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POLITICIANS AND GOLD

A map just issued by the Ontario Department of Mines to show the Little Long Lac gold area indicates the various townships in the district. The Little Long Lac area has been developed since the present government took office in Ontario so it is not surprising that the names of prominent members of the Liberal party have been used for the new townships of the district. Accordingly there is Hipel township, Kirby township, McQuesten, Houck, Croll to immortalize public men at present in the provincial limelight. Of course, this method of naming future municipalities is no innovation of the present government. It was adopted years ago by other governments. In a country as large as Ontario and with so many new places and things to be named, often more or less suddenly, the difficulty of choosing new names that will not duplicate those of previous places is no doubt a serious one. Thus it may be that the authorities are willing to accept even the names of politicians in the dire hurry to get the new places named. Names in the political life of Ontario will be found on large numbers of the towns, villages, and townships of the North. Cochrane was named in honour of Hon. Frank Cochrane, then Minister of Lands and Forests for Ontario. Latchford was also the name of a former member of the Ontario government. The same is true of Matheson, Monteith. The Porcupine gold area has scores of townships bearing the names of men once prominent in the public life of Ontario—Whitney, McGarry, Kidd, Lucas, Duff, Hanna, Reaume, Nesbitt, Lennox, Pyne, Crawford, Hoyle. In the Cobalt area there were a few townships named in honour of politicians. The same is true of the Larder Lake, the Kirkland Lake, the Red Lake and other camps. At the same time there was always a sprinkling of other names to leaven the lump, as it were. Tisdale was named after a prospector. Kirkland bears the name of the young lady who was the clerk at the recording office at the time of the discovery of gold in that part of Teck township.

It is interesting to note that if the politicians have had a large share of the names of the townships in the mining areas, little fame has come to them on that account. None of the politically-named townships in the Cobalt area have ever achieved fame. In the Kirkland Lake area the important township, Teck, was not named in honour of any well-known politician. A similar state of affairs appears to be true of Red Lake camp and other mining areas in Ontario. It would appear, however, that the Porcupine gold area is to have an exception to the rule. Even here in the first years of the camp Tisdale was the township where the gold mines seemed to flourish, while Mountjoy, Ogden, Deloro—all townships not bearing political names—were also prominent. It appears now, however, that one other township is due for fame as a gold producer of the Porcupine—the township of Whitney, named in honour of one of Ontario's most notable sons, Sir James P. Whitney, premier of Ontario for nine years. There is something particularly appropriate in the thought that the fame of J. P. Whitney should continue to live through the township that bears his name. He gave the riches of earnest service to the province, and while not as enthusiastic as one of his successors (Hon. G. Howard Ferguson) in the matter of the development of the North, in his later years he did assist the opening up of this country. There may be a Ferguson township in the North. It would be surprising if there were not—especially in the newer area from Cochrane to Moosonee. Development of new mineral wealth may also immortalize the name of Ferguson. The people of the North hoped in the naming of the main highway in this country to keep the name of a friend of the North ever to the forefront. Political attempt has been made to rob that highway of its name, and substitute a number (perhaps the number of one of the convicts whose labour was utilized in its first construction), but so far as The Advance is concerned—and this applies to tens of thousands of other loyal Northern people—it is still The Ferguson Highway.

A PATRIOTIC DUTY

It is a patriotic duty of the governments at this time to encourage prospecting and mining. The production of gold is a vital matter for the economic safety of the nation, while the fortunes of war depend in special way upon the success of the mining of other minerals. There are a number of minerals that are essential to the effective prosecution of modern war, while practically every mineral mined to-day has some place of more or less importance in war methods.

In recent years it has appeared that both the provincial and the Dominion governments have realized the vital value of mining to the nation and to the Empire. Hon. Paul Leduc, Minister of

Mines for Ontario, has given devoted study to his department, and has appeared enthusiastic in his support of every plan to give mining its proper place and its proper chance. It would be unfair to suggest that Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources for the Dominion, has been any less enthusiastic or able. Of course, these two men are only a small proportion of the Cabinet that direct the administration of province and the Dominion. There was indication of the truth behind this fact in the case of a former Dominion Minister of Mines who found the direct opposite of his ideas adopted in regard to the treatment of mining.

Is mining to-day receiving the full consideration that it should. To judge from the report of Mr. J. P. Bickell, president of the McIntyre Porcupine Mines, to the shareholders of the company, the situation is not pleasing. "Prospectors are discouraged," says Mr. Bickell, and when prospectors lose heart the mining industry is seriously weakened. Mr. Bickell points out that in 1939 there were 9,086 mining claims abandoned, while there were only 6,772 new claims staked. That is by no means a healthy situation. Over 91 per cent. of Ontario's gold production in 1939 came from properties that were staked more than ten years before. Mining can not live—let alone expand—on the old mines alone. For the success of the mining industry and for the benefit of Canada there must be a succession of new mines.

Mr. Bickell makes pointed reference to the fact that capital is becoming more and more reluctant to venture in mining projects. The reason for this is excessive taxation, and the uncertainty that seems to surround this taxation. "An industry that should be encouraged to the point where it may play a very important part in after-war industrial adjustment," says Mr. Bickell, "is being sacrificed rather than fostered."

It would appear that the governments of this country, as a pressing patriotic duty—as part of the present war effort, and as part of the programme for peace time—should take up the question in earnest and see to it that the vital industry of mining is really fostered and encouraged.

THE ONE AIM AND PURPOSE

In Britain and France in recent days it has been shown that there are no classes, no sects, no parties, but solid, united nations with but the one aim and purpose—the winning of the war to assure freedom and decency in the world. It is recognized that the battle is not between forms of government but between ways of life. Both France and Britain recognize that life would not be worth living were the Nazi, the Stalin, the Mussolini way to triumph. The vision of Chamberlain giving way to Churchill—even, going further than retiring with friendly, patriotic grace—going the length of offering his services in any capacity—the knowledge of General Gamelin stepping aside for another to take the high command in France—these are indications of the fact that not only do all in France and Britain realize the seriousness of the situation, but party and class and ambition and self interest are placed on one side to make way for the patriotic unity, the one aim and purpose—the winning of the war.

There are people who are depressed at times by bad news from the battle fronts. As a matter of fact there is more reason for sadness and gloom in the fact that with the very life of Canada at stake people are playing politics and working for other petty ends. It is a sad thing, indeed, to contemplate the truth that had Canadian statesmen shown vision and patriotism three years ago when Britain first proposed the establishment of air-training camps in this country, Canada to-day would be able to turn the tide of battle by pouring overseas hundreds of skilled pilots and hundreds of airships. If ever there were cause for gloom, surely it rests in thinking of the chance thus missed by Canada. But gloom never did any good yet in anything. It was a wise old man who said:—"When things go wrong, never get sad! Get mad and right them!" Nothing may be gained by mourning over the missed chances for playing a vital part in the world's struggle against gangsterism. What is needed is for Canada as a people to "get mad" and right things.

The apostles of gloom may find much food for the growth of their sadness in the address given over the radio yesterday by Premier Churchill of Great Britain. He painted the picture of the situation in strong colours and did not minimize the seriousness of it all. He warned the people to be ready to defend the shores of Britain itself from the most savage foe in the world's history. But there was no gloom in all his words. He simply faced the facts and warned against complacency or indolence. His real emphasis was given to the brighter side of the picture—to the truth that with the resources, the power, the unity, the courage, the determination of the Allies, the final victory was assured. Indeed, his earnest address might be paraphrased to read:—"Don't weep! Work! Fight! Conquer!"

There has been a current fable passed from newspaper to newspaper and from mouth to mouth, that Canada is not yet war-conscious—that this country has not begun to realize the seriousness of the situation. The thousands of men volunteering for service, the thousands offering their work in other capacities, the hundreds of industrialists, financiers, business men and others who have asked to be allowed to assist—these give the lie to any idea that Canadians as a

LOCALS

Miss Marie Dunn has been visiting her sister, Miss Ellen Dunn, North Bay.

Miss Jean Sanders, of London, Ont., was a visitor to Timmins last week.

Mr. Donald Peetre was a recent visitor to relatives at Killaloe.

Mrs. James Foley was a recent visitor to Rouyn.

Rev. Fr. Alfred Simard was a recent guest at St. Michael's presbytery, Rouyn.

Mrs. E. McTaggart returned last week to her home at North Bay after visiting friends and relatives in Timmins.

Mr. Vincent Woodbury returned Saturday morning by the Northland after a holiday spent in San Antonio, Texas, and other points south.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Delmonte motored to Cobalt on Friday to attend the wedding of a friend there, and to visit at the home of friends.

Messrs. Henry and Al Kelneck, accompanied by Johnny Kolyneck, returned on Saturday after a visit to their home in Thorold.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. MacDonald and sons, Gordon and Kenneth, of Smooth Rock Falls, were recent visitors to Timmins.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Woolley, (nee Ruth Fee), at the South Porcupine Hospital, a daughter, (Marilyn Ruth), on May 17.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Winnifred Parnell, daughter of Mrs. J. Camerop, of 68 Balsam street north, and the late Mr. Harry Parnell, to Mr. Laddie Potyok, son of Mr. and Mrs. Potyok, of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mr. Harry A. Charbonneau, serving with the metallurgical department of the Royal Canadian Air Force, at Yarmouth, N.S., arrived in town last Thursday morning and will spend the week here. Mr. Charbonneau was called to his home due to the serious illness of his father, Mr. Fred Charbonneau, who is at present in St. Mary's Hospital but is rapidly improving.

Among the guests at the graduation exercises at Queen's University, Kingston, last week were Mrs. C. Pozzatti, of Timmins, Miss P. Baderski, of Timmins, Mrs. A. Washington of Ganonoque, Miss I. Brass of Lindsay, and Miss C. Cook, of Picton, who all gathered to congratulate Miss Mary Everard of Timmins, on being one of the graduates of the university this year.

Mr. A. G. Carson, local superintendent of Cochrane Children's Aid Society, returned Saturday morning from Hamilton where he had been attending the annual convention of the Association of Children's Aid Societies meeting in that city on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Traver left this morning to return to their home at the Thompson-Cadillac Mines Property, Quebec, after spending a few days visiting at the home of Mr. Traver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Traver, of 14 Toker street, and Mrs. Traver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson.

people do not want to help in the war, are not ready to play their full part. If there has been any hesitation, any delay, any half-heartedness, it has been in governmental ranks alone. What is needed now is such prods to the government that there will be speedy and effective and complete action on the part of Canada. There should be a dropping of all parties, all classes, all differences, and a wholehearted following of the example of the people of France, Britain, Poland and the other Allies—the determination that there shall be one aim and purpose, and one alone—the ridding of the world of the oppression of the gangsters—gangsters lower than any beasts.

To repeat the words of the old man:—"When things go wrong, never get sad! Get mad, and right them!" Parliament is in session at the present time, so gloom is not the only refuge. As The Advance has suggested before, why not bombard the members of parliament with demands for greater and more effective action in Canada's war effort. James Sinclair, M.P. for Vancouver, in seconding the reply to the speech from the throne, spoke in eloquent fashion for the real people of Canada—the New Canadian as well as those of older British citizenship. "This is no time for complacency," said Mr. Sinclair, a Liberal member. "It is time for united effort, ceaseless endeavor and above all, action—fearless action. This is the time to subordinate all other efforts in order to smash down the political bickerings and departmental red tape which in the past have impeded democratic action. This is the time to mobilize with ruthless speed every resource of this vast country. We have the power to do these things, and the people who sent us here expect us to use that power."

If a few of the hundreds of thousands of Canadians who feel that way would write Mr. Sinclair endorsing his sentiments, or, better still, write their own member emphasizing the fact that the people demand action and more action, it would not be long before even a tardy administration would be stirred to greater effort or to make way for others to carry on the battle so that Canada

WANT Ads

WANTED TO RENT

WANTED TO RENT—Six-room house or apartment wanted by July 1. Will lease. Apply H. J. Quinn, Timmins Garage. -314f.

Police Chief Leo H. Gagnon returned on Saturday after a week spent in Toronto.

No Carrier Mail Delivery on Saturday Afternoons

A memorandum from E. H. King, postmaster at Timmins, gives the following information of interest to the general public:

Re Saturday Afternoon Delivery of Mail by Letter Carriers

As an economy measure, the Post Office Department has instructed that the observance of the weekly Half-holiday is to be resumed. Effective Saturday, May 18th, delivery of mail will not be made by Letter Carriers in Canada on Saturday afternoons.

It should be pointed out that Letter Carriers who have worked on Saturday afternoons have been granted overtime credit for such work, and after working eleven weeks, have accumulated a week's overtime, which has been liquidated by granting the Letter Carrier a week off duty, during which time a relief man has been employed to do duty for that carrier.

The only mail to be delivered on Saturday afternoons will be Special Delivery letter mail, and Special Delivery Parcel Post.

Arrangements have been made at Timmins P.O. to absorb the employees, who would otherwise be laid off, by re-arranging the staff, and using the extra employees to replace those members who have enlisted for Military Service.

Post Office Hours and Service for Victoria Day

Instructions have been received from the Post Office Dept. at Ottawa advising the Timmins post office of the service to be given on Victoria Day, Friday, May 24th, a statutory holiday.

There is to be no letter carrier delivery, and no parcel post delivery.

All wickets will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The public lobby is to be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Special delivery service will be given as usual.

Receipt and despatch of mails will be as usual.

Collection from street letter boxes as usual.

Three Births Registered During the Past Week-end

Born—On May 8th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alfred Welin, of 6 Wilcox street—a daughter.

Born—On April 17th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Omer Lacroix of 161 Wilcox street—a daughter.

Born—On May 9th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nadon of 33 Wilson avenue—a son.

Sense and Nonsense:—The average man can make his failure sound plausible provided he has someone upon whom to place the blame.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR EXCHANGE—Will exchange year old Deluxe Nash car in excellent condition, for building lot in Timmins. Address replies to box M. Porcupine Advance. -37-38f.

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. 60-62f

St. John Ambulance Brigade Announce Loyalty Dance

Proceeds for Canadian Field Ambulance.

Friday evening, June 7th, is the date when the St. John Ambulance Brigade will entertain at the Riverside Pavilion at a "Loyalty Dance," in honour of the King's Birthday. Music for the event will be supplied by Henry Kelneck's Orchestra, and special arrangements are being made by the brigade to make this a very enjoyable event.

Proceeds from the dance will be used for a Canadian Field Ambulance, and it is expected that a large crowd will attend the dance.

Hardly

Knight of the Road—Say, boy, your dog bit me on the ankle.
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may not be ashamed when the final battle wins the victory.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Whatever the news, don't get sad! Get mad, and work, fight!

A friend of The Advance working at one of the mines in the district tells of a Swedish friend of his who puzzled him the other day for a few minutes. This Swedish friend was singing the praises of his adopted country. "The British Empire," he said, "is the greatest empire that ever was in the world. It has men, money, power and principle. And it is on Day Shift all the time!" "On day shift all the time?" Well that is a new and interesting way to tell the old story of the Empire on which the sun never sets!

Thomas Richard Henry, columnist for The Toronto Telegram, last week told of the number of letters and notes he had received finding fault with the apparent lack of war effort in Canada. Possibly, the most pungent was the note:—"Even money that the U.S.A. gets into the war before Canada."

According to a fashion note trouser legs are to be narrower this year on account of the shortage of tweeds. This brings up the question again why a little man should be charged as much for a suit of clothes as a fat fellow like Goebells, for instance. Why not sell clothes, even in peacetime, by the pound or the inch, instead of by the contract?

A number of newspapers are objecting to the frequent use of such words as "scuttie," "fifth column," "Quisling." Certainly, if the fifth column were completely scuttled there would be less need for mention of Quisling.

Hitler's Fifth Column threatens to become as well known as McAre's Fourth Column.

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Belligerents Battle in Rouyn Over Fight Overseas

The Rouyn-Noranda Press on Thursday last had the following:—"Germany, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium, France, Great Britain, Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand are generally believed to be the belligerents in this war. One might expect arguments to break out between nationals of any member of that group as to who is to get credit or blame for what. But trouble came from an entirely unexpected source in Noranda last week-end. It started in a boarding house near the boarding house corner, when a Jugo Slav and an Hungarian tried to decide which of their nations had really been responsible for the war. Reporters were unable to learn anything of their logic, but did find out that a happy crowd of miners, waiting for a bus, made a good audience for the scrap. By the time police arrived, further international complications had taken place and four or five people were involved. The law separated the combatants, took the principals off to jail, where it was found that both were slightly inebriated. They were fined \$5.00 each and agreed to keep the peace so that Canada could go on settling the real war."

Variety of Instruments in Finnish Y.P.S. Orchestra

Special practice of the Y.P.S. Orchestra will be held tonight from 7 to 8:30 in the Timmins Finnish United Church hall. After practice all members of the orchestra will walk to Mrs. Martin's for refreshments. Last Thursday there were ten members of the orchestra present, playing the following instruments: 3 violins, 2 Spanish guitars, 2 Hawaiian guitars, 1 trumpet, 1 mandolin and 1 Swedish-Italian Lute. Three more instruments are expected tonight. Miss Elma Nykanen, the conductor of the orchestra, expects every member of the orchestra to be present at the practice tonight.

Toronto Telegram:—The first twenty years are the hardest. After you have established a reputation you don't have to keep up with the Joneses.