

Farmers in Mountjoy Tp. Ask for Light and Power

Much Progress in Township, and with Improved Homesteads, Good Buildings, Stock, the Settlers are Desirous of the Benefit of Electric Light and Power.

Timmins, Feb. 14th, 1939.

To the Editor of The Porcupine Advance.

Dear Sir: "Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink". The moan of Coleridge's Ancient Mariner might well be paraphrased into "Power, power everywhere, nor any watt for us," so far as concerns the residents of Mountjoy Township.

All would welcome electric lighting and many would use power could they but get it. The local power company has made no serious effort to serve this community, however, and it would appear hopeless to arouse the company to a sense of its potentialities. The township is encircled by power lines, passing by the doors of many farms, but the farmer is denied the benefits of electrical energy.

The local company has ample power at hand to take care of requirements in Mountjoy. In round figures this power may be tabulated as follows:

Eandy Falls 3000 kw 3600 hp
Wawiatin 10000 kw 13000 hp
Sturgeon 6000 kw 7200 hp

So that the suggestion of power shortage need not be raised. Of course farmers' business is not big business which may or may not be the reason for the company's indifference to requests for electrification of the township.

This rather surprising apathy of the power company is indirect opposition to the policy of the Hydro-Electric Commission in the south of the province. There the farmer is well served; the Hydro people going after business in an energetic manner, in sharp contrast to the lackadaisical attitude of the Northern Ontario company. Now, if Hydro can supply southern farmers with light and power, why can't the local company meet similar requirements here? But they don't and they won't. Fortunately, there is still left Hydro. If Hydro could be interested in the supply of power to Mountjoy farmers then the problem would be solved. The Hydro line between the Canyon and Sudbury is transmitting around 10,000 h.p. It passes close by and could easily provide for the township's needs; having a sub-station at Timmins. And in any case the Canyon development represents 250,000 h.p.

No longer is Mountjoy a section of settlers and their tiny clearings. The settlers have become farmers and their homesteads have been improved, creating farms that are well tilled by progressive methods. Good buildings have been erected, buildings that would be a credit to any farming community. And the farms are stocked with good animals. Year after year progress is seen throughout the township and with the aid of electric power impetus to this advancement is certain. All of which progress tends to increase the welfare of the entire district. If Hydro can be interested in this promising section much good will accrue. It would benefit the farmer and benefit Hydro.

Concerted effort will be necessary, however, to get a start made in this direction and the active support of all residents and others interested in the township is asked for.

E. C. Brewer.

In reference to the above letter, enquiry at the Northern Ontario Power Co. by the Advance brought the information that the power company has just completed two and a half miles of line through Mountjoy township to near Craft's Creek. Another two and a half miles in Mountjoy township as far as Stefano's farm has been in use for some years. There is another mile and a half across the bridge west from the town and it is intended to extend this line another mile. It will thus be seen that the power company has given service to Mountjoy township and further extensions will be considered from time to time. At the present time, power company officials said, the matter of the extension suggested by Mr. Brewer was under consideration and if practical the service would be extended to meet the situation.

Shooting Dice Outdoor Sport in City of Sudbury

Three Sudbury men were fined \$3 and costs each for gambling on Sunday and another was charged but pleaded not guilty and was remanded a week on the same count. Police said the four men and another who got away were shooting dice outside in a doorway on Regent St. on Sunday afternoon. The new outdoor winter sport seemed to be in progress as two constables passed the scene. The officers told the men that African golf was illegal on Sundays, but two hours afterwards the constables found the men still at the game in the doorway, and arrested those they were able to catch.

Sudbury Star: And now there is nothing to worry about except Europe and the weather, but the weather could be worse.

Labour Statistics Issued for Year 1937

Dept. of Labour Issues Review of Labour Organizations.

The Department of Labour has recently published the 27th annual report on Labour Organization in Canada, covering the calendar year 1937. The aim in the publication of these reports is to show as accurately as possible the standing of the various labour bodies in the Dominion, as well as presenting information concerning organizations other than trade unions, the labour press, trade union conventions, union benefits and organizations of workers throughout the world. The report contains a complete Canadian labour directory, showing not only all the local branch unions in Canada of which the department had received particulars, but also the central organizations with which the local unions are identified, the chief officers being shown for each body where such information was obtainable.

Trade Union Membership

The particulars presented in this report have been obtained to a large extent from the officers of the various organizations concerned, but where this was impossible the information was secured from departmental records or other reliable sources. According to the figures compiled for this report, the aggregate membership of the various trade unions in Canada at the close of 1937, has exceeded the previous record of the peak year of 1919, when there were 378,047 organized workers in the Dominion. The total membership of all classes of trade unions in Canada in 1937 was 384,619, an increase of 62,146 over the previous year, comprised in 3,258 local branch unions, a gain of 372. The membership of the international union group, consisting of the Canadian members of 96 organizations, 8 more than recorded in 1936, had 2,048 branches in the Dominion, an increase of 152, with a combined membership of 217,465, a gain of 42,696. The group of Canadian central organizations, which numbered 31, an increase of 3, had 853 branches, a gain of 113 with a combined membership of 98,633 a gain of 14,792, as compared with 1936. The National Catholic group consisted of 285 syndicates and study circles, a gain of 95, with a total reported membership of 52,900, an increase of 7,000. There were 72 independent units, 12 more than in 1936, the membership as reported by 67 being 16,321, a loss of 2,342.

The membership of all classes of organized labour bodies in Canada during the past 27 years was as follows:

1911	133,312
1912	160,120
1913	175,799
1914	166,163
1915	143,343
1916	160,407
1917	204,630
1918	248,887
1919	378,047
1920	373,842
1921	313,320
1922	276,621
1923	278,692
1924	260,093
1925	271,064
1926	274,694
1927	290,282
1928	300,602
1929	319,476
1930	322,449
1931	310,544
1932	283,576
1933	286,220
1934	281,774
1935	280,704
1936	322,473
1937	384,619

Reporting Local Branch Unions—Of the 3,258 local branch unions in the Dominion, 2,743 reported a combined membership of 346,422, 90 per cent of the total. The average membership of the reporting local branches was 126.

Trade Union Branches by Provinces—The province of Ontario had the largest number of local branch unions of all classes, 1,205. The remaining provinces ranked as follows: Quebec, 707; British Columbia, 328; Alberta, 294; Saskatchewan, 196; Manitoba, 195; Nova Scotia, 178; New Brunswick, 143; Prince Edward Island, 12.

Trade Unions Benefits—In 1937 six of the 31 Canadian central organizations reported payments for benefits, the total disbursed being \$47,657.78, a decrease of \$20,331.39 as compared with 1936.

Of the 96 international organizations operating in Canada, 58 had expenditures for benefits, the combined disbursements in Canada and the United States being \$20,906,473, an increase of \$678,295. The outlay for each class of

benefit was as follows:
Death benefits \$11,650,299
Unemployed and travelling benefits 171,883
Strike benefits 1,006,764
Sick and accident benefits 3,593,239
Old age pensions and other benefits 4,484,288
Other Features of the Report—Eight of the 25 chapters of the report discuss the following labour bodies with which the Canadian organized workers are identified:

- (1) International Labour Organizations in Canada.
- (2) Trades and Labour Congress of Canada.
- (3) All-Canadian Congress of Labour.
- (4) Canadian Federation of Labour.
- (5) One Big Union.
- (6) Industrial Workers of the World.
- (7) Federation of Catholic Workers of Canada.
- (8) Other Canadian Central Labour Bodies.

Non-Trade Union Associations—The report also contains information concerning a group of 126 associations of wage earners, which, though not connected with the labour movement, are considered of sufficient importance to justify the printing of their names in the volume. These associations include organizations of school teachers, government employees, commercial travellers, etc., with a combined reported membership of 116,904, an increase of 1,040 as compared with the figures for 1936.

North Bay Star: The long-sought "moral equivalent of war" might be ice hockey, some of whose stars are this winter carrying more stitches in their heads than a baseball.

She Could Neither Walk Nor Sleep

Arms and Feet Swollen With Rheumatism

This woman suffered for many years. Pain sapped her strength until she lost hope of recovery. Many remedies were tried, but nothing broke the grip of her crippling rheumatism. At last her husband persuaded her to try Kruschen Salts.—"My arms and feet were swollen with rheumatism," she writes. "I could not walk nor get regular sleep, and nothing did me any lasting good. I was so hopeless of ever getting better, I lost my good nature entirely. Then my husband persuaded me to try Kruschen Salts. After two weeks I began to feel better. I persevered, and in six weeks, I was doing housework. Later, I was able to go for a walk. Now I am free from pain and I feel grand."—(Mrs.) F.W.

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Says Munich Agreement Justified by Benes' Hope

(From Toronto Telegram)
Edouard Benes, former president of Czechoslovakia, firmly refuses to be disheartened by the effects of the Munich government. When it was made he predicted a new period of progress and development for his country, and he has repeated that confident prediction in New York. Asked about the possibility of war, he said nobody could foretell what would happen but that he would not believe that was inevitable. The position of the western democracies, he said, was "solid."

All this is in direct disagreement with those who denounced the peace as a deathblow to the republic and who have ever since prophesied calamitous consequences for the world. It is, in fact, from one who knows the circumstances and who has been extolled by Mr. Chamberlain's critics as Europe's most sagacious statesman, complete justification of the action taken by the British Prime Minister. Jan Masaryk said recently in Toronto that the Czechs were content to pay the price if peace were preserved and if there is a possibility that peace may be preserved, the bargain must be considered good. The alternative course would have meant world war and the destruction of Czechoslovakia instead of a situation in which there is at least hope. It is evident that neither Dr. Benes nor Mr. Masaryk, if either had been in Mr. Chamberlain's position, would have taken a step that would have destroyed all hope.

Man, said Dr. Benes in his New York speech, "must never—even if he sees the situation in dark colors—cease to hope for better times, and he must, most of all, never cease to work for them, never cease to struggle for them and never be discouraged on his way by any ill success." That is the gospel Premier Chamberlain has preached, it is by that creed he has lived and it is owing to his unceasing struggle and indomitable faith that Dr. Benes, and the world, are enabled to hope today.

Toronto Telegram: Destructive power of the Bren gun will be admitted by taxpayers who note the cost of that enquiry.

Charged With Refusal of Work, Three Freed

Purpose Was to Call Public Attention to Fact Charges Can be Laid, Says Crown Attorney. One Charge Against David Bastien Dismissed, One Withdrawn, Another Adjourned.

"These charges were laid to bring public attention to the fact that there is a charge under which such offenders can be prosecuted," said Crown Attorney Caldwell in police court on Tuesday, speaking in the case of three Timmins relief recipients who were charged with failing to accept work when it was offered to them.

"The convictions registered last week have served the purpose and Relief Inspector Fred Martyn is satisfied to give these men another chance," concluded the Crown.

Accordingly, charges against Noel Venn, Nelson Longpre and Lucien Groulx were withdrawn.

Trio of Charges
There were three charges against David Bastien, one of reckless driving, which was dismissed, one of obtaining credit under false pretences, which was withdrawn and a third, of the theft of three cords of wood, which was adjourned for a week.

In the hearing of the reckless driving charge, Lawrence Larivee, who with his wife was riding in a taxi cab, driven by Bastien, said that the car struck a post on Mountjoy St. He did not see how the automobile ran into the post, however, and could not say if there was reckless driving as he was in the back seat. Mrs. Larivee could tell the court no more than her husband so the charge

was dismissed.
Complainant in the theft charge was Mrs. Lily St. Aubin. She said that she sold Bastien three cords of wood and that he gave her the balance of the money for it on the day before the court. At that point the Crown interrupted to ask for an adjournment. A very important witness was missing, said Mr. Caldwell.

The third charge, with dated back to 1934, was withdrawn by the Crown on the recommendation of police.

Two Vagrants

Two men were sent to jail for thirty days on charges of vagrancy. The first was alleged to have been begging from door to door in the Hollinger Township and the second came into the police station and asked to be sent to jail.

Police were ordered to execute a warrant for the arrest of Vernon Johnston, who is wanted on a charge of forgery and another of obtaining by false pretences.

Johnston was not in court although he had been summoned. When a sergeant said that he saw him at a hockey game on Monday night Magistrate Atkinson ordered that the warrant be executed.

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