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NEW POST OFFICE NEEDED

The recent meeting of the South Porcupine Kiwanis Club at which direct request was made for a new post office building for South Porcupine is another reminder of the notable expansion of the capital of Tisdale township. As noted before in these columns, the remarkable growth of Timmins, the capital of the Porcupine area, has had a tendency to shadow the fact that while Timmins has been growing in unusual way, South Porcupine, Schumacher and Golden City have also expanded to an extent that would surprise anyone who has not seen these places for a few years. The growth of South Porcupine has made necessary a new municipal building and other public facilities to meet the new needs. It is not surprising that a more commodious post office should be necessary. The people of South Porcupine, with their usual enterprise, have taken up the matter in energetic and intelligent way. All classes and parties are co-operating to secure this new necessity for the growing town. At the Kiwanis meeting the whole-hearted support of Mr. Jos. A. Bradette, M.P., was secured. Mr. Bradette was successful in securing post office buildings for Timmins, Kapuskasing and Cochrane. It is to be hoped that he will be equally successful in the case of South Porcupine. The need is apparent, though the efficiency with which the South Porcupine post office has been conducted has assured the people of the best service possible under the handicaps of the present building.

MUST CHANGE ITINERARY

In past years it was the custom of both The Globe and The Mail and Empire to issue annual financial and mining surveys that were a regular education on the progress of mining development in Canada and an inspiration to further advancement for mining. These two Toronto newspapers having amalgamated as The Globe and Mail, it is pleasing to be able to state that the annual financial and mining survey issued last week was almost as good as the combined virtue of the two separate issues. And no higher praise could be given. Last week's 52-page financial and mining survey was efficient in every respect. It gave the remarkable story of the extent and the value of Canadian mines and it suggested the still further progress and development that is possible. No one could read the issue without realizing that The Globe and Mail believed that the mining industry had not only kept the nation on an even keel during depression days, but that mining is the one special hope for the stability and the progress of the nation. "Copper and gold crowd wilderness off the map," is one typical headline. "Great Barren Lands Blossom Into Mines," is another. "Major Mines Feed Industry, Create New Payrolls," says still another banner line. Probably the most arresting heading is that on one page: "Cities Are Built as Mines Succeed. Ask Toronto!" In the articles on this last named page, it is shown quite clearly that the mines, and particularly the gold mines, are responsible for the size and the success of Toronto. This is an opinion that has been repeated time and time again by an old-time correspondent of The Advance. It is something that all who have given earnest study to the matter are forced to believe. The Globe and Mail states the case in very effective way. "Prosperity follows the mines," says The Globe and Mail. "Gold keeps the ball rolling," is another truthful phrase. "As a matter of fact," says The Globe and Mail, "supported by all available statistics, Toronto's tempo of activity and prosperity has been measured by the coincident rise or fall of public interest in the mining areas." What is true of Toronto is equally the fact in regard to other cities. The Globe and Mail makes that clear. Indeed, from the annual Financial and Mining Survey of The Globe and Mail, it is not possible to draw any other conclusion but that at the present time mining is the most important and helpful industry in Canada and the one with the most beneficial effects on other industries and on progress in general. It is not too much to add that all this is especially true in reference to gold mining.

There was a note of absurdity in the fact that the very day the special issue of The Globe and Mail was published should see the announcement of the proposed itinerary of the tour of Canada of Their Majesties the King and Queen. The Globe and Mail suggested that the Northland, because of its notable mines, was the most important part of Ontario. The itinerary as published ignored the North altogether. The fact remains, however, that The Globe and Mail is right, and the published itinerary is a sample of political ineptitude. It would be as reasonable to plan a tour of South Africa without including the Rand, as to tour Ontario and ignore the great gold areas of the North.

Of course, the announcement of the proposed itinerary has roused the greatest resentment in the North. All sorts of sinister motives have been imputed to the government for its attitude in the matter. There is every excuse for the strictures made against the government, though they may not be true. For the moment it may be taken for granted that nothing more evil than stupidity is reasonable. But if the government persist in its attitude of ignoring the North there will be little left for the people to believe but that the government at Ottawa has been actuated by spite, prejudice, political chicanery and all the rest of the dark things of which they are being accused.

For the government to assert that the itinerary cannot possibly be changed, is simply to be silly. There are a hundred and one things that might arise under which it would be absolutely necessary to change the itinerary at a moment's notice. A washout on the railway line, the collapse of a bridge, an epidemic in one of the places to be visited would make it essential that the route of the royal tour should be changed on the shortest notice. There are several months in which the necessary change may be made so that the hundreds of thousands of loyal people in the mining areas of the North may have opportunity to see their King and Queen. Under the present itinerary the people of this part of the North Land will have to travel hundreds of miles for a glimpse of the royal party. This means that only a very few will be able, even at sacrifice of time and money, to see the King and Queen.

Equally insincere is the excuse that in such a brief visit to Canada it is impossible for every place to be visited. Everybody recognizes the fact that every place can not be made a point of call. To say that only the important places can be given time on the royal programme, is to prove that the North should not be ignored. The point is that the North is of vital importance. It would be no more absurd to ignore Toronto then to pass by the North. If Toronto is the capital of Ontario, it should be equally apparent in another but equally vital sense the North is the capital of the province—and of Canada.

It will be noted that The Advance has not asked that the itinerary be changed to include Timmins as a point of call. It is true that the King and Queen would find much of very special interest here and a logical itinerary would have provided for such a visit. The Northern News is not pressing the claims of Kirkland Lake for a place on the itinerary, though there would be good grounds for such a suggestion. The whole idea is that the North should not be ignored. If some centre in this North is included—Cochrane, Timmins, Kirkland Lake or elsewhere, people in this wide area will give the necessary time and cost to travel to see their King and Queen. As it is, the time and distance involved will debar practically all from the privilege.

The truth is that the itinerary can be slightly changed—without the addition of any time—so that the North may be included. Instead of the royal party going west by way of Sudbury and returning the same route, thus visiting Sudbury twice, the eastern portion of the trip in Ontario would be over the Transcontinental line by way of Hearst, Kapuskasing, Cochrane and down the T. & N. O. to North Bay. It is all as easy as that. This double routing would mean that the royal party would see additional new and interesting country without the addition of any time to the schedule. This is the way that other itineraries have been planned in the past.

Mr. Joseph A. Bradette, M.P. for Cochrane, and Mr. Walter Little, M.P. for Temiskaming, have taken up the question with the authorities at Ottawa. It is to be hoped that Premier King will listen to these two members who are true friends of his and of the North, and not allow himself to be swayed by the desire to have the whole tour by C.P.R., or by the less praiseworthy thoughts of reprisals on the North for the alleged shortcomings of those who hold office in Toronto.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

Wide publicity has been given by the newspapers of this province and of other provinces to the remarks of Magistrate Atkinson when a number of cases of vagrancy came before him recently. The men charged were guilty of no other offence than to be unable to find work whereby they might support themselves. In some cases the men had voluntarily visited the police station and asked that charges might be preferred against them so that they could be sent to jail and so be assured of a place to sleep and something to eat. The magistrate felt much hesitancy about sending men to jail under such circumstances. He thought it as un-British as the idea of imprisoning people for debts that they could not pay. Travelling over a wide area in his duties and recently meeting a number of similar cases, the magistrate felt it incumbent upon him to have the whole matter reported to the higher authorities. Magistrate Atkinson with his usual far-sightedness realized that not only was the idea of imprisoning men simply because they were unable to provide for themselves un-British and unfair, but it was also far from being the solution of a problem that must be faced by this country or the consequences in the future will be deplorable, indeed.

The innumerable comments on the attitude of the magistrate prove that he is not alone in his sympathy for the unfortunate transients. A let-

LOCALS

Mrs. J. Brillinger, of Latchford, has been visiting friends in Timmins.

Mrs. Sanderson, of Cochrane, is the guest of her daughter in Timmins.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Strong of Duval, were in town on Saturday.

Miss Irene Houghton, of Hamilton, was a visitor to friends in Timmins last week.

Mrs. George Dirk, and baby son, of Larder Lake, are visiting friends and relatives in Timmins.

Mrs. Arthur Seguin, of Rouyn, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Morin, of Sixth Ave.

Fire Chief Secord Robinson, of Kapuskasing, was in town Saturday for the wedding of his son, Jack.

Mrs. C. O'Connor and little son, Eddie, of Kirkland Lake, were recent visitors to Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Odette, Timmins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Durocher of the Style Shoppe, returned last week after a holiday spent with relatives and friends in Fort Coulonge, Quebec.

Mrs. Patricia Carson returned to Varsity last week after spending Christmas and New Year's at her home in town.

Miss Ellen Harkness left last week for Toronto to resume her studies at the University, after a holiday spent with her parents in town.

Mr. T. B. Byan, of Toronto, spent the New Year's holiday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Atkinson, South Porcupine.

His many friends in town and district will be pleased to know that Mr. Percy Doyle, who has been seriously ill for some weeks, is now able to be up again and is making satisfactory progress to recovery.

Mrs. J. L. Hopkins and her aunt, Mrs. Jas. King, of Manitoulin Island, who is spending a few weeks' holiday up here, were in town on Saturday for the wedding of Mrs. Hopkins' niece, Miss Jean McColeman.

Mrs. Charles McCann, 3 Lakeshore Road, returned on Saturday after visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Charles McCann and Miss Elizabeth McCann, of Brechin, Ontario, and stopping for a few days at North Bay.

Mr. Mark Oreskovich is in St. Mary's hospital suffering from a hand infection. Mr. Oreskovich recently received wide newspaper attention in connection with the threatened deportation of a young lady from his native land of Croatia who came to Canada to marry another Croatian here. Her failure to proceed with the marriage resulted in danger of deportation, but Mr. Oreskovich who had fallen in love with her on her arrival here worked unceasingly to have the deportation threat removed and married her, the authorities eventually agreeing to this solution of the case.

Chatham News: When you can't think, go for a long walk, advises someone. But what if you can't remember the advice?

ter in this issue from Mr. Wm. Stewart expresses the very general feeling in this regard. It would be well, however, not to allow proper sympathy for the unfortunate wanderers to hide important facts. For instance, it should be kept in mind that for years past continued warnings have been given against the flocking of transients to the North. It has been made plain that there is no employment here—that the North has been carrying the burden of thousands of unemployed for years. The man coming here on the chance of securing work is taking such a big chance that he is courting disaster. This is especially true in the winter months, when this is a difficult land, indeed, for the man without some money.

Another thing that should be kept in mind is that with all the kindness and goodwill in the world this North Land could not possibly care for all the transients coming here. Apart from the injustice of asking the North to care for the thousands flocking here, there is the sad fact that it is a physical impossibility for a new country under the conditions that obtain.

No municipality can solve the unemployment problem. It is doubtful if any province could do much to remedy the unfortunate situation. It appears to be a Dominion matter, with the provinces, the municipalities, the people — and the transients themselves—co-operating. Unemployment can only be remedied by work. Instead of direct relief, work should have been provided years ago when the depression first appeared. The argument against it then was its immense cost. Relief, however, has already outdistanced the estimated cost placed on the public works that would have made relief unnecessary. Direct relief has sapped the morale, prejudiced the outlook, and left the same facts to be faced. The Canadian Corps Association recently has been urging work camps as a remedy for the unemployment situation. This, at least, would be an improvement over the present deplorable conditions. There were such work camps established some years ago, but they were discontinued. The collapse of

WANT Ads

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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 4411

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Suggests Excursions so Royal Visit May be Enjoyed

(From Kapuskasing Northern Tribune)
The itinerary of King George and Queen Elizabeth on their visit to Canada next summer has just been officially announced. Practically, it is not now subject to alteration. Scoff at officialdom as we may, it is necessary on occasions like this to very precisely schedule the movements of visiting notables; and the royal visit to Canada being quite unprecedented in this country's history, special endeavours were called for at Ottawa.

As we read the schedule just published the king and queen will travel west via C.P.R. after they leave Ottawa and will return east from Vancouver via the C.N.R. They will stop at Sudbury both going and coming back, and this is the nearest point at which their majesties will approach the people of Temiskaming and Cochrane districts, which contain several times the population of Prince Edward Island and far more than some of the other places that will be visited. Coming east they will touch Sioux Lookout, Armstrong and Nakina, travelling thence on the old Canadian Northern line to Sudbury. We are wondering if it would be possible to arrange special trains from the upper section of the T. & N. O., and from points west of Cochrane, to proceed Hearst and then down to Oba, to the junction point of the Algoma Central and the C.N.R., for a brief sight of our sovereigns. Inflexible as the royal train schedule may be, it might be arranged for a stop of at least ten minutes at Oba if there was a prospect that a considerable number of people of this great section wanted to make the trip to Oba. We respectfully urge this suggestion upon the early attention of those who are in a better position than we are to determine the possibilities of such an arrangement, so that prompt action may be initiated to popularize the idea if it can be entertained. Arrangements, a motorcade could be arranged to a point close to Oba (we don't exactly know how close the present road runs to it) and some means found of getting the people

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down from the end of the road to greet the royal couple. This latter idea may be a wash-out upon analysis.

Anything within reason that can be done to afford our young generation a sight of King George and his gracious consort as they pass through the fringe of this district will be well worth while. Have readers any suggestions?

High-Grade Samples From Week's Run of the Press

Sudbury Star: A medical prophet of gloom sees widespread anemia ahead, and a poor response to any spellbinder who appeals to every "red-blooded Canadian."
Smith's Falls News-Record: Parliament will meet on January 12th. The session of 1939 is expected to be the last of the present parliament, an election being looked for next autumn. Of the 245 members, the Liberals have 180, the greatest number in the history of the Dominion. Dr. Manion, the new Conservative leader, has only a following of 37 members. He has an uphill job on his hands. However, with Prime Minister King and Premier Hepburn at loggerheads, there is a possibility of the Liberal party not functioning as smoothly in the future as it has in the past.

Gore Bay Recorder: Little things make big differences sometimes. On account of a surplus comma it is illegal to sleep in a hotel in North Dakota. The section reads: "No hotel, restaurant, dining room or kitchen shall be used as a sleeping or dressing room by any employee or other person." A new Act will be required to lift the comma out. In the meantime the law is not being enforced.

the work camps was due to improper agitation against them, because they were supposed to lean towards military methods. It is for this reason that The Advance urges the idea that any method to have any measure of success must be given the co-operation of all concerned. In a word, the Dominion, the provinces, the people, the unemployed—all must recognize their responsibilities and duties before there can be any hope for betterment.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The new year is not starting off so well. Czechoslovakia and Hungary have had armed clashes on their frontiers with casualties, and there are reports now that Rumania may be drawn into the trouble. The case of Spain shows how easily many nations enter modern wars that are undeclared.

Some London, England, newspapers recently suggested that Premier Chamberlain's visit this week to Rome might be followed by pressure on France to give up some of her colonies to Italy, or take the consequences. The theory was that France was to be asked to make a sacrifice for peace, after the manner of Czechoslovakia. It appears, however, that France does not intend to take any Czechoslovakian role in this matter. Instead, formal assurances were asked of Premier Chamberlain that he will refuse to discuss any French territorial concessions. In the meantime Italian newspapers are demanding that France yield the coveted colonies or fight. Possibly, if someone would steal Premier Chamberlain's umbrella, the world outlook might be improved.

Four hundred summonses are said to have been issued in Toronto last week against radio owners who are alleged to have failed to secure the necessary licenses for the past year. A group as large as that should get together, hire the best legal talent and find out if a license has to be paid when the rest of the contract has been broken.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Geo. Mitchell and Mr. David Kinsey wish to thank the many friends who showed such kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of their sister, Mrs. R. Webber (formerly Mrs. H. Barre). -2p

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Mr. and Mrs. Alvin W. Leach and family wish to thank all their relatives, friends and acquaintances for kindness and sympathy shown in their recent bereavement, especially Dr. E. A. F. Day and the Nurses who attended Jackie during his illness; also for the many floral tributes received. -2p

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A regular dividend of 1% has been declared by the Directors on the Capital Stock of the Company, payable on the 28th day of January, 1939, to shareholders of record at the close of business on the 14th day of January, 1939. Dated the 7th day of January, 1939. I. McIVOR, Assistant-Treasurer.

Canadians Take Another \$625,000,000 Insurance


(From Ottawa Journal)
In 1938 Canadians took out an additional \$625,000,000 worth of life insurance, brought the total of life insurance in force in the Dominion to more than \$7,000,000,000.

This is the capitalist system at its best. For what this seven billion dollars worth of life insurance means is that hundreds of thousands of Canadians have a real stake in their country; they have created for themselves self-reliance, self-respect and security; bought for their community a greater stability. Further: this money that has been put into life insurance doesn't go into some vast aggregation of wealth, controlled by a few. Life insurance companies are merely trustees for life insurance policyholders; guardians, as it were, of their estates. The money paid into them is invested in a variety of enterprises; put mostly into government securities, thus helping to build schools, highways, transportation facilities; contributing, in almost every vital way, to the national development. Thus, through this phase of the capitalist system, the whole national character and the whole national economy benefit.

Government finances benefit, too. During the past eight years the Dominion Government has paid out something like \$400,000,000 for unemployment purposes; for relief and relief works. But Canadian life insurance companies have paid out far more than \$400,000,000 in those same eight years to their policyholders; paid it out in death settlements, surrender values, dividends. In addition, and contributing enormously to financial stability, they have made millions in loans. One can but speculate upon what the impact would have been upon the Canadian economy without this life insurance source of financial aid to scores of thousands.

Globe and Mail: Four bars serving whiskey and champagne helped launch Miss Brenda Frazier's coming-out party. They would have been sufficient to launch a ship.

Owen Sound Sun-Times: To the lazy man half a loaf is better than a steady job.



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