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## MAYOR'S OWN MEDICINE

Anyone who makes the old proverb read, "What's medicine for the horse is medicine for the mare," will be amused to see the mayor defending the use of money for "informers" and other special police business. It is within the memory of all when his attitude on the question was much more antagonistic and unreasonable than that of Councillor Roberts and other councillors who opposed this sort of payment at a private session of council last week. There was a time when Mayor Bartleman made all sorts of representations about "spotters" and the money used to pay them. If members of the council have misconceptions as to the uses of this money, Mayor Bartleman can in large measure thank himself and the way he talked when it suited his book.

Mayor Bartleman was perfectly right, however, when he claimed that every well-conducted police force finds it necessary to use "informers" to some extent. He was equally within the fact also when he suggested that it would be impossible to fully enforce the law without some recourse to the use of outside talent. He might have gone further and explained that the money in question is not always for "informing" or "spotting" but rather for gathering information that takes time and effort. Because this sort of work is not popular does not mean that a man should do it without a wage. A little study of the situation will convince anyone that there are times when the regular police have to call on outside aid to perfect a case. It does not seem unreasonable to pay for such services. People in general do not like to do this sort of work. But that does not mean that the man who does it should be expected to do it free, any more than he should work at an unpopular job, like scavenger work, without a wage. When it is understood that this money is not paid for simply giving the police information in regard to law-breaking, but for presenting information and facts that assist in securing a conviction, it is not difficult to see that the gathering of the necessary evidence requires time and effort, and there are few citizens ready to give time and effort without some return.

There is a general dislike for the use of the informer, the "spotter." That is all very well up to a certain point. It should be remembered, however, that the judge, the magistrate, the chief of police and the members of the force share in the dislike for improper methods of "spotting." But those who are entrusted with the enforcement of the law have had it forced upon them that some measure of the use of paid outside help is occasionally necessary to fully uphold the law. It should be noted that in Timmins the use of "informers," "spotters," "special agents"—call them what you will—has been infrequent and cautious. Few towns in the North spend as little for this purpose as does Timmins. But the fact remains that if the law is to be fully enforced there is the odd occasion when some money must be expended for help outside the regular police channels. This being the fact there should be provision made for the payment of accounts of this nature. Either that, or increase the salaries of the chief of police and the men on the force so that they will be able to defray these necessary special expenses.

It is only fair to state that the present chief of police may be trusted fully to use this money only in legitimate way and to expend it as infrequently as possible, with the interests of the law and the public in view. The nature of the payments and the circumstances under which they are made are such that there can be no publicity about their accounting. It is pleasing to know, however, that not only the present chief of police, but the full line of chiefs of police in Timmins in the past, earned by character and trustworthiness the right to be fully trusted to deal with this special fund in all honesty and public spirit.

## IN THE HEADLINES

The late Will Rogers used to say that all he knew was what he read in the newspapers. Others may not be so frank about the matter, but it is the fact that newspapers do exercise a very material influence upon public thought and opinion. This may not be any particular compliment to the power of the press, in view of present conditions in the world, but the newspapers have to accept the bitter with the sweet, like any other institution.

No one who watches the daily trend of thought with any particular care can fail to be impressed with the influence that the heading-writer has on human speech and habits. There are people who boast that they "only read the headings," and if they are truthful in this claim, it will be interesting to follow the effect of their reading into their thoughts and attitudes. The exigencies of space make short words necessary in headlines. If there is no short word at hand for the needed meaning, the tendency is to coin a word to suit the case. Often the made word does not convey the exact

meaning. Sometimes it does not express any meaning at all. But it gets by, and repetition builds up some meaning for it. This necessity for few letters has resulted in some odd ideas. Apparently there are no more "collisions"—just "crashes." This saves letters, but the lives go in the same old way. "War" is maintained. That three-letter word is ideal for the headline writer. Of course, "Peace" is too good a headline word to be dropped altogether, but it has to take second place, being two letters longer than "War." It seems to be years now since there was a "Conspiracy." All the headline writer ever hears about is a "Plot." The headline writer has done what the "G-Men" have failed to do—he has abolished "Kidnapping." The headline writer will not admit to anything longer than "Snatches." Few people are "murdered" any more. The headline writers just "slay" them, and thus save four letters without additional loss of life. This is an age of "Investigations" and "Commissions," but the headline writer is doing his best—he's cutting them down to "Probes." The headline writers have knocked "u" out of "honour" and "labour" and "me" out of "programme." "Trousers" have been replaced by "Pants." Whoever saw a "Trousers Burglar" in a headline? Even the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto is liable to be a thing of the past unless the headline writers are stopped. To-day in all the headlines, it is just the "Ex." And how many prove that they only read the headlines by asking: "Are you going to the Ex?" According to the headline writers nothing is ever "Organized" any more—just "Formed." Maybe, they're right at that. The "Automobile" has disappeared from the headlines, and there are no "Telegraphs," or "Telephones." All that remain are "Cars," "Wires" and "Phones." It would take a couple of chapters to mention half the cases where letters have replaced words and phrases. Indeed, the alphabet business has been carried to such an extent that even the headline writers themselves do not know what the letters mean in any other newspaper. Perhaps somebody will rise to the defence of the headline writers, claiming that the whole business certainly saves time and space. But does it? And if it does, to what end? Yet all this is no condemnation of the heading writer. No writer of headlines would be guilty—even in the skinniest type—of using such a phrase as "intestinal fortitude."

## OFFENSIVE ODORS

There are some very offensive odors in the offing at the moment, and somebody should do something about it. Certainly there is a bad smell from the idea of the town defrauding Mr. Walter Wilson of the swimming place that he has improved and maintained at his own expense, after the municipality had refused to spend a little money to provide the facilities required there. Such a thing smells to high heaven.

A still worse odor clings around the town's own park further down the river. Indeed, the town's own park has two odors—one, the natural or unnatural smell that drifts across from the town disposal plant and makes the park so malodorous that people refuse to use it; and two, the rank smell that comes from the idea that the town has expended thousands for a beach and park that apparently are not usable on account of the perfume not of Araby.

It may be that there are hopes that the odors from the park may be drowned in the smells from the property filched from Mr. Wilson. This should not be. Each rank smell should be made to stand on its own merits. There should be no mixing of odors. The citizens of Timmins should not imitate the man who ate garlic to hide the smell of beer on his breath.

Some of the councillors last week conducted an investigation into an account of \$50. How about smelling out the smells around the town park and the thousands expended there, and finding out who is responsible for all the bad smells along the river front these murky days?

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

So far this year the council has neglected the business of appointing a cemetery board. The matter should be dealt with at once, so that the cemetery board may be fully organized and ready to act next year, and thus avoid the disgrace to the town from the continuance of the present conditions at the Timmins cemetery.

Noting some of the building operations in progress at the present time, a correspondent of The Advance writes to ask:—"Hasn't the town of Timmins a building-by-law?" The answer is:—"Surely, friend! Two of them—one for mayors, and one for ex-mayors. Have patience, friend! The new building-by-law will be passed in due course—when the mayor and his friends complete their building operations."

Recently a number of particularly troublesome criminals were moved from Kingston penitentiary to the Stoney Mountain prison in Manitoba. Shortly after their arrival in the Western penitentiary there was an abortive riot. The authorities, however, were able to stop the demonstration, because they were prepared for the trouble. The men who engineered the prison riot are now quoted as saying that recently prisoners in Canadian penitentiaries had been given material concessions, following the investigation into Canada's penitentiary system, and their idea was that if they made some more trouble they would be given still fur-



## "My advice...."

to parents is to have their children's eyes examined at an early age. I speak from experience. My eldest boy was twelve when we discovered his eyes needed correction. Had we known sooner the chances are his sight would be brought back to near normal by now. How sorry we are that we didn't have his eyes examined sooner."

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Mrs. J. E. Dunlop, Maple street, is on a holiday visit to the South.

Mr. J. M. Tinkens was a visitor to Kapuskasing last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Wheeler and son Robt., left Sunday for Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Littlejohn of Windsor, were the guests of friends in Timmins last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Mondoux and family are visiting in Westmeath and other points East.

Miss Ethel Mackenzie, of Toronto, was a visitor to Timmins friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gily Grimston spent the week-end at the Inn at Kapuskasing.

Miss Esther Bloedow has been visiting friends and relatives at Golden Lake, Pembroke, and other Renfrew County centres.

Mrs. Jos. A. Bradette, M.P., of Cochrane, paid one of his frequent visits to Timmins last week on one of his summer tours of the riding.

Mr. Holt, secretary of Barber-Ellis of Canada, Limited, paper manufacturers, Toronto, was in Timmins last week end on a tour of the North.

Mr. Geo. W. Lee and son, Bob Lee, of North Bay, were visitors to Timmins and Schumacher during the week-end.

Mr. Austin Neame left during the week-end for a short vacation, during which time he will visit Toronto and other points south.

Mrs. W. C. Wingrove and little daughter, Lynn, left Friday for Toronto where they will spend two weeks' visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Chas. Pirie, Sr., left on Saturday for her in Cobalt after a three weeks' visit to her sons, C. G. and Harold Pirie, of Timmins.

Miss June Letang, R.N., left last week on a three weeks' motor trip South. She will visit her father first in North Bay, and will then proceed to Toronto Exhibition, Detroit, Ottawa, and Renfrew.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Worthington, of Timmins, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. Duncan, formerly of Schumacher, but now of Matachewan, were guests during the week-end at the Inn at Kapuskasing.

ther concessions. The commission investigating the penitentiaries showed such slobbering sentimentality to the criminals and such unfairness and injustice to the prison authorities that the prisoners can scarcely be blamed for the inferences they drew. The trouble at the Manitoba penitentiary should open the eyes of Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., and the other sentimentalists who apparently have kind hearts for all but the innocent and unoffending.

Believe it or not! Two hundred and fifty people in Toronto recently repaid to the city money that they had received for relief assistance. If this can happen in Toronto, there is still hope for other towns and cities in Canada in the matter of relief payments.

Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, made an address at Lanark, Scotland, on Saturday, in which warning was given that Britain may be forced to join in any war in Central

# WANT Ads

## FOR RENT

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Albert Houle is visiting in Rouyn and Noranda.

Mr. D. B. Curtis returned over the week-end from a trip to the States.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schaffer, 218 Spruce street south, on Friday, August 26, a son.

Mrs. P. H. Carson has returned from a visit to the South after spending the summer at Trout Lake.

Dr. Cliff Taylor and son, George, are on a fishing trip west of Hearst for a few days.

Mrs. F. Priebe and family left on Saturday for a short vacation in Smooth Rock Falls.

Miss Bertha Odette was a visitor last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Courtney O'Connor, Kirkland Lake.

Mrs. J. Kennedy, of Timmins, and her sister, Mrs. Dennison, of Rouyn, are visiting their parents at Sampbell's Bay.

All will extend congratulations to Mr. Charles Wilkins on winning the \$5 prize at Toronto exhibition for amateur photography.

Miss Jean Rowe, daughter of Hon. Earl Rowe, and Miss Betty Sparling, of Oshawa, are the guests of Miss Mary Emma Skavlem.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Monckton, formerly of Timmins, but more recently of Schumacher, left on August 11th to visit friends in London, England, and for an extended vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Severt motored to Kapuskasing on Sunday, and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rock and Mr. and Mrs. Lassung, who are visiting them from Mitchell, Ont.

Eldon McPhail, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. McPhail of 105 Bannerman avenue, who underwent an operation in St. Mary's hospital, is reported as progressing favourably.

Miss Anne Honkola, of The Advance staff, left on Friday for a two weeks' holiday visiting relatives and friends in Sudbury, Detroit and other points south.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Price, of the Great Slave Lake area, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Johns, left on Saturday for Cobalt where they will visit for a time before returning to their home in the far North.

Dr. G. F. Mitchell returned last week from a brief holiday at Manitoulin Island, being accompanied home by Mrs. Mitchell and their little son, who had been to the Island for a longer holiday visit.

Among the personal items on Thursday last in the Westmeath column of The Pembroke Standard-Observer was the following of local interest:—"Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Godin, Mrs. Thos. Belanger, Miss Irene and Mr. Jos. Belanger of Timmins are visiting Mrs. W. Lamoth."

Mrs. Strong and son Norman, of England who have been visiting at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strong of Dugwal for the past two months, spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Platt, 40 Patricia Blvd. Mrs. Strong has another son, Gordon, in town. Mr. Les Strong of Matachewan came up yesterday and will leave on Thursday with his mother and brother on a motor trip to the United States where Mrs. Strong will visit a brother whom she has not seen for 16 years. They will return by way of Montreal from where Mrs. Strong and Norman will sail for home on Sept. 16th.

Miss Brooks, Reg. N., formerly of Timmins, but now of New York where she is the supervisor of a large hospital, is the guest of Miss Ellen Terry.

## ROOMS

ROOM FOR RENT—\$10.00 per month. Use of kitchen. All conveniences in house. Small house, well finished. Would prefer to secure housekeeper. Write D. Trambly, Mattagami Heights P.O., Timmins, Ont. -68p

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Miss Agnes O'Neill, of Port Hope, who has been visiting her brother and Miss Valentine Brunelle here, returned home on Sunday.

Councillor Emile Brunette will enter St. Mary's Hospital here to-morrow morning where he will undergo an operation for the removal of tonsils.

Mr. Ralph Cleland, of the Ontario Mining Association, formerly on the staff at Coniaraum, is a visitor to the Porcupine.

Alex Salthay returned from Montreal Saturday accompanied by Mrs. Salthay's mother, Mrs. F. Teen, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. Teen, and children, all of New York.

## Kirkland Ladies Enjoy Visit Here

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lge with a rousing number, "A Hundred Years From Now."

Alf Bellamy, in his usual style and voice sang "Little Pal," and also received an encore, responding with another of his favorites.

Fred Curtis, the inevitable one, had everyone in screams with his interpretation of "John Willie" and "Archibald! Certainly Not!"

Colin Watkins, another Legion favorite, rendered "Little Grey House in the West" and "Song of Love." Both these were beautifully rendered and drew prolonged applause.

"Bob" Hardy the master of ceremonies, took good care there were no idle moments and Walter A. Devine who acted as the pianist for the event had all in a happy mood with his generous contribution to the programme.

Before the visiting ladies left for home another luncheon was served, this being up to the high standard already maintained.

Mrs. Taylor thanked the Timmins ladies on behalf of her members and said the Welcome Sign was always out at their hall.

Mrs. Hardy, in response, also stated it was a pleasure to have such visits and made reference to the coming trip to England of the visiting president, Mrs. Taylor. All joined in wishing her a happy trip.

Walter Devine, in response to the bumps he received upon his birthday celebration, stated that the ladies had shown the way to the men in these inter-branch visits. They were a great thing for the Legion and the North, and he suggested that more should be

## 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. 4417

## SALE OF SPRUCE LOG TIMBER and PULPWOOD

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to and including Wednesday, 14th September, 1938, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the right to cut the Spruce Log Timber and Spruce and Balsam Pulpwood on portions of the townships of Morrow, Gardiner, Sutcliffe, Bessborough and Canfield all in the District of Cochrane.

Further particulars may be obtained upon application to the undersigned, or to Mr. P. O'Gorman, District Forester, Cochrane.

PETER HEENAN,  
Minister of Lands and Forests.  
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the result of this happy occasion. Walter Greaves, president of Branch 88, welcomed the visitors and said if the ladies present were any indication they must have a fine organization in Kirkland Lake. The Timmins ladies had been a great help to the Legion and he was sure the branch in Kirkland Lake was also in similar position. Amid happy faces and hearty handshakes the visitors boarded their bus for home at the midnight hour and the pleasurable visit came to a successful close.

## Winners in Garden Competition Here

Results of Judging in Horticultural Society Contest.

The following are the results of the judging in the garden competition under the auspices of the Timmins Horticultural Society:

Schumacher, gardens 30 feet to 60 feet—1st, Mrs. Strirat; 2nd, Mrs. Quinn. Hollinger Townsite gardens—1st, F. C. Hocking; 2nd, W. Spencer; 3rd, H. Currow; 4th, A. Proulx; 5th, Mr. Raynesford; 5th, J. Yates; 6th, A. Jackson. Schumacher, gardens 30 feet and under—1st, Mrs. MacMillan; 2nd, Dr. R. V. Weston.

Gardens, 30 feet and under—1st, J. H. Knell; 2nd, Mr. Baulne; 3rd, Mr. A. Treffl.

Gardens, 30 to 60 feet—1st, W. Irving, Elm north; 2nd, Mrs. W. H. Pritchard, Hemlock street; 3rd, F. Huckerby, Hemlock street.

Gardens 60 feet and over, Porcupine District—1st, Mr. L. Laakso, Willow avenue, Timmins; 2nd, Mr. James Moyle, Floral Park, Timmins; 3rd, Miss Helen B. Manette, McIntyre property.

School Grounds—for Earl Rowe trophy—1st, Timmins High and Vocational School, 85 points; 2nd, Birch Street public school, 78; 3rd, Central public school, 58.

# FALL TERM

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ELLEN M. TERRY,  
PRINCIPAL

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Change of time will be made Saturday, Sept. 17th, 1938, affecting train service between Cochrane and Moosonee only.

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Europe. Germany was urged to co-operate in avoiding trouble in Czechoslovakia, and the point was made plain that war in Europe is difficult indeed to limit, and aggression would be almost sure to find Britain lined up with other allies to fight for democracy and peace. It may well be that this threat of war may have the effect of preventing war.

Mr. Joseph Errington, a well-known mining man, recently referred to a fact given little prominence in discussing the taxation of mines. Mr. Errington pointed out that since the advance in the price of gold from \$20.67 per ounce, there has been a steady rise in the cost of mining. In many cases, he says, present costs equal the former average grade per ton. In practically all mines a lower grade of ore is being mined than formerly was the case. This means in effect that it is not the individual mines that are profiting from the increase in the price of gold but the workmen and industry in general.