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LOOKING AFTER THE HEALTH

There are those who advocate various forms of state medical care, but against this idea is the British dislike of regimentation and the objection to the creation of another central body to dominate another sphere in individual life. There is, of course, a growing realization of the vital importance of health to a nation. Some months ago the Teachers' Federation did a notable public service by a series of articles and addresses emphasizing the necessity for physical fitness from a dozen different standpoints. Totalitarian countries have realized the need for greater care of the health of the individual as of vital importance to the state, and the measures to assure this end have been along the same line as those common to dictator-ruled lands. It is not likely that British countries will take kindly to these methods. It is more likely here that any steps toward anything approaching state medicine, as it is called, will develop from local and individual efforts. The plan of the Hollinger Employees' Medical Service might be taken as an illustration. This service is probably the most complete and effective in Canada and at a comparatively low rate of cost. Other corporations have been encouraged by the success of the Hollinger Employees' Medical Service to attempt similar services. From the success of these private ventures, the idea no doubt will spread to the general benefit.

In the same way, it may be noted that the tendency in Canada is to try municipal, rather than state medicine. In this connection there may be historic significance in recording the case of St. Joseph township, St. Joseph Island, Manitoulin. This small township municipality intends on July 1st to inaugurate a municipal medical system. Under the St. Joseph plan Dr. H. S. Trefey will give medical and surgical service to every permanent resident of the township, receiving in return a salary of \$2,250. The municipality will collect \$2.40 annually from each resident to pay for the doctor's services, there being about 940 permanent residents of the township. The plan provides only medical and surgical services, and does not include hospital treatment, so it is not complete, but at least it is a start in the direction of assuring the health of all in the township.

It is interesting to note the story underlying this unusual example of municipal medical and surgical service. Reeve J. S. Tranter, head of the St. Joseph township municipality explained the matter recently to the newspapers, and incidentally he suggested the need for municipal health measures and their general value. "Times have been hard on the Island, and the doctor, having trouble collecting his accounts, would have been forced to leave," the reeve said. "Two years ago when we advertised for a doctor, he was the only one willing to come without a guarantee. In case he were to leave now, we would have to give another doctor a guarantee to secure his services. That would mean cost to the municipality without control. We have a good doctor in Dr. Trefey, and we'd like to keep him."

There should be very general interest in the plan adopted by St. Joseph township. If it works well, there are sure to be other townships, towns and villages adopting the same system. It would also be interesting to know if there are already any other townships or towns in Ontario—in Canada—using such a plan. The Manitoulin would have reason to be still more proud, if one of its islands was the first to introduce to Canada a regular system of general health protection for all in the municipality.

"HE WAS A TRANSIENT"

The name "transient" has been given to the unemployed who move from one town to another—often it seems without any regard for the chances of employment in the places they visit. The "transients" keep on the move, but often it seems their moves have little purpose. The North has seen much of the "transients." In the past few years they have visited the North literally by the thousands. Passing and re-passing through this North, the word "transient" seems a fitting one. In the main they have been a quiet, orderly lot. There appears to have been little of the criminal or the vicious about them, hence the name "transient" has carried no particular discredit or ill-will. It has been taken for granted that they are the victims of ill-fortune, and while the quality of desire to travel that has given them their name has not advantaged either the communities or the "transients," there is little of ill-will entertained on either side.

At the same time, there seems something amiss in referring to the hero who some days ago saved the life of an eight-year-old boy at Kapuskasing, by the term, "only a transient." The hero, whose name is given as W. A. Bernard, in the words of the despatch, was lolling near the river when an eight-year-old boy named Lawrence Dodds, who

was playing by the riverside lost his balance and fell into the swirling waters. The lad was swept away at once, and would undoubtedly have been drowned, had prompt and courageous action been lacking. Without stopping to remove impeding clothing, the transient went to the rescue with promptness and courage. He swam after the boy, who by this time had been swept into the rapids at the bend of the river. Bernard went into the rapids, caught the exhausted boy, and bearing him up made for the shore, effecting one of the most gallant rescues in the story of the Kapuskasing river.

Quick thought, prompt action, courage, the spirit of sacrifice—these were the virtues displayed by that transient. They are qualities held no doubt by many another transient of to-day. But these gallant attributes should not be the role of the "transient." It will be an ill day if these high virtues are to be classed as transient. It is an equally ill day if men who have these things—bravery, coolness, keen intelligence—who are ready to risk life to help a child in distress—are to be allowed to remain as "transients" in a land where there should be work and opportunity for all.

ROYALTY CONQUERS

From the "capture of Quebec" when King George and Queen Elizabeth first set foot on Canadian soil, to the day last week when the royal couple left Canada for a visit to the United States of America, Their Majesties the King and Queen have had a triumphal, a truly victorious journey through the Dominion. It is too much to say that they won the loyalty of all in Canada. The people of this Dominion were loyal before Their Majesties arrived. But the gracious royal couple have deepened that loyalty and given it a touch of genuine affection that will last through all the years.

Evidence of this fact is given by the delight with which Canadians have followed the triumphal march of Their Majesties through the United States centres visited. Despatches note the facts that "The King and Queen are accepted as O.K."; that "Their Majesties knocked 'em cold"; that "The Queen was a regular wow"; that "the crowds went absolutely ga-ga over Their Majesties"; that "the people of these United States consider Their Majesties are simply grand people." Canadians know the true meaning of these expressions. They know the people of the United States are a more demonstrative people than the Canadians, but like the Canadians, when they feel deeply in their hearts, they feel that even cheers, and ordinary language, are inadequate. When a New York newspaper says that "the King and Queen are swell folks, not stuffed shirts," Canadians feel that though the language may not be termed elegant, the sentiment is all right and comes from the heart. In the words of the gracious Queen herself to the veteran at Ottawa who had made a slip in formal decorum, the people of Canada may well say to the people of the United States, "It's all right. We understand."

In the glorious reception given the King and Queen in the United States, Canadians feel the friendship thus shown is also an honour from its great neighbour to Canada. There is much talk these days about the fact that the royal visit will more closely cement the friendship of Britain and the United States. That may be true, but it is still more the fact that the generous hospitality accorded the royal visitors will give a more tender turn to the affection between Canada and the United States. Every honour, every friendship, every cheer given by the people of the United States to King George and Queen Elizabeth is taken as a compliment and a mark of friendship to Canada and Canadians. To-day there is a warmer feeling for the United States in Canada because of the right royal reception given Canada's King and Queen.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

One of those gentlemen with statistical turns of mind has announced that no less than eight of the names of the states comprising the United States of America begin with the letter M.—Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri and Montana. It is added that other letters in the alphabet are used only once or twice as initial letters in the States. The M.'s have it. In Canada, only one province, Manitoba begins with M. Here the favourite initial seems to be N. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are in the N. class, the other seven provinces each starting with a different letter.

A recent United States publication refers to the little-known fact that there is a poetic inscription inside the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. In these troublous days, it would be a comfort and solace to the oppressed in many lands to believe that the words in that inscription still were true and in effect:—

"Give me your tired, your poor,
 Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
 The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
 Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me;
 I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

The first supply of oil for the streets arrived the beginning of last week. The rain arrived at the week-end. There is no justice in this world any more.



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LOCALS

Mrs. H. Prophet, of Englehart, was a visitor to Timmins last week.

Joe Sullivan has returned from Loyola College, Montreal, and will spend the summer holiday at his home here.

Mr. A. Nicholson was a recent visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Turnbull, New Liskeard.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Gibson, of London, Ont., were the guests of friends in Timmins and Cochrane last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kelly, of Smooth Rock Falls, were recent visitors to Timmins.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Houle and Miss Jean Fulton, of Hearst, were visitors to Timmins last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Faulkner visited friends at Kapuskasing last week. They were residents of that town some years ago.

Mr. Art Sadler of the Kerr-Addison Mine was a week-end visitor to Timmins.

Messrs L. R. Anderson, R. M. Grant, M. Palangio, R. E. Shirley and W. L. Warren, of Cochrane, were visitors to Timmins last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, of Hearst, were the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Campbell last week.

Misses Bernice Whall and Hope Taylor, and Messrs. Pat Drouin and Neil O'Connor spent Sunday in Kirkland Lake.

Mrs. Arthur Ann was returned to her home in New Liskeard after spending the past week the guest of Miss Mary E. Twolan of 29 1/2 Lakeshore Rd.

Miss Dorothy Chynoweth is at present in St. Mary's Hospital, having undergone an operation for appendicitis. Her many friends will be glad to know that she is progressing favourably.

Her many friends will be glad to know that Miss Marjorie Flowers, who underwent an operation for appendicitis last week, is reported to-day as being well on the way to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Traver returned home on Saturday after a very pleasant visit to the south. Mrs. Traver was the delegate to the national I.O.D.E. convention at Toronto, and later visited in Sherbrooke, Que.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Kavanagh were in Temiskaming, Que., over the week-end, where they attended the ordination and first mass of Rev. Thos. Kavanagh, later leaving for a visit at Campbell's Bay.

Toronto Telegram: The chronic borrower pays nothing—not even his respects.

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Northern Knights Meet Here

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sive beliefs as Communism, Nazism, Fascism and Aethelism.

A Catholic, said Mr. P. J. Burns, of Kirkland Lake, who responded to Mr. Bracette's toast to the King, should find no difficulty in drawing the line of demarcation between his duties to the Church and the state. He should find that his duties to one interfered in no way with his duties to the other.

Leader of the group from North Bay which in the afternoon, exemplified the major degree, Mr. Charles O'Grady, of North Bay, pointed out to the fifty-odd new members that they had accepted responsibilities as Knights of Columbus when they joined the order, not the least of which were patriotism and charity. He urged new members to be active in the order's work.

Father Martindale, of St. Alphonse's parish, Schumacher, responded to Mr. O'Grady's toast to the Church.

Mike Smith, of Iroquois Falls proposed the toast to the Order, and it was responded to by Dan Casey, of Timmins. At the conclusion of the addresses, Mr. J. D. Brady, District Deputy for this section, spoke briefly.

A. L. Shaw, welcomed the guests to the banquet and new members to the order. A prayer was offered by Father J. R. O'Gorman. Mr. Leo Lalonde spoke in French.

Death of Another Pioneer of the North, at Toronto

A. A. Amos, for many years connected with the mining brokerage business in the North died at Toronto last week. He was a member of the firm of Amos, Smith and Kiely, who had brokerage offices in Timmins, Cobalt and other centres in the North over twenty-one years ago. The firm sold out to Hamilton B. Wills and for some years Mr. Amos was manager of the Cobalt branch of the Wills offices. Later, he was with the A. E. Moysey Co., when that firm took over the Wills offices. Recently Mr. Amos has headed the firm of Amos, Christie & Co., Toronto, stock brokers. The Halleyburian last Thursday made the following reference to the death of Mr. Amos:—

"News of the death of Alfred A. Amos, for many years a resident of Cobalt and prominent in mining and brokerage circles, was received by wire at the office of H. E. Cawley & Co.

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here on Tuesday. Mr. Amos died from meningitis, which developed following a sinus operation, acquaintances here said. He was for some years past head of the city brokerage firm of Amos, Christie and Company, 38 King Street West, members of the Toronto Stock Exchange. It is more than 30 years since Mr. Amos came to the North and during that time he has been intimately connected with many mining enterprises. He is survived by his widow and three children."

Three Births Registered During the Past Week-end

Born—On June 5th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Ross MacDonald (nee Mildred Grace Hallett) of 456 Spruce Street South—A daughter.

Born—On June 9th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Edward Mason (nee Veronica Lemieux) of 91 Hollinger Lane—a son.

Born—On June 8th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Baker, of 56 Columbus Avenue at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter.

Toronto Telegram: The man who is always chasing rainbows seems to never catch up with one.

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Township of Tisdale District of Cochrane

To Wit:
 By virtue of a warrant issued by the Reeve of the Township of Tisdale bearing the date the 14th day of January, 1939, sale of lands in arrears of taxes in the Township of Tisdale will be held at the Council Chambers at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon on the 14th day of July, 1939, unless the taxes and costs are sooner paid. Notice is hereby given that the list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes is being published in The Ontario Gazette on the 1st day of April, 1939, on the 6th day of May, 1939, and on the 3rd day of June, 1939, and that copies of the said list may be had at my office.
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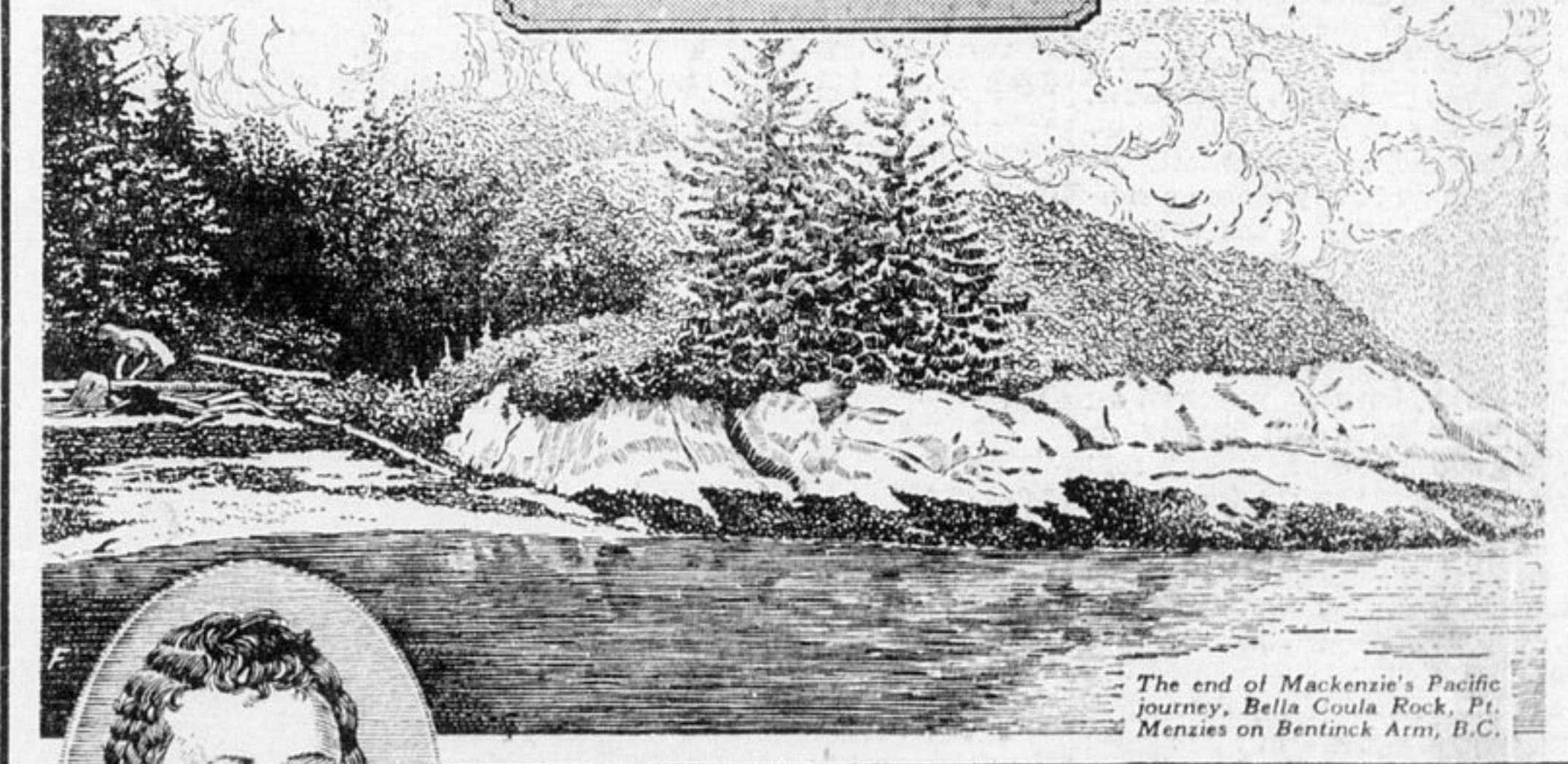
To Wit:

By virtue of a warrant issued by the Mayor of the Town of Timmins bearing date the ninth day of March, 1939, sale of lands in arrears of taxes in the Town of Timmins will be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Timmins, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon on the sixth day of July, 1939, unless the taxes and costs are sooner paid. Notice is hereby given that the list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes is being published in the Ontario Gazette on the first day of April, 1939, on the sixth day of May, 1939, and on the third day of June 1939, and that copies of the said list may be had at my office.

Treasurer's Office, this 18th day of March 1939.

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