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## KEEP OPEN THE ROADS

Last week The Advance urged that the road of the district should be kept open for traffic all winter. It is true that this would be a benefit to the mines and the business places of the district, but it would be a still more notable service to the country in general. As a matter of fact it is essential that the roads should be snowploughed, unless the men employed at mines in the district are to be seriously handicapped.

As The Advance pointed out last week, not only has the growth of the district meant that Tisdale and Timmins have enough work to keep their snowploughs busy in their own municipal work, but added to this is the fact that there is a wider area to be served, new mines in unorganized townships having to be served. It appears to be the fact that the town of Timmins and the Township of Tisdale will not be able as a consequence to do the necessary snowploughing to keep the roads all open for traffic. The only solution of the problem seems to rest with the provincial department of highways. The Advance suggested that the provincial authorities bring one of their snowploughs here and use it to keep open the roads to active mines in the unorganized areas. This would mean a notable benefit to the mines, the workmen and the district in general. The cost would not be prohibitive. Indeed, the revenue from the gasoline tax would be a factor in the matter, the extra amount from this source, if all roads were kept open, probably being sufficient to carry the whole cost of snowploughing by the province. In recent times the provincial department of highways has shown so effective an interest in the North, that it seems likely that this additional service will need only to be brought to the attention of the authorities to ensure its early inauguration.

## PROBLEMS WITHIN A PROBLEM

In a thoughtful and reasoned editorial last week The North Bay Nugget called upon municipalities, the provinces and the Dominion to get together and do something about the unemployment problem. The Nugget apparently believes that the various authorities have evaded their responsibilities in the matter of the unemployed, each in turn blaming the other for the situation. Of course, there is much truth in this, yet there are other features of the case that should not be forgotten. From the beginning of the depression, The Advance has held that unemployment—and particularly the case of the transients—could only be effectively solved by the Dominion, working in close co-operation with the provinces and municipalities. The problem was Dominion-wide and so could only be justly dealt with from the Dominion viewpoint. The situation of Timmins made this point very clear. Had Timmins been required to look after its own people only, there would have been no unemployment problem here. Instead this municipality would have found it a simple matter not only to care for its own, but to provide as well for several thousand from other places. It was soon apparent here, however, that unemployment was no municipal matter—not even a provincial affair—for thousands flocked here not only from all parts of the province, but also from every quarter of the broad Dominion. The result has been a burden on this municipality that is unreasonable in every way, with a thousand men out of work here all the time and necessarily supported directly or indirectly by the people of the town. The situation in Timmins is duplicated in every Northern municipality. Probably no people are more kindly disposed than the people of the North, but unfairness—the feeling that they are imposed upon—naturally tends to the making of harder hearts. There is genuine regret that men should seek work in vain—that they should lack housing, care and good food. But inevitably with this natural disposition there comes the thought, "Why should Timmins or any other town of the North be expected to care for all the unemployed of all the Dominion?" and the question, "Even with all the good will in the world, can Timmins or the other towns of the North bear any such impossible burden?" From Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa and other cities in Ontario, and from places in other provinces, there come similar stories of the oppression of caring for the transients. Indeed, nearly every municipality of any size claims to be looking after much more than its share of the unemployed. In the case of the cities, the drift from the rural areas does not explain the full burden of the unemployed. It must be suggested that the various cities are looking after each other's unemployed to a considerable extent, and the question may well be asked why this is so. There is little sense surely in unemployed from Ottawa going to Toronto to be on relief or those out of work in Winnipeg adding to Montreal's relief lists. In these facts, however, seems to lie the proof that the problem

is a Dominion one, but that at the same time for any fair appraisal of the burden—let alone any solution—it is essential that the Dominion, the province and the municipality must work together.

In passing it should be noted that the North differs from the others mentioned in the fact that unemployed from this district have not been foisted upon other sections of the country. There was no unemployment here until it was deliberately made by the influx of thousands from all parts of the Dominion and elsewhere. Recognizing their good fortune, the people of the North would have been ready to bear even more than an equitable share of the relief burden, but, as it has been, the burden placed on the North has been beyond all reason or justice.

To solve the unemployment problem, it will take more than the Dominion, the provincial and the municipal governments working together. It will need the co-operation of all the public, including those who are unemployed. One thing that will have to be recognized first is the fact that even if it could be proven that the world owes everybody a living, it is beyond question that the only way such a debt could be actually collected is by effort and service. Probably the greatest problem in regard to unemployment is to induce the right attitude towards work.

While the editorial in The Nugget hits the nail on the head in suggesting that the solution of the problem rests in the co-operation of Dominion, province and municipality in dealing with the question, there are so many problems within the major problem of unemployment that the solution will not be easily won. One of these problems is touched upon unconsciously by The Nugget, in placing blame for present conditions. The Nugget refers to the transients allowed to wander the country without chance of work and reduced to all sorts of expedients to feed and clothe themselves. It gives as an example the case of the man who recently held up a bank in Timmins, whom it quotes as saying that Kingston penitentiary was to be preferred to the way he had to live. It is true that this young man did make some such statement, but he said so many other things as unfair and foolish that too much notice should not be paid to anything he might say. As a matter of fact this young man was not out-of-work. According to the story he told the police he quit work with the direct intention of resuming a life of crime. It is interesting to note that instead of being hounded by the authorities because he was on parole from prison, the chief of police at Timmins took the time and trouble to get him a position, after helping him otherwise. If the young man was unemployed at the time of his arrest, it was only because he did not like to work at honest employment. The use he put his illegally secured funds is no more encouraging. Evidently, he wanted money to buy fur coats and jewelry for transient ladies. Instead of his case being a proof that the people in general are thoughtless or heartless in regard to the unemployed, the incident proves that there are problems within the problem of getting people back to work.

## BELIEVING IN MIRACLES

A young man the other day told The Advance that belief in Santa Claus was as dead as belief in miracles. The world, he said, has travelled beyond "that bunk." Yes, "bunk" was the word he used. This young man said the world had progressed to such a stage that only facts—things that could be proved and understood and established by reason, as he phrased it—were accepted or believed. Gently questioned on the matter, he admitted that this world attitude was something new that had to be reckoned with in every phase of life. It may be useless to suggest that there have been men talking in similar vein all through the last 1800 years, and more. It is only necessary to read history "to prove, to understand and to establish" that.

There may have been excuse for the people of the distant past preferring the material to the spiritual, the world of things to the sentimental. If they were tempted to disbelief in the mysterious, the miraculous, they had the excuse of lack of knowledge, and poverty of opportunity. It was not given to them in their cramped and sordid world to have the proofs all round them of the triumph of mind over matter, the victory of the mental, the sentimental, the spiritual over the grosser things. In a rude world, the untutored logic of the day might well balk at such unaccustomed glories as a Christmas Spirit of love and goodwill. A crude world might be forgiven if it were tempted to disbelieve the mysterious and the wonderful, when the harsh material crowded them on all sides.

But in this age—with miracles, veritable miracles on every hand—belief should be an easy thing. Indeed, to disbelieve all that cannot be "proved, understood and established" would be in effect to deny modern life itself. If there is any special disbelief in the modern world, it scarcely argues for any particular present-day intelligence. There is so much of the miraculous all around these days that even intellectualism would suggest a spirit of credulity. There does not seem to be such a thing as the impossible any more. Many of these things are beyond proof or understanding. Or rather they prove themselves, establish themselves by their existence. Take electricity, for example, only a very young man knows what



## "A priceless gift"

is good eyesight, and that's why I'm giving mother a pair of glasses this Christmas. At first it may seem too practical but when you realize that doing without glasses is one of her little economies you can see that my gift will be the best possible for her. She's sure to appreciate it, too because it will make life so much happier for her. I've arranged with Mr. Curtis for the examination so that she'll have her new glasses by Christmas. I'll bet there's nothing that could make her happier. After all, good eyesight is a priceless gift!

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Mr. Joe Black has returned from spending a few months in Toronto.

Miss Ruth Curtis is spending the holiday at her home in town.

Joe Mallin is home from Toronto Art School to spend Christmas at his home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pritchard left this week for a month's holidays at Brockville.

Mr. W. A. Thompson, secretary of N.O.H.A., of North Bay, is a visitor to Timmins.

Mr. Cyril Read returned on Saturday from Toronto University to spend the Christmas vacation at his home here.

Miss Vieno Kautto, of South Porcupine, returned during the week-end to spend the holiday at her home, after the first term at Toronto University.

Bill Minthorn came home on Sunday from Ridley College, St. Catharines, to spend the Christmas vacation at his home here.

The following pupils came home to Timmins at the week-end from Toronto University to spend the Christmas holidays at their homes here: Clair Baker, Arthur Pritchard, Clem Leaman, Edward Blahay, Joe Greenberg.

Mr. I. M. White, of Kirkland Lake, was among those visiting Timmins during the week-end to be present at the hockey opening of the McIntyre arena, when the Lake Shore Blue Devils played in succession all the hockey teams of the Porcupine N.O.H.A.

## Death of Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Decaire

Julia, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Decaire, of 154 Commercial Ave., died this (Monday) morning. Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock this morning from the Notre Dame des Lourdes Roman Catholic Church.

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it is or whence it comes. Older and more skilled men hesitate in their theories as to whether it travels through or along the wires, and as for the wireless they hide themselves in talk of "waves." Progress has been made by accepting as facts, things that cannot be understood—accepting them because they are—and proceeding on the line of trial and error.

Imagine a man accepting wireless as a commonplace, and then quibbling about the miracle of the loaves and fishes! Think of a man wearing a silk shirt made from wood pulp, complaining that water was never turned into wine. Consider the sad case of the young man who believes he can talk to London, England, on the telephone, but who is so out-of-date that he thinks it impossible for a trusting child to send a message to Santa Claus. What about a fellow who has seen a whole mining plant transported thousands of miles by aeroplane in a few hours, questioning the possibility of Santa Claus bringing gifts from the Far North to all good children, with a whole year to organize and arrange the performance?

Why believe in miracles like the airship, the telegraph, the telephone, the locomotive, the radio, the skyscraper, and disbelieve in the other miracles like faith, hope, friendship, the Christmas spirit? If the answer is that the material miracles of to-day have been proven and established by their very existence, then the reply to that is the miracles of sentiment and of the spirit

have been even more firmly woven into the existence of man by their very life and vitality and force of truth.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLASTER

Hon. Mr. Hepburn the other day called the Dominion Government a "do-nothing" outfit. Since then, the Federal authorities have announced that a special silver coinage will be minted in commemoration of the visit here next year of Their Majesties the King and Queen. If every time the Ontario premier says something about the King Government the latter does something, then there will be quite a bit doing before long.

Now it's less than a week to Christmas. That old saying, "Time flies," doesn't seem to express modern speed.

Montreal has a new mayor. Houde thought it?

Premier Aberhart, of Alberta, is reported as suggesting that he might resign at an early date. What a Christmas present that would prove for the people of Alberta!

Saturday was the 64th birthday anniversary of Premier King. No doubt reading all the advice to "shop early," Premier Hepburn sent his present a few days ahead of time.

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## Sacrament of Baptism at Timmins Finnish Church

During the opening service of the Sunday school of the Timmins Finnish United Church last Sunday morning, Dec. 18th, Martin Axel Luoma, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Toivo H. Luoma, of South Porcupine, was baptized by Rev. A. I. Heinenon in presence of the entire membership of the Sunday school, the Bible classes and the Communicants' class. This was a unique experience for the Sunday school, and the churchful of children and young people followed with great interest and reverently the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Pavo J. Wesslin acted as sponsors. It is probably the first time among the Finnish-speaking citizens of Timmins that such a great number of children and young people have been present as witnesses on such an occasion. Before and after the ceremony the Sunday school sang Christmas carols.

## MISCELLANEOUS

CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION—Good homes desired for children, boys and girls, Catholic and Protestant, age 4 to 14 years. Any home desiring to adopt a youngster should have their clergyman write A. G. Carsor, Supt. Children's Aid Timmins Ont. 44f

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## Pipe Band to Hold Stagette and Bingo

Event at Hollinger Hall on Friday Evening, Dec. 30th

Announcement has been made of a Stagette and Bingo to be held in the Hollinger Recreation Hall, Timmins, on Friday evening, Dec. 30th, commencing at 8 o'clock. The event is under the auspices of the Porcupine District Pipe Band, which is full assurance that it will be a successful and enjoyable event. Admission to the event is free. The distribution of prizes at the event will be one of the big features of the occasion. The Porcupine District Pipe Band has won an enviable reputation for the excellent events it presents and the stagette is sure to be another of the

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of Mike Didyk, late of the Township of Tisdale, in the District of Cochrane, Miner, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 51 of The Trustee Act that all creditors and others having claims or demands against the estate of the said Mike Didyk, who died on or about the 1st day of March, 1938, are required on or before the 12th day of January, 1939, to send by post prepaid, or deliver, to Mike Chema, Crawford Street, South Porcupine, Ontario, the administrator of the estate of the said deceased, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them.

And take notice that after such date mentioned date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of distribution.

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Solicitor for the said administrator. Dated the 8th day of December, 1938. 96-98-100

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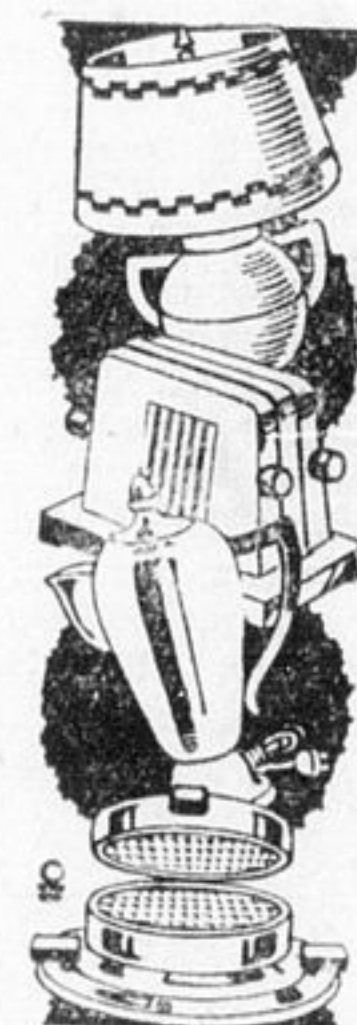
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## Ten Births Registered During the Past Week-end

Born—On December 16th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Dufosse, of 24 Commercial Ave.—a daughter.  
Born—On December 16th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Louis Anderchik, of 254 Elm St. S.—a son.  
Born—On December 16th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Rthier, of 28 Windsor Ave.—a son.  
Born—On December 16th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Georges Labord, of 12 Mount Joy St., at St. Mary's hospital—a daughter.  
Born—On December 15th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson, of 222 Birch St. S.—a son.  
Born—On December 15th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Glynn, of 207 Mount Joy St.—a son.  
Born—On December 15th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. George West, of 9 Elm St. S., at St. Mary's hospital—a son.  
Born—On December 15th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Potter, of Sandy Falls, at 253 Maple St. S.—a son.  
Born—On December 15th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. David Fox, of 54 Cherry St., at St. Mary's hospital—a son.  
Born—On December 14th, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Basil Paul Henri, of Timmins—a son.

Sudbury Star: The Gal in the Front Office isn't one whit concerned about the reported shortage of mistletoe. She recalls once when a fellow kissed her under a misapprehension.