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ON EATING MUSKRAT

There are some newspapers in Ontario inclined to scoff at The Amherstburg Echo because that newspaper has been suggesting that muskrat makes a delightful table delicacy. An old-time prospector of the North, who, like most prospectors failed to get the full reward of his labours and his enterprise in this world, but who now is eating ambrosia if he has received his just merits in the other world, told The Advance that there were literally scores of wild animals that made surprisingly good eating if a man was hungry enough, and a good enough cook. He mentioned bear meat, porcupine, moose and many others. He included of course, wild fowl, but he gave a very special place for muskrat. "There," he said, "is a dish fit for a king, or even for one of the King's men." He had a special recipe for the cooking of muskrat and guaranteed that if the recipe were followed carefully, the result would be a delicacy that would make the modern food favourites appear tame indeed.

This old prospector was a philosopher, as are most prospectors. While he was chiefly concerned with food as a means of living, he recognized the good sense in having as much pleasure as might be practical along with the drab business of eating to live. He said that he had eaten caviar in New York and muskrat in Porcupine, and he remembered the meal in Porcupine with the greater relish. There were three things always to be considered in eating, he claimed. First, there had to be a healthy appetite. That he considered the prime necessity. Granted that boon, he firmly believed that any form of food would taste well, if properly cooked. That brought him to the second essential—right cooking. He maintained that an honest prospector could make more out of a good bear steak or a newly-plucked wild goose, than a city chef could with spring lamb and western turkey. The third factor in the prospector's philosophy about food was one that he admitted was beyond his control. "Eating," he used to remark, "is largely a matter of taste. This is particularly true in regard to the city worker and the man who never knows what it is to be genuinely hungry in a wholesome way."

The newspapers that are scorning the suggestion of The Amherstburg Echo are allowing their palates in taste to cheat their culinary tastes of a genuine treat. Muskrat is of the rat family, and who would eat rat! Well, the Chinese eat rat rather than eat crow on more than one occasion. At the siege of Paris in 1871 it is said that horsemeat was not only a popular but a preferred meat. What appears to one nation or one section of a people as improper food—against all taste—seems to another group as most desirable. There is a story of a man visiting at a farm home—scorning the carrots because he said that was the food of donkeys, refusing the cabbage because that was the food for cattle, passing up the lamb because that was the food of wild beasts. Nothing suited him, but the eggs. "And that," said the small boy of the house, "is the food of snakes." And mentioning snakes, there are people who look upon some varieties of reptiles as most appetizing delicacies. It is all a matter of taste, as the old prospector used to say.

In the centres of Southern Ontario this matter of one type of taste may be overcome. In catering to a fanciful taste heaven alone knows what impositions may be placed upon the actual sense of taste. The fact is that not only are countless thousands unaware of what is really good to eat, but half the time they don't know what they are eating—especially if it is canned. Wasn't it Mark Twain who said that he always liked hash, because then he knew what he was eating? He was eating hash.

It may be that the war may take away or reduce the supply of some foods that have particular appeal to the popular taste. In advocating the use of little known delicacies for the table, The Amherstburg Echo may be doing a patriotic service, as well as a personal favour to the populace. In any event in naming the muskrat as a table delicacy, when properly prepared and cooked, The Amherstburg Echo will have the support of hundreds in this North who have tried this form of food and found it good, indeed.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

The Unemployment Insurance Act goes into active effect on July 1st of this year and it is not altogether surprising that a number of minor difficulties have been encountered in getting it into smooth working order. One of these has developed from an announcement to the effect that an executive office under the provisions of the act would be established at North Bay to look after the unemployment situation for the whole North. This roused Kirkland Lake at once to active effort to have the office for the North established at the

Lake Shore town. It was pointed out that Kirkland Lake was much more suitable and convenient for the purpose than North Bay. Indeed, the Reeve of Teck township, Kirkland Lake, was quoted as suggesting that it was absurd to attempt to handle the unemployment insurance business for the North from an outside point like North Bay. This brought protest from North Bay against being classed as outside the North, though for industrial and business purposes even North Bay should admit that it is not a central part of the North. There was such general agreement with Kirkland Lake's idea that all the business of the Unemployment Insurance Act could not be handled from North Bay, that the Teck township council may have been surprised that Timmins did not give immediate and complete endorsement of the Kirkland Lake resolution that the Unemployment Insurance Act office for the North should be located at Kirkland Lake, instead of North Bay. The fact seems to be, however, that there should be an office at North Bay, another at Kirkland Lake, and another at Timmins. According to a recent address by the Minister of Labour and also by the literature issued in regard to the Unemployment Insurance Act the employment offices formerly conducted by the provinces and the Dominion are to be taken over as part of the activities of the Unemployment Insurance Act. It is pointed out that the branch that looks after unemployment insurance is the ideal one to keep employers in touch with needed help and employees in touch with the type of work desired. No one will criticize this idea adversely, but the minute it is admitted, it will be seen that a central office at North Bay or at Kirkland Lake will be totally inadequate and worse, for the purpose implied. It has been found necessary to maintain a number of employment offices at strategic points in these days before unemployment insurance. It will surely require as many, if not more, offices to look after unemployment insurance added to the mere matter of employment. Timmins for years has been one of the busiest employment offices in Ontario. Under the new act it should be still more needed. There is no doubt, whatever, but that an office should be maintained at this centre if the Unemployment Insurance Act is to function properly. To Timmins it appears ridiculous to establish an office for the North at North Bay, particularly if the office is to deal with employment as well as unemployment insurance. To give the office to Kirkland Lake would be a lesser evil, but only to a degree. It does appear that it is essential to the success of the new act that there be an office at Timmins, as well as at Kirkland Lake. Indeed, it would seem that Cochrane or Kapuskasing, or both, might also advance just claims in this regard. It should be remembered that this North is a country of immense distances. It is only necessary to remember that the area of Northern Ontario is four times that of all the rest of Ontario to realize the futility of attempting to run any local business from one central point. To be logical so far as distances are concerned, there should be four branches in the North to every one in the South, if the people are to be treated with consideration and fairness. While the North would not press this point, it does seem evident that several branch offices for the Unemployment Insurance Act will be essential in the North, unless the Act is to be a poor farce so far as this country and its workers are concerned.

VICTORY FOR VICTORY LOAN

It would appear as if the campaign for the Victory Loan in this part of the North would itself result in decisive victory. The patriotic parade and drumhead service held yesterday under the sponsorship of the Canadian Legion as a formal introduction to the Victory Loan campaign brought together at least ten thousand people to the Hollinger Park. This is such a material proportion of the population as to give striking idea of the patriotic impulses of the people and the deep interest taken in the success of the Victory Loan. Every day during the next twenty days there is something out of the ordinary to emphasize the need for victory for the Victory Loan.

It is not possible to emphasize too strongly the need for victory for the Victory Loan. Mr. Brooks, organizer for this district, in one of his recent addresses made the considered statement that victory for the Victory Loan campaign was more important and vital than the outcome of any of the skirmishes or side battles in the various theatres of war. It would be the most displeasing evidence to the Huns that Canada was taking its full place in the battle line.

Probably the most comprehensive case made out for the absolute necessity for success of the Victory Loan was given recently in an address by Mr. Ferland, publicity director for the District of Cochrane for the Victory Loan. He showed that investment in Victory Loan bonds was good business as well as good patriotism; it was insurance for the future for the people as well as protection and help for the nation for the present. Canada, he pointed out, has everything at stake from life to liberty, from property to personal freedom. Canada, to win, must have planes, tractors, bombers, trained airmen, airports, tanks, supplies, ships, sailors, soldiers, anti-aircraft guns, hospitals, physicians, surgeons, nurses, ambulances and a score of other imperative needs. The money for these things must be found. Canada has the money. There is enough lying at interest, and in some cases without interest, to more than take up the loan. Mr. Ferland made it plain that Canada

could give victory to the Victory Loan, and he was confident that Canada would rise to the occasion. The enthusiasm and heart interest shown by all so far appears to be proof of the coming victory for the Victory Loan. Everyone can do something to help it along, even if it is no more than giving the canvassers a pleasant reception and a careful hearing and subscribing as much as the personal circumstances will permit. The three mottoes over the Timmins town hall tell the story in slogans:—Invest in Freedom! Help Finish the Job! Buy Victory Bonds!

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Still stands the motto of the King:— "Put into your task whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail."

Reports from Ottawa suggest that Premier King is planning a re-organization of his cabinet. If the premier would get rid of some of the dead wood in his present cabinet—dead wood only there for purely partisan reasons—and add a few outstanding men to the group in charge of affairs so

that all classes and parties and groups that are anxious for Canada's fullest participation in the war may be represented, not only would the effect be a surprising impetus to Canada's part in the war but it would also inspire such a confidence in the loyal people of Canada that the way of the government would be greatly smoothed and brightened.

What scorn there was in this country for Hitler and Mussolini when they bluntly told their army officers that their heads would fall if their tongues wagged! "It couldn't happen here!" folks smugly said. Tell that one to Mr. Alan Cockeram, M.P. for York South!

There is one good thing about a lot of the speeches in the House of Commons these days. They make material for the boys who are in the waste paper salvage business.

There is general regret that it has been necessary for the British troops to leave Crete. A few more British planes would have made a difference. The defence of the island, however, was an epic story of personal courage and resourcefulness against desperate odds. It has shown the Huns what an impossible task they would have in the invasion of another and more desirable island.



Mr. R. Walker, of Toronto, is a business visitor to town.

Miss Marion Mitchell, of Chute, was a recent visitor to Timmins.

Mrs. Alphonse Blain was a recent visitor to New Liskeard.

Miss Dorothy Beaven is spending a week's holiday in Toronto.

Mr. Harry Armitage, of Parry Sound arrived here on Friday to spend the week-end with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hoffman and daughter, Beverley, were recent visitors to Pembroke.

Misses Flora Beckett and Irene Asselin were recent visitors to Fort Coulonge.

Mrs. W. Bice and daughter, Miss Jane Bice, of Sturgeon Falls, were visitors to Timmins last week.

Miss Jean Cybulski has been spending a holiday at her home at Round Lake, Renfrew County.

Mrs. H. Chevrier is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Asselin, Fort Coulonge.

Mr. Charles Wilson was a recent visitor to his home at Demers Centre, Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Wilson, of Port Arthur, spent a few days in Timmins last week.

Mr. Jimmy Elies, of Toronto, is spending a few weeks at his parents' home in town.

The Dionne quintuplets celebrated their seventh birthday on Wednesday of last week, May 28th.

Mr. E. Tierney was a visitor last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tierney, Demers Centre, Ottawa Valley.

Mrs. Riggs, and her son Mr. Jack Riggs, left last week to return to Toronto, after visiting friends in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Beaven, of Sault Ste. Marie, spent a few days in Timmins last week the guests of friends and relatives here.

Mr. W. Ringsleben, of Toronto, formerly a popular member of the Hollinger engineering staff, renewed acquaintances here last week.

Private Lou Valenti of the Algonquin Regiment, Port Arthur, spent week-end leave in town.

Mrs. Miller, of Perth, is spending the summer with her daughter, Mrs. O. Purdon.

Privates Wilton Burgess and Ralph Deluca of the Basic Training School, North Bay, spent week-end leave at their homes in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Eddy left on Saturday morning to take up residence at their former home, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Mrs. E. A. F. Day and Mrs. Bert Cooke motored from their summer homes in the Muskoka district to attend the last meeting of the Eastern Star on Tuesday evening.

The following item from the local and personal column of The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing, will be of interest to many in Timmins and district. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Murdock being former citizens of Timmins and having many friends here:—"Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Murdock are celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Thursday, June 3rd. Mrs. Murdock will be at home from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Mr. and Mrs. Murdock in the evening from 8 p.m. They will be glad to have their friends call either in the afternoon or evening."

Mr. S. G. Gordon, of Brantford, was a visitor to town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Orr are on a visit to the South and East.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Traver, of Malartic, Que., were visitors here over the week-end.

Mrs. P. T. Moiseley and family left on Sunday for Toronto and points south, where they will spend a few weeks holiday.

Privates Arne Manner and Gunnar Kallunki, of the Basic Training School, North Bay, spent week-end leave at their homes in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sullivan left on Friday for Montreal to attend the graduation ceremonies at Loyola College, when their son, Joe Sullivan, was among the graduates.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bredeau, of 42 Columbus avenue, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen (and their children, Agatha and Billy), are visiting at their former home in Bathurst, New Brunswick.

Pte. Jimmy Deacon, orderly room clerk at the Timmins Armouries, expects to leave for Toronto tomorrow where he will be attached to the Ordinance Corps. It is said that Sergeant's stripes go with the position that Jimmy is accepting.

Mr. Adrian Major, popular young Timmins man, left today for Toronto where he is joining the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. He will be attached to the Stores of the R.C.A.S.C. Mr. Major has lived in Timmins for the past twenty-five years or so and was well known and well liked. He has worked in several of the town's grocery stores, his latest position being at Mike's Grocery where he was manager.

GIRL GUIDES IN TIMMINS



The 51st I.O.D.E. Girl Guides held their regular weekly meeting in the Hollinger Scout Hall on Thursday night.

Lieut. Starling opened the meeting with the taking of inspection and attendance, assisted by Gladys Langman. Horseshoe was then formed and the colour party, consisting of Marjorie Gibson, Doris Simmers, Thelma Pooley, Beatrice Whitlock, Rita MacIntosh, Viola Harnden, marched on the colors. Captain Osborne and Mrs. Wheeler attended the meeting as guests. The Guides then played a few games, and campfire was then formed in which several songs were sung. The Guides were asked to tag for the blind on Saturday at 9 o'clock and 1 o'clock. The Guides are reminded of the parade on Sunday and are asked to meet at Central school at 1:30 p.m. in full uniform.

Lieut. Starling then closed the meeting with the singing of "Guide National Anthem" followed by "Taps."

Toronto Telegram:—A rugged individual is the man who says he prefers not having his porch screened.

Is Your Boss Abusing You Again? Maybe he has good reason. Self pity won't help you in a case like this! If you've been guilty of oversights and mistakes, remove the cause of your errors. See Mr. Curtis to-day and have your eyes tested—it may be your eyes that are the chief cause.

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Twelve Births Registered During the Past Week-End

Born—On May 18th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Aime Plouffe, of 157 Elm street, north—a daughter.

Born—On May 18th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Herve Rozon, of 14 Bellevue—a son.

Born—On April 29th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jucksch of 105 First avenue at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

Born—On May 15th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Raymond of 64 Wendue avenue—a daughter.

Born—On May 1st, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Demers, of 157 Young street, at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter.

Born—On April 24th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ronald Benney of 4 Wilcox street, south, at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter.

Born—On May 7th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of 232 Hemlock street at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

Born—On May 3rd, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dupuis of Connaught, Ontario, at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter.

Born—On April 23rd, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Daiyle of 126 Elm street north, at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter.

Born—On May 1st, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McAdams of 16 Crescent avenue—a son.

Born—On May 26th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Garvie of 28 Hart street at St. Mary's Hospital—a son (died a few days after birth).

Born—On May 3rd, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Quinn (nee Eva Fassano) of 251 Hemlock street at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

Saw Bull Moose in Pasture Field Near New Liskeard

From New Liskeard last week came the story of a big bull moose seen in a pasture field beside the Ferguson highway a short distance from New Liskeard. In the same pasture field there were a number of horses and cattle grazing but though they kept away from the bull moose and the latter kept away from them, no effort seemed to be made by either side to drive the other out. Mr. J. M. Woods, of Haileybury, a former popular resident, of Schumacher, saw the bull moose in the field while driving along the highway. The moose was only a couple of hundred yards away from the highway, and "Happy" stopped his car to allow his little son to get a good view of the bull moose. Apparently, the moose seemed to sense the fact that it was the centre of attraction, and at once made off into some scrub timber near the Wabi river. Mr. Woods believed the recent forest fires had driven the bull moose from its usual grounds.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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FOR SALE

THREE-ROOM HOUSE FOR SALE—Price \$1400.00. Cash \$450. Balance in payments. Apply 285 Tamarack Street North, Timmins. -43-44

MORTGAGE SALE

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction, Wednesday, June 11th, 1941, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the offices of E. C. Brewer Limited, at 3 Pine Street, North in Timmins, the following property namely:

Lot 412, according to Plan M-26 (Suburb) now deposited in the office of Land Titles at Cochrane. These lands are situate in Timmins, Ontario. The sale shall be subject to a reserved bid.

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For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to E. C. Brewer Limited, Auctioneers.

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FIRE DAMAGES THIRD AVE. BUILDING LATE THIS MORNING

Fire broke out from a defective stove pipe at 10:38 this morning at 61 Third Avenue. The building is owned by the Imperial Motors and there is no insurance carried on either the building or the contents. The premises are occupied by the O.K. Dime Delivery. There is no estimate of the damage but it is expected to top a hundred dollars. All the damage was done in the attic. Firemen used a hundred and fifty feet of hose and the roof ladder to beat out the blaze. The fire was out and the firemen back in the fire hall in a matter of minutes.



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