

# British To Build Huge Merchant Fleet

HONOURED ON LEAVING SOUTH PORCUPINE TO FIGHT FOR FINLAND

## Passerby Checks Fire

An unidentified pedestrian rushes into house and brings blaze under control.

An unidentified pedestrian, who when he saw smoke issuing from the house at 58 Lake Shore Road, rushed in and took command of the situation, was probably responsible for the prevention of a serious fire yesterday at 2 p.m. By the time firemen arrived the man had the fire under control and it was a simple task for them to extinguish it.

The fire got its start from an overheated stove. The wall near the stove took fire and it was only the prompt action of the passerby which kept it in check. Damage was estimated at \$50.

Fire broke out in a woodbox located near the stove at 361 Pine Street, north, on Tuesday. Flames ignited the nearby wall in the home owned and occupied by A. Morin and travelled up through the wall to the ceiling. Firemen attributed the lack of a serious fire to insulation board with which the house was decorated in the interior.

Damage was estimated at \$150 to the building and smoke is believed to have harmed the furniture to the extent of about \$200. All loss was covered by insurance.

## Executive Women's Missionary Society Met Here Yesterday

Delegates Present from Hearst, Matheson, South Porcupine, Schumacher and Timmins.

The executive meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Cochrane Presbytery was held in the Timmins United Church on Wednesday afternoon, with the president, Mrs. F. Charbonneau in the chair.

Delegates were present from Hearst, Matheson, South Porcupine, Schumacher and Timmins.

The members were pleased to note that the allocation for the presbytery had gone over the top, and that ample funds were provided for the care of the baby which the society has adopted in India.

A petition was drawn up, asking the Dominion Board to keep the school home at New Liskeard open, and adding that if there was not large enough accommodation for all pupils that another home be built further north.

It was decided that the presbytery conference would be held in Hearst on June 13th, and that delegates from Cochrane and Matheson would be sent to the Branch Conference in Toronto on April 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Minutes were read by the secretaries of the various branches, and other business was dealt with.

## Campaign Committee for Legion War Services Organized Last Night

Mr. Geo. S. Drew Elected President. Capt. Tom Magladerly Outlines Purposes of Legion War Services. Other Speakers at Meeting. Campaign for Funds to be Held Feb. 12th to 17th.

Representatives of various local societies and service clubs were present last night at the meeting in the town hall called to organize a campaign committee to raise funds for the Canadian Legion War Services Incorporated.

Mr. Walter Greaves, president of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion, was chairman, and the speakers included Capt. Tom Magladerly, vice-president of the Canadian Legion, Mayor Emil Brunette, Dr. J. B. McClelland, A. Wetmore and Austin Neame.

Capt. Magladerly explained that the Canadian Legion, the members of which had done their part in the last war, were anxious to give special assistance in the present war and knowing from experience the needs of the soldiers overseas, had planned an extended programme of personal service, education, entertainment, sports and recreation. The Canadian Legion War Services Incorporated had been granted a Dominion charter as a corporate body distinct from the Legion itself, to "establish in Canada and overseas, including the actual theatres of war, Legion personal service bureaus in appropriate troop centres, and to engage in work relating to sports, entertainment, the provision of canteens (Continued on Page 5B)



## Acclamation for Jos. A. Bradette Dependent on Action of Tory Party

Named as Farmer-Labour Possible Candidate, Garth Teeple Says That He Will Not be in Field. Local Conservative Association Meets To-morrow Evening. Returning Officer Here to Swear in Enumerators.

Whether or not Joseph A. Bradette, member for South Cochrane, will get an acclamation in the coming Federal election depends apparently on the decision of the Conservative party in this riding. A meeting of the local Conservative Association will be held to-morrow evening. The riding association will meet at a later date.

Mr. Garth Teeple, who has been spoken of as candidate for the Farmer-Labour party, said today that he had no intention of contesting the riding. Although no official convention was held and Mr. Teeple was not officially nominated by the Farmer-Labour group, he was understood to have been chosen as their standard bearer and appointed at a convention. Mr. Teeple said today that the whole idea had been dropped and that he would not be a candidate. There was nothing more to be said on the matter, he remarked.

Interviewed today, Conservative officials named only one man as a possible candidate. They would not release his name except on the promise that it would not be used without his consent. The Advance was unable to get in touch with the gentleman although repeated efforts were made. Officials said that there had been no action taken as yet but that meetings would be held in the near future to plan a programme and to decide whether or not the party would contest the seat in this election.

## Another Safe Carried Away Bodily and Broken Open

Last night or early this morning two or more men broke into the office of Lampkin's coal and wood yard at Schumacher and stole the office safe. The safe was carried away bodily and taken down a lane where the door was chiselled off. The robbers only secured about \$10 for all their trouble, only a small amount of change being left in the safe at night. Schumacher police found the stolen safe in a lane this morning.

## Building Permits for January 1940, Total \$51,500.

The following is the summary of building permits for January, 1940:

Business Section	
New	1 \$49,000.00
Additions & Alterations	1 500.00
Residential Section	
New	0
Additions & Alterations	2 2,050.00
Total	\$51,500.00

## General Meeting of Conservatives Here To-morrow Night

A general meeting of the Timmins National Conservative Association is to be held in the O'Hearn brokerage office to-morrow (Friday) night, commencing at 8:30 p.m. The chief business will be the election of officers for the ensuing term, though no doubt there will be discussion regarding the matter of a candidate for the coming Dominion election.

## Red Troops Try Finn Tactics but Are Defeated

A Russian battalion imitating Finnish tactics by using skis and white robes and hoods, composed of crack Siberian troops, encountered a Finnish patrol some 200 miles east of Lake Ladoga yesterday and a savage fight ensued. For a time the Reds held their positions but after 300 had been killed and 100 cut off and captured the remainder broke and fled. In the first month of the war, say the Finns, the Reds have lost huge numbers of men and large amounts of materials.

## 3½ Feet Snow Fell In January

Average mean temperature for the month of January was 2 degrees above zero said Sydney Wheeler, Hollinger weather observer, this morning. Mr. Wheeler said that the average high temperature was nine and a half degrees and the average low temperature five and a half.

There was no rain during the first month of the year, which is exceptional, and snowfall amounted to three feet or about three and a half inches of water.

The sun shone for 124 hours or an average of about four hours daily. Today the sun rose at 7:53 a.m. and will set at 5:26 p.m. Lighting up time should be 5:20 p.m.

Clear cold weather was predicted for today and tomorrow. The weatherman said we would have a return to the bitter cold experienced before this winter.

It snowed slightly last night and from five to eight this morning snow fell to a depth of two inches.

Maximum and minimum temperatures have been as follows: Monday, maximum 6, minimum 8 below; Tuesday, 18 and 6 below; Wednesday, 20 and zero. At eight o'clock this morning the temperature was four degrees below zero.

## Funeral of Baby Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maksymiu

Olga, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Maksymiu, of 153 Hemlock street, died at St. Mary's Hospital on Monday, January 29th. The baby girl was only one year and 10 months of age. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Walker's Undertaking Parlour, with interment in the Timmins cemetery.

## Struggle for Rumanian Oil Forced Price High

Germany Struggling to Get Oil Necessary to Her and Allies Seek to Keep Oil from Germany and Make Blockade More Effective. Price Risen from \$17 a Ton Before War to \$44.56 a Ton at Present Time.

## Dance to Provide Clothes For Some Families in Need

The Timmins Welfare Committee will hold a dance at the Riverside Pavilion on Tuesday evening, February 6th, which will take the form of a Mardi Gras Hard Times Dance. The event is an especially worthy one, proceeds to be used in providing clothes for people who are not on relief, yet are unable to buy warm clothing for themselves. The Timmins police and fire departments are selling tickets for the event, which are priced at \$1.00 for gentlemen, and ladies free. The ladies, however, must bring a bundle of old clothing, to donate to the event. Anyone wishing to attend the dance will be a very enjoyable occasion, may purchase tickets from the police or the fire department. Music for the event will be supplied by Henry Kellneck's orchestra.

## DISORDERLY CHARGE LAID

Only one arrest was made last night for riotousness. That was made on the street when a man was brought in and locked up on a disorderly conduct charge.

## Britain's Shipyards to Turn Out Largest Fleet In History of the World

Will Utilize All the Shipyards in Great Britain and Send Overflow Orders to Canada. Spend \$5,000,000 a Week to Stabilize Prices of Necessities in Great Britain. Expect Living Cost to Rise by Ten Per Cent.

## Found Dead Hanging From Rafter

Thirty-Nine Year Old Czechoslovakian Believed to Have Suicided.

Believed to have committed suicide, Frank Riapos, 39, of 120 Cameron street, north, was found in the stables of Korman's Dairy at an early hour this morning. He was hanging from a rafter his feet barely off the floor.

Riapos was found by his brother-in-law, Andrew Oravkin. When Riapos did not come home last night his brother-in-law went to the stables, where Riapos was caretaker, and found him there suspended from a rafter. His feet were the width of a bale of hay from the ground. Nearby was a bale from which, apparently, the man jumped after fastening the rope around the rafter and around his neck. His knees were drawn up as though he voluntarily held his feet off the ground.

Riapos was Czechoslovakian by birth. He has been in this country since 1928. For a time after his arrival he worked in the Conlaum Mine, until he received an injury there. From that time until the time of his death he was in charge of the stables for Korman's Dairy.

Police were told by Mrs. Riapos, who recently came to this country from Czechoslovakia, that she noticed nothing abnormal in her husband's behaviour. He left his home last night at about 8:30 p.m. for the stables.

The man had been dead for some hours when police were called this morning. His body was quite cold and rigor mortis had set in.

The British government has taken control of 17,000,000 tons of shipping, the largest merchant fleet in the history of the world, every ship of which is on the rosters of Great Britain or her Dominions.

A secret shipbuilding programme of vast proportions centralized under the control of the Admiralty, is being planned. Two Scots, Sir James Lithgow and Sir Amos Ayre, both of whom have spent their lifetimes in the shipping yards of Clydebank and Tyneside, will direct construction.

The shipyards of Great Britain will be utilized to capacity and overflow orders may be given Canadian shipbuilders.

Other news from London is that the British government is spending £1,000,000 a week to stabilize food prices and prevent the cost of living from rising excessively. The price control system, said Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, may be extended to other essentials such as clothing in order to prevent prices from spiralling upwards.

One of the reasons why bread, flour, meat and milk prices have been put under strict control is that organized labour is making demands for higher wages.

Government authorities expect the cost of living in Great Britain to increase by about ten per cent and to peg it there.

## Former Timmins Resident On His Way to Finland

Walter Sillanpaa, who has three brothers, Bill, Chas. V., and Paul, and an uncle, Mr. M. Honkala, in Timmins, left Toronto this week en route to Finland, where he will join the Finnish army. Mr. Sillanpaa is a former resident of Timmins, and has been in British Columbia for several months past. He was born in Canada, but is of Finnish parentage, and is only one of a large group of Finnish recruits from the West who are en route to Finland.

## Increase of More than 20 per Cent in Relief

Town of Timmins Put on Winter Scale by Ontario Department of Public Welfare Following Request of Council Here. Men Will be Required to Work Out Relief on Basis of Forty-five Cents an Hour. To Supply Milk for Undernourished Children.

## To Washington



Air Commodore W. R. Kenny has been appointed air attaché to the Canadian legation at Washington, according to announcement from Ottawa.

An increase of approximately twenty scale here, beginning today. At a recent meeting of the Relief Committee of the Council, a resolution was passed that this increase be made. The government acceded to the request and orders given that vouchers be increased by that amount.

Under the new scale relievers who are employable will have to work out their relief. They will be paid on the basis of forty-five cents an hour, and although they will receive no money, they will be required to work for the town for a period long enough to make up the amount of relief they receive.

As usual the government will pay eighty per cent of the cost of relief under the new scale. The increase will mean an added expenditure of approximately \$1,500 on relief a month.

An innovation is the supplying of milk to children who are obviously undernourished. The Town of Timmins will bear the full cost of this service and the relief department will judge the children who require more than the ordinary allowance of milk.

Relief officials said today that the increase will apply to unemployables as well as to those persons who are able to work out the amount of the relief they receive. The unemployables will not, of course, be required to render the town any service for the relief they receive.

It is customary for municipalities to be changed over to an increased relief allowance during the winter months. The government department has two scales, one for summer and the other for winter. The winter scale is usually put into effect in November. This year in Timmins it did not go into effect.

The reason that it did not, say relief authorities, was that the town was not requiring heads of families to work out the amount of their relief. Nor was the department here interfering with men when they picked up other odd jobs with which to supplement their allowances.

The winter scale, under which Timmins is now operating, will continue until May 1 when the summer scale will again go into effect.

## Observing Father and Son Season at United Church

The observance of Father and Son season will be observed in the United Church commencing with a special Father and Son service on Sunday morning when Mr. Mustard will conduct the service, assisted by Mr. Moiseley and Kenneth Mason. Share-selling for boys work will be carried out by the boys from Feb. 12 to 22, and the Father and Son Banquet will be held on Feb. 15th.

Ex-Cobalters are invited to the Friendship Hour at 8:30 in the church basement when a get-together of Cobalters resident in Timmins will be held.