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TRUST THE PEOPLE!

The case of the township of Tisdale may be quoted as proof that Premier Hepburn's proposal to ban municipal elections during war time is a practical proposition. For the first time in over twenty years Tisdale has elected its reeve and councillors by acclamation. The township will save the cost and any irritation and ill-will that may be incident to municipal elections. In answer to any who may suggest that municipal elections are not necessary in war time, the reply is that the people themselves, and not any bureaucrats in Toronto, are the proper persons to decide upon that. The Tisdale case proves that the people are not only competent to make such decision, but if the facts warrant it, they will decide against unnecessary elections. Tisdale has had many different councils that showed themselves most able and honorable, but it is not too much to say that the 1939 reeve and council were successful in outstanding way. They had ability, interest, devotion to public service, and 1939 has truly been a banner year for Tisdale, with increased service, reduced taxation, and noteworthy harmony. The loyalty of reeve and council being unquestioned, the ratepayers returned them to office for another term. The same thing happened in Timmins during the last war. Timmins elected its mayor by acclamation each year during the last war. The men so honoured were the late W. H. Wilson, Mr. J. P. McLaughlin, now of Toronto, and Dr. J. A. McInnis, the present medical health officer for the town. Only in one year was there an election for council and that was due to a misunderstanding.

The point that The Advance is trying to make is that the people of the municipalities may be trusted—should be trusted—to decide such matters for themselves. If the municipal administrators prove satisfactory, there will be no expense of an election. If the candidates are not satisfactory there should be an election in fairness to the people and to the country.

THE MEN WHO SERVED

There is an old song, "Old Soldiers Never Die." There should be an old saying, "Old Soldiers are Soon Forgotten." Some remarks by Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton have recently been taken to mean that the soldiers of the present day are more actuated by a sense of duty and less by the call of adventure than those who served in the last war. A returned soldier in Stratford very rightly takes exception to the apparent reflection cast on the soldiers of the last war. He quotes General McNaughton as saying:—"The men of today are very serious. This is not like 1914, when men went more in the spirit of adventure rather than as a contribution to a great ethical cause." The Stratford returned man, Mr. C. R. Widdifield, very properly states:—"I believe that our sense of duty was just as great as those who are now in the ranks." All who remember the last war will agree with this. The men who enlisted in the last war were in the main actuated by a high sense of duty. Of course, there may have been the odd exception. Such odd exceptions were to be expected in hundreds of thousands of men. But, speaking of the men in general, it must be admitted that it was duty, the spirit of sacrifice for high ideals, the desire to preserve liberty and humanity in the world that prompted these men to tender their services to the cause. It should be recalled that they knew what they were fighting for—and what they had to fight. Before men in this country had joined the ranks in any numbers, Belgium had been raped by the Huns. The men who enlisted from Canada knew that they were going to face a brutal and inhuman foe—a foe that had no chivalry, no gallantry, and that stopped at the use of no weapons, from butchery of the helpless to the use of poison gas. More than a mere spirit of adventure was needed to induce men to risk health and comfort and life itself in the army going overseas. It is worth noting that wherever the atrocities in Belgium were explained and stressed, there recruiting was the most rapid and pronounced. At one recruiting meeting in Timmins, for instance, the British government reports on the Belgian atrocities were read at length, and after that meeting recruiting speeded up to record proportions in this district. There was similar increased activity in the recruiting in this district after the presentation of a motion picture here displaying as part of its plot the German methods of warfare and the German treatment of civilians, and of women and children. To suggest that simple spirit of adventure had any material part in inducing the old-time soldiers to enlist in the world war is to go against the true record.

No one will question the noble sense of duty and the high ideals inspiring the vast majority of those enlisting in the present war. But to give

honour to the heroes of today, it is not necessary to defame the gallant men who fought for home and humanity in the great war of 1914 to 1918.

It is true that the soldiers of the last war in addition to the spirit of duty had the spirit of high adventure. That was one of the gifts of their generation in Canada. They were pioneers and the sons and grandsons of pioneers, explorers, adventurers. High adventure was in their blood, and gay spirits in the time of danger one of the attributes born and trained in them. From the North and the West—the pioneer lands of the last generation—came regular armies of recruits out of all proportion to the population of these places. It may be that the inbred spirit of adventure, the disregard of hardship, the faculty of facing danger with a joke, made them come more rapidly than they might otherwise have done. But with a whole world of adventure in less dangerous places, it was nothing but duty, surely, that turned them to the fields of warfare—a warfare whose misery and menace they could not help but know.

The men of the last war were gay, irrepressible, jeering at all the horrors the Hun might conjure from his depths. Do not forget, however, that they carried their gaiety all through the war. To the very last, the battle, the risk of health and strength and life, the horrors, the misery, the suffering—all these were met and conquered by the old soldiers' spirit of adventure. And the old soldiers still hold fast to their gaiety and high spirits—unquenchable even by the sordid trials of peacetime. Attend any meeting of the Legion, and see if the Huns and Vandals, for all their horrors, could kill the spirit of British, or Canadian soldiers. Listen to Private Tommy Huntly telling off his former sergeant, Sergt. Utty! Remember that they last fought together at Mons! It is the way of the men of that generation to hide their deep sense of duty, their undying loyalty to the Empire, their true love of humanity, beneath rollicking humour and merry jest. To those with seeing eyes and understanding hearts, they hide nothing for it is plain that beneath the cloaks of wit and humour, there are hearts where duty is the main spring of action and adventure the spur to effort and sacrifice for humanity and the right.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Tisdale, the scene of several very spirited municipal election battles during the last war bids fair to have no contests during the present war, having re-elected reeve and councillors last week by acclamation. The fact that Tisdale felt the need of elections in the last war is support for the belief that other municipalities may feel it necessary to make changes in municipal administration during the present war. That is the essence of democracy.

Hon. T. A. Crerar has been telling the world how much better Canada is prepared for the present war than she was for the last one. The honorable gentleman in listing Canada's present assets overlooked one of the notable assets the Dominion had in 1914 that seems sadly missing in this year of grace—Col. Sam Hughes, of the energy, the inspired patriotism and driving force that swept away red tape and had things done for Canada and the Empire.

Windsor's objective for the Red Cross was set at \$120,000—surely a high figure even for a rich industrial city. Windsor has reached its objective and overrun it by some \$30,000. In saluting Windsor for its generous response, the example of the Border Cities should be taken as an inspiration for all other centres.

TYPICAL TEUTON TACTICS

Perhaps some people will charge Adolf Hitler with the sole responsibility for sending literally thousands of mines drifting across oceans, placing all ships on the seas in direct peril. It must be admitted, however, that there are so many of these mines imperilling travel on the seas that the former paperhanger must have a lot of willing helpers to be able to do all this wanton destruction on such wholesale plan. On the coast of Yorkshire, for example, no less than 200 mines were washed ashore in a single day last week. Trawlers have been sweeping up mines by the score along the English coast. One trawler is said to have netted fifteen mines in a single sweep, seven of which exploded when touched. Of course, all this is against international law, to say nothing of the laws of decency and humanity. Like so many other German war plans it is not a war measure, but an attempt at lawless terrorism, by which neutrals are endangered as much, or more, than the belligerents. Germany itself has seen its whole commerce driven from the sea, and so has little reason to worry over the thousands of drifting mines let loose upon the oceans. Neutrals, on the other hand, are in serious plight from this mine menace. Conditions have been so bad on the Danish coast that the Danish navy has built a log barricade in front of the coast south of Copenhagen to intercept the mines drifting ashore there. Germany has announced its intention of laying mines within the four-mile limit of the Swedish coast, legally the territorial waters of Sweden. The Irish Republic has had to take special measures to defend its coasts and shipping against the drifting mine menace.

Britain and France have admitted severe losses through these drifting mines, and neutral nations have been still heavier losers. A new type of mine seems to be particularly destructive to shipping.

Prince Visits Canada



A blond-haired young prince, son of the last emperor of Austria-Hungary and brother of Otto von Habsburg, pretender to the Austrian throne, is visiting Canada. The 23-year-old aristocrat, Archduke Felix is speaking on behalf of his brother Otto.

LOCALS

Mr. T. Travaligni returned last week after a business trip to Toronto.

Miss Gertrude Aho, of Kapuskasing, is visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stirling left on Friday to spend a short holiday visiting friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Ken Tomkinson left on Friday to spend an extended holiday visiting friends and relatives in Toronto.

Miss Rose Pasano, of Cochrane, spent the week-end with her sisters in Timmins.

Mr. Ture Holstrom was transferred on Sunday from the St. Mary's hospital to the Toronto General hospital.

Messrs. Bill Wilson, Bill Bradley, Al and Henry Kelneck, and Frank Fagan returned on Thursday evening after a visit to Toronto and Thorold.

Mrs. Macpherson, of North Bay, was a Timmins visitor last week, spending some time with friends and relatives in town.

Cameron Kilby, of Timmins, returned last evening from Matachewan where he attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glynn.

Mrs. S. Travaligni returned on Thursday after a holiday of several months spent visiting friends and relatives in Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury.

Mrs. David Fox and daughter, Anne, of 59 Cherry St., returned last evening from Matachewan where they attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glynn. Master Benny Fox also returned.

The Second Timmins Rangers entertained on Friday evening at a very successful dance at the Hollinger Recreation hall. Many friends of the Rangers were present to enjoy the pleasant social event.

This is known as a magnetic mine. The Hun idea is to set this mine drifting at some depth in the sea, and the first steel or iron vessel that passes near it will draw the mine on account of the magnetic arrangement on it, and the mine explodes as soon as it strikes the sides of the vessels. At the moment there is a tendency to view the latest German horror with too great alarm. Losses must be expected in any warfare. Naval experts, scientists and others in Britain are making a special study of the new mine menace and there is every reason to expect that in a short time ways and means will be found to cope with it most effectively and completely. Prime Minister Chamberlain in his address yesterday made it plain that such a hope was based on reasonable and probable lines. It is well to remember the alarm created in the last war by the German methods of illegal and inhuman use of the undersea boats. Britain conquered that menace, and it will just as surely find ways and means to combat the peril of drifting mines, magnetic or otherwise. The coating of vessels with material that will not give response to the magnetic part of the drifting mine is no doubt one of the plans for overcoming this new terror of the seas. In the meantime Britain has called on her fishermen for volunteers to man mine-sweepers to clear all mines, magnetic and otherwise, from the seas around the British Isles.

WANTED Ads

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Miss Helen Herney and Mrs. M. Herney of Winnipeg, are Timmins visitors this week.

Mrs. N. Jossul, and Misses Annie, Dora and Mary Jossul, of Kapuskasing are Timmins visitors at present, having attended the Kosowan-Boworoznik wedding on Sunday.

The Riverside Pavilion was the scene of a happy dance on Friday evening, when the Hollinger Tennis Club entertained at this annual event. A fairly large crowd attended, music for the event being supplied by Henry Kelneck's orchestra.

Death of Mr. N. Blais at St. Mary's Hospital Sunday

The death occurred at St. Mary's hospital on Sunday evening of Mr. Napoleon Blais. The late Mr. Blais was forty-three years of age, and had been a resident of Timmins for many years. The remains are resting at the home, 53 Toke street, until Wednesday, when funeral services will be held at the St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church at 9 a.m.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, five children, five brothers, four sisters, and his mother and father.

Hears that Timmins has Cotton Mines in District

It is surprising the number of enquiries on all manner of subjects sent from far and near to the local board of trade. One received last week, however, struck a new record. A lady from Anderson, South Carolina, wrote:—"I

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am informed that you have cotton mines. If you can give me any information about such mines I would appreciate it very much." President Langdon replied to the effect that the only mines in the Porcupine, so far as he knew, were gold mines.

COMMITTEE TO POOL ALLIED ARMS PURCHASES IN CANADA

London, Nov. 27.—Organization work for a French-British co-ordination committee to pool the purchases of war materials for the Allied forces, was speeded today. Jean Monet, French-born British economist, was named as head of the committee, which will function in London with Allied executive committees to co-ordinate Anglo-French purchases of arms and planes in Canada.

THREE YEAR OLD LISKEARD TOT DROWNS IN RIVER

Brian, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baker, of New Liskeard, died on Saturday when he fell through a hole in the ice. The little boy followed playmates down to the river to watch them skate. He followed them out on the ice, slipped through a hole and was unable to get out.

London, Nov. 25.—The Earl of Denbigh, a leader in British agriculture, died on Saturday at the age of 80 years. Lord Denbigh was a Lord-in-waiting to Queen Victoria and King Edward VII. He served in the Egyptian campaign of 1882.

VOTE FOR ELLEN TERRY FOR COUNCILLOR

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TERRY Ellen M., Business College Manager



Here's a Lad with the Real Spirit of the News Boy

Here's a genuine "human interest" story from "The Northern News," of Kirkland Lake:—"In the Kirkland District hospital Billy Armstrong, eight years of age, is recovering nicely from an appendix operation of yesterday morning but for his business worries. "Billy sells The Northern News each issue and is a mighty good salesman as most red-headed lads are. Today he is wondering what his regular customers will do about their papers. "He would like to make sure that they know he is not able to get around this time and ask them to be sure and get their paper as usual by picking one up at a store or another news boy. But he would like to make sure also that his customers remain loyal to him and take their papers from him again when he is able to get back on the job. "His line of customers extends somewhere from The Northern News office to McManus Avenue district and he asks that anyone who has been getting their paper from him, possibly only knowing him by his red that, be sure and not forget to get their paper but also not to forget him either."

Toronto Telegram: The soap-box orator is the one who mirth more gestures into his speech than oratory.