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ABOUT THE JAMES BAY AREA

Thomas Richard Henry, one of the talented columnists of The Toronto Telegram, writes so much that is wise and witty, that it might be argued that he is entitled to talk like Walter Winchell once in a while. But no Tom, Dick and Harry is going to misrepresent the Great North and get away with it; so long as The Advance keeps on advancing.

In a recent issue of The Telegram, Thomas Richard waxed sarcastic, or something, about Port Churchill and politicians and railway building in Canada. "Liberals and Tories both buried quite a number of millions of dollars up among the muskies to give Manitoba an ocean port," he says. Manitoba newspapers may reply to that one by figuring the millions upon millions that Liberals and Tories sunk in muddy York township to make the city now sometimes called Toronto. Of course, this North Land has some special interest in those millions because so many of them came from this country's progress and development. But let that pass! The other sentence by Thomas Richard Henry by no means shall pass! "Then," he says with the smug assurance that has made Toronto famous, or otherwise, "having seen what a flop the Hudson Bay port was, Ontario went ahead and sunk a few millions in Northern muskies so Ontario could have an unused port up in that northern ocean just like Manitoba."

As a matter of fact Ontario has no port on Hudson Bay. The closest to that sort of thing is Moosonee, the northern terminal of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. Moosonee is on James Bay where the water is so shallow that only people as far away as Toronto could have dreams of making it an ocean port. In the North the most optimistic hope was that it might become a central railway shipping point from which the T. & N. O. Railway might carry south the riches of the far North. The extension of the T. & N. O. Railway from Cochrane to Moosonee was not planned to give Ontario an ocean port. It was designed to open up the country north of Cochrane, where it is honestly believed there are treasures of many kinds. Toronto took its full part in the final cry, "On to the Bay," but apparently at the first reverse Toronto was ready to withdraw all its troops and forsake the land. It is only a few years ago that there was talk of leaving the line north of Cochrane to rust alone, the Toronto belief being that the country was too cold for the moose. Then, it was discovered that the line must go at least as far as Island Falls where power production was an important factor to this province. On the side, it may be noted that seventy-five miles north of Cochrane there is as fine farming land as anywhere in the province, and this land is being successfully developed. The next Toronto thought was that, while the railway was essential as far as Island Falls, the rest of the line might be returned to the Indians and Eskimos, if any. But against this thought there came the acknowledgment of an immense deposit of lignite not far from Moosonee, so for the moment, at least, the abandonment of the railway extension is not among the items for serious consideration, even in Toronto. There is active effort now to develop the lignite deposits. Should this plan be successful, the extension will be fully justified. In addition, there are known deposits of fire clay, china clay, gypsum, simply waiting development. There is known iron ore in the Belcher Islands that would fully warrant the building of this particular railway to what was termed "tidewater." Less certain, but still worthy of investigation, are reports of oil in the area north of Cochrane. This particular railway runs through no barren land, but under proper auspices it serves a country that may be developed into a rich adjunct to the rest of Ontario and that will send further riches in the future to the city founded on the mud of York township.

NEWS OF THE WAR

The war continues in its odd mixture of good news, news not so good, news not so bad, and news that requires stronger emphasis than is given in ordinary polite dictionary language. One of the troubles of the day appears to be that, largely thanks to the radio, and particularly the foreign radio, bad news travels faster than the good. Reference has been made elsewhere in this issue to the Nazi scheme in securing agents in other countries to work special purposes. This has been extended to neutral lands and the use of the radio has by no means been neglected. Suppression of news, distortion of news, manufacture of news, have all been used to confuse the issue. The meagre amount of official news from Britain has added to the confusion. It is the fact that the British people would prefer to have all the news—good or bad. There is no doubt but that the British would take the worst news from official

sources, with chin up. It would have no other effect than to spur to greater effort. Unfortunately, however, it appears impossible to give out this official news as desired. There are genuine reasons of state why this is impossible. It has been proven in the past that the enemy was most anxious for just such a policy. On more than one occasion the enemy sought by every means in its power to taunt the Allies into giving such official information. Trust has to be given to the judgment of the authorities in such matters. Accordingly what is needed now is patience and courage and faith. Experience has shown that it is not well to credit enemy reports, or even neutral reports. It has also been shown that the Allies have given out all the information that they felt would not be advantageous to the enemy. It would be no benefit surely to attempt to force the Allies to adopt enemy tactics with the news and use it simply as propaganda. The better plan seems to be to use patience and wait for official reports that may be given the fullest dependence.

TREACHERY IN NORWAY

It was one of the representatives in Europe of The New York Times who gave the first news to the world of the invasion of Norway by Germany. Like those who heard the news later, this man who was among the first to know about it, was astounded at the facility with which the Nazis were able to get a grip upon the country. He felt that there was something behind it all, and he made careful investigation. His conclusion was that there had been treachery and traitorism on the part of a number of highly-placed Norwegians. His opinion was that, while the ordinary Norwegian was loyal and honest and fair, there were a number of men in high places in the army, navy, air force and in the political service, who had sold out to Germany. There is little doubt but that for years past Germany has been bribing certain men in Norway by money, and still more by promises of power and influence, and that this treachery and traitorism was organized on a comparatively large scale. The Advance believes that many of the difficulties encountered by the Allies in Norway have been due to this organized treachery. This theory explains many things otherwise difficult to understand. It was believed that the Allies had been able to land enough troops in Norway that these, with the Norwegian forces, would be able to hold the Hun in check. The success of the plan, however, necessitated full confidence and trust in all the Norwegian leaders. One or two traitors in high place in a district would not only endanger the Allies in that particular district but would constitute a serious menace to the whole plan of campaign. There is some support for this idea in the official statement made to the effect that the withdrawal of troops from all Southern Norway was made to avoid a trap set by the Germans. It is quite evident that for many years past Germany has had its agents in many European countries, the chief work of these representatives being to secure sub-agents in industry, government and fighting forces of the countries concerned. A similar plan was adopted previous to the last war, but on nothing like the scale of recent years. There is reason also to believe that in recent times Germany has depended in some countries on the evil work of the Communists. In the United States there have been recent charges that Hitler has been helping finance some of Stalin's agents in that country.

In all of this, there is a lesson for Canada—for Timmins. Only a few days ago Mr. W. J. Scott, K.C., Ontario Fire Marshal, in addressing the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at Toronto, referred to cases of attempted sabotage in Ontario. A recent case was that of an attempt to tamper with the cage of a mine hoist. If this attempt had been successful a score of men would have plunged to death. The Fire Marshal also told of an Ontario factory in which Communists had a strong influence over the union and men. At this factory on more than one occasion screws had been deliberately dropped into vital machinery and electrical transformers had been tampered with. In concluding his address Mr. Scott said:—"We in Canada face the same underground activities that Norway found had almost strangled her."

Of course, it is not necessary to go far afield from Timmins to discover evidence of traitorism endorsed by foreign and enemy lands. There is a stream of literature flooding this area under cover of darkness that is viciously subversive. It is not sufficient answer to suggest that this literature is so apparently mendacious as to be powerless to affect any one of normal intelligence. In his book, "Mein Kampf," Hitler emphasizes the idea that people will believe the most shameless lies if they are only repeated often enough. In any event this form of subversive literature has a tendency to worry people and to discourage patriotic effort at this time. On occasion also it takes subtle form such as that against which complaint is made on the South Porcupine page in this issue of The Advance. Investigation suggests that enemy agents at South Porcupine surreptitiously started the story that Red Cross work was being sold there. Once started, innocent people repeated the malicious falsehood until it gained some currency. It has been given very definite and emphatic denial, but in the meantime it has done some harm. Such tactics should not be permitted, if for no other reason than the contemptible reflection cast upon the Red Cross workers who have done

LOCALS

Mr. Jules Morin and Mr. Ovilla Fink were visitors last week in Cochrane.

Mrs. Spadafora has been visiting her daughter in Noranda.

Miss A. Perreault returned last week after a visit in Ottawa.

Misses Helen Bastian and Ora Slack were visitors during the week-end at their homes in Shillington.

Mr. Alfie Marinacci has returned from Windsor, where he spent the winter.

Born—on Friday, May 3rd, 1940: to Mr. and Mrs. A. Eby, 25 Lincoln avenue—a daughter.

Miss Aldine Montgomery left on Thursday to spend a holiday at her home in Orillia.

Mr. Chas. Quinn was a visitor in Timmins last week, en route to Noranda, Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Bert Gillespie arrived here on Wednesday from Toronto University, and will take a position here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Beatty and little daughter, of London, Ont., were visitors to Timmins during the past week.

Mr. Walter Ramsay was a recent visitor to his home at Cobalt, his mother, Mrs. W. J. Ramsay, who had been visiting here, going down with him from here to her home at Cobalt.

Earl Walden returned last week to spend the summer at his home here after the college term at the Toronto University where he will enter third year in the fall.

Among the local and personal notes in The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing, last week was the following item of local interest:—"Mr. J. J. McGee, formerly with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. at Timmins, is now associated here with Godin and Mairs.

Mr. N. MacInnis was called to Goulb, Que., on Saturday owing to the death of his aunt, Miss Annie MacInnis, who died on Friday night. The late Miss MacInnis had reached the unusual age of 93 years. The funeral takes place this (Monday) afternoon.

Three Births Registered During the Past Week-end

Born—on April 26th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joon (nee Yvonne Dumoulin) of 123 Ann avenue—a son.

Born—on April 24th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. St. Pierre (nee Noella Lamirande) of 41 Preston street south—a daughter.

Born—on April 28th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Neadoza Bisson, of 14 Kent avenue—a daughter.

Young People's Interests Topic at Finnish Y.P.S.

"Young People's Interests" was the topic of a very interesting discussion at the weekly meeting of the Y.P.S. of Timmins Finnish United Church last Friday, May 3rd. Many good suggestions for activities in connection with the work of the Y.P.S. were considered from the Christian point of view.

The meeting was opened with a devotional period conducted by the president, Mr. Helge Hongisto, assisted by Allan Leivo, Ruben Peterson and Miss Leah Heinonen. After the devotional period there was a short business session. All arrangements for this "Discussion Night" were taken care of by Group No. 2, with Helge Hongisto as convener, assisted by Miss Irene Rantamaki, Miss Leah Heinonen, Miss Helen Lehto, Allan Leivo, Ruben Peterson, Kauko Vastila, and Ellis Jokela.

so much work for the Red Cross in the Eastern section of Porcupine.

In this time of war there should not be the slightest toleration for subversive agents of any kind. If they honestly believe there is a better land in which to live, they should be interned until they can travel thither. It isn't a question of freedom of thought or speech. It is a question of the very life of the Empire, of Canada. No industry or business would tolerate—could tolerate—with any measure of safety men or women within its circle who were deliberately seeking to ruin it. With a life and death struggle in progress, it is idiotic to talk about freedom of speech or freedom of thought to help the enemy. To foster the subversive is to throw away British freedom bought in blood through the ages. The enemy in disguise in this country should be dealt with the same as if they appeared in their national uniforms. Those who have sold themselves to the enemy are but the more contemptible. There should be a general round-up of the sneaks and ingrates. At this time there is no room in this country for any of them, except in jail, in the internment camp, yes, and before the firing squad. The folly of Norway in permitting these fellows to carry on their dirty work is quite apparent now. Canada will pay seriously for any similar folly or weakness. There should be a general round-up. It is no time for criminal leniency or nonsense.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Last week some sarcastic references were made in these columns to a court decision where a man

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SIFTING THE NEWS

By Hugh Murphy

Major Vidkin Quisling has achieved immorality. Founder of Norway's minute Nazi party, whom the Germans first set up and then unseated as a puppet premier, the name of the Norwegian traitor will not soon be forgotten.

Writes "The Times" of London: "Major Quisling has added a new word to the English language. To writers the word 'Quisling' is a gift from the Gods. If they had been ordered to invent a new word for traitor they could hardly have hit upon a more brilliant combination of letters. Actually it contrives to suggest something at once slippery and tortuous. Visually it has the supreme merit of beginning with a Q, which (with one august exception) has long seemed to the British mind to be a crooked, uncertain and slightly disreputable letter, suggestive of the questionable, the querulous, the quavering of quaking quagmires, and quivering quiescences, of quibbles and quarels, of quakes and quakery, quails and quip.

"Major Quisling is to be congratulated, he has performed the rash feat of turning a proper name into a common one and in so doing has made sure that in a future life he will find himself in a distinguished circle. In addition to Captain Boycott, Aloysius Hansom, will be there; also those two Scots, Charles McIntosh and John Loudon McAdam; and the first Lord Brougham and the fourth Earl of Sandwich; and the great Duke of Wellington in his famous boots."

X-rays wreak their destructive work on cancer cells more effectively if water is injected into the growth. For that reason, and because of recent experiments with synthetic radioactive substances in solution, doctors would like to have a good method of injecting liquids.

Hypodermic needles have been tried and were found not to be entirely satisfactory. Recently a new method was announced by Dr. Gioacchino Failla, physicist of New York City's memorial hospital. To get fluid into cancers located near the body surface, a tiny, powerful jet is shot from a diamond (to prevent rapid erosion) orifice two-thousandths of an inch in diameter, at a pressure of 15,000 pounds per square inch. The jet penetrates the flesh and spreads to a depth of nearly an inch.

Das Schwarze Korps (organ of the Nazi SS Guards) is fighting a battle not only against the Allies but against Superman. Because the comic strip hero recently spread pacifist propaganda in the trenches and singlehandedly destroyed the Westwall and all its fortification, Das Schwarze Korps

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED, by the Childrens Aid Society, families willing to give homes on a boarding basis to Protestant children 10 to 14 years of age. If interested, phone 855, or call at Room 4, Municipal Building, Timmins. 60-621f.

CARD OF THANKS

The Brothers and Sisters of the late Harry Alexander Williams, of Schumacher, wish to express their deep thanks and appreciation to the many friends who showed such kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of their brother, with special thanks to Mrs. J. G. Harris, of Schumacher; also to all who sent floral tokens.

stormed: "Instead of taking wise advantage of the opportunity really to further serious virtues, he sows hate, injustice, laziness and crime. It is pitiful that American children don't even recognize the prison."

Serious virtues like the Nazis taught in Poland by means of a perambulating scaffold. Like they taught in Austria and are teaching in Denmark and Norway!

Large Percentage of Young People at Finnish Church

At the service in the Timmins Finnish United Church, Sunday evening, Rev. A. I. Heinonen also (on behalf of the congregation) thanked the officers and members of the Y.P.S. for their valuable leadership at services of worship during the month of April.

"Reasons for Spiritual Comfort" was the topic of the sermon delivered by Rev. Heinonen at the service Sunday night. One of the sources of great satisfaction and comfort to the older people of the congregation has been the steadily increasing number of young people among the Finns who are vitally interested in the Christian way of life. One of the peculiarities of the services in the Timmins Finnish United Church is that at any service more than half the congregation are young people around twenty years of age and less than thirty. All are active members of the church.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of HELEN RUTLEDGE, of Schumacher, Ont., Married Woman, Deceased.

All persons having any claims against the Estate of the above mentioned, who died at the City of Toronto, in the County of York, on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1940, are required to file proof of the same with John Monaghan, Executor, Box 265, Schumacher, Ontario, or the undersigned solicitor, on or before the 25th day of May, 1940. After that date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice. DATED at Timmins, this 20th day of April, 1940.

T. A. MacDONALD
Timmins, Ontario
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IN MEMORIAM

CONNELLY—In loving memory of Mrs. Jennie Connelly who passed away May 6th, 1938.

"In my heart your memory lingers, Always tender, fond, and true, There is not a day, dear sister, That I do not think of you."

—Fondly remembered by Sister, Margaret, and Tom.

Windsor Star:—Consuelo Vanderbilt Smith Davis, who divorced Earl E. T. Smith in order to marry Henry Gasaway Davis III, who divorced Grace Vanderbilt in order to marry Consuelo. Maybe all this will be clearer if you stand on your head and hold the paper between your toes.

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Most Efficient Scout Presented With a Badge

Lions Gave Out Four Pairs of Glasses During Month of April.

Most efficient Scout in the Lions' troop during April was Ross McIntosh. At the regular meeting of the Lions Club, in the Empire hotel on Thursday evening, Scout Master Reg. Fisher presented an efficiency badge to Scout McIntosh.

Secretary Harold Pirie made the announcement that the 20th meeting would be held in Noranda on May 26. The Timmins club was to send delegates. He also announced that the Duparquet charter night would be held on June 3 and that members of the local club were invited to attend.

Dr. Ray Hughes announced that the Canadian Secretary of State had approved the club's application to be registered under the War Charities Act and so would be able to distribute cigarettes to soldiers overseas.

The sight conservation committee announced that nine examinations has been made during April. Four pairs of spectacles were given out and one patient was referred to medical treatment.

Almonte Gazette:—An exchange says "With the decorators out, the dining room of the local hotel presents a new and attractive appearance." Which seems unnecessarily hard on the poor decorators.