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NEED FOR PARK PURPOSES

Several community organizations have gone on record as specially desirous that the athletic grounds used by the town for over twenty years should not pass into private ownership and the town thus lose a valuable park in the centre of the town. It is recognized that if this land is given over to commercial purposes there is no other property available for park purposes or for public buildings that may be needed in the near future. The latest community organization to go on record as favouring the maintaining of the athletic grounds for public use as a park is the Timmins Horticultural Society. Probably no other group in the town has done as much for the beautifying of Timmins and making it a better place to live than the Horticultural Society, so their opinion carries much force in this case.

Since the early days of the town the athletic grounds here have been a decided asset to the town. The recent completion of the athletic grounds on the cyanide fills the needs of the town for athletic purposes, but the announcement that the present ground would be disposed of has been received with very general regret in town. It is sincerely to be hoped that the several service clubs, the board of trade, the Horticultural Society, and the other organizations and individuals interested will be able to find ways and means whereby the town will be able to continue to enjoy the advantages of the old athletic grounds as a public park and as a possible central site for necessary public buildings in the future.

SPIRITUAL REVIVAL NEEDED

In his address at Timmins last week Col. Geo. A. Drew, the new Ontario Conservative party leader, emphasized the thought that what this country needed to-day was a spiritual revival. He explained that he did not refer to a religious or sectional revival, but to a return of faith, hope, courage and enterprise such as won success and progress for the pioneers of this country. He stressed the fact that the hope of the country rested in the youth and because of this the younger generation must be given back faith and hope and belief in success. All that Col. Drew said about the growth of what is called "defeatism" is all too true. The young people of to-day are not only handicapped for lack of opportunity to fit themselves into places in life, but there is too much a spirit of hopelessness or carelessness abroad in regard to the matter. In any event no one seems to be doing anything about it. The country appears to be waiting for taxes to go down or some other miracle. If the young man unable to find profitable work to do were to ask his father or his grandfather about it, the older man could truthfully say that he had been in similar position in his younger days and did not get much sympathy about it. But the older man had the advantage at least in the fact that he lived in a world that had faith and hope and belief. "You'll dig up something," he would be told, "if you keep on hustling." Relief was unknown in those days, it is true, but if relief is the best this country can offer its young men, then it is a sorry day, indeed.

There was regret that Col. Drew did not extend on the idea of just how the young men of to-day could be given back their faith, belief and will to success. The Advance can suggest one thing that would go a long way to bringing about the spiritual revival suggested by Col. Drew. If the Government were to announce:—"Here is honest work at living wage for two hundred thousand, three hundred thousand, men!" there would be such a revival of faith and hope and belief in the future as would kill defeatism. What is needed is to get away from relief, and back to work. There is nothing wrong with the country, nothing wrong with the youth. There is work enough crying to be done to keep Canada busy for generations to fulfil the real destiny of this land.

For years past The Advance has been advocating work, work, work—not relief. The real men and women of this country never wanted relief—hated relief in their hearts. All they asked was the chance to make their own way. They had faith, courage, belief. Years ago it was pointed out that this country needed roads, public buildings, public works of various kinds. It had been the habit to do this work in prosperous times, in boom days. This meant that payment had to follow down to more difficult times. Why not reverse the process—do the work in dull days and trust to pay for it when times were better? The answer to this by one Cabinet Minister was the horrified exclamation, "Why a plan like that would mean the expenditure of \$150,000,000." At that time \$150,000,000 seemed like a huge sum of money but what has relief cost? And what has direct relief accomplished? A speaker in parliament last week made the suggestion that relief had cost Canada a billion dollars to date. Supposing half that amount had been spent to create work, the

country would have public works to the full value of the expenditures, and on the top of that there would be less need to call for spiritual revival. From the expenditures for relief, there has been nothing but relief.

The youth of Canada may be fully trusted to show a complete revival of the old-time faith and hope and belief, when their elders in the seats of government evidence the enterprise, the courage, the initiative of the pioneers of Canada—the faith that built railways and canals and roads and cities—the courage that was not afraid even to make mistakes—the belief that saw visions of the greatness that might be built in this Canada of ours.

WHEN CREDITORS ARE KIND

At the present time there is a tendency on the part of many to picture all debtors as deserving of the deepest sympathy and all creditors as a grinding and grasping lot concerned only with securing their full pound of flesh. When the debtor happens to be a poor man and the creditor a big and powerful corporation there are some who act as if they felt that the case had only one side and that a discreditable one to humanity and the present economic system. It was the growth of this attitude that made it possible to attempt the confiscatory political schemes tried in Ontario and the West. The thoughtful man has only to look closely at affairs around him to see that even big corporations have developed souls. In the first place, the corporations are headed by men of talent and farsightedness, and such men are clever enough to know that success can not be won without consideration for the other fellow. The success of any line of business depends on the prosperity of its clientele and naturally shrewd administrative heads are too farsighted to assist in any way in the pauperizing of their customers. At the best that sort of thing would be poor business. In the second place, it is well to remember that it takes big men to run big business, and big men usually have big hearts as well as big brains.

Despite these facts, however, there has been much published recently—especially from the West—to leave a discouraging and misleading picture. A recent article in The Financial Post, however, suggests that the man on the street is not the only one having sympathy for the unfortunate debtor, but that creditors have sympathy—intelligent sympathy—that helps as well as condescends. "When the history of Western farm rehabilitation comes to be written," says The Financial Post, "much credit will have to be given to the frequently-maligned mortgage holder. While avoiding pouring good money after bad, the big lending companies have repeatedly come to the assistance of the debtor. Aside from sweeping debt adjustments over large areas in which insurance and mortgage institutions have voluntarily taken interest cuts running into many millions of dollars, there have been thousands of individual settlements of which the public has heard little or nothing. Help has come quickly. Without red tape, tedious investigation or discrimination, local representatives in the field have stepped in at once. Much of the assistance has been entirely gratis; there were no strings attached to any offers."

Special reference is made to the attitude of the Confederation Life Association as showing a particularly helpful and friendly spirit of co-operation with the debtors. "Files of this company," says the article, "are rich with examples of this new Prairie partnership, little bits of extra aid, but which, rendered during a crisis, have literally saved the situation for the individual farm debtor. This company maintains expert agriculturalists, veterinarians and economists on its Western staff, and these men with science to back their practical knowledge and experience have kept many a farmer from falling into despair over his mortgage. Others have won their way out of the load of mortgage through the advice and help of the company. A number of concrete cases are quoted to establish the fact of the genuine helpfulness of this corporation. One Saskatchewan farmer faced defeat when fire wiped out his barn, stables and seven horses. It was the loss of his horses that was the chief blow. His neighbours were sympathetic and kindly, but they had no horses to lend him. There was nothing he could do, except tell the insurance company that he had to quit, owing them the money that he would have gladly paid but for the ill fortune that had struck him. "Don't worry," was the reply, "we'll plow your summer fallow with our tractor outfit, and it won't cost you a cent." That encouraged him all right, and later when they loaned him horses for his other work, he saw his way through. Several cases are mentioned where debtors were faced with the ironic situation of the first good crop in years, but lacking all credit and without facilities to harvest the crop. In these cases the insurance company gave the small additional financing that turned despair into success. In the drought and rust areas of Saskatchewan the company supplemented the aid given by the Government, providing many necessities that the Government would not supply. Much benefit was also derived by many by following the advice of the experts to sow durum wheat and Thatcher wheat, these being rust-resistant.

Tribute to the notable attitude of the Confederation Life Association was paid by Hon. Mr. Davis Attorney-General of Saskatchewan, who used these words in a recent letter:—"My observation leads me to the belief that the Confederation Life

LOCALS

Miss Phyllis McNulty has been the guest of friends at Kirkland Lake.

Mr. Louis Halperin left Friday on a business trip to Toronto.

Mr. Bruce Moyer, of the T. & N. O. railway staff, in Timmins, left last week to spend a few weeks in Sudbury.

Mrs. J. B. Gibson, of New Liskeard, has been visiting in Timmins and South Porcupine.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Martin, of Toronto, were visitors to Timmins last week.

Miss Helen Cole left on Friday to spend a few days with friends in Rouyn.

Mr. Ed. Eaton of the Burroughs Company Timmins Branch, has returned to town after attending a convention of representatives in Toronto.

Her many friends in Timmins and district will be very pleased to know that Mrs. Webb, of 68 Mountjoy St. N., who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is reported today as being much better, having rested comfortably the past two nights.

A. Laprairie, formerly popular manager of the C. I. L. offices for this part of the North, but in more recent years in charge of the Toronto district, is in town this week and is being warmly greeted by his hosts of friends in town and district.

Kirkland Lake public school board plans to follow the practice followed for several years past by the Timmins public school board—the providing of free books to all public school pupils. Dental clinics for the schools have also been approved. The purchase of school books by the Kirkland Lake public school board will start after the reopening of school in September.

Chance to Celebrate First Parties Here

Holidays in May This Year Suggest Observance of 30th Anniversary.

South Porcupine, Jan. 21, 1939
 To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.
 Dear Sir:—May 20th is the King's birthday. May 21st is a Sunday (Holy Day), Monday, May 22nd is to be a holiday. May 24th is Victoria Day, Tuesday, May 23rd, is the only day from May 20th to May 24th, both inclusive that is not a holiday event. If from Saturday to Wednesday are to be holidays, that would be just fine for a celebration at Porcupine, because the first and second parties came in May, just thirty years ago.

Yours truly,
 OLD-TIMER.

Globe and Mail: The Russian government refused to permit a Toronto newspaperman to visit the Soviets. Apparently the only Toronto newspapermen who would be welcome are those employed by a paper which couldn't afford to send them.

Association handles its lands in this province to greater advantage and possibly with more intelligence than any person or individual." While the Confederation Life may thus have set a notable example there is little doubt but that other insurance and mortgage companies have shown similar kindness, consideration and intelligence in dealing with debtors. In any event, the attitude is the one that most truly depicts the ideal of modern business.

The Financial Post suggests that this rehabilitation of individual deserving debtors was good business. It points out that a 640-acre wheat farm without an operator is a mighty poor investment, worth about as much as an idle factory. It is added that a farmer using poor seed or the wrong kind will be less able to pay his debts than the one using the better type of seed and the most approved methods. Further, it is noted that when buildings go up in smoke they must either be rebuilt or the family lost to the locality. As an apparent afterthought, The Financial Post says:—"Certainly a little extra help tends to conserve any investment, but it also conserves faith in mankind and indicates a bond of sympathy between debtor and creditor." To The Advance that seems the most important point of all—the idea of kindly co-operation—the realization that "good business" is in reality "good business," not a case of "dog eat dog" or anything like that. The best kind of good business is the kind that seeks to help itself by helping others, and everybody should glory in the success of that sort of good business, because it means the success of all.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

With parliament in session the matter of the ignoring of this North Land in the matter of the Canadian tour of the King and Queen should be forcibly brought to the attention of the Government.

Last week The Sudbury Star published a picture of the four young ladies from whom the

WANT Ads

FOR RENT

HOUSE FOR RENT—Three rooms. Apply 222 Birch Street N. 6-7p.
 FOR RENT—Four room apartment. Apply 55 Fourth Ave. No children. Water paid. -5-6p.
 FOR RENT—4-room heated apartment. Partly furnished. Refrigerator, etc. Apply 56 Mountjoy St. 2-3f.
 HOUSE FOR RENT—At 75 Hollinger Avenue; 4 rooms; conveniences. Apply 32 Wilson Ave., between 6 and 7 p.m. -6.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEVR-DI. The genuine Indian Herb Tonic. A great builder, picks you up immediately. Guaranteed. Sold only at Pearce & Cross Drug Stores, South Porcupine. -6.
 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 44f

NURSING

A REGISTERED NURSE desires position as children's nurse on private duty. Excellent references. Marjorie Allison, Reg.N., Both R.R. 1, Ont. 4-5-6.

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AGENT WANTED—Live wire man with car to sell high-class hand-made prospector and woodman's boots, director to wear, Northern Ontario and Quebec. Liberal commission to right man. Apply to Fred Burns, Huntsville, Ont. -2-3-4-5-6

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Wants Trans-Canada West of Matheson

Suggests Highway Should Go Through Kamiskotia to Kapuskasing.

South Porcupine, Jan. 21, 1939
 To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir: It is said that the Trans-Canada Highway is to be routed west of Hearst. (Fine business!).

But what about having it routed west of Matheson, also to Kapuskasing through the farming and all the mining are as such as Porcupine with its great mines. Then there is Kamiskotia that will some day be quite a place. Between Porcupine and Kapuskasing the chances of big mines being found are good and it would open a lot of farms for settlers. There is already a road from Matheson to Cochrane and west to Hearst. Keep it in good condition and with the Trans-Canada Highway and on to Kapuskasing, the tourist can have their choice of either one of these roads. Such a highway as the Trans-Canada should by all means be routed through the Porcupine to the paper town of Kapuskasing where it will pass over millions and millions of dollars worth in minerals. Yes, hundreds of millions at Porcupine alone! From

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Matheson to Kapuskasing the highway won't be long in paying for itself and you would see a busy stretch of country just like it is east of Timmins to Matheson. Good roads should be built where the most money comes from to build them and that is through farming and mining lands such as it is from Matheson to Timmins and on to Kapuskasing.

Yours truly,
 OLD TIMER.

Expects to Lose Credit for Urging Road to Sudbury

South Porcupine, Jan. 21, 1939
 To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir: Some time ago The Advance received a letter saying that I should shut up about the Timmins-Sudbury road and that I should not write so much about it. Well, whoever the writer was he put me in mind of my party, the first to Porcupine in 1909. I talked and talked about going to prospect, around and near all the little lakes and I did so much talking that one of the party told me to shut up. I got mad and went straight off to the

nearest lakes and found the Dome in less than one hour. When the rush began four months after I found it, I told every one who came to it to go to Pearl Lake and look good all the way, and the result was Hollinger, and other mines were found. Then those who were in my party told me I should not talk about Dome and one of them—the Boss—seems to get a lot of credit. Now it looks as if we will get the Sudbury-Timmins road and no doubt The Advance and myself will not be the one that kept on writing about it; go the credit. Some one else who was against it is likely to get the credit just like the Dome. Yours truly,
 OLD TIMER.

Mr. Richard Mullen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mullen, 115 Maple St. S., is in Toronto for special treatment for an injured eye. The eye was operated on Thursday and it is hoped that the success of the operation will mean a complete return to health for the young man.

Smashing January Clearance Sale

1—Re-conditioned 6 ft. Norge Refrigerator	99.00	1—White Betty Ironer Practically new	89.00
1—Re-conditioned 5 ft. Norge Refrigerator	79.50	1—8-tube Westinghouse Radio	11.95
1—Table Top Westinghouse Range. In perfect condition.	65.00	1—14-tube Deforest Crosley Radio	32.95
1—Happy Thought Range Marvellous Buy	59.00	1—5-tube Sereander Radio	21.95
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Queen of the carnival at Chapeau was to be chosen. That was routine for The Star. Then The Star referred to the contestants as "lovely young ladies." That would be routine for any newspaper. There was a touch of originality in the matter however. The young ladies were all actually lovely in appearance. The answer, though, is that is routine in the North.

Most people would have ventured the opinion that the war in China, the war in Spain, and the threatened wars in Europe, had driven all other wars into the background. Then last week there came a suggestion that there was a war in Ireland, the son of the British prime minister having his life threatened from a bomb supposed to have been planted by an army that disregarded the modern style of starting war without declaring it.

There are lots of things in this country that won't mix well, in addition to gasoline and liquor. For example, the United Farmers of Alberta have voted to end all their political activities and interests. They have found that politics and farming do not mix well.

Wm. J. Stewart, C.B.E., M.P.P. for Parkdale, Toronto, is the president of a new organization that might well have branches in every city and large town in Canada. The new association is known as the British Empire Association of Canada, and one of its purposes is to establish a course of training in citizenship. The association has asked the co-operation of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish organizations, to assist in establishing in church halls during the week a course of training for British citizenship. There are said to be forty places in Toronto where subversive doctrines are taught to children. In Timmins, it may be noted, there is at least one of these so-called schools where children of foreign nationality are taught principles and practices alien to Canadian ideals. It may well be that there would be less talk of Communism and Fascism and Nazism, if more were taught about British democracy.

Peterborough Examiner: One thing is abundantly plain—the mugs who use revolvers in holups are running wild in this country. The score in Toronto alone has passed the 200 mark.

Jewish Voice, California: More people are dying every day from criticism than from cancer. More people are suffering each hour from lack of charity of heart than from poverty. The inhumanities of life are more dreadful than disease.



"At Bridge....."

I had the most nerve-racking time. I would lead a diamond only to have it turn out to be a heart. After tolerating "nasty looks" and "short remarks" for a while, I thought something should be done about it. The whole trouble was with my eyes. Mr. Curtis soon put an end to that trouble and while I'm not exactly a "Culbertson," I play a fair game now, thanks to my new glasses.

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