

Make Survey Here Before Passing Pension Scheme

Town Would Contribute Dollar for Dollar With Employee Up to Three Per Cent of Latter's Wages. Accumulated Money Would Bear Interest with Government at Rate of Four Per Cent Compounded. Spooner Objects.

A. V. Thompson, representative of the Dominion Government Annuities Branch was instructed by the Council to remain in Timmins long enough to ascertain the number of town employees who would wish to contribute under a pension scheme and to put the scheme in operation if the council so directs.

Mr. Thompson was told that the town would pay in to the government an equal amount to that given by the employee up to three per cent of the employee's wage. The money was turned over to the government and held back until the employee was sixty-five years of age when it was turned back to him as a pension, the money having, in the meantime, accumulated four per cent compound interest.

Those eligible for the pension said Mr. Thompson when he spoke to the assembled members of Council on Friday, were permanent employees under 65 years of age.

Payments could be made, as much or as little as the employee wished and the town could add to that as much as it wished. The usual percentage given by municipalities was up to three per cent.

"If one hundred per cent of the town employees came into the scheme it would cost the town \$6,000 a year," said Mr. Roberts. He agreed however that it would be more likely that fifty per cent would come under the provisions of the scheme.

"It's very nice," said the Mayor, "but it is not helping to reduce the tax rate."

Miss Terry: "If it hadn't been for that slap from Hepburn it would be easy. However, I am in favour of it."

When the question was put as to whether or not Thompson should be asked to stay on in Timmins and make a survey the only dissenter was Councillor Spooner.

He objected as he felt that there would be wage increases in the estimates. He didn't think the office girls would be interested, and insofar as the older men were concerned, it wouldn't amount to "a hill of beans" for them.

"And so far as the wages of the young men are concerned they are not sufficient now for them to build a home and cover their families with life insurance," Mr. Spooner said. He objected also on the grounds that the annuities branch was a government department operated at the expense of the taxpayers. Millions had been turned in from the general fund to support it, he said.

Also, the annuities started and were still today at too high a rate of interest. Furthermore, only the rich people were able to buy them and reap the benefits of the high interest rate and the fact that whatever was amassed was free from inheritance tax.

"Well in this case," said Miss Terry who said that she "sold insurance twenty years ago," "the government is getting whatever we turn in and not some profit-making privately-owned insurance company. I realize that this scheme is the worst competitor of the insurance companies. Furthermore, there is no income tax on the money saved in this fashion."

"Has Councillor Spooner anything more attractive to offer?" asked Councillor Roberts.

Discussion ended when the Council agreed to ask Mr. Thompson to stay.

First Issue of Haileybury Newspaper on February 29

The following interesting editorial article was in the Haileyburian on Thursday last. What it says about its first issue on Thursday is true of all other newspapers issued on Thursday, but the others did not think of the oddity. The Haileyburian says:—

"Today marks an occasion unique in the annals of this newspaper. For the first time since it was founded by the late C. C. Farr thirty-five years ago, The Haileyburian has five issues in the month of February, a circumstance that will not occur again for almost a generation and will be repeated twice only between this year of grace and the end of the present century. Consulting that handy calendar included in the contents of The Book of Common Prayer, it is found that while other days of the week have been represented in the various Leap Years' odd days since the passing of Queen Victoria Thursday hitherto has not been represented in the list. The next occasion such an event will happen is given as the year 1968, not so far distant as time goes, and a further opportunity will occur in 1996 for observations of this nature, although not necessarily by the present writer. Beyond that date, any interest in the matter is purely academic and somewhat similar to that shown towards the appearance of the five planets presently scintillating in the evening sky and whose next return in the same order is booked, so the scientists say, for a time of no immediate pressing concern."

Porcupine-McNabb Claims May be Sold by Auction

Notice is given in The Ontario Gazette by John D. MacKay, of Cochrane, sheriff, that as a result of a legal action in which Ryan Diamond Drilling Co. Ltd. was plaintiff and Porcupine-McNabb Gold Mines Ltd. was defendant, he has seized and will offer for sale by public auction, at the office of Caldwell and Yates, Bank of Commerce Bldg., Timmins, Ont., on Tuesday, May 21st, 1940, at 11 a.m., all the right, title interest and equity of redemption of the defendant in certain lands and tenements, as follows:

Mining claim P. 8858, approximately 39 acres, in Macklem Township; claim P. 8940, 34.2 acres, in Macklem Township, both crown granted; the following unpatented claims in Macklem Township—Nos. P. 19819-20-1, Nos. P. 20284-85, Nos. P. 21578-79-80-81-82-83-84, P. 21624 and P. 23172.

Sumner-Welles Tour Reminiscent of the Ford Peace Ship

Forty Submarines. Padre Gratitude. Some Other Items.

Writing in his column in The Toronto Telegram Thomas Richard Henry has the following comments to make on many matters:—

Reminiscent
There is something reminiscent of the old Ford peace ship in this Sumner Welles tour.

But if the Empire was right in guessing that the existence of the democracies depend upon halting the march of the dictators, Mr. Welles must realize that there can be no turning back until the dictator idea is smashed—because turning back at this point would result in a fate worse than that of Lot's wife.

He might also reflect that Jack Pershing had the right idea in the last war.

He might further reflect that — if Britain was right in deciding that a failure to stop Hitler would be fatal to democracy—whether the States likes it or not, Britain and France are fighting his war for it.

Only when the United States can truthfully say that its people like the form of government in Germany as well as that in Britain and France, will it be able to say truthfully that Britain and France are not fighting (to some extent at least) for U.S.A., too.

Those 40 Submarines
To-day Mr. Churchill says we have bagged between 35 and 40 submarines. That figure 40 in submarines is more persistent than 29 in a bachelor girl's birthdays.

Padre Scot
A soldier of the old war was in Quebec when he received a phone call at his room.

"You are a fine soldier to come down here and not look me up," a voice said. "Who is speaking?" he asked.

"And how you don't know who is speaking," the voice complained. "It is Canon Scott."

The old soldier had never met Canon Scott. He said so.

But a mutual friend had tipped the padre off that the old soldier was coming to Quebec. And the canon wanted him to come up and see him. He expected all the old soldiers to call and see him.

That was Canon Scott of the old war. We wonder who will inherit his mantle in this war.

Gratitude
Speaking of padres, Operator 7734 sends this one in:

There is still much to be done for Christianity, according to the story related by a Toronto minister, who is padre to one of the local veterans' organizations. He tells of being called upon to officiate at a marriage ceremony for a couple who obviously were not in the best of financial circumstances.

When the service was completed, the groom approached the minister and said, "I'm afraid, padre. I cannot pay the usual fee, but I can show you how to fix your gas meter so that it won't register."

This kindness was refused by the amused minister.

This is as the padre told the story and we hope he is not kidding the boys because we have just a faint and hazy recollection—but we won't check up this time.

Button, Button
Before the first division went overseas the boys were supplied with \$10,000 worth of sport equipment.

They left none behind—and at Aldershot they are now asking for the same kind of equipment that was given in Canada.

Where did the first issue go?
Winston
Our Winston petunia is following a strong and steady course, pushing ahead in an unswerving manner but doing it conservatively, without.

That is what surprises us. We knew this particular petunia was capable of vigorous action but we were a little afraid that we might come down some morning and find that it had suddenly got the idea of sending out a branch to penetrate the brick wall of the sunroom or something.

But to date Winston has not tried anything like that.

He has just followed a strong, vigorous and entirely commendable course—and we expect a number of blooms which may be delayed but which are almost sure to come.

Complete Accord
While we are on old stories (we are still a little bit suspicious that the man who offered to fix the padre's gas meter saw that one in a book before trying it out), we always remember the story that came down the line in the old war.

Two soldiers were standing in a muddy trench—and it was raining.
For a long time neither of them spoke—then one of them sighed.
"You're telling me," the other one

Two Lives, \$118,000 Lost by Fires in Timmins in February

Two lives and a total of \$118,826 in property was lost in Timmins during the month of February by fire, according to the report of the Fire Chief presented on Friday at a meeting of Council.

Chief Borland, in his report, said that there were thirty-six alarms during the month, of which 29 came in by telephone, six from alarm boxes and one verbal.

Estimated loss on buildings was \$43,678 and on contents of buildings, \$118,828.

The two persons who lost their lives died in a fire at 162 Maple street north. The man was found inside the kitchen door terribly burned. He died later. The woman was found huddled up in a small clothes closet in a bedroom. She had suffocated.

During the month 6,350 feet of hose line were used, 236 feet of ladders, nine hydrants, 21 gallons of chemical, four masks, three gallons of foam, one salvage cover, and the booster pump was used once.

Firemen Eckert and McCabe were hurt during the fire at the Consumers' Co-operative on December 23. They will be back to work this month.

Inspector Harding, of the Fire Marshal's Department, was in Timmins to investigate the fire in Friedman's and in Shaheen and David's stores. He will report to the Fire Marshal.

Lord Tweedsmuir

(By R. Whiteman, South Porcupine)
Loyal son of Britain, tried and true. On History's page his name we'll view. Reversed, unspooled by world wide fame, Death adds but glory to his name.

Through life, the narrow path he trod. When came the call to meet his God. Earth's bonds were loosed, his soul took flight. Exalted now in realms of light.

Devoted servant of his king, Some abler pens his praise will sing. May we his great example heed. Until the nations all succeed. In righting wrongs when wars shall cease.

Rest, now Lord Tweedsmuir, rest in peace!

Seek Finances for Work on Verity Porcupine Mines

Another effort is being made to obtain finances for Verity Porcupine Mines, Limited, a company with eight different groups of claims, all located in the Porcupine district. Originally the company held approximately 10,000 acres but holdings have been reduced to about 5,200 acres. Hamlin B. Hatch is the company geologist. Capitalization is 3,000,000 shares, 1,343,350 issued of which 934,543 are in escrow to be released at the discretion of the Ontario Securities Commission. Officers and directors: R. Franklin Stibbard, Timmins, president and general manager; A. Watt, Toronto, vice-president; A. N. Taylor, Toronto, secretary-treasurer; O. K. Kristensen, assistant secretary-treasurer, Timmins; P. H. Roose, Waterloo, Robert Armstrong and D. S. Linden, Toronto.

Mechanical Robot to be Used After Jan. 1st, 1947

As the result of a resolution passed by the Ontario Fire Marshal's Association, only Computer type gasoline pumps will be allowed to operate in that province after January 1, 1947, says a writer in C-I-L Oval, a magazine of industrial chemistry. Already many of the 50,000 pumps in service throughout the Dominion are of this kind, says the article. Mechanical robots with 1100 moving parts, the Computer pumps not only dispense gasoline in any quantity but calculate the cost of the purchase of any fixed price per gallon. They are as different from the pumps used at the first Canadian filling station opened at the corner of Smythe and Cambie streets in Vancouver during 1908 as the car of that period is from the car of today.

The Retort

Somebody put up the question: "Prove conclusively in not more than 25 words, without diagram, that parallel lines if produced to infinity will not meet."

From Niagara Falls comes the following answer.

"A mathematical system such as a geometry is based on undefined elements (point, line, surface, etc.), and axioms. All else is obtained from these by deduction.

"In the original Euclidian geometry, the proposition stated in your column was an axiom. For hundreds of years mathematicians suspected that it was not a true axiom but a theorem which could be deduced from the other axioms and tried unsuccessfully to prove it.

"In the last century it has been established that it is a true axiom and does not admit of proof. It can be replaced by other axioms, resulting in the so-called non-Euclidian geometries. If, for instance, it is assumed that parallel lines do meet, the resulting geometry is Riemannian. The work of Einstein and others indicates that this is probably a better description of the universe than the ordinary Euclidian geometry.

"I should enjoy working up an argument about this."

Comparison Ode-ious

Now Thomas Richard Henry, I Am just plumb stunned that you'd deny Sweet kinship with old George. Why, He's right as rain. He's meek and mild as any mouse. He goes to Church, and in the House Is protom Speaker. To espouse Old George is not a pain.

Suspicious Conduct

Judge—How do you know this man was drunk last night?
Constable—Well, I found him in the club hallway with a can, watering the flowers on the linoleum.

Other Places Exceeding Quota for War Services

Mr. Austin Neame, zone commander of the Canadian Legion for the North, this morning gave The Advance further figures for the campaign for the Canadian War Services Incorporated.

Sault Ste. Marie was given a quota of \$5,000 and a week ago had received over \$6,000.

Sudbury and Copper Cliff, with a quota of \$7,500 has secured nearly \$12,000.

Iroquois Falls last week had raised \$700.

Three Plead Guilty at Rouyn to Plot to Pass Bogus Money

Remanded for Sentence Until To-day.

Steve Demitrak, Mrs. Nancy Hill and Matthew Duslak pleaded guilty in court in Rouyn yesterday before Magistrate Armand Bolly to conspiracy in the counterfeit plot recently unearthed by Ontario and Quebec provincial police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, says The Rouyn-Noranda Press on Thursday last. They have been remanded for sentence until Monday of next week.

Four others have yet to appear before the court and will be brought up between to-day and Saturday. They are: Mike Sawchuk, formerly of Noranda; Paul Marton, Bourlamaque, photographer; and John Wolashyn, who also lived in Noranda until recently. Wolashyn, the seventh man for whom police were searching last week, was arrested at Red Lake, Ontario, this week and is being brought here by an R.C.M.P. escort.

Demitrak, who had admitted conceiving the scheme and helping to carry out the plot to put nearly \$200,000 in bogus bills into circulation, was arrested last week in Toronto. He was charged with conspiring to make, print and use counterfeit money and, after waiving trial by judge and jury, pleaded guilty. Demitrak had been sentenced here previously for forgery but had more recently made his headquarters in Toronto.

Mrs. Hill Pleads Guilty
Mrs. Nancy Hill (born Annie Shapitka), pleaded guilty to conspiracy and to having \$138,000 in false notes in her possession when arrested at Swastika three weeks ago by Ontario Provincial Police Constable A. McDougall. It was through her arrest that the whole long, amazing story was unearthed. A few notes spilled from a steel suitcase in which she was taking the notes from Noranda to Toronto.

Matthew Duslak, Rouyn painter, who played a minor role in the conspiracy, was the third who pleaded guilty and took summary trial.

Leo Bureau appeared for all three accused and Marcel Letourneau for the crown.

Find New Evidence

Police uncovered additional evidence in the plot this week a mile east of Kirkland Lake, 200 yards from the C.N. R. and near Gull Lake. After 36 hours of hard manual labour they drove an opening under a rock weighing several tons and recovered a complete set of three photo-engraved plates which had apparently been used in the printing of counterfeit United States Treasury \$20 notes. Hard-frozen earth and cramped working quarters made the mining operations a most difficult, one and it was only through using special tools, made to specification by Lake Shore mines, that they were able to get to the hiding place.

Sub-Inspector J. Alphonse Matte and Constable J. M. Rheault of the Noranda post of the Quebec provincial police and Ontario Provincial Police Constables A. McDougall and Les Tregenza took part in the search. The plates are now in possession of Inspector Matte and may be introduced as evidence in the other hearings this week.

Swift, Unfailing Co-operation
Swift and unfailing co-operation between the two provincial police forces, the R.C.M.P. and the municipal police of Noranda, Rouyn, Bourlamaque, Toronto and Hamilton has made possible the unearthing of the plot and the quick trial of those involved to date, according to the authorities.

No other counterfeit bills have turned up yet, only three having got into circulation, so far as police know. One was found at Val d'Or, a second at a Rouyn bank and a third at Duparquet.

Toronto Pilot to Wed Daughter of Countess

Toronto newspapers have been carrying references to the marriage of Pilot Officer Edgar Wight Wakefield of the R.A.F., son of Raymond E. Wakefield, Farnham avenue, Toronto, and Lady Jean Huddleston, daughter of the Countess of Loudoun, a peeress in her own right, and also holding the titles of Baroness of Loudoun, Baroness Tarrianzean and Mauchline in Scotland, and Baroness Batreaux, Stanley and Hastings. The ceremony is to take place at Loudoun Castle, Galston, Ayrshire, Scotland, on March 23rd.

Information from South Porcupine is to the effect that Pilot Officer Edgar Wakefield is the son of the first Mrs. Raymond Wakefield, who was the daughter of Mr. G. LaMothe, of Mattawa. Accordingly Pilot Officer Wakefield is a nephew of Mrs. E. J. Rapsey, Mrs. M. Bessette and Mr. Charles LaMothe, of South Porcupine.

Polish Consul Says Spirit of Poland is By No Means Broken

Better Days to Come for Poland and for Europe.

"The war that started in Poland has become the test of the consciences of nations," declared Dr. Tadeusz Brzezinski, Polish Consul-General in Montreal in an address before the Kiwanis Club of Montreal last week at its weekly luncheon in the Windsor Hotel. Through it, he said, nations were forced to an historical decision as to whether victory and the rule of the world should belong to right, justice and liberty or to lawlessness, brutal force and slavery.

Dr. Brzezinski said that there could not be any doubt as to what the judgment of history would be, and if Poland had contributed to this, the highest award which would compensate for her sufferings would be for future generations to acknowledge that struggling Poland deserved well of humanity.

Describing his country as the sentry of European culture, the Consul-General said that it had suffered many times for its adherence to Western, Christian and Latin culture, based on humanitarian principles and the recognition of human individuality. While her towns and villages were under the depressing heel of the aggressors, the hearts and souls of the people, their thoughts and desires were still free, and the Polish Government was still existent, and legally and constitutionally acting, recognized by the civil world. When the development of military events permitted it, the Polish Government would return to the territory of the State.

Meanwhile, Poland's army and navy were helping the Allies and would not relinquish their struggle against the enemy. The speaker said there was very little difference between conditions under German rule and those under Russian domination in Poland. Terror was one of the governing factors in a regime which sought to ruin and despoil and destroy Polish culture. The only difference was that German terrorism was more planned and organized. Both countries sought to weaken the nation for generations to come, by destruction and theft, while the sufferings inflicted on the people surpassed in their barbarity anything which in ancient times constituted the attributes of the Huns or other wildest animal-like tribes.

"Today Poland was a black night of nightmares, broken only by the blaze of fires and the groans of its slaughtered victims. Nevertheless, the spirit and belief of Poles in the dawn of a better tomorrow is unbroken," concluded the Consul-General.

Other Side of the Story of Prospector and Scouts

Writing in the column, "Grab Samplings," W. J. Gorman says:—
"There are always two sides to a story. Prospectors have frequently complained that company engineer scouts give short shrift to their showings and, in counter argument, the scouts maintain that they are often invited on wild goose chases which wind up at a small trench in the bush, many miles from nowhere. They also say that they make many fruitless trips because the prospector gets to the head office with a likely tale and the result is a direct order for the scout to proceed, regardless.

"Some of the stories that the engineer scouts relate are rather harrowing. One of them reports that last summer he was seduced into making an expedition into the Patricia area, a doozer. It was, he said, partly his own fault. Being in Port Arthur, his headquarters, he naturally had an ear to the ground and in contact with the grapevine. In his hotel he was sought out by an acquaintance who whispered an exciting story of a new discovery up near Lake St. Joe. The find, he was told, was being kept dark by the discoverer, because there were certain property complications. A prospector was on the ground, hiding out until such time as the claims came open for staking. The present owner of the claims was also on the scene and knew nothing of the new discovery but had announced his intention of abandoning the claims unless he found something within a couple of weeks. Mystery and secrecy were the keynotes.

"Such a situation is naturally intriguing to a man who has searched long and unsuccessfully for a worthwhile showing to take to his head office. The scout fell in with the suggestion that he proceed quietly to the area, have a surreptitious look at the discovery and stick around to secure it when available. Accordingly he chartered an airplane, taking his informant who claimed to know the location with him. They arrived in the area and for days there was a lot of hocus-pocus, hiding out in creeks and sticking to camp. One night they had a mysterious visitor who arrived by the light of the moon and after some persuasion which included the passing of some money agreed to

New Signalling Plans to Speed Railway Service

When storm conditions make normal signalling devices practically invisible both sound and smell are used to get the trains through on schedule, says an article in the current issue of C-I-L Oval, a magazine of industrial chemistry. During such conditions the railway resort to the little track torpedo, a product of the chemical industry. Expanding with a loud report as the wheels of the train pass over them, track torpedoes also release a powerfully concentrated chemical with a pungent odour strong enough to warn the man at the throttle should the report have been inaudible for any reason. Another device called a railway fusee sticks in the road-bed when thrown from a speeding train and burns with a powerful light for twenty minutes, even under water, to warn following trains of any delay.

Prospects Better

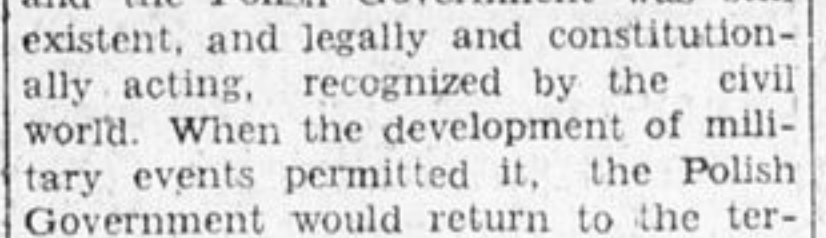
Smith—My daughter has arranged a little piece for the piano.
Neighbour—Good! It's time we had a little peace.

take them to the showing. Followed a midnight trip and an inspection. The whole thing was a washout. What particularly peeved the engineer was the subsequent discovery that his original informant was the real owner of the ground and all the mysterious side-stepping was merely window dressing.

A scout relates that one time in British Columbia he got wind of a showing owned by a real old sourdough who had for years worked his property driving an adit into a mountain. Word reached the engineer that the old-timer had struck good ore but that he was not particularly anxious to sell. The bait eventually drew the scout to the remote locality. When he and his guide arrived on the mountain about noon they found, to their surprise, that the prospector was still not up. Thinking that he might be ill they went into the cabin and awoke him, enquiring for his health. He looked them over, got up and started to get breakfast. In explanation of his late rising hour, he remarked: "This week I am working night shift."

Good Vision at 50 Years

If you want good vision when you are older, you must take care of it while young. If you need glasses and neglect to get them, your sight will suffer as you get older. An examination will show whether your eyes need help or not.



Owner—"I'm surprised to find you, a Scout, in my orchard."
Boy Scout—"Well, I thought for once, Sir, I'd do you a good turn."—Humorist

His Good Deed

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