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ABOUT GIVING EMPLOYMENT

Commenting on the proposed solution of the unemployment problem, as repeatedly mentioned in The Advance, a reader suggests that the proposal lacks force because it does not enter into details. "It is all very well to say provide employment," this reader says, "but it would be more constructive to say what employment is possible." In reply, it may be said that the minute the Governments admit that employment is the only remedy for unemployment, there will be no difficulty in finding work that should be done. Indeed, the only trouble will be to select the necessary works that should be done at once. In previous issues of The Advance reference has been made to public works in Canada fairly crying out to be done. The reason given for not doing these necessary works is that the money is not available. So long as money is wasted on direct relief, there will be scarcity of money for more beneficial uses. If the hundreds of millions already spent in direct relief had been expended for public works, not only would Canada have something to show for the money spent, but there would be no unemployment now to curse the country. To repeat some of the badly needed public works that might be used to kill unemployment, there is the matter of roads in various parts of Canada—roads absolutely essential for the full development of the country. Again there is the matter of forest conservation and protection. In this North Land alone hundreds might be profitably employed in removing fire hazards that may cost the country the lives of many as well as the destruction of valuable forests. Then there is the matter of the elimination of level crossings—something that would eventually prove profitable for Canada in the saving of property and human lives. Mention might be made of the public buildings that are needed—new post office buildings, new public buildings of various kinds. There is the completion and extension of the Trans-Canada air lines and the various allied activities necessary to the perfection of that plan. It might be well also to revive the scheme for a Government-owned chain of radio stations across Canada, with radio honestly and decently under Government control. There are scores of other urgent public needs, but the few quoted suggest how effectively employment might be used to cure unemployment. It will be noted that the public works mentioned would give work to all kinds of labour—from the pick and shovel man to the skilled mechanic and from the ordinary day labourer to the salaried book-keeper and time-keeper.

To the suggestion that any such plan would mean an immense outlay of public money and a startling amount of organization, the reply is that the present unemployment problem is an immense one and startling, indeed, in the full meaning of that word.

At the same time The Advance doubts if it would take anything like the amount of money that some appear to fear. The very extent of the public works suggested and the variety of work created would stimulate private business to such an extent that it is doubtful if government business could retain more than half of the present unemployed. Illustration of this idea was given here some years ago. There were over eight hundred unemployed in Timmins and the situation was so serious that the Ontario government felt it must take action. Work was opened on the highway at Nellie Lake and south of Porquus Junction. This solved the unemployment problem for Timmins that year, although the government work only absorbed a total of 225 men. The employed men were able to pay their landlords, their grocers, their butchers. The employed men meant employment for scores of others. It meant business, hope, confidence. It proved that to solve unemployment it is only necessary to provide work for a proportion of the unemployed.

OFFENCE THE BEST DEFENCE

Some good Canadians have been worrying in recent years over the idea that it might be that this country was getting too proud to fight even in a good cause. The apparent growth of anti-militarism has been so pronounced that it appeared as if Canadians would not fight even to defend themselves, or at any rate would leave themselves so unarmed and unprepared that they would not be able to fight, or have anything to fight with, in case of attack. Of course, there were some who consoled themselves with the thought that "Good Old Britain" would not allow anyone to abuse Canada, and that the powerful United States would in its own interests see that no foreign nation captured this great country. Apart from the fact that it was nice to have people once in a while consider the Empire as "Good Old Britain" and forget all the silly boasts about Canada being a nation and so privileged to say whether this country should fight or not, the European

situation and events elsewhere in the world have suggested that in these perilous times a nation has to do something about its own defence, if anything effective is to be done about it. Ethiopia, China, Spain, Czechoslovakia, suggested a lesson to Canada that was not contained in the Agnes Macphail policy of being kind to criminals and not annoying foreigners by military uniforms in this country.

In the meantime, however, Canada has gone so far as to replace the "Department of Militia" with the "Department of National Defence." The latter title had a higher literary resonance and a nobler moral significance, but there were some Canadians left who would feel safer with a military organization that called itself Military and headed by a fighting man like Col. Sam Hughes, for example. Col. Sam knew that Canada might not be able to do much about defence, but it could do quite a bit in the fighting line—as he proved—and the best defence being offence, the Ministry of Militia was after all a pretty fair sort of Ministry of National Defence.

Those who feared that the necessary fighting spirit had died in Canada were undeceived last week when the Bren Gun matter was discussed in the House of Commons. His Majesty's loyal opposition started out by showing how to take the offensive in a fight. They could scarcely have been more offensive in attacking a Minister of Militia. They called Hon. Ian Mackenzie indifferent, incapable, ineffective, incompetent, and his department heads nearly everything from grafters down and up. And that fighting Irishman, Col. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, could not have shown much more fighting fury than was displayed by that Highland Scotsman, Ian Mackenzie, just a gentle Minister of National Defence. Hon. Ian Mackenzie's idea of defence appeared to be to take offence and then to take the offensive. After one interruption Hon. Ian Mackenzie, with red rage in his face, banged his desk and roared across the chamber:—"Whoever said that is a dirty liar, and if he says it outside this House I'll knock his head off." Surely those fighting words, words to cheer the hearts of those who may have feared that Canadians are becoming altogether too peaceful for their own safety.

There is only one danger in the incident—the danger that those who may be too proud to fight foreigners may not have sense enough to refrain from using their militarism on each other. That seems to be one of the big troubles about anti-militarism of sorts. It will be recalled that in Timmins and other places there used to be gatherings of anti-militarists with banners decrying armies and soldiers and so-called militarism and other banners counselling all and sundry to "get out on the streets and fight."

After all the peace-at-any-price talk, however it is heartening to hear a little honest fighting language in a democratic nation. It is something to know that the Irish fighting spirit, the Highland fury for justice, the English ideals for freedom, the French chivalry and pride, have not altogether passed away in Canada—that men here still have the courage to threaten fight in what they believe to be a good cause. Still another step forward—or backward—is needed. There will be no gain to Canada if a Minister of Militia actually knocks the head of a member of parliament from poor Toronto. That sort of a fight might mean no more than two injured Canadians. But if the Minister of National Defence will show the spirit of the old militia and his critics will join him in offence and defence, the world may get the idea that Canadians are ready to "knock the block" off anybody who interferes with this peaceful nation—peaceful enough to pay and fight for its rights and ideals.

ABOUT SECESSION

Just after Mr. George McCullagh, publisher of The Globe and Mail, came forward with the rather startling suggestion that provincial legislatures in Canada be abolished in the interests of economy, Mayor Bartleman of Timmins takes the limelight with the revival of the proposal that the North secede from the rest of Ontario and set up a province of its own. The secession suggestion has been used on several previous occasions and has had the good effect of attracting attention to the needs of the North. On previous occasions it resulted from neglect of the North in vital ways that were beyond question. Three years ago there was an attempt to have another threat of secession at the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, but the members of that body doubted whether talk about secession would have the desired effect in rousing attention in the South. The general opinion at the meeting was that it was worn as threadbare as the proverbial Algoma wolf. In any event, the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade turned down the secession idea in rather decided way, but gave more notice to the suggestion that business and industry in Toronto and the South should be boycotted until they saw to it that justice should be done to the North. That brought prompt notice from the South, including a goodwill tour from the Toronto Board of Trade. At that time it was the neglect of Northern roads that was rousing the ire of Northern people. It is interesting to note the fact that since then the North has been well treated in the matter of roads. Mayor Bartleman's present proposal is that both

LOCALS

Miss Jean Cameron, of London, Ont., was a visitor to Timmins last week.
Mrs. M. L. Gorie is visiting her daughter at Pembroke, Ont.
Mrs. A. E. Tennant, of London, Ont., was a visitor to Timmins last week.
Mrs. Hume McNaughton returned last week from a visit to Innisfree, Alberta, and other points west and south.
Mr. and Mrs. L. R. McDougall, of Hamilton, spent a few days last week in Timmins.
Miss Betty Tolman, of Kirkland Lake, visited friends in Timmins during the week-end.
The Merry Maids 500 Club will meet on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Carver, Laurier avenue.
Mrs. S. A. Caldwell arrived home from Toronto on Saturday morning after several weeks' visit in the south.
Mrs. C. E. McGillivray, of Hamilton, visited relatives and friends in Timmins last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kester, 81 Hemlock street, have returned to town after an extended holiday spent at Havana City and Nassau, Bahamas.

W.M.S. Announce the World's Day Prayer

Various Reports and Other Features of W.M.S. Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Timmins United Church W.M.S. was held on Thursday afternoon, February 9th, in the church basement.
The president, Mrs. A. Ramsay, opened the meeting with a short devotional period. She gave as the theme for the month of February, "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbour as Thyself."
The president extended an invitation to the women to attend the service on the day of prayer, February 14th, the time and place of meeting to be announced in The Advance at a later date.
Mrs. A. Gillies gave a review of the "Missionary Monthly," and aroused greater interest in this magazine by pointing out the creative work and thought by the leaders to be found in his publication. She urged the members to make education week an opportunity to study along this line.
Mrs. A. Charbonneau, secretary of the Christian Stewardship and Finance presented several practical ideas for raising funds for the work.
Mrs. Jackson read a letter from Miss Etta Campbell, Newfoundland, who is doing such splendid work there. Miss Campbell, in her letter, thanked the W. M. S. for their gift to the mission work in Newfoundland.
As Miss Smyth is leaving to take up the work in another field, an appeal was made for leaders for different departments of the work. Mrs. A. Jackson was appointed Mission Band Superintendent.
The secretary, Mrs. Weir, read a letter from the Rev. W. M. Mustard thanking the ladies for their expression of sympathy in his bereavement.
Letters were received from the C. G. I. T. inviting the members to attend their annual tea on February 21st at 7.30 o'clock and from the Friends of China Committee thanking the organization of the United Church for co-operation in their efforts to raise funds for the Red Cross Work in China.
A committee of three, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Holtz, Mrs. Coulson, were appointed to further co-operate with the Friends of China Committee for planning a supper to be held in March.
Mrs. Monk, presented Chapter 4 of the Study Book. The copy was "Learn-

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ing to Live Together." She stressed the value of organization among the new Canadians; the value of our public schools in assembling the foreign born, and the contribution made by our new Canadians in our Canadian life.

Plans for holding a W.M.S. tea and sale of Home Baking were discussed, and it was decided to hold this event on March 4th. Mrs. A. Carson will convene the baking table, and Mrs. Wynne, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. Passmore will be conveners of the tea room.
The meeting closed with hymn and prayer.

Eleven Births Registered During the Past Week-end

Born—On February 10th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Emile Villeneuve, of 116 Commercial Ave.—a daughter.
Born—On January 11th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Arthur Slade, of 82 Cameron St.—a son.
Born—On February 10th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fette, of 49 Hollinger Ave.—a son.
Born—On February 11th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Prosper Lepine, of 6 William St.—a son.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Tarold McLelland, of 64 Kirby Ave.—on February 3rd, 1939—a daughter.
Born—On February 11th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brazeau, of 55 Columbus Ave.—a son.
Born—On February 11th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Larry R. Guidolin, of 6 Leblanc St.—a son.
Born—On February 11th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Boudreau, of 107 Esplanerman Ave.—a son.
Born—On February 10th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nozak, of 5 Preston St. N.—a daughter.
Born—On February 3rd, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Archambault, of Timmins, at St. Mary's hospital—a daughter.
Born—On February 3rd, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Trunelle, of Barbus Bay, at St. Mary's hospital—a daughter.

The Ssubury Star:—The city police report for the month of January shows that the aggregate of crime in Sudbury was lower last month than in any similar period since the beginning of 1938. It is difficult to tell, however, if people are becoming more law-abiding or whether it was too cold for the law-breakers to be about.

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IN MEMORIAM

MACQUARRIE—In loving memory of Lindsay R. MacQuarrie, who passed away from this life Feb. 14th, 1937. There is a link death cannot sever. Love and remembrance last forever. —Sadly missed by wife and sons. -12

IN MEMORIAM

ARMSTRONG—In loving memory of John Stewart (Jack), beloved son of Carson and Elva Armstrong, who passed away Feb. 13th, 1937, age 8 years. Nothing but memories as we journey on. Longing for a smile from a loved one gone. None knows the depth of our deep regret. But we remember when others forget. —Daddy, Mother, Sister Jean. -12p

IN MEMORIAM

HANEHERRY—In loving memory of Jessie Haneberry, who passed away Feb. 13th, 1937. What would I give to clasp your hand, Your dear kind face to see; Your loving smile, your welcome voice. That meant so much to me. —Verna, South Porcupine. -12

IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY of our dear sister, Jessie, beloved wife of James Haneberry, who departed this life Feb. 13th, 1937. We do not forget her. We love her too dearly. For her memory to fade From our lives like a dream; Our lips need not speak When our hearts mourn sincerely. For grief, often dwells, where it seldom is seen. —Sadly missed by Mother, Brother and Sister. -12

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. S. Ross and family wish to thank all kind friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy in their sad bereavement, especially the Town Staff and Employees and Fire Fighters Association. -12p

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Dated the 5th day of January, 1939.
MARY KOBYLUCK,
252 Elm Street North, Timmins, Ont. by her solicitors Kester & Kerr, Marshall-Ecclestone Building, Timmins, Ontario. -10-12-14.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of Walter Freeman, 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 and demands against the estate of the said Walter Freeman who died on or about the 31st day of October, 1938, are required, on or before the 3rd day of March, 1939, to send by post prepaid, or deliver to (Mrs.) Daisy Freeman, P.O. South Porcupine, Ontario, the Administratrix of the estate of the said deceased, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, and 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 the said mentioned date the said administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice; and that the said administratrix will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice assets or any part thereof to any person at the time of such distribution.
J. DAVIS MCCARTHY
South Porcupine, Ontario, Solicitor for the said Administratrix.
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talk of secession and threat of boycott be invoked to make the Government accede to the proposals of the Association of Northern Municipalities. It will be interesting to watch the effects, if any, of this double threat. It is only fair to state that the situation to-day and years ago is altogether different. The Association of Northern Municipalities only represent four of the many municipalities of the North, and they are not agreed on the matters at issue. The Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade on the other hand represented all the centres of the North, and gave a general cross-section of the opinion of the people on questions over which there was little dispute. At the same time it must be admitted that the boycott threat did nothing more than centre attention on the question at issue. With attention secured, diplomacy and argument and conference secured the necessary expenditures and work desired.

When the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade took drastic measures to secure attention to the roads in the North, there were none who feared the most careful enquiry or investigation. When Reeve Rotondo, of Whitney township, voted against Mayor Bartleman's plan last Friday night, he represented a large body of public opinion in the North. Reeve Rotondo no doubt would be glad enough to have municipalities receive a larger share of the taxes paid by the mines, but also he is fair enough to believe that taxation already is heavy enough on the mining industry—so heavy indeed as to be a handicap, especially on the smaller mines. It does seem the fact that the municipalities are not receiving

a fair proportion of the taxes paid by the mines. The idea of putting another tax on the mines is an altogether different question. Up to the present time the municipalities have been receiving a share of the mines profits tax in lieu of assessment of certain buildings used in mining. Whether it be advantageous for the municipalities to forego this share for the doubtful benefit of assessing a few buildings is open to question. If the threat of secession and boycott actually arouses attention, it may lead to the publication of the facts and figures in the case, and it will be found that it is not the mines that have been evading full contribution to the communities in which they operate.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Isn't it funny that some of the very best actors on the stage and screen prove to be "bad actors" in marriage.

A Toronto city alderman suggests the establishment of toll-gates at the entrance of the city so that all from other parts of Ontario using the city streets should contribute 25 cents each time they passed a toll-gate. Such a plan would give Ontario people another good reason for not visiting Toronto, and that seems unnecessary.
If the Spanish war ever concludes, there should be a large number of new "Spanish prisoners" to carry on that old game that has taken so many dollars from British, French, Canadian and American people.



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