

### Twenty Years Ago

From The Porcupine Advance Files

There was considerable excitement in the whole district twenty years ago over the arrest at Connaught of a man who was charged with complicity in a murder case at Teasiskaming, Que. According to the story told, in July, 1920, three Russians and a couple of Frenchmen were having Que. The Frenchmen were alleged to have led the Russians to a lonely spot where an old door was used as a poker table in an unused barn. Then there came a dispute as to the "pot", and eventually there was some shooting two of the Russians being killed. There was little money found on the Russians when the police found their bodies and it was believed that the double murder arose from the idea of stealing the money held by the two Russians. Another Russian made his escape from the barn and from all the trouble. The man arrested at Connaught was believed to have known the actual facts of the shooting. He worked for several firms in the Porcupine and had an excellent character, none who knew him thinking that he would have an active part in either robbery or murder.

Major Mac Lang, M. P. P., has written the Timmins football club assuring them that he will be here for the Labour Day event in Timmins. Angus McDonald, M.P., some weeks ago signified his intention of being present. Capt. Tom Magladery, M.P.P., of New Liskeard, has not yet sent his answer, but it is hoped that he will be able to come also for the occasion. So said the Advance twenty years ago.

It was the agreeable duty of the Advance twenty years ago to announce that the danger of forest fires was over for the season. There had been all sorts of wild and woolly stories in some of the daily newspapers about the bush fires in the North. While these yarns were all grossly exaggerated, the fact remained that at certain times in the season there had been considerable of a menace from bush fires in the North. In this particular district there were several threatening fires, but due to the good work of the fire rangers the menace had been overcome. South Porcupine had a narrow escape from had fires through the spread of bush fires back of Connaught Hill. Timmins and Schumacher fire brigades both sent out contingents to help the South End brigade and through the good work of all working together the blaze was kept back from the town until welcome rains came down and drowned out the menace of the bush flames.

The Advance made reference twenty years ago of the shooting of several

### But One Outcome Possible in the War Against Britain

#### The Great Spirit of the Empire is Conquering and Will Reach Victory.

The following editorial from the Constitution, of Atlanta, Georgia, is well worth republishing both as a matter of record and as showing how freedom loving people outside the Empire view the present conflict:-

**Twelve O'Clock, and All's Well**  
From "The Constitution", Atlanta, Ga.  
There must be today, millions of spirits that walk bravely, across the length and breadth of beleaguered Britain. The spirits of those men of the ancient race who gave to her the greatness that is knowing miraculous resurgence, as, once more, the fate of human liberty is laid upon her hands and hearts and courage.

It is good to think that, among those spirits, walk the ancient watchmen of the night, carrying their lanterns to light the dark hours and crying, as they walk, "Twelve o'clock and all's well." All's well with Britain, as her sons stand undaunted, a final rampart to the ruthless foe.

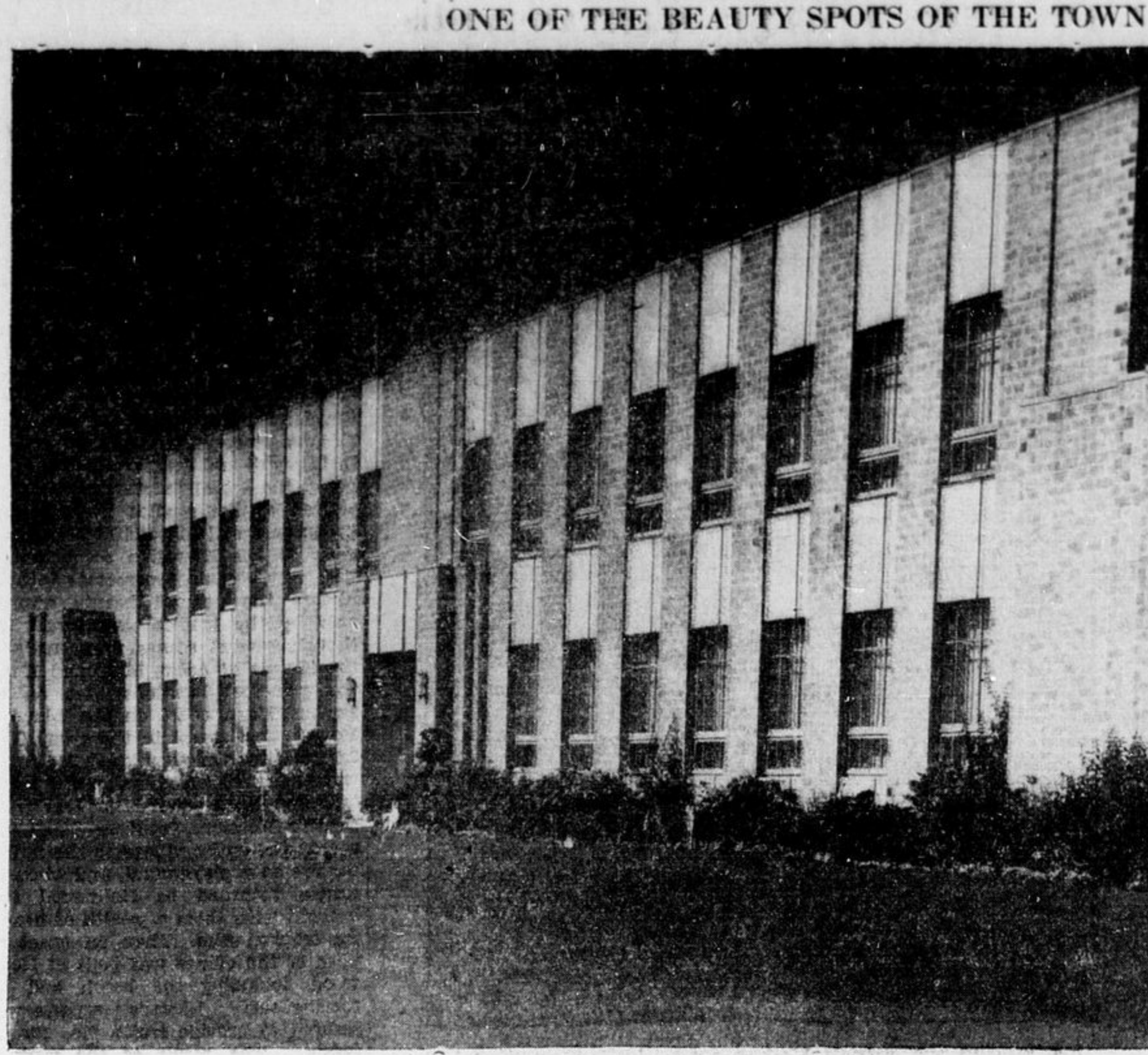
All's well because the tongue of Chaucer, of Shakespeare, of Milton, of Keats, of Shelly, of Kipling, of Tennyson, of Barrie, of the King of James translation of the Scriptures, can never be the tongue of an enslaved race.

All's well because the blood of Froisher, of Drake, of Raleigh, of Crom-

men at O'Brien, on the Transcontinental line through Northern Quebec. One man was shot and killed and two others seriously injured in a riot caused by harvesters going to the West from the eastern provinces. On account of trouble on previous occasions when the harvesters' excursion trains stopped at O'Brien, the store at O'Brien this year all closed up. Apparently the particular bunch of harvesters referred to resented the closing of stores and when the train stopped they made a raid on the buildings with the evident purpose of breaking into the stores and helping themselves. Special constables on guard warned them against the attempt. They attacked the officers and the police eventually opened fire. Several of the harvesters dropped at the first volley and others made off as soon as they saw the police really intended to shoot. The excursionists shortly rejoined their train, but as the battle cleared away it was found that one man was dead and two others badly wounded, while a number of others had lesser injuries. As The Advance suggested at the time, the incident had the effect of stopping the nonsense of the harvesters' excursions on previous occasions. The excursionists thereafter were not so ready to raise serious trouble as they found they could not trifle with the law, and on the other hand the law decided that stern measures were necessary to protect the general public in such cases. As a result of these two attitudes there was no more trouble experienced for some years in that section of the route to the West.

The Advance of August 25 th, 1920, M. Wallingford has sold the whole cut of his mill on the Mattagamit to the Northern Lumber Mills, of North Cobalt. "You had better take that advertisement regarding lumber for sale out of The Advance," said Mr. Wallingford this week, explaining that on account of selling the whole cut he had no lumber for sale and did not want to have to explain that fact individually to hundreds of prospective buyers. It pays to advertise, when you can deliver the goods, but otherwise what's the use.

Among the local and personal items mentioned in The Advance twenty years ago were the following: "John Massie was a visitor to Cobalt last week." "C. S. Carter, principal of the Timmins public school, returned last week from a visit to the south." "L. Halperin returned on Sunday's National from a visit to the South." "T. Moseley-Williams returned to Schumacher at New Liskeard with his family there."



ONE OF THE BEAUTY SPOTS OF THE TOWN

well, of Wellington, of Nelson, of the millions of fighting men who have died to keep Britain free, can never course through the veins of an enslaved people.

All's well because the passion for human liberty and human rights that inspired the men of Runnymede, that set aflame the hearts of men who dared their all that tyranny should be crushed, that forced British democracy ever to march on, side by side and step by step with the growth of empire, can never be quenched under the oppression of any master.

All's well in Britain because the common people are aroused, because from the ordinary, average people, from whom England's greatest have ever come, there still arises that determination, that bulldog stubbornness, that unconquerable spirit which cannot live enslaved.

The wisest seers among men cannot say what yet is to come. But this all men may know: There is a very lovely heart of civilization and of freedom threatened by an obscene force, an indecent return to savagery sparked by unimpaired ambition. The shadow today lies over an ancient and noble land. It darkens the graves of poets and philosophers and martyrs. It hangs, threatening, over the very birthplace of human liberty and human progress.

The vultures soar over England's green fields and stately homes, they swoop upon the humble cots and quiet hills. We on this side can know little of the one factor that must, in the final accounting, decide the issue. That is, the spirit of a people awakened and determined. There must be a marvelous story, being told on the pages of history, in Britain today. The spectacle of a people arising as one, to defend to death the land they hold so dear, must be a tremendous thing to watch.

Even Hitler has been awed. What other interpretation can be put upon his pretulant and ridiculous complaint that "home guards" can be only violators of the code of war, to be shot against a wall when captured? The world has never witnessed such absurd effrontery as an appeal, by this man, to any code of war. He, and Germany, of all races, have most ruthlessly scorned the codes of war, of honor, of humanity, of human decency, wherever it served their foul purpose.

Hitler cannot conquer Britain. We who know the history and the spirit and the meaning of British civilization, we who know the courage that arms her people, we who know the love of country that fills their souls, know that no invader can stay alive on English soil so long as one Englishman remains alive to strike a blow for freedom.

There can be but one outcome when the British people have arisen, moved by a single impulse, to defend this royal throne of kings, this sceptred isle.

This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars,

This other Eden, demi-paradise;  
This fortress, built by nature for herself,

Against infection and the hand of war.

This happy breed of men, this little world,

This precious stone set in the silver sea

Which serves it in the office of a wall Or as a moat defensive to a house—

Against the envy of less happier lands—

This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, This England.

The vultures gather, but still the spirit of the ancient watchman walks in England and still his brave voice reassures.

"Twelve o'clock, and all's well!"

**But Afterwards?**

Joe: "Have you noticed how reluctant the young men of today are to marry and settle down?" Jim: "Yes, I believe you're right." Joe: "They seem to fear marriage. Why, before I was married I didn't know the meaning of fear."—St. Mary's Journal-Argus.

### Skilled Tradesmen Needed for Royal Canadian Air Force

#### No Immediate Need for More Flying Men, but Several Trades Needed Now.

Ottawa.—The drama of air combat has fired thousands upon thousands of young Canadians to apply for enlistment in the Royal Canadian Air Force. There is consequently no immediate lack of men to be trained for what may be loosely termed "flying positions" although more will be needed as time goes on.

But there is more to the R.C.A.F. than flying in dramatic combat with the enemy. Even more numerous are the positions to be filled by technical experts and skilled tradesmen under these classifications.

**Wireless Operators**  
300 men are required for immediate enlistment as Wireless Operators who would serve only on ground. Enlistment in this trade will be granted to men 18 to 45 who are physically fit, with education equivalent to High School Entrance or better, and who at present are able to send and receive Morse at 18 words per minute.

**Aero Engine Mechanic**  
There is also call now for the enlistment of Aero Engine Mechanics who are well acquainted with the practical problems of running internal combustion engines and have a knowledge of the manual working of metals. They must also have worked at least two years in some mechanical engineering occupation.

**Airframe Mechanics**  
Airframe mechanics experienced in metal work and preferably with a knowledge of metals used in the general construction of aircraft are also being sought. The average Technical School graduate who has been trained in metal work, can generally qualify for enlistment in this trade.

**Armourers**  
There is need in the service for men who have had experience in the manufacture or repair of small arms or guns of any description; machinists, highly skilled lathe workers may apply for enlistment in this trade. A certain number of young men without trade experience but who are mechanically minded and have Junior Matriculation, a good voice and confident manner may also apply for training in this trade. There are very few qualified Armourers in civil life and this is a most interesting trade in which promotion is rapid in the R.C.A.F.

It is also announced that experienced watchmakers and repairers might also be used in the Service to serve in instrument work.

Recruiting officers point out that from England have come reports almost daily of the "magnificent" work there of the "supporting" force of the R.A.F., the non-flying members. The duty of these men is all-important and to this end the R.C.A.F. is out to build a parallel strength.

**Political Wisdom**

A politician is a man who, when he sees the writing on the wall, starts to criticize the formation of the letters —Dublin Opinion, Dublin.

### London Punch Still is Laughing at Germany

Just how little Old Hit has been able to get the British "down" in shown by the following paragraphs from "Punch":—

Another example of the intelligence of the ancient Egyptians is that their statues are being found hundreds of feet below ground.

According to a big-game hunter there is no demand for tiger-skins. Except, of course, among tigers.

"The German Navy," says a Nazi announcer, "will go down in history. Most of it has."

"Men like the Fuehrer are born and not made," says the Berliner Angrif. Another argument for birth control.

The Nazis announced recently that they had raided the Allied lines without losing one of their aircraft. They did not reveal, of course, which one it was.

A Berlin woman was fined for buying 12 lbs. of salt. As a regular listener to German propaganda she felt she had to have it.

German parachute-troops are provided with collapsible bicycles. It is said that each machine is personally tested by Field-Marshal Goering to make sure it collapsed.

### Convict on Charge Indecent Assault Term is Half Year

#### Nicholas Pluta Convicted in Police Court on Tuesday Afternoon.

"I am going to give this man the maximum sentence — six months at hard labour", said Magistrate Atkinson in police court on Tuesday. He spoke of Nicholas Pluta who was convicted of indecent assault on Mrs. Mary Herchick. Mrs. Herchick said that Pluta had been making advances to her for a long time.

Finally he tried to assault her against her will. Husband of the complainant, Mr. Herchick, said that Pluta had admitted to him that he was infatuated with Mrs. Herchick. He warned him at that time, Mr. Herchick said, and told him to mind his own business or there would be trouble.

E. Byrack, who said that he was a good friend of Mr. Herchick and that he had known Mrs. Herchick since she came out of the old country, said that he had taken it upon himself to warn Pluta away from Mrs. Herchick.

On one occasion while they were discussing the matter after the date of the alleged assault, August 15, Pluta picked up a milk stool and hit him over the head, Byrack said.

Pluta denied that he had ever made trouble. He had been dallying some with her, he said, but not in a serious manner. The husband had never complained to him, he said.

Magistrate Atkinson extracted the admissions from Pluta that Mrs. Herchick complained of his advances on August 15.

"This woman has done all she can to protect herself from this animal. She has complained to her husband and done all she can and is entitled to the protection the law can give", Magistrate Atkinson said in closing the case.

Toronto Telegram: Liberty is like money. It's not appreciated until it is lost.

Birch Street Public School is rapidly acquiring fame as a beauty spot—the design of the building itself being most attractive, while the lawn and flowers add completeness to the picture of beauty. Mr. Jack Thomas, the caretaker, may well take pride in the beauty of the grounds and flowers to which he gives so much care and thought and effort, while the school board and all in town share in this pride. The picture gives only a fleeting impression of the beauty the scene at Birch Street School, the colours of the flowers and their artistic setting and arrangement needing to be seen to be fully appreciated.

### Red Cross Supplies to Go From Canada to Iceland

Toronto, Sept. 4.—Shipments of Red Cross supplies, such as socks, helmets, mufflers and hospital and surgical materials, which have been forwarded to Iceland from Canadian Red Cross warehouses in England, will be provided direct from Canada in future, it was announced to-day by Mrs. H. P. Plumpre, Chairman of War Activities.

Since Canada's first troops arrived on the strategic northern outpost which Britain assumed after the domination of Denmark by Germany, cases of needed supplies have been forwarded regularly from the Canadian Red Cross stores in England. This work was carried on by the Advisory Committee overseas acting in close co-operation with the Canadian army authorities.

Following discussions with the officials in Canada, and the establishment of arrangements by which shipments could be handled direct from Eastern Canadian ports, the London committee has been notified that it no longer needs to release any of its stores, thus avoiding the duplicate shipments from Canada to England to Iceland. First shipment from Canada, it is understood, is already under way for Iceland.

Sudbury Star: In Sudbury, a woman claims to have purchased the biggest lemon in Ontario. We withhold judgment until we hear his side.

### Farewell Party in Honour of Mrs. G. Clegg

#### Presentation Made to Guest of Honour.

Mrs. P. Clegg was guest of honour on Thursday evening at a farewell party at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Ruest, of 281 Mountjoy street south, when about fifteen friends of the guest of honour gathered to bid her a fond farewell and to express their best wishes for her future happiness at her new home in Montreal.

Three tables of five hundred were played, with Mrs. J. Singleton winning the first prize, and Mrs. W. A. Devine taking the consolation prize.

During the evening a presentation of two lovely pieces of lingerie was made to Mrs. Clegg, and a "grab box" featured a gift for each of the friends who attended. The hostess served a delicious lunch and the evening was a pleasing social event.

Mrs. P. Clegg, and daughter, Eileen, left on Friday to take up residence at Montreal.

#### What to Call it

When a child grabs things they call it a mania.

When grown-ups grab things they call it kleptomania.

When a big country grabs its small neighbours it should be called Germania.—Daily Telegraph, London.

For Adolf's Tombstone  
"This is definitely my last territorial demand."—Punch, London.



To survive the struggle agriculture, science, women's work, international trade, industries must all throw in their lot together. The 1940 war-time Exhibition shows how Canada co-operates.



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