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## ABOUT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

There is a school of thought that is very much against elections by acclamation in municipal affairs. They claim that contests are desirable because they rouse public interest and prevent rule by cliques and groups. This theory, however, is not supported by the actual facts. The truth is that some of the municipalities that have the keenest election battles have the poorest municipal administration, while others where acclamations are more or less the rule are usually well served. It would be a thoughtless man, indeed who would suggest that Timmins in recent years has had anything like ideal municipal administration, yet this condition can not be claimed as due to any acclamations, because a spirit has been roused against the acclamation idea. There was a time in the history of Timmins when it was not an unusual thing for a mayor to be elected by acclamation. Several times mayor and council were elected by acclamation in Timmins, and good government for the town was the result. There were also some years when the mayor received an acclamation, though there was contest for council seats. For the 1932 municipal government there was the unusual situation of having the whole council elected by acclamation while there was a contest for the mayoralty. Looking back over the years no one will hold with any good reason that the interests of the town suffered from these acclamations or partial acclamations of those called to serve the town. The calibre of the men elected to office by acclamation was certainly as high as that of the candidates seeking places in any of the hectic election campaigns that have occurred. Election contests may rouse some public opinion, but judging by the alleged facts and fancies too often dished up in campaigns it is more than doubtful if the public has its real knowledge of municipal affairs much increased by the contests.

Kapuskasing is probably the best example of a lucky town that takes its municipal affairs so seriously that acclamations are the rule and not the exception. It means a very keen and intelligent interest and a real knowledge of the affairs of the town to make possible the series of acclamations that have been the case in the town of Kapuskasing. The other day Mayor E. S. Noble (who, by the way was elected by acclamation to the Timmins town council on more than one occasion) was elected mayor of Kapuskasing for the thirteenth consecutive year. This is believed to be a record for the Dominion of Canada. It approaches so closely to a world record that it was found unusual enough to be given a place in Ripley's "Believe It or Not." While Mayor Noble has served a round dozen years in the mayor's chair and the custom has been to elect the council also by acclamation in those years, there have been some years in which elections have been held at Kapuskasing for seats at the council. Despite this fact, most of the town councillors have notable records for service in the municipal sphere. Councillor Angus Anderson heads the list with fifteen years on the council board. Councillor Angus Bower and Fred Tencarre have each served 11 years, and Councillor John W. Fanning is completing his fifth year. Kapuskasing is again following its plan of election by acclamation, the 1939 mayor and council having been chosen in this way. The councillors for next year, by acclamation, are:—Angus Anderson, railway conductor; Angus Bower, game warden; John W. Fanning, woods foreman; Fred Louis Tencarre, foreman; Thomas Joseph Emile Habel, clerk; Pierre Bedard, jeweler.

There will no doubt be wise ones who will shake their heads at these acclamations and suggest that Kapuskasing is not so lucky as it appears, or that at best, the luck is forced. The best answer to these cynical ones is The Northern Tribune of Kapuskasing. There was a time when The Northern Tribune was much against the system of acclamations to municipal office. The Northern Tribune urged (and eventually heard) the voice of the people in the matter. The fact that The Northern Tribune today is convinced that the Kapuskasing method is as beneficial as it is unusual is the best proof of the wisdom of it all.

As for the thought of pressure from any source, The Northern Tribune, once, perhaps, a little suspicious itself on this score, upsets that idea with these words in its last issue:—"Kapuskasing's municipal experience is so unique that it attracts increasing attention in other places. Lest there be any lurking thought that the recurring acclamations are the result of pressure from any source, or inspired by some defect in administration which it is desired to soft pedal, let it be said at once that Kapuskasing's municipal record is one of the most enviable in all Canada, as is amply proven by the cold figures and warm testimony of expert and critical observers. The town's

financial statement, which is always open for inspection, will stand up favorably against that of any other town; the low cost of municipal administration, and its efficiency, have become proverbial; and the harmony that surrounds council deliberations enables them to get through their business with an almost total absence of features which plague the councils of other towns or cities. Yet there is always a hearing for anybody with a grievance or a suggestion."

It is true that acclamations are neither possible nor desirable in many towns and cities. It would be well, however, to consider the idea that it is not lack of interest or knowledge that makes for acclamations, but apparently the contrary. Everyone visiting the beautiful town of Kapuskasing is struck by the benefits enjoyed by the people who live in that town. In addition to good roads, lights, health aids, walks, parks, schools, Kapuskasing has order, protection, a friendly air. And all this with comparatively low taxes. Evidently the people of Kapuskasing know their luck. Apparently they appreciate what they have and have some knowledge of what is going on elsewhere. They turn a deaf ear, it would seem, to tall promises and rash schemes, and are content to continue the excellent service they have received in the past. Lucky Kapuskasing!

## SALUTE HON. MR. DEWAN!

Word from Cochrane last week was to the effect that Hon. Mr. Dewan, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, has appointed two more agricultural representatives for the large District of Cochrane. For a great many years The Advance has urged this step, sometimes with strong condemnation of the government for failing to give the needed service. For years the Conservative government was urged, begged and finally lambasted because nothing was done in this important matter. It is with a great deal of pleasure that The Advance notes that the reason little has been said in recent months in these columns on this question is because Hon. Mr. Dewan promised on his visit to the North several months ago that the matter would be given the most sympathetic attention. It is pleasing indeed, to mention that the promise of a man in political life can be trusted. As a matter of fact, it is only fair to say that the common cynical idea that a political promise is only made to be broken is not supported by the record. Workers on boards of trade and in other capacities will bear this out. Usually the difficulty is to secure a definite promise from the head of a government department. Indeed, it is often impossible, in the rush of their other duties, to induce them to give the time and the study and the "sympathetic consideration" that in effect will mean the solving of the problem.

For many years past the need for further attention to the settlers and farmers of the District of Cochrane has been apparent. Some newspapers and public men hesitated about stressing the matter because it might be taken as a reflection on the one agricultural representative for the immense District of Cochrane—Mr. D. J. Pomerleau, of Cochrane. Mr. Pomerleau was untiring in his efforts — was here, there, everywhere—but the district under his care was so large that it was utterly impossible for any one man to cover it adequately. Mr. Pomerleau did unusually effective work, however, but this only emphasized the needs of the case. It is not too much to say that had Mr. Pomerleau been given one or two assistants some years ago, the additional cost would have been more than offset by the reduction in relief costs, to say nothing of the benefits accruing to the settlers of the North in other ways.

The Ontario agricultural representative is the friend, advisor and helper of the farmer. In the ordinary field, his technical knowledge and training is at the use of each and every farmer. But that is only a small part of the advantage. The agricultural representative not only urges better farming and better marketing, giving his assistance to these things, but he also leads the way to better living and a general uplifting of life on the farm. In this North Country, the services of the agricultural representatives are especially needed. With the two new appointments made, it will be possible to increase many fold the benefits of this service to the advantage of the whole North.

In passing it may be said that Hon. Mr. Dewan appears to have been equally efficient in his selection of the two new officials. Both have a wide knowledge of the North and its needs in agricultural way. Mr. L. H. Hanlon who will be in charge of the district adjacent to Timmins, with headquarters at Matheson, has long been identified with the battle for the progress of agriculture in the North. He knows the country and the settlers, their problems and their difficulties, and he knows his business as few men know it.

It goes without saying that the appointment of the two additional representatives will be of great benefit to this part of the North. The new appointments suggest that Hon. Mr. Dewan has given "sympathetic consideration" to the problem of the settler in the North Land. It certainly is a step in the right direction. Another worthy step along the same good road would be to give equally sympathetic consideration to the question of some form of land-clearing bonus to settlers to lift them out of the bog of direct relief and give them a fair chance to make a success of building homes and farms in the North.



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Mr. Harry Patton has been spending a couple of weeks' holiday in Hearst.

Mr. G. E. Parker, of North Bay, was a Timmins visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Edwards, of Hamilton, spent a few days last week the guests of friends in Timmins.

Miss Claire Plaus, of North Bay, is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Plaus, for a few days.

Mr. L. Vaughan returned to his home at Portage du Fort last week after spending a month visiting relatives and friends in Timmins.

Messrs. B. V. Harrison, vice-president of the Canada Northern Power Co., and W. F. B. Cadman, of the head office staff of the company, New Liskeard, were visitors in town last week.

His many friends were pleased last week to see Mr. P. J. Lynch, of the Lynch Electrical Appliance Company, recovered from his recent illness and able to be back at his place of business.

## Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Mary's to Meet Wednesday

To-day (Monday), being election day, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the St. Mary's hospital have postponed their regular meeting, and will hold it on Wednesday afternoon December 7th, commencing at 2:30 o'clock. All members are asked to note the time and date, and to be present at the meeting.

## POLICE! POLICE!

Chief Constable Draper, of Toronto, has resigned—for the third time this year, it is said. What a juicy morsel that would make for the weekly and semi-weekly newspapers of Ontario were these journals as pessimistic as the Toronto dailies are about similar events elsewhere. In Timmins in past years policemen have had a very small expectancy of life—as policemen. Every time a chief of police has resigned in Timmins it has meant headlines in the Toronto newspapers. Seldom were the headlines fair to the police or complimentary to the town. In one case where charges were made against a Timmins police chief the Toronto newspapers published every item of evidence against the chief and suppressed every single point in his favour. And there were so many points in his favour that he was completely vindicated and continued in office until he resigned voluntarily—to again win headlines in the Toronto press. Suppose that the weekly and semi-weeklies were to adopt similar tactics and headlines about the Toronto case! How easy it would be to suppress the fact that the Toronto chief of police was disturbed because he had been refused additional men needed for the protection of the city! The recent hold-ups, assaults and other crimes could be emphasized to show the increasing wickedness of Toronto. Headlines might slyly suggest that Toronto, faced with a choice of racketeers or police controlling the city, had asked for the chief's resignation. Interviews could be published in which prominent citizens might mention the raids on classy city gambling joints, adding the suggestive words, "The chief's resignation is scarcely unexpected." Everybody knows the gallant battle waged by Chief Draper not only to keep gangsters and racketeers out of Toronto, but to keep them out of Ontario, out of Canada. How about a headline, "Chief Resigns! Welcome Gangsters and Racketeers?"

It is true that all sort of false and malicious

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## Five Births Registered During the Past Week-end

Born—on November 30th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lloyd of 44 Fifth Avenue at St. Mary's hospital—a son.  
 Born—on November 29th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Noel Courchesne, of 56 Commercial Avenue—a son.  
 Born—on November 24th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Vails Laflamme, of 114 1/2 Maple Street North—a daughter.  
 Born—on December 3rd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Levert, of 42 Middleton Avenue—a son.  
 Born—on December 3rd, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Malley of 34 Wendu Avenue—a daughter.

## Another Enjoyable Smoker at Legion

## Pleasant Event Held on Saturday Night

Another very enjoyable smoker was held on Saturday evening in the Legion hall, with a very good attendance of members and friends. Wm. Docton acted as chairman and his witticisms during the programme, kept all in happy mood.

The feature of the evening was the playing of the instrumental quartet: A. Wilford, bass; D. Roberts, horn; G. Bergin, Jr., 2nd cornet; G. Bergin, Sr., 1st cornet. This aggregation rendered several selections during the programme and were received with prolonged applause at the close of each number. Another highlight was the cornet solos by "Young" Bergin. Both renditions of this talented young musician were received with extra special favour by the gathering. "Bill" Docton's rendition of "The Abduction of Edward" was a scream and the artist responded by a couple of good roars. Wilson Thompson, gave two readings in his usual manner. These were also a feature of the evening. Others who contributed in great style to the pleasure of the event were:—James Cowan, Joe Ormston, W. Nicolson, Ted Jones, Walter Avery and George Bergin. Walter Devine, acted as pianist for the evening, and was ably supported by the other instruments, thus contributing to the success. Several of those seeking election today visited the club and enjoyed the programme. The entertainment committee served refreshments. The smoker closed at 11:30 p.m. with the National Anthem.

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## Issue of Souvenir Coins Is Considered

## Proposal in Connection with Visit of King and Queen.

(From the Globe and Mail)  
 It is with pleasure that the department of The Globe and Mail acknowledges receipt of a telegram, dated Wednesday, from Hon. Charles Dunning, minister of finance at Ottawa, advising that the matter of coinage of souvenir silver dollars in advance of the visit of their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, is under consideration by the government, but that nothing can be said at this time for publication.

This telegram is in reply to ours of Nov. 29, reading as follows: "Please advise if any arrangement made or contemplated for coining of souvenir dollars from Canadian silver in advance of visit of King and Queen. If the matter is under consideration, will you please advise how many dollars will be coined. Matter rapidly increasing in public interest."

This is the first definite assurance from an official source that the matter is under consideration and there is now some chance that an adequate number of souvenir dollars will be sufficiently in advance of the historic visit to meet a demand that will be Dominion wide, and doubtless almost as widespread in parts of the United States, where their Majesties will be guests of President Roosevelt and the nation for several days.

It has been suggested that at least 10,000,000 dollars be coined and there is little doubt that most of them, if and when issued, will go into permanent hiding as mementoes of the visit. As each ounce of 42-cent silver can be coined into \$1.66 2/3 dollars, or close to four dollars to the ounce, it is evident that, after paying cost of minting and distribution of the coins throughout the Dominion and across the international line, the Government will make a very appreciable profit of between two and three hundred per cent.

## Tea & Sale of Home Baking AND HAND-KNITTED BABY GARMENTS

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## Moccasin Dance, Auspices Schumacher Fire Brigade

It is less than three weeks to Christmas, so it is not far away from New Year's. Accordingly, it is timely to again call attention to the Moccasin Dance to be given under the auspices of the Schumacher Fire Brigade in the new McIntyre Community arena on Monday, Jan. 2nd, from 1 to 3 a.m. Novelties and noisemakers will be featured for this New Year's dance event. Also there will be a regular Schumacher Fire Department's lunch served. All who wish to start the New Year right, should make a special note of this event.

## Pleasant Whist Drive by the Women of Moose

The Women of the Moose held a delightful whist drive in the Hollinger Recreation hall on Friday evening, sixteen tables of whist being played. Winners at whist were: Ladies: 1st, Mrs. I. W. Hunt; 2nd, Mrs. Pemberton; 3rd, Mrs. J. Chartier; gentlemen: 1st, Mr. J. Pemberton; 2nd, Miss Claire Engman (playing as a gentleman); 3rd, Mrs. J. Hallam, (playing as gentleman). Following the whist the committee in charge of the event served a delicious lunch, and it was announced that a poultry whist drive will be held by the Women of the Moose in the Hollinger hall on Thursday, December 15th.

## Lions Club Dance to be Held December 14

Buffalo Ankerite Orchestra to Play at Dance at Riverside Pavilion. Turkey Draw in Progress.

Plans for the annual Lions Club dance, to be held at the Riverside Pavilion on December 14, were discussed on Thursday evening, when the Lions Club held its weekly dinner meeting in the Empire Hotel. The dance will be the final wind-up of the Lions turkey draw which is in progress at the present time. Lions Club members are selling tickets and guarantee a turkey winner for every book sold. The Buffalo-Ankerite orchestra will play at the dance.

## Schumacher Young Lady Wedded Here

Marriage of Miss Eileen Stewart and Mr. Frank Ellies.

Schumacher, Dec. 5.—(Special to The Advance)—A very pretty wedding was held this afternoon at the St. Matthew's Anglican church rectory, when Miss Eileen Stewart, Schumacher, became the bride of Mr. Frank Ellies, Timmins. Mrs. H. Campbell, Schumacher, attended the bride and Mr. Morris Daber, Timmins, attended the groom. The Rev. Canon Oushing officiated at the ceremony. The bride looked lovely in a dress of white crepe, with hat and shoes to match, and she wore a corsage of flowers. The matron of honor wore a pretty dress of green crepe, trimmed with gold, green hat and black shoes, and she wore a corsage of flowers. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. W. Ellies held a reception at their home in honor of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellies.