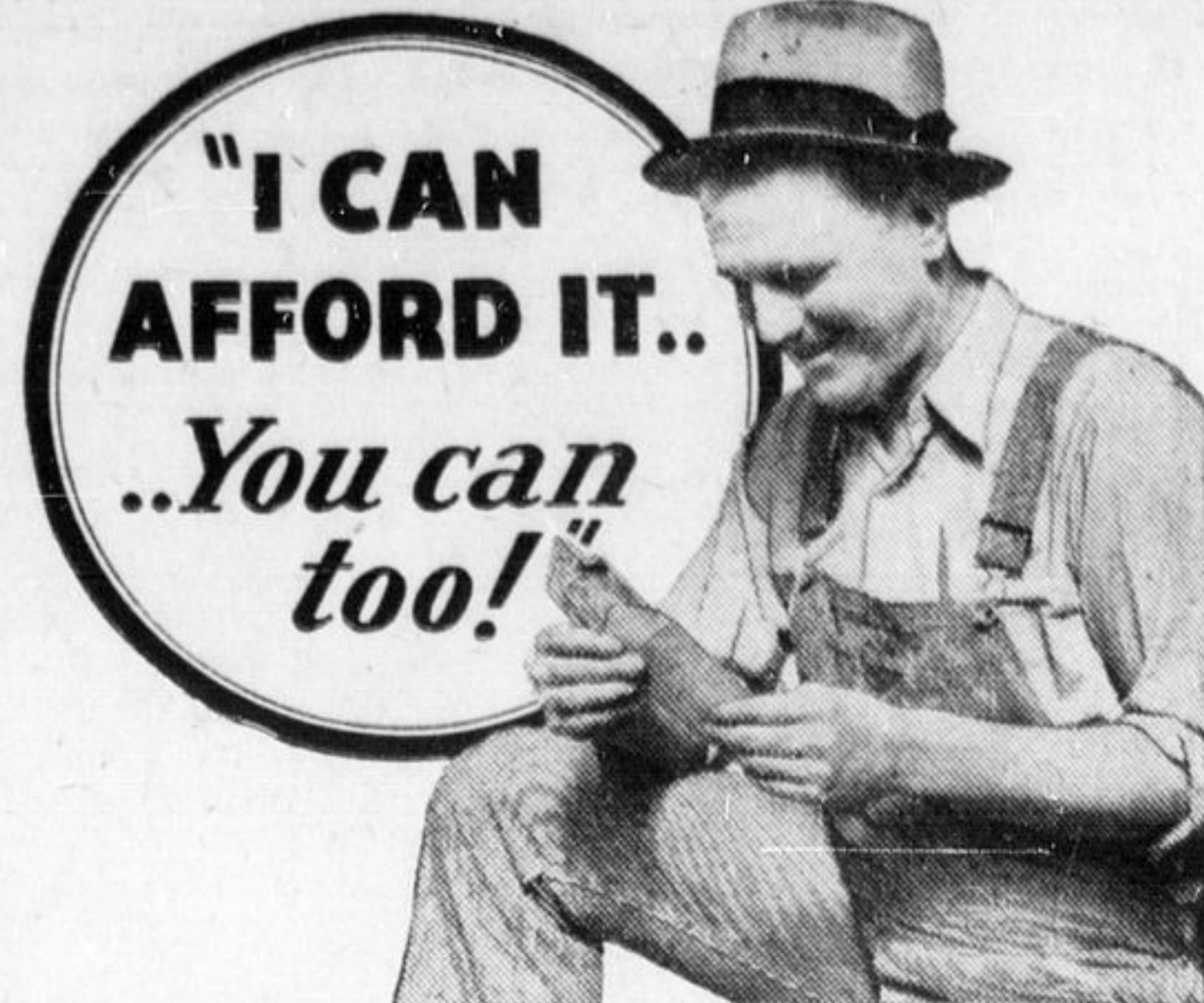
In the next week or two we hope to tell something of Northern hospitality, of our trip down the Hollinger Mine, 3800 feet into the bowels of the earth, of our visit to Iroquois Falls where the great Abitibi Power and Paper Company plant is located; of our reception at Kirkland Lake and our trip through the refinery of the Lake Shore Mine, Canada's richest producer. We hope to tell you of the people we met, of the good times we had, and of northern weather conditions, but above all we want to tell you of the deeds of this great hinterland of Ontario, and of the tremendous problems confronting the municipalities of the North. Then and only then, when we have an understanding of these things, will be able to realize that a prosperous Northern Ontario means a prosperous Southern Ontario, and that we who live in the South have an important duty we must perform for our fellow Canadians of the North who are contributing so much to the wealth of this province.
(To be continued)

(From Acton Free Press)
A drive about Timmins also gave some idea of the city of nearly 25,000 that has grown from the bush in less than 30 years. Never again should we complain of roads in this section. But a town growing at the rate of these mining towns can scarcely be expected to provide the same conveniences that others have taken three times as long to secure. Timmins has an assessment of over 10 millions and a tax rate of nearly 64 mills for public school supporters and over 77 mills for separate school supporters.
(From Perth Courier)

In Timmins the visitors were taken



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underground in the Hollinger Gold Mine, the largest in the North Country. Another event in Timmins was the opening of that city's fine new municipal building. The Porcupine Advance published an ingenious tabloid special edition to commemorate the visit of the delegates.
(From Mount Forest Confederate)

On arrival at Timmins the party was taken in charge by George Lake, proprietor of The Porcupine Advance and the Board of Trade of the city and were taken by several cars and a couple of buses to the Hollinger Mine, probably one of the most famous here. Nearly all of our party donned mining suits and made a thrilling descent of 3800 feet into the workings of the shaft and its ramifications. They were underground two or three hours, and had a thrilling and unique experience which some of us were rather sorry to forego as too strenuous. Instead we had the compensation of a drive about the mines and the city. We were taken to the vast sand deposits some miles away whence good sand is conveyed by large buckets suspended on cables to the mine, where it is used for filling up the cavities made by the miners as they take out the ore, thus lessening the danger of falling in of rock. We were taken also to vast mounds in another direction to which the waste rock is piped from the mill, when all the available gold has been crushed and washed and chemically treated out of it. Still as much as \$4 worth per ton is left in it. So the vast pile of refuse may still contain millions of dollars worth of gold.
(From Bancroft Times)

Expressions of surprise and admiration were heard as the delegation stepped off the Northland train Friday morning and its members caught their first glimpse of Timmins. Many of the party, who had admitted that they had pictured Timmins as a somewhat scattered mining town were astonished by the size of the town, the well planned streets, and the settled appearance and atmosphere of the community.
"We had heard a lot about Timmins and came north to prove that all these good things they said about your town were true," commented one newspaperman. One look at the town was enough to convince every member of the party.
(From Lachute, Que., Watchman)

"A dream come true," might well be the title of our story, for we have for years awaited the opportunity to visit the ever developing North Country, and see where and how the precious gold is mined. How was it discovered? Well—less than 30 years ago a prospector, Preston, poking around the bush, skidded. His hob-nailed heels ripped through a sheath of top soil to the rock. This showed—gold! Thus the great Dome mine at Porcupine was discovered. In the same year, in 1909, another prospector, Benny Hollinger, sat on a rock and tore idly at nearby moss. A large piece came away in his hands.—Again—gold.
Thus was found the great Hollinger. Then came the McIntyre, third of the big Porcupine three. So these mines have been discovered and produced and while containing money it must not be forgotten that it also takes plenty to run them. To-day it takes something like a million dollars to develop, equip and start a property. Yes, it is a gamble so is practically everything else.
(From St. Mary's Journal-Argus)

The publishers were banqueted by the Timmins Board of Trade and the ladies were entertained at a tea at the golf club. A drive around the city showed everyone the lay of the land and introduced them to the famous northern landscape, of long distance views of scrub wilderness with only an occasional distant mine shaft to remind the viewer of the reason civilization has poked its head into this northern land.
(From Paris Star)

Town officials of Timmins and Kirkland Lake pleaded with the newspaper party last week to warn people from going north without sure knowledge

there is something there for them when they arrive. In these prosperous go-ahead towns the unemployment is acute. Not all of their own citizens are employed, and when outsiders flock in with just enough money to get them there it constitutes a problem that is costly, eating up the money required for their regular civic needs. Northern hospitality is proverbial, but there is a limit beyond which it becomes a serious burden.
(From Orangeville Banner)

Chairman Langdon referred to the relief problem, a heavy burden imposed on the citizens of Timmins, not through any fault of their own, but because of the heavy influx of outsiders looking for work. There was a man for every job at the mines and there were 2000 people out of employment, many of them without means and on relief. He urged the newspaper editors to advise Old Ontario people not to go to Timmins looking for work unless they had the definite promise of jobs before leaving home.
During the evening, we had the pleasure of meeting and enjoying a chat with James McGuire, a brother of our former partner, the late B. McGuire. "Jim" looks well and received a warm greeting from his numerous acquaintances in the crowd. We had planned to call on his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. S. McCoy, but were unable to do so. We learned that they were in good health. We had also a pleasant chat with W. Rinn, former mayor of Creemore, who has been in the mercantile business in Timmins for several years and is a member of the Board of Trade. During our too brief stay we were the guests of Mrs. McKittrick's sister, Mrs. Alex Ramsay, and her husband, whose kindness added much to the pleasure of our visit.

We noted many changes and improvements in Timmins since we last visited the town in the autumn of 1931. Large buildings of modern construction have replaced many of the earlier business buildings.
Youth Given Year for Theft of Clothes
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were granted their liberty. Joseph Marchand, who was said to have been stopping people on the street asking for the proverbial "cup of coffee," pleaded that he had been sick for the past eight years and is a resident of Timmins living on Birch street.
W. H. Gibbins and Steven Latham of Toronto, who were arrested on vagrancy charges last Saturday as they were making a house-to-house canvas selling calendars, each had visible means of support when picked up and were allowed to go by the magistrate. Chief Gagnon claimed that a number of complaints, had been received that the pair were insolent to people who refused to buy.
Frank Gardner, of St. John's, New Brunswick, said that he came here "on the thumb" and when he agreed to go to a farm near Toronto by the same route, he was also given his freedom.
Further Adjoined
Mrs. Kate Cote, who has been held in custody charged with wounding Fred Newton in a stabbing affray early on the morning of Sunday, June 5, was remanded for another week, Newton not being sufficiently recovered to leave hospital.
Fined for "Having"
Joe Kakra pleaded guilty to having liquor in his possession without a permit and enriched the coffers of the state with a contribution of \$100 and costs.
Dog Bites Man
Joseph Robinson appeared as the complainant in a charge against Jim Lavasseur, claiming that the accused's dog had bitten him. The case was adjourned for a week.
Tobacco Charge
Pleading guilty to a charge of selling tobacco to a juvenile, Walter Niinimaki was fined \$10 and costs.

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