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## BEAVER NEAR TIMMINS

Usually when the question of conservation comes up, special thought is given to the tourists. It is pointed out that deer and other wild life is a particular attraction to tourists. Often the remark is made that if wild life is killed off, the tourist trade will cease to find a country of much interest. Last week, however, The Advance was given a strong argument for conservation without a single thought for tourists. The emphasis instead was laid on the loss of interest to the people of Timmins and district. The question arose in reference to the open season for trapping beaver. One local gentleman saw in the open season the danger of wiping out all the beaver colonies in this district. There are twenty or more such colonies of beaver within a comparatively short distance of Timmins, and these colonies have proved a very decided attraction for the people of the town. Scores of people in Timmins—men, women and children—have been in the habit in recent months of visiting certain spots near here where there are beaver colonies and deriving unusual pleasure from seeing the animals at work and play. The beaver seem to realize that their visitors are friendly and well-intentioned and know enough to keep a proper distance. None of the colonies are large. One particular favourite visiting place only a few miles from town has only ten beaver. The fear is that a few trappers might easily—and lawfully—clear out all these centres of deep interest and leave the country very much poorer without very great profit to the trappers. Because these beaver colonies are isolated, the danger of their total extinction is a serious one. It would be regrettable indeed, if anything of that sort should occur. It would mean that it would be years before other beaver colonies would take their place. Indeed, it might be that the district would be cleared for ever of these interesting little animals.

A little enquiry shows that the Ontario Fish and Game Department was fully justified in permitting an open season for trapping beaver. In recent years there has been a large increase in the number of beaver in Ontario. In some sections the increase in the number of beaver has proved a nuisance and an interference with farming, lumbering and other industries. There does not seem to be any particular danger of the open season resulting in any serious depletion of the beaver in this province. After the season is over there will be enough beaver left in Ontario generally to attract tourists and interest nature-lovers. If the beaver trapped in the open season are taken from areas where the animals are numerous, no harm will be done. Indeed, there will actually be benefit derived. The case, however, will be altogether different, if there is any centering on the isolated colonies where a single trapper can wipe out all the beaver without exceeding the limit under his license.

Both the local game warden and the president of the Porcupine Fish and Game Protective Association suggested the answer to the immediate problem when they indicated on Saturday last that a broad spirit of sportsmanship should be exercised. Trappers might well centre on the districts where there are large numbers of beaver—especially those areas where the animals are causing actual damage and loss. In the area close to Timmins the beaver are doing no harm, interfering with no one, but actually making centres of deep interest for large numbers of lovers of nature and the wild. If the trappers show that they also have intelligent thought for conservation, all will be well. On the other hand, if there is any ruthless spirit of destruction shown, it will be remembered.

Nothing can be done for the moment to protect the isolated beaver colonies during the present open season, but it might be well for the Department of Fish and Game to study the matter and see if some regulations could not be embodied in the law to meet cases like these referred to. One suggestion is that some form of Sanctuary for wild animals might be declared in the districts around Northern towns where the animals were harmless and inoffensive and constituted so notable a centre of interest. In recent years the Department of Fish and Game has shown so keen and clever an interest in conservation of wild life that The Advance is encouraged to believe that something will be done about it.

## SHOULD NOT REPEAT MISTAKE

There is a proposal that private radio stations should be allowed to form a chain of their own in Canada. The idea, of course, is to further facilitate the profit-making of these private stations and also to fasten them more securely on Canada as an accepted part of the radio situation. The Government should have nothing to do with this proposal. Instead of giving the private stations

any good grounds for thinking they have any permanent right, the Government should make it plain that private stations are only permitted upon sufferance, and they are licensed only from year to year, and at their own risk. Before the first radio station was established in the North, the promoter was at great pains to explain to the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade that the plan was only a temporary measure to be followed by a regular government-owned station to serve the people of this area. It was on this argument that the approval and support of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade was secured. At the time the government made it plain that a few private radio stations might be permitted to serve temporary needs, but that it was recognized that any system with part of the stations government-owned and part privately owned was impractical and unfair.

The government will be very remiss indeed, in its duty if it allows any further latitude to private stations. In this, it will not be able to shirk responsibility by laying the blame on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The latter is only the creature of the government, and the government will find that the people in general very properly hold the government directly responsible for whatever may be done by the CBC.

One of the problems featured by the Leadership League is the railway burden on the people of Canada. That is a problem that has reached a fairly desperate phase. A great part of the problem arises from the fact that some of the railways are government-owned and others are in private ownership. Governments fostered and bonused privately-owned railways, and now find a staggering problem to face. Why do the same with radio? In view of the lesson of the railways, why build a similar radio problem for Canada? It is doubtful if the Leadership League can solve the railway problem at this late date. The Leadership League, however, could do a genuine public service by taking effective measures to see that by fostering the private radio stations a serious problem is not built up in regard to radio. Instead of more securely fastening private radio stations on the country by considering chain plans or anything like that, opportunity should be taken to impress on the private stations that they are what they heralded themselves as being—simply stop-gaps until Canada could extend its system of government-owned stations to serve the country.

## NEW CANADIANS

At the last regular meeting of the Timmins Lions Club some twenty New Canadians were guests for the occasion. Probably nothing else that the Lions club has done in town has given such striking justification for the Lions calling themselves a "service" club. The meeting at which those New Canadians met was "service" to the community in the finest sense of the word. On the one hand it showed the New Canadians that their fellow citizens have interest and friendliness for them, while on the other hand it gave Canadians in general striking testimony of the goodwill held by most New Canadians for the land of their adoption. During the years The Advance has had occasion to meet the New Canadians in their own events at their own halls—in concerts, banquets and other affairs—and has been impressed not only with the generous hospitality and friendliness of these new citizens, but also with their strong loyalty and devotion to their new land. Time and again the lesson has been impressed that these people can hold affection for the land of their fathers, and yet give a deeper devotion to the land of their sons. Sometimes, indeed, the New Canadians seem to shame some of those of older Canadian citizenship, by the extent of their loyalty and heart interest in this new land. Anything that makes the loyal attitude of the New Canadians more widely known and appreciated is a genuine service to the whole community—to Canada.

The Lions were particularly fortunate in their selection of a speaker for their meeting on Thursday night. There are few citizens held in as high regard by all as Mr. E. L. Longmore, and few, indeed, who can present a case with as much logic and force as he can. In a word, Mr. Longmore's address may be summed up as proving that a great nation can not be built upon racial superiority or upon racial lines, but that the only true basis is manhood and womanhood of the right type, working for democracy, liberty, righteousness and progress.

If Canadians, old and new, were proud of the representative of the older Canadians, there was also a thrill for all in the response of the representative of the New Canadians. "I am sure that the New Canadians will be ready to support their adopted country in peace," said Mr. Nicolas Lucyshin, "and to take up arms for her in the event of war." To work for Canada in peace, and to fight for Canada in war. Isn't that the best summary of loyal citizenship condensed into a sentence?

The Lions Club did a service in bringing Old and New Canadians together. On several occasions the Legion has done similar service. It is well worth while. The more Canadians see of the New Canadians the better they will esteem them, and the more the New Canadians meet their older brothers the better they will like them. Old and New Canadians working together can face the world without fear or doubt.



## "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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## LOCALS

Mr. Marcel Everard spent the weekend in North Bay.

Miss Jeanette Thompson, of Hamilton, was a visitor to town last week.

Mr. Thos. J. Berrigan recently returned to his home at Sheenboro, Que., after visiting friends in Timmins.

Miss Bernice Wall of North Bay, is the guest of Mrs. Harry Linney of 33 Lakeshore Road.

Mrs. J. M. Hackett, of Sudbury, is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Latham.

Mrs. Stella Peachy has returned after spending a few weeks at her home in Ottawa.

Mr. Bob Looney, a member of the McIntyre hockey team, left on Saturday for Winnipeg, Manitoba, and other points west.

Mrs. C. R. Sutherland and little daughter, Jean, of Toronto, spent a few days last week the guests of friends in Timmins.

Friends will regret to know that Mrs. D. P. Taylor, 275 Elm street north, is ill at her home, and all will wish her speedy and complete recovery.

Mr. Henry Sullivan returned last week to his home in New Liskeard after being the guest of relatives in Timmins.

Mr. Geo. Carson, of Montreal, is visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wolno, for a few days.

Mrs. W. J. Wingrove and Miss Doris Wingrove of Toronto, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Wingrove in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Malone have returned from Toronto, where Mr. Malone took special treatment at the Toronto hospital. His many friends will be glad to know that he is in much better health.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The people of the town are not worrying as to who gets the jelly, but who is getting the gravy.

The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing, urges the establishment of a training field for airmen at Kapuskasing. The Northern Tribune points out that the men of the North have shown a particular aptitude as airmen. Training could be carried on at Kapuskasing under most practical conditions and comparatively free from espionage. Reference is also made to the fact air defence is the most practical and effective possible for this country, and likely to be the most needed type of service in case of trouble. The effort of Germany to establish an air base at Iceland surely gives emphasis of the case presented by The Northern Tribune. No thinking person can deny that in case of any war the North of Canada will need particular defence. Some of the danger undoubtedly will come from the air, and so the suggestion of The Northern Tribune appears to be particularly timely. There will be danger, though, from other sources than enemy aircraft. Defence will be required for the resources in mines and in other industries in the North. There will have to be defence from sabotage and from destruction of bridges and other public works. The more defence against these things the less likely they are to occur. This is why The Advance advocates the strengthening of the militia. There should be proper quarters in the North for the training of men to defend the North should the worst come

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Brazeau left last week for Toronto where Mrs. Brazeau will enter the Toronto General Hospital for treatment. Mr. Brazeau will return home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sedley Taylor of New Liskeard, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elsie Jean, to Dr. William Taylor, of Timmins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Hamilton, the wedding to take place on April 15th at the United Church, New Liskeard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eaton have taken up residence on Hemlock Street. Mr. Eaton, manager of P. C. Burroughes Furniture Company, has been in town since last fall. He was joined, Sunday by Mrs. Eaton and their children Raymond, Rita and Patricia, who came up from Hamilton, their former home.

## Two Killed by Fall at Wright-Hargreaves

Thrown Down Chute by Collapse of Ore.

Kirkland Lake, March 25.—Falling approximately 40 feet, when the broken muck on which they were partly standing gave way, Fred LaFleur, 39, and A. W. Bellamy, 23, were instantly killed at Wright-Hargreaves Mine about 8:15 Thursday morning. The men were working on the 3100 West stope when the accident occurred.

LaFleur, machine runner and Bellamy, helper, were working with two timbermen, H. G. Jones and P. Raziq, on a mining bench in the stope about 30 feet below the 3000 foot level. They had prepared the place for drilling off the bench, and the timbermen were helping them scale and measure for timber, and set up their machine. At the time of the accident LaFleur and Bellamy were setting up the stags.

Both men were standing partly on the bench and partly on the broken ore when the ore dropped away from the edge of the bench. They fell about 40 feet down the chute and were covered by some of the rock when found. The bodies were recovered from the manway going up from the 3150, about 60 feet above.

Dr. T. F. Kelly, who was called to the scene of the accident, after examination stated that both men were instantly killed.

The funeral services for Fred LaFleur will be conducted from the Church of the Assumption on Monday morning at nine o'clock. Arrangements for the Bellamy services were not completed at the time of writing this.

LaFleur, who was married and had eight children, lived at the Toburn end of Third Street, while Bellamy, also married, with one child, lived at King Kirkland.

Smith's Falls Record-News—Canadians may rest assured that a Federal election will be held this year. Predictions are that it will be staged the latter part of September or early in October. However, it is unlikely that a definite date will be set until after the visit of our King and Queen in May.

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## Ten Births Registered During the Past Week-end

Born—on March 22nd, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Selles, of Sandy Falls—a son.

Born—on March 19th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Cloutier, of 169 Birch street north—twins (boys).

Born on March 22nd, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mancuso, of 1 Cody avenue—a daughter.

Born on March 22nd, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jordan, of 99-A First avenue, at St. Mary's hospital—a daughter.

Born—on March 18th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Eino Luoma of 62 Balsam street north, at St. Mary's hospital—a daughter.

Born—on March 24th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Hodley of 32 Way avenue—a son.

Born—on March 25th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Sgt. F. E. Devine, of 51 Elm street south, at St. Mary's hospital—a son.

Born—on March 18th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Baranowski, of 24 Hemlock street—a son.

North Bay Nugget:—If Great Britain should this week decide to raise arms in defence of democracy, it will be found that Canada will be among the first of the Empire countries to pledge unlimited support. It is folly to think or act otherwise.

## 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 441

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Willis Casser late of the Township of Tisdale in the District of Cochrane, Deceased, who died on or about the 2nd Day of September, 1938.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Mary Willis Casser late of the Township of Tisdale in the District of Cochrane, Deceased, who died on or about the 2nd day of September, 1938, are hereby notified to send to the undersigned Executor or his Solicitors on or before the 24th day of April, 1939, the full particulars of their claims verified by Affidavit. After the said 24th day of April, 1939, the assets of the Estate will be distributed amongst the Parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the Executor shall then have notice. Dated at Timmins, Ontario, this 21st day of March, 1939.

WALTER FRANCIS JOHN COSSIER, Executor, by Messrs JACKSON & MACERIEU, Barristers, Etc., 215 Third Avenue, Timmins, his Solicitors. -24-26-28

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to the worst. The government would do well to give the most careful consideration to the suggestion of a training field for airmen at Kapuskasing, and the erection of a commodious armoury at Timmins.

One reason given by the government for ignoring the whole North in the matter of the itinerary of the royal visit to Canada is that the Canadian National Railways line from Nakina to Hearst is not safe for heavy traffic. If there is any truth in this excuse, there should be immediate measures taken to make the line safe for the subjects of the King who use it. No loyal subject would ask that the life of the King be endangered by travel over an unsafe strip of railway, but no truly loyal son of Canada will tolerate the risking of the lives of good Canadians who may have to travel over this strip of Canadian-owned railway.

No one need to be surprised if there is a special tax imposed in Timmins on jelly.

Difficulty is being experienced by the agents of the Attorney General of Ontario in securing information that will lead to the conviction of those responsible for the conducting of schools teaching sedition to children. There is no doubt but that such schools exist, but the necessary evidence is difficult to secure. What is really needed is the re-enactment of Section 98 of the Criminal Code. Under this section the curbing of subversive activities was facilitated. Section 98 forbid the membership in all organizations that advocated the use of force or the threat of force.

## At The Bottom



Alan N. Pope's father is on the verge of cure, says Statter notes. His bride-to-be is daughter of an hotel owner. Tween 7-one-year-old Mr Pope declares he will work as an apprentice steward in a Buffalo hotel to learn the business.