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### Charges Bartleman Is Playing Politics

Reeve of Teck Township Says He Will Not Be a Party to any Such Game

In reference to the recent apparent quarrel between Mayor Bartleman and Councillor Wren, The Northern News has the following article in its news columns on Friday last:

#### Teck Reeve Objects to Timmins Making Political Football of Mine Tax

Disappointed that what had started as a concerted move for the common good of the T. & N. O. gold mining municipalities was apparently being made a football of municipal or other politics in one of them was voiced yesterday by Reeve Carter, who was referring to latest reports in a Timmins newspaper on the sequel to the conference of Timmins, Tisdale, Whitney and Teck officials on redistribution of the taxation on producing mines.

He regretted, he said, that the real issues and original purpose were being obscured in what apparently was a personal political fight.

Earlier in the week Mr. Carter found it necessary to refute the statement published in the Timmins daily newspaper to the effect that on Saturday last the conference "delivered an ultimatum" to Charles V. Gallagher, M.L.A. for the riding, and Premier Hepburn for an answer by July 31 on the province's stand on the municipalities' demand for a greater share of the mines taxation. He said that there was no ultimatum, but that he and Mr. Gallagher had vainly urged a personal delegation to Toronto.

Yesterday Mr. Carter took issue with statements made on Wednesday by Mayor Bartleman of Timmins in the course of an interview in which he made controversy with a member of his council, William Wren. One of them was that the request for a larger share of the taxation than eight per cent. was "a proverbial red herring."

Replying to Mr. Bartleman, Reeve Carter briefly recalled that it was January, 1937, when the province cancelled the municipalities' right to collect the income tax, thus depriving Teck of \$12,000 yearly revenue, that council first decided to take up the battle for redistribution, not increase, of mines taxation.

"It was to the meeting held later that month," said Mr. Carter, "that Mr. Bartleman refers when he speaks of the public and the newspapermen being excluded at the request of the Teck delegates."

"That was also the time," he continued, "when Mr. Bartleman was very strong for secession, and when we declared that Teck would enter no conference at which secession was a matter of discussion."

"We felt that this was a preliminary conference, and not one for the public of Timmins, who would have been the only public to hear it. It was to be one for formation of plans, and the agreement eventually was that the only publicity for that particular meeting would be a statement or summary to be given out by the secretary of the meeting."

"The conference took place on a Saturday. In the Timmins daily on Monday there appeared a lengthy report which was, if I remember correctly, in the form of an interview with one or other of the Timmins delegates."

"Consequently the Teck delegates, through myself, gave The Northern News a brief summary for publication on the Tuesday."

"Public of Three  
We telephoned Mr. Bartleman before going to the meeting. He told us

it would be a public one, and we demurred. There was a conference first in his office, in which we took the stand against discussing secession, and finally he agreed to inform "the public" that the meeting would not be open to them. The messenger dispatched for this purpose returned with the information that three people were waiting—two of them, I believe, Timmins newspapermen."

As far as the "red herring" part of it is concerned, it was, throughout the 1937 and this year's campaign for re-adjustment of taxes always agreed that it was a readjustment and not increase of taxation that this 'alliance' of municipalities wanted.

That was stressed through the northern boards of trade, the provincial board of trade conference of last year, and the ultimate presentation to the Ontario Government for incorporation in the brief to the Rowell Commission. It was so presented to the Rowell Commission, as daily newspaper reports showed.

"I have no part to take in any dispute between Mr. Bartleman and Mr. Wren, or with any other members of councils which took part in the conference."

"But I must emphatically state that Mr. Bartleman is not authorized to represent the alliance in this manner, and certainly not authorized to represent the Township of Teck as being party to his views or to his or the Timmins' newspaper's version of what has happened or may happen."

#### Thinks Parasite May Be Killing Tent Caterpillars

(From Sudbury Star)  
The days of the tent caterpillar in the Northern Ontario districts may be numbered.

With the influx of the fawn-colored moths into Sudbury this year much less than in any previous summer during the present cycle of the pests, forestry officials, patrolling the bush in the Sudbury district, have found ample evidence that many of the caterpillars will never emerge from their cocoons, as moths, to carry on the work of forest destruction.

When caterpillars first became noticeable this year, a red fungus growth was apparent on them and experts advanced the theory that this fungus was nature's way of equalizing the cycle to protect the trees.

With many of the cocoons still unhatched on the trees, it is believed that the red fungus growth develops into a parasite which kills the larvae before it emerges.

"The recurrence of the caterpillar next season will be in direct relation to the number of eggs laid by these moths," said Romeo Leroux, district representative of the department of agriculture. The small number of moths seen about the streets this year, as compared with previous years, would indicate that fewer eggs will be laid and therefore fewer caterpillars will plague the district next year. I am satisfied that the caterpillars are declining in numbers from year to year."

An aerial survey, at the request of the Ontario Government, by Pilot Dick Overbury, in charge of the forestry branch here, revealed many sections in the district where the young poplars have been stripped.

Mr. Overbury surveyed a district approximately 60 miles west, 15 miles east, and as far north as Capreol. He is preparing a map charting the ravages of the pest, which will be available within a few days, he said.

Northern News—Height of something or other. Being bitten by a mosquito as one types this in the office, after spending a week-end at the lake.

### Serious Injury to the Mining Industry

Last-Minute Legislation at Ottawa Condemned.

(By Sidney Norman in Globe and Mail)

In recent issues The Northern Miner has done good work in directing public attention to the new and unexpected threat to the prosperity of the mining industry in the amendment to the Income War Tax Act, by which, for the first time in Canada, an excursion has been made into the realms of capital gains taxation. But for the temporary illness of the writer, this department of The Globe and Mail would, before now, have added its voice of protest.

Apparently the amendment was slipped in during the last minutes of the session just closed, when discussion of its implications was impossible and perhaps it is not too wild a supposition that it was introduced with malice aforethought, in spite of the oft-repeated assurances of the Administration that nothing would be done to change the status quo. Reminds us of the manner in which the 10 per cent. gold tax was imposed by the Bennett Administration without the knowledge or consent of the then Minister of Mines.

It is quite inconceivable to us that the present Minister, Hon. T. A. Crerar, could have been advised of, or consented to, this obviously radical change, which in effect amounts to discrimination against the industry that has done so much for the Dominion and which may be expected to do far more if fairly treated. His efforts on its behalf up till now have been invaluable, exhibiting understanding of the necessity for Governmental encouragement. If the amendment has received his endorsement, the good work he has hitherto done will have been largely vitiated. A statement from his direction will be expected.

The amendment, introduced and passed without discussion, on June 29, added to Section 32B to the Income War Tax Act, is as follows:

"Where, on the winding up or otherwise, a company distributes any assets to its shareholders without sale, or at

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a sale price substantially below the fair market price, which assets, if sold at the market price, would create income for the corporation within the meaning of this Act, the Minister shall have the power to determine the fair market price of such assets and the company shall be deemed to have sold such assets at the price so determined and thereby to have received income subject to tax and the distributable portion received by a shareholder or member shall be deemed to be a dividend. "Company" includes associations and the members thereof.

"Section 7 of this Act shall be applicable to the income of the year 1936 and fiscal periods ending therein and all subsequent periods."

This is plainly introduction of the principle of capital appreciation and applies with crushing force to syndicates and exploration companies, upon which has fallen the greatest part of the job of finding likely properties and supplying the capital to develop them. In the past, such organizations, after a certain amount of successful develop-

ment, have turned properties over to other companies or raisers of capital, taking for their interests stock placed in escrow under the rules of Securities Commissioners. The Government has previously recognized the heavy risk assumed by the pioneer organization and has refrained from taxation of capital gains so that development of latent resources might be encouraged.

All that is now changed and, worst of all, the tax is retroactive to 1936. Arbitrary power is placed in the hands of the Minister of National Revenue and from his decision there can be no appeal. Shares distributed since Jan. 1, 1936, will be subject to taxation, both at source and through the individuals who received them, and many a distribution will now be indefinitely held up. Hundreds, perhaps a thousand or so, companies are directly affected and there is not the slightest doubt that a serious halt has been called in employment of idle capital in search for new mines.

Even now, prospecting is at a very low ebb in this province, confirming the prophecy we made nearly two years ago

when we said that new and drastic rules and regulations of Securities Commissioners would have that effect inevitably. Since then there has been some modification of regulations and a more sensible approach to the whole subject, so far as Ontario is concerned, but it will be two or three years before the effect will be noticeable. The new mines now coming into bearing are the result of the big public spurge of three years ago, when capital was readily available for new enterprises. We are now in the trough of the depression made by foolish regulations following that spurge. And the Federal Government has driven another nail in the coffin of the speculative spirit that has really sustained the Dominion throughout the depression.

The situation emphasizes the opinion we have expressed before in this column—that the mining industry needs a fighting unit that will take an interest on behalf of the industry in matters political and which will embrace prospectors, miners, technical men, promoters, shareholders, officials and every merchant depending on the industry or, in fact, any one who believes in encouragement of the industry as a sine qua non to the prosperity of this nation. When we are able to present a solid phalanx of VOTES, then will governments—Provincial and Federal—pay some attention to the real needs and primal value of the industry. And not before!

### Confederation Life Has Increase in New Business

Toronto, July 22.—New business of Confederation Life Association for the first six months of 1938 is 11% greater than for the similar period of 1937, according to C. D. Devlin, general superintendent of agencies. The six months are the best of any period since the first half of 1931, he stated, pointing out that June production was the best of any month since June, 1931.

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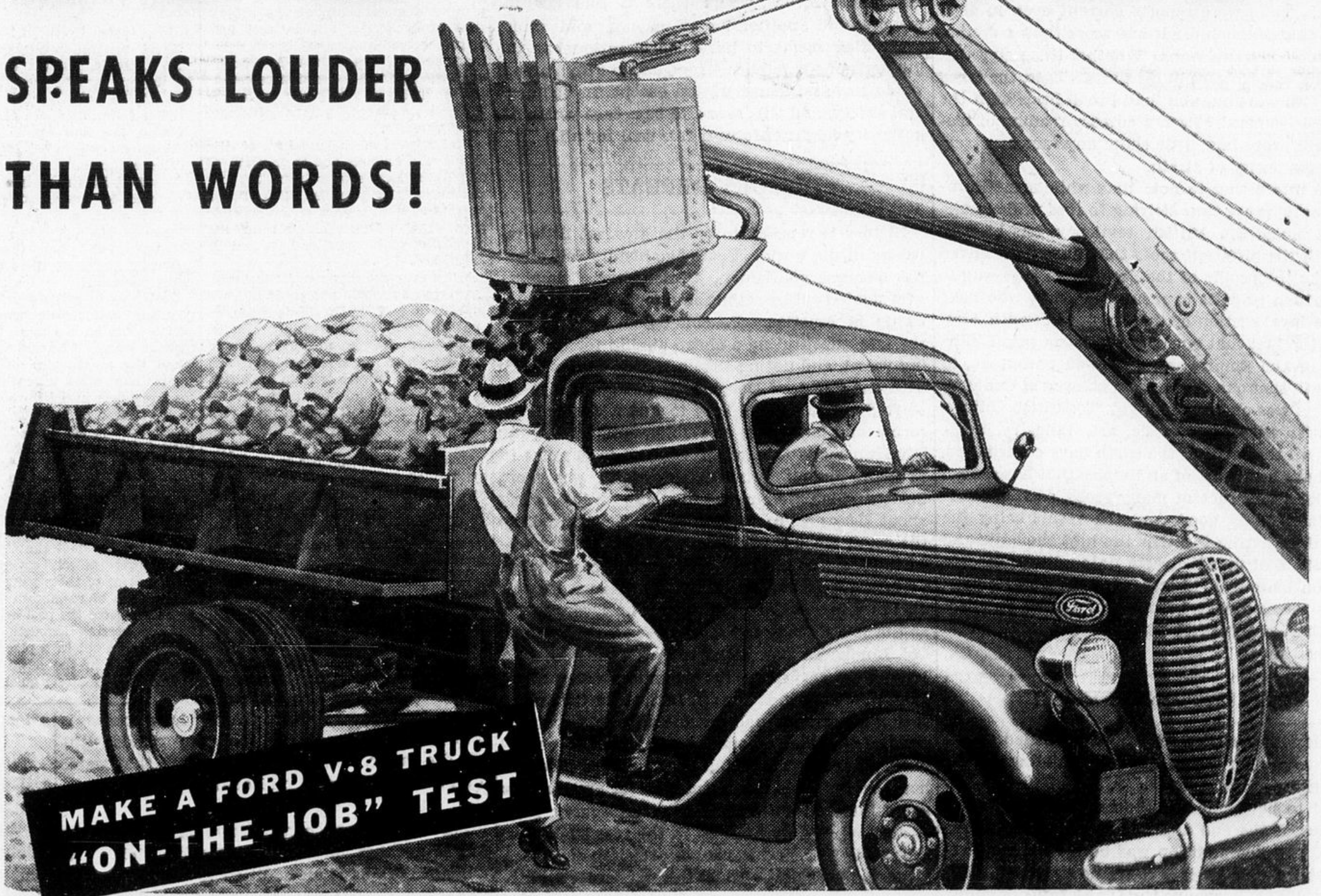
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marked increase in so many countries, seems to indicate that world conditions, as well as Canadian business, are definitely on the upgrade," pointed out Mr. Devlin.

Action Free Press:—These fine summer days bring an extra dose of hawkers and peddlars. Beware of their offerings. Most folks regret the purchases they make from them and find they could do better in the stores. These folks should be reported to the police, rather than patronized.

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