

# Men Leaving to Fight For Freedom of Finland Honoured This Week

### About Two Hundred at Gathering at Harmony Hall. Rumours of Peace Not Believed at Gathering. Two of the Volunteers are Norwegians, Going to Fight for Their Neighbour. Some Fought Before for Finland.

Messrs Uno Herts, Ivari Raiffila, Lauri Lahtinen, Sakari Dalkar, George Luopa, Uno Norkoid, Einar Katajamaki, Alex Kokko, Walter Pahlala, and Tauno Leppinen, who volunteered their services in aid of Finland, were honoured on Tuesday evening at a concert and reception in the Harmony Hall on Fourth avenue, when about two hundred friends of the men gathered to wish them "God-speed" and the best of luck in their effort to aid Finland in her war against the aggressor.

A collection taken up during the evening, to provide the men with expense money during the trip, netted a total of \$71.00.

Despite the fact that rumours were heard of "peace" in Finland, the gathering refused to believe the stories, and went on with its plans to help the little country. All joined in one thought—that there would be no peace in Finland if Russia were allowed to take all she wanted—and each man, woman and child joined in the fervent hope that no peace treaty had been signed. Despite the fact that the Finnish people in Canada, and other nationalities as well, hoped for peace in the land of lakes, these people agreed that the demands made by Russia were outrageous, and that as long as Finland had lost many men in her fight for her freedom and independence, she would not give up this independence now.

Good citizens of Canada, the gathering joined in three cheers for Britain and France, the countries which have helped Finland, and which are ready to give her every assistance.

On behalf of the group, Mr. J. Viitanen spoke fond farewells words to the men who were leaving. Most of the men are about thirty or forty years old, and have served in the Finnish army at one time or another. Mr. Kokko, in thanking the gathering on behalf of the men, mentioned that he had first fought the Russians when he was fifteen years of age, and hoped that this time he would make an even better job of the undertaking.

Some of the men have families in Finland, and one, Mr. George Luopa, who is leaving on Sunday, is married, and will leave his wife and mother-in-law in Timmins. Two of them, Messrs Herts and Dalkar are Norwegian, but are giving their aid to the "neighbour."

A poem written especially for the occasion by Mrs. Kallio-Koski, was recited in sincere and heartening fashion by Mrs. Tolvanen, and Mr. John Koskela in an interesting address, outlined the history of Finland, and of its aggressor—Russia—and expressed the hope that the mighty little land would never give way to its "brute" aggressor.

Vocal selections were given by the Finnish Aid Choir, which sang Finnish folk songs, by Messrs Toivo Kallio and Nilo Hursti (duet); and solo numbers by Mr. Alfors, Mr. A. Kuusivirta, Mr. Nilo Hursti, and Mrs. George Luopa (volunteer). Especially suitable numbers were chosen, among them a selection written by Mr. F. E. Sillanpaa, author who won the Nobel prize this year.

A delicious lunch was served, with proceeds for the Finnish Aid Red Cross, and dancing to the music of Mr. Passi (accordion) and his son at the drums, was enjoyed, with the traditional Finnish dances predominating.

## Registered Nurses Hold Pleasant Social Evening

### Special Guest Speakers at Event Tuesday Night.

A very pleasant social evening was spent by members of the R.N.A.O., and their invited guests, members of the St. Mary's Hospital Alumnae, on Tuesday evening in the auditorium of St. Mary's Hospital. Special guest speakers for the event were Miss Thompson of the Children's Aid Society, and Dr. Kitley, of the Provincial Department of Health.

Miss E. Chlason, president of the R.N.A.O. introduced the guest speakers, and acted as chairman during the evening.

Mrs. George Dewar gave several fine piano selections; Miss Hall, Town Nurse, and Miss Edith Richardson, V.O.N., gave a duet selection, accompanied by Miss Dodge at the piano; Miss Dodge rendered a beautiful violin solo, accompanied by Mrs. Clarke, deaconess at the Timmins United Church.

Miss Thompson spoke in very interesting manner about the work of the Children's Aid, and Dr. Kitley, who is spending some time in survey work here, chose as her topic an outline of the work of the R.N.A.O., and congratulated the local branch on the progress it has made.

Sister Fidelis and Miss Hurley presented interesting slides on the "Life of Florence Nightingale" the story being related by Miss Clutchey and Miss Scully, student nurses.

A very good attendance marked the event, during which an especially prepared St. Patrick's Day lunch was served. The lunch was individually wrapped in St. Patrick's Day serviettes, with green ribbons, served on trays adorned with Shamrocks.

Toronto Telegram: March came in like a lamb and remains more or less like a polar bear.

## 672 Candidates to Do Battle for 245 Seats This Election

### Not a Single Acclamation for Any of the 245 Seats.

The battle pit of Canada's general election was crowded Monday with 672 candidates, the majority of them supporters of either of the two major parties aspiring to conduct the Canadian war effort.

In 243 constituencies, a new membership to the House of Commons will be elected March 26 by the votes of between 70,000 and 90,000 soldiers in Canada and England and between 4,500,000 and 6,000,000 civilians.

When nominations closed across the country Monday, the stake of government lay between the Liberal party led by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, and the National Government supporters of Hon. R. J. Manion. No other group nominated enough candidates to obtain a majority in the next house.

The Liberals nominated 240 candidates and the National Government party 213 for the 245 seats. Two members will be elected in the Prince Edward Island riding of Queen's and in Halifax.

The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation named 96, concentrating its strength in Ontario and the prairie provinces.

Twenty-eight New Democracy candidates, 17 of them in Alberta, composed the fourth substantial group which included many Social Credit members of the last house.

It was a nomination day without major surprises. Party leaders were nominated as expected—Prime Minister King in Prince Albert; Dr. Manion in Port William; J. S. Woodsworth, C.C.F. leader, in Winnipeg North Centre; J. H. Blackmore, leader of the Social Credit group in the last house, in Lethbridge.

The founder of the New Democracy movement, W. D. Herridge, former Canadian minister to Washington, entered the lists in the Saskatchewan constituency of Kindersley. "This is his first attempt to win an elective office."

Canadian troops in England, who have missed the fanfare of the political campaign at home, will cast their votes between March 14 and 23. The official list of candidates was cabled overseas during the night and will be posted at Aldershot and elsewhere for the information of members of the Canadian Active Service Force and of the 110th Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The overseas vote is expected to total about 25,000 if the men all exercise their franchise. Members of the active service in Canada are to vote between March 16 and 23 and, like the troops overseas, will vote for candidates nominated in their home constituencies.

**Newcomers in Field**  
Nominations brought into the political arena several noted newcomers to election combat, including Dr. Herbert A. Bruce, former lieutenant-governor of Ontario, who is running in Toronto Parkdale as National Government supporter.

Dr. J. T. M. Anderson, former Conservative premier of Saskatchewan, entered the contest in Rosetown-Biggan where his opponents are M. J. Coldwell, foremost campaigner for the C.C.F., and R. P. Hassard, Liberal. Dr. Anderson is a National Government supporter.

Two star athletes were in the field, Sylvanus Apps, Toronto's great National Hockey League player, was named National Government candidate in his home constituency of Brant. His opponent is G. E. Wood, Liberal member. Fred Hoblitzel, Liberal, former Ontario amateur golf champion, opposes R. L. Baker, National Government, in Toronto-Eglinton.

Hero of an Arctic rescue more than ten years ago, Col. C. D. H. MacAlpine, mining man and prospector, was nominated National Government candidate in Victoria, Ontario. MacAlpine and seven companions were rescued in 1929 after their plane grounded and they spent several weeks far inside the Arctic Circle.

**Like Father Like Son**  
Sons of famous parliamentarians were named in Quebec and Ontario constituencies. Huges Lapointe, son of Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice, runs in Lotbiniere, as a Liberal, while his father seeks re-election in Quebec East. H. C. Guthrie, son of the late Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Conservative minister of justice, is National Government candidate in Wellington, Ontario.

Douglas Stewart was in the Ontario reformatory when his nomination papers as independent candidate were filed in Toronto Trinity. Stewart, former editor of the banned Communist newspaper, the Clarion, is serving a minimum sentence of six months for prejudicing recruiting.

Stewart faces distinguished opposition in Trinity, his opponents being Arthur W. Rebeck, Liberal, former Ontario attorney-general, and Hon. G. R. Geary, member of the R. B. Bennett Conservative cabinet prior to the 1935 general elections.

Carey Williams: Simile: As annoying as a zipper fastener that has lost its zip.

## Death Said to Have Been Due to Unusual Accident

Cochrane—What appears to be an unusual cause of death is being investigated by Chief Coroner E. R. Tucker. Joseph St. Amour, youthful settler residing north of Cochrane, died at his home at 2 a.m. Friday morning while in bed and supposedly the result of an unusual accident.

On summoning Coroner Tucker the story offered by witnesses and those present was that St. Amour, while driving with his dog team yesterday, the team made a sudden turn, causing the sleigh on which St. Amour was riding to slow over but not sufficiently to throw him off. He is supposed to have returned to his home and retired to bed not feeling well and passed away in his sleep at 2 a.m. this morning.

Chief Coroner Tucker has ordered an autopsy as the explanation and apparent cause of the man's demise are vague and doubtful.

## Commissioner Finds Men Walked Out of Airmen's School

### Between 200 and 300 Involved, Says Report.

St. Thomas, March 13—Commissioner William H. Suringer, of the Ontario Provincial Police, has reported at Attorney-General Gordon Conant that he believes "between 200 and 300" airmen of the Royal Canadian Air Force training school here walked out February 10.

The commissioner issued a finding to that effect Monday night after an all-day investigation into charges of a "walkout" and "violent disturbance" at the school. Premier Mitchell Hepburn made the charges and ordered the probe.

Tuesday the investigation entered a second stage with the visit of newspapermen to the school, where on invitation of Hon. Norman Rogers, minister of national defence, they were permitted to question the staff and personnel. Premier Hepburn, who engaged in protracted debate with Mr. Rogers over the authenticity of his charges, declined an invitation to visit the school, completed last year as a provincial mental hospital and offered to the Dominion government on the outbreak of war.

**Round-up Takes Three Days**  
"I believe it is true that between 200 and 300 men of the training school on February 10 marched into St. Thomas and that it took military police three days to round up all who were absent without leave," Commissioner Stringer's report said.

Cecil Snyder, deputy attorney-general of the province aided in conducting the investigation under the Constables Act and questioned 17 witnesses. Then he asked Mr. Stringer to "find out there was a walkout" and "to say that the premier of Ontario was right in his statement and that the minister of national defence was wrong."

Advised of Mr. Stringer's finding at his farm home near the training school, M. Hepburn said: "The report backs up my statement in the fullest detail. It is a terrific indictment against a minister of war in Canada that his carefully considered statement of denial should be proved false."

**No Actual Violence**  
The inquiry, directly, was to determine under the Constables Act "if the situation in St. Thomas and Elgin county, by reason of alleged incidents there, necessitated the assignment of additional police officers in that area." Commissioner Stringer found that "no violence actually occurred" and deemed it unnecessary at present "to detail further civilian police officers to this area."

He ruled it was beyond his jurisdiction to inquire into the cause of the walkout, declaring that "a matter solely within the jurisdiction of the department of national defence."

In his allegations last Tuesday, Mr. Hepburn charged that students at the school were fed up and disgusted with doing nothing but shining door knobs and polishing floors.

"It took the military authorities three days to round them all up and the censors warned local newspapermen that the story could not be published," he said, adding: "I challenge Rogers now to deny that there was a violent disturbance and that these young men were parading up and down the streets in protest against lack of training at the school."

**Some Left City**  
The commissioner found that airmen marched to a central location in St. Thomas and then dispersed, some remaining in the city and others "leaving without permission for points as far distant as Toronto." Military police, he reported, were active all through that week-end rounding up whatever men could be found in the St. Thomas area.

The hearing was strictly a civilian affair, although one airmen in uniform came voluntarily to testify. The airman, J. A. Telfer, said he had been two months in the air force and had received no training in the trade of aircraft-mechanic for which he had enlisted. He took no part in the walkout and was at lunch when it occurred.

Citizens of St. Thomas, employees of the Ontario government, provincial police constables and newspaper reporters were the witnesses who testified. Stories of seeing airmen marching into St. Thomas and talking to them on the streets and highways were recounted before the commissioner.

Detroit Free Press: Daughter of a Hollywood movie magnate has married and looks forward to a domestic life without serious quarrels. Her husband is a make-up artist.

## V.C. Ill in England



Prayers have been offered in Calgary for the recovery of Brigadier G. R. Pearkes, officer commanding the 2nd Infantry Brigade, First Division, C.A.S.F., who is reported seriously ill at Aldershot. The 52-year-old brigadier, who won the Victoria Cross in the last war, was said to be "in no immediate danger." He is suffering from cerebral fever.

## Annual Bridge and Five Hundred by Business Girls' Club

### Guests Present from Iroquois Falls, South Porcupine and Schumacher.

The annual bridge and five hundred card party held by the Porcupine Business Girls' Club on Tuesday evening in the I.O.G.E. Hall on Spruce street was a notable success, with people from Iroquois Falls, South Porcupine, Schumacher and Timmins taking part in a pleasant evening.

During the afternoon members of the club had taken an active part in arranging the tables with gay hand-made tablecloths with floral designs, decks of cards, bridge score pads, green, yellow and crystal ash trays, and each table bore an attractive note of welcome and "thank you."

Seven tables of five hundred and thirteen tables of bridge were played, with the winners as follows:

Bridge, ladies: 1st, Miss Gladys Rankin (luncheon set); 2nd, Mrs. J. W. Spooner (cut glass basket); consolation, Miss L. Garvey (kitchen utility rack); gentlemen: 1st, A. Kendall (travelling clock); 2nd, H. Doyle (ash tray); and consolation, Mrs. Penton, playing as a gentleman (cigarettes).

500, ladies: 1st, Mrs. M. Corrigan (half dozen spoons and salad forks); 2nd, Mrs. F. Charbonneau (cake plate); and consolation, Mrs. Regan (kitchen utility rack); gentlemen: 1st, Miss Nora Dillon (novelty cigarette rack), playing as a gentleman; 2nd, R. Hardy (cigarette box); and consolation, Mrs. E. Wilian, playing as a gentleman (cigarettes).

The scores, particularly among the men, were very close, and the winners are to be congratulated upon their excellent playing. Among the women playing five hundred, cuts were required, and one of the lucky winners, Mrs. F. Charbonneau, won for the first time a prize through a cut of the cards. Several of the women, playing as gentlemen at the five hundred games, were surprised to win prizes of cigarettes and novelty cigarette tray-holder-cases, especially as neither of these winners, smoke.

Mr. C. V. Kearns, who was to have acted as Master of Ceremonies, was unable to be present, but arranged to have Mrs. Wilf Spooner take his place. Mr. Spooner carried through the duties of M.C. very capably, settling the various questions that arose in calm, unruffled manner, which satisfied everyone concerned. Mr. Spooner also looked after the checking of tallies, and supervised the making of the coffee, which was a credit to his work.

The attractive prizes were displayed in the windows of the Style Shoppe Furniers on the corner of Fourth and Pine streets during the week, and the pleasing display brought many compliments. These prizes were all donated by the members of the club. The first prize, for bridge, a hand-made bridge set of rose coloured linen, with hand fringed edges was made by the sister of one of the members, and the consolation prizes for the ladies were made by another member.

## Preliminary Report of Mineral Output of Quebec

The Quebec Bureau of Mines is issuing its Preliminary Statement of Mineral Production for 1939; it is a twelve page printed pamphlet, 10 x 7 inches in size.

This pamphlet contains a comparative production table for the years 1938 and 1939, and deals briefly with various activities of the principal mines during the year.

Compared to 1938, all three classes of mineral substances, metallics, non-metallics and building materials, show increases. In spite of the fact that building permits in the Province had a decrease from last year, building materials showed a slight increase.

An interesting feature of the report points out that the mineral production of the Province has had an unbroken ascending trend for the last eight years, his production having grown from \$25,683,066 in 1932, to \$77,125,955 in 1939.

Gold and asbestos remain in first and second places respectively; the value for the former being \$34,370,127 and the latter, \$15,858,492.

This pamphlet is now available in both French and English, and may be obtained from the Director, Quebec Bureau of Mines, Quebec City.

## Deaths at Malartic Mine Were Accidental, Says Jury

Rouyn, March 12th — A verdict of accidental death, with no blame attached to anyone was returned by a jury at the coroner's inquest conducted by Dr. Bligue, of Amos, into the fatal accident which occurred at the East Malartic Mines last Saturday, when Joseph Ryzlo and Nick Parry lost their lives.

Alec Kennedy, timberman, testified that shortly after lunch on Saturday, March 9, he was working with a helper on pillar raise No. 4-2 when sampler, D. Gormly, passed up the ladder on his way to the slope 4-2 above. Shortly after the sampler came back to say that he feared there had been an accident as the air was blowing full open in the slope. Kennedy went up the ladder with Gormly and McDonnell, the former's helper, and on reaching the top of the raise they turned off the air. They heard cries for help and on going into the slope found that a large block of rock was pinning down two men, one of whom was almost completely under the rock and was dead. This was Jos. Ryzlo. The other, Nick Parry, had both his legs pinned down and could not move. They went for help and dug the conscious victim out after about an hour and sent him to Lamaque Hospital. A rescue party timbered up the back and spragged the fallen block so that it could not roll over and after about five hours they got the other man out.

This accident did not occur in the main stopes of the mine which are being mined by diamond drilling methods with timber mat and gravel fill but in the narrower part of the ore body above the 4th (670-foot) level. This stoper known as 4-2, is being mined by standard shrinkage stoper methods. The back is about 15 feet wide and mainly in graywacke. The block which fell was an inclusion of porphyry with a very weak adhesion of talc-schist. It was of an inverted wedge shape. The block was about 16 feet long and five feet high. Its width was tapered from six feet to one foot. Its north face lay along the greenstone hanging wall down which it slid onto the two men who were drilling the stoper breast immediately ahead of this block.

## Mining Institute Says Canada Strong in War Metals

### In Better Position to Serve the Empire Than in 1914.

Winnipeg, March 12.—Canada in the present emergency of war is in a much better position to supply the Empire with basic "refractory" metals, essential for the production of steel, copper, nickel and other war metals and a wide variety of chemical products, than she was at the start of the first Great War in 1914, according to F. E. Lathe, of the National Research Council, Ottawa, in a paper at the annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

When supplies of Austrian magnesite were cut off in 1914, metallurgical operations in Canada and many other countries were seriously hampered by the lack of suitable refractories, but thanks to development since that time, such a situation cannot again arise, Mr. Lathe said.

Two major factors are responsible for the changed conditions. Deposits of magnesite dolomite at Kilmar, Quebec, have been opened up on a substantial scale, and other present or potential sources of magnesite as a refractory have been discovered elsewhere in Canada. Work undertaken by the National Research Council in co-operation with the Department of Mines and Resources has resulted in the development of a large number of new and improved refractory products, which are not only finding a

market in Canada, but are being exported to England and other countries. A great deal of attention has been paid to the development of chemical bonds for refractory materials, and numerous products with unusual properties have resulted. These include a special refractory for the tap-holes of steel furnaces, which gives many times the service of the materials previously available, linings for the smelter furnaces used in the pulp and paper industry, and a variety of cements for use with all types of refractory brick. The research effort responsible for the development of these numerous refractory products is being actively continued both with a view to the maximum utilization of Canadian raw materials and in order to provide them suitable for the ever-changing requirements and ever-increasing demands of industry.