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## THE AGE OF RACKETS

If there is justification for referring to certain eras in the history of mankind by names suggestive of distinctive characteristics of each particular time, then the present age might well be referred to as the Age of Rackets. Hitler and Mussolini may be classed as kings in the racket game, but racketeering is not confined to the prominent dictators, as the average citizen and the business man in particular have costly reason to know. Indeed, the dictators—with lack of originality that seems to have distinguished dictators through the ages—seem no more than to have copied and extended the operations of lesser racketeers.

One of the most heartless of rackets has been exposed by announcement following the plans of the British government to rid the Old Land of the hundreds of Nazi spies and agents recently infesting the country. It appears that the British government decided to completely clear the country of these German workers not so much because of military or naval information they might give Germany or because of any subversive activities they have been carrying on, but because of their contemptible preying on their fellow countrymen in Britain. The racket of these Nazi agents has been to learn the names of men living in Great Britain who have relatives in Germany and then use the knowledge for blackmail purposes. Sometimes the unfortunate victims of this form of racket have been forced to disclose information they might have in regard to conditions in Britain. At other times the demand has been a straight money one. In either case the threat has been held against them that to oppose the racketeers will surely mean death or worse for the loved ones in Germany. Some British newspapers suggest that this deplorable form of racket did more than anything else to speed the British authorities in making a complete clean-up of Nazi spies, agents and informers in Britain.

The British people are always slow to move against spies and subversive agents. Before the last world war, Britain was over-run with German and other alien spies, but those who pointed out this fact received little but sneers for their pains. In recent years espionage has been carried on so openly in Britain that Russia and Germany especially must have lacked a complete sense of humour to refer to their agents as part of a secret service.

In regard to this matter of attention to espionage, Canada is inclined to follow the British methods—to refuse to admit the existence of spies or subversive agents, and to insist that they can do no harm if they do exist in this country. As soon as a war commences, the folly of this idea is very apparent. It would be the part of wisdom to make the work of foreign spies as difficult and dangerous as possible. There should be no closed season for foreign agents or subversive activities. It might be well for Canada to assure itself that rackets similar to those imposed in Britain are not a part of the work of alien agents in Canada. It is a well-known fact that more than one dictator country has active agents in this Dominion, and it is worse than folly to imagine that they would hesitate to use their regular rackets in this tolerant country.

## A MATTER FOR REGRET

During the past few days, with another world war apparently imminent, several newspapers have taken occasion to make ironic comment on the unemployment problem. One newspaper has quoted young men as saying, while they were boarding freight trains to steal rides to other cities, "Well, things look more promising now! If there is war, there will be work for all of us! Those who don't go into the firing line will find plenty of chance to work, making munitions and supplies!"

The truth of such a summary can scarcely be questioned. "If there is a war, there will be work for all!" Isn't it a sad commentary on the attitude of governments and public men? In case of war all the old excuses for withholding employment will go by the boards. "Where is the money to come from?" The answer to that will be that the money will simply have to be found. If any one should venture the suggestion that the cost will be staggering, that fellow will be promptly silenced with the idea that it is traitorous to think too much of cost when the safety of the country is the issue.

Surely, it is a matter for regret that all these excellent, patriotic arguments were not forced to the front when the country was invaded by the enemy depression! The safety of the country was just as surely menaced when thousands upon thousands of loyal and eager young Canadians were forced to feel that there was no place for them in their own land. There is no questioning the fact that work—and work only—is the logical

the honest, the sensible, the only remedy for unemployment. It was equally the fact that there was sufficient work necessary, desirable, to give employment to all. There were public works of all kinds—roads, bridges, buildings, forest conservation—crying out to be done—holding back the development of the country and the advantage of the people by not being done. There was the lesson of past times that these public works were usually attempted in boom times when they cost more, and the paying for them fell on poorer times when their financing was the more difficult. It looked like a chance to reverse the process—to do the public works when labour was begging for work, and leave the paying for them to the days when affairs had mended in the world and the cycle of prosperity had returned.

Why was the plan not tried? Governments showed that they felt some responsibility in the matter by arranging lavish direct relief. The only answer to the question as to why unemployment was not killed by providing work was the little matter of cost. In this connection it is interesting to note that the cost of direct relief measures has far exceeded the highest estimates placed some years ago on public works that would have provided work and made the most of the direct relief unnecessary.

All the responsibility must not be placed on the government, however. Indeed, the different governments, representing succeeding parties in power, have done perhaps as much as they felt that public support would warrant. The public must accept much of the blame for the growth of the direct relief incubus. It may be recalled that when the Bennett Government organized an extended system of work camps for transients, there was a most unwholly howl about militarism and so on. It was suggested that these camps were a cloak for training men in military matters. Of course, there was absolutely nothing in the claim. But, supposing there had been foundation for the suggestion, would it not be a comforting thing today to know that there were a few thousand young men, physically fit, well trained and with some knowledge of the necessary matters, ready to assist in the defence of this Dominion? In place of this what has Canada? The sad answer is: thousand of transients wandering the country feeling unwanted, useless, futile!

Regretting the mistakes of the past will do no good, unless regret means determination not to repeat former errors. It would be well to remember that if the dire necessity of war arrives, there will be no counting the cost. If the unemployment situation were faced as a state of war—the presence of an enemy that will surely destroy the flower of the youth of Canada, and flinch the liberty of the nation—a solution would be found and put into force at once. The defence against the ruthless enemy to-day threatening the very life of Canada is Work for All and All at Work. Surely, it will not need a world war to set in motion adequate forces to meet the enemy.

## PIONEERING SPIRIT

In recent times some are inclined to suggest that the pioneering spirit is dying out. Not only is this a mistaken belief, but it seems to be a fact that certain families and certain localities have a particular tendency to supply the pioneer and the adventurer for new places. The North Land gives special proof of this. While the population of this North is unusually cosmopolitan, a few sections of country appear to supply a particularly large proportion of the pioneers of this new land. For example, Cobalt, Porcupine and Kirkland Lake would have lost a material part of their early population if all from Renfrew County, or Nova Scotia, or Cornwall, England, or the Gatin-eau Valley, had gone home again.

A recent obituary notice in The Pembroke Standard-Observer unconsciously called attention to the pioneering spirit in some families. In the list of surviving relatives were sons and daughters living at Englehart, Hearst, Cochrane, Val d'Or. Perhaps, a still more striking example was given some time ago in The Advance in an obituary notice, where it was shown that relatives of the esteemed dead man lived now at such widely-separated places as London, England, Rhodesia, South Africa, Melbourne, Australia, The Yukon, and British Columbia.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The Telegraph-Journal of Saint John, New Brunswick, in referring to a recent exhibition of clothing made wholly in New Brunswick from wool produced in the province, remarks that New Brunswick has many characteristic products, "from dulse to hooked rugs." Even in the inland sections of Canada, all will know what hooked rugs are. Those here from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and other provinces by the sea will be equally well acquainted with "dulse." But there may be many lacking the good fortune to have lived at one time or another in Canada's maritime provinces, who may wonder about "dulse", and whether it is product of farm, forest, mine, stream or factory. Dulse comes from none of these. Dulse is a red seaweed that grows on other larger seaweeds and on rocks. It is used in Scotland and Ireland and in Mediterranean countries as food, and no doubt in the provinces by the sea in Canada is enjoyed as part of the menu.

Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Minister of Highways for



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## Member of Timmins H. & V. S. Orchestra at Toronto

Franklin MacNamara, of the Timmins High and Vocational School orchestra, is in Toronto as the representative of the school at the meeting of Ontario Teachers' Association where an orchestra, made up of representatives from schools throughout the province will perform.

## Objects to Grant to the Gold Belt Band

Claims Organization Part of Communist Propaganda.

Timmins, Ont., April 8, 1939  
Mr. Editor,  
Porcupine Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—Are we to learn how to sing the Internationale? At a recent meeting of the Town Fathers, the band master of the Gold Belt Band, very vehemently denied the fact that his band was another make-believe bonafide organization under Communist sponsorship.

It is generally recognized that the gentleman is not a Communist, but would he not be like so many others, the tools of the Communist party used as a bait to get that donation from the Town of Timmins?

Is it not true that the gentleman in question is paid \$35 a month for his time with this band? Is it not true also that one half of this amount is paid by the members of the band and the second half by the officials of a local hall which is an avowed Communist nest? Is it not true that the big base was in most part paid for by that same local hall? Is it not true that the drummer does not pay a fee like the others to belong to the band because having no Communist leaning he wouldn't contribute but was accepted nevertheless when no other drummer could be found to play for such an organization?

There is no doubt at all that the Gold Belt Band is another product of the very prolific father "Stalin." But even though the Communists should succeed in deceiving the public on this issue, does this mean that the public of Timmins should be called upon to pay more taxes (here is that cherished phrase again) to support another band? I don't think so. We already have bands that are doing as good a job as they could under the circumstances. Is it because somebody got the idea that a new band was needed that we should be called upon to support it? Is it not true that each member of that band who is employed is to pay \$2.00 a month for the privilege of belonging to the outfit and \$1.00 a month if unemployed? With all this income if we are to add a donation from John Citizens through the kindness of our Town Councillors, what are they going to do? More Communist propaganda is the only answer and then, you and I will have to sing the Internationale, whether we like it or not.

Thank you.

Anti-Communist.

Smiles—Old Gentleman: "You're an honest boy, but it was a \$10 bill I dropped, not ten ones." Youngster: "I know, mister, but the last time I found a \$10 bill the man didn't have any change."

Ontario, suggests that the achievement of safety on the highways would be a good way for the province to greet the coming visit of the King and Queen, as the royal pair are specially interested in safety. If safety on the highways, why not also safety on the railways? There is a strip of railway between Nakina and Hearst that has been reported by Ottawa as unsafe for travel by the royal train. Would it not be a good gesture to make that stretch of railway safe for the people who use it now? Why not see to this piece of safety at once? If this were done, and the line made safe for use by the common people, it would be safe enough for the royal train, and accordingly hundreds of thousands of people in this

North Land might be given a fair chance to see Their Majesties on their tour of Canada next month.

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# WANT Ads

## ROOMS

FOR RENT—Front two rooms heated, unfurnished. Water and lights paid. New house. Apply 17 Cedar Street North, c/o Montgomery-Morrison. 26-27-28-29

## Junior League Play at South Porcupine

Other News from South Porcupine and the Dome.

South Porcupine, April 8.—(Special to The Advance)—The play "Looking Lovely", which the Junior League of the United Church is presenting on Thursday and Friday this week in the church, should prove a success, and a number of our young people are working hard to make it so. Make a point of attending.

The Porcupine Young Men's Club held their usual weekly business meeting on Wednesday planning the Easter Monday dance. Table tennis, now that two new tables have been made by the members, is now proving very popular in the club room. A constitution is being drawn up and will be presented at their next meeting—on April 14th.

Mr. John Kuisto arrived home on Friday from a week's visit to Toronto.

Mrs. R. Ellis is leaving on Monday to spend the holiday week in Orono.

Hugh Train, who is in Porcupine General hospital, is recovering nicely from operation and expects to be home on Monday.

Mrs. Miller, of Charlton, who was a patient in the Porcupine hospital, left for home on Friday, taking with her, her niece, Miss Shirley Ewing, for the Easter holiday.

Born—In the Porcupine General hospital on Friday, April 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. James Finn, of Porcupine—a daughter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Dasovich, of Leighton St., South Porcupine, on April 6th, a son, in the Porcupine General hospital.

Mr. Wm. McDonald, of the Belvidere Apts., who has been spending a month in Evanville and Ottawa, returned this week.

Miss Venour of the Porcupine Hospital staff, left on Thursday to spend the Easter week-end with her people in Toronto.

A lovely little party was given by Mrs. Belanger, of 54 Moore St., last Wednesday, with Mrs. Frank Thorpe as guest of honour. Twelve to fifteen guests were present and thoroughly enjoyed an evening of games and music, finishing with a dainty lunch served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Pendleton are moving from 154 Bloor Avenue to the Sauder apartments.

Once a year, at the Easter convention of the Ontario Education Association, a representative secondary school orchestra is chosen to play. On Wednesday evening at Massey Hall, Toronto, in the coming week two of our High School pupils will play in this orchestra. Eino Kautto and Laura Wuorimäki. The Kiwanis Club, who heard our High School orchestra at one of their weekly dinners, and who spoke highly of its excellence, are sponsoring one of these pupils, the Board sending the other with one from the Schumacher High School.

Miss T. Burns leaves on Monday to spend the week with Mrs. O. Orr at Larder Lake.

Miss B. M. C. Shaw left on Thursday to spend Easter in her old home town of Owen Sound before going on to Toronto for the O.E.A. convention.

Miss Kathleen Pecore is home for the holidays from Penetanguishene.

The teachers at the residence who will be staying in town for Easter are, Miss Higgins, Mr. Rath, Miss Cummings, and Miss Hammond. The following left on Thursday for their respective homes—Miss Stanley to Russell; Miss Donley to Kirkland Lake; Miss Corkery to Renfrew; Miss Loney to Pembroke; Miss Walker to Ottawa; Miss I. Smith to London; Mr. Simpson to Toronto; Miss L. McKee to Timworth; Miss Ball to Barrie; Miss Wanless to Caledon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Woodings, of Englehart, spent the week-end, as guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Smith.

Mrs. G. Brown is spending a few days visiting her sister in Englehart.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Percy Millions suffered a stroke on Thursday, necessitating his removal once more to the Porcupine General hospital.

The sympathetic Cornish people of the Dome Extension have been most generous in their contributions toward the fund for the dependents of the fishermen of St. Ives, Cornwall, who lost their lives recently in an attempted lifeboat rescue. Mr. Bentley Webb, who has been responsible for the collection, is at the head of the list.

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## FOR RENT

OFFICE OR RENT—Apply to J. C. Ostrom Building, 74 Golden Avenue. Phone 13, South Porcupine. -28S

FOR RENT—Basement of "Harmony Hall", suitable for club room, offices, etc. Apply Janitor, 39 Fourth Ave. Rear. -27-28P

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## FOR SALE

FOR SALE—208 acres; 3 miles from Huntsville; 1/4 mile off No. 11 Highway; 80 acres clay and clayloam, balance bush and pasture; 2 barns, 40 by 60, one with stone stable, brick house, 8 rooms; all good condition. Apply Frank Blackwell, Huntsville, Ont., Box 822. 28-29P

## LOST

LOST—On Saturday night between Wilson Ave. and Ukrainian Labor Temple, \$50. Finder telephone 1328 and receive liberal reward. -28

## SALE OF TIMBER

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to and including Thursday, 20th, April, 1939, at 12 o'clock. Noon, for the right to cut the Spruce Log Timber and Spruce and Balsam Pulwood on certain lots in Concessions 3 and 4, Little Township, District of Cochrane.

Further Particulars may be obtained upon application to the undersigned, or to Mr. P. O'Gorman, District Forester, Cochrane.

PETER HEENAN,  
Minister of Lands and Forests.  
N.B.—No unauthorized publication of this Notice will be paid for.  
Toronto, April 1, 1939. -27-28P35

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Willis Cossar 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 Cossar 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 COSSER, Executor, by Messrs JACKSON & MACBRIEN, Barristers, Etc., 2 1/2 Third Avenue, Timmins, his Solicitors. -24-26-28

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lection at this end of the camp, has a nice sum to hand in to the Timmins Cornish Club, and a detailed statement of collections will be published before sending overseas to their needy countrymen. Many of the Cornish people in this area are quite familiar with the district bereaved and the families of the lifeboat crew are known to some.

Mrs. Beckett, of Cecil St., is moving on to Bloor St. this week.

Mr. D. Cameron is out of hospital and recuperating at home.

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## LOTS FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Building Lots \$225. Terms \$25 down, \$10 monthly. Thomas E. Bailey, 13 Fourth Avenue Phone 1590. 27-28P

## 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, Sup't. Children's Aid, Timmins, Ont. 44P

## IN MEMORIAM

LAWRENCE—In loving memory of Gracie, only and beloved child of Mr. and Mrs. Will Lawrence, who passed away April 9, 1938, age 16 years. "Just when her life was brightest, Just when her years were best; She was called from a world of sorrow To a home of eternal rest." —Mom and Daddy. 28P

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the Estate of Helmer Forsberg, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of the above mentioned, who died at the Town of Timmins, in the District of Cochrane, on or about the 9th day of November, 1938, are required to file proof of same with the undersigned on or before the 10th day of May, 1939.

After that date the Public Trustee will proceed to distribute the estate, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Dated at Toronto this 5th day of April, 1939.

A. N. MIDDLETON,  
Public Trustee, Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Ontario. -28

## SHERIFF'S SALE OF LANDS

Under and by Virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the District Court of the District of Cochrane, to me directed, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of Bob Rubie, sometimes known as Bob Rubie, in an action in which E. C. Brewer Limited, (by assignment) is the execution creditor and Bob Rubie, sometimes known as Bob Rubie, is the debtor, I have seized and taken in execution and will offer for sale by public auction, at the office of E. C. Brewer Limited, in the Gordon Block, Pine Street, Timmins, on Monday the 8th day of May, A.D. 1939, at the hour of 11:30 o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title, interest and equity of redemption of the above named debtor, Bob Rubie, otherwise known as Bob Rubie, in, to and out of the following described lands and tenements:

Viz:—The said land is entered in Parcel 1145 in the Register for Whitney and Tisdale and is described as follows:—

Situate in the Township of Tisdale, in the District of Cochrane and Province of Ontario, namely:

The surface rights of Lot Number Forty-Five (45) as shown on Plan M-34 (Suburb) now deposited in the Office of Land Titles at Cochrane.

Sheriff's Office, Cochrane, January 25th, 1939.

John D. Mackay,  
Sheriff, District of Cochrane. 28-30-32-34

## LEGAL NOTICE

Tuomi vs. Tuomi

In the Supreme Court of Ontario The Honourable Mr. Justice McFarland, In Chambers.

Monday, the 27th day of March, A.D. 1939, between: Eino Tuomi, Plaintiff and Yrjo Tuomi and Irja Helmi, Defendants. Upon the application of the Plaintiff, and upon hearing read the affidavit of Henry Augustus Ccon, and upon hearing what was alleged;

1. It is Ordered that service of the Writ of Summons, Statement of Claim and Affidavit of the Plaintiff herein, by Publication of this Order in three issues of The Porcupine Advance, in the City of Timmins, in the District of Cochrane, on or before the 17th day of April, 1939, shall be good and sufficient service of same upon the above-named Defendant, Irja Helmi.

2. And it is further Ordered that an appearance be entered at the Registrar's Office, Osgoode Hall, Toronto, by or on behalf of the above-named Defendant, Irja Helmi, on or before the 27th day of April, 1939, and that statement of defence be delivered within ten days thereafter Chas. W. Smyth, Registrar, S.O.C. -27-28-29

The Plaintiff claims in her statement of Claim, dissolution of her marriage with the Defendant, Yrjo Tuomi, on the ground of his adultery with the said Defendant Irja Helmi. Chas. W. Smyth Registrar, S.O.C. Entered O.B. 172, Page 78-9, March 29, 1939, D.S.

Sherbrooke Record—If in doubt about a woman driver's signals, stop—says a Boston traffic official. That's what we do—if she's cute.