

Remarkable Development of the Leslie Walker Farm Near Porquis Junction

Ninety Acres Under Able Cultivation. Expect 5,000 to 6,000 Bags of Potatoes from Twenty-Eight Acres. Crop Rotation Followed. Some Difficulty This Year in Getting Help.

Dean Swift in his "Voyage to Brobdignag" has the following passage:

"that whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass, to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to the whole race of politicians put together."

This idea has found favour, and rightly so, with thoughtful people in the two hundred odd years since Swift penned these lines. No doubt, there was some such thought in the mind of the writer of the following letter to The Advance. There is danger in this country that with the other more spectacular operations and activities in this land, the true value of agricultural effort may not be appreciated to the full. Without detracting in the slightest from other contributions to the war effort (to say nothing of the days of peace to come) the North Land farm producing 5,000 to 6,000 bags of potatoes in a season is certainly making a notable donation to the country's cause.

The letter is as follows:

To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins

Dear Sir:—It gives me pleasure to note that your paper has always been an advocate of beautifying the lawns about town, gardens, market gardens and the market. I am sure that your readers would be interested to know—as some of them do—of the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Walker, one mile west of Porquis in the township of Dundonald. Six years ago when Mr. Walker first operated this farm there were thirty-five acres cleared. Since then more land has been cleared each year, until now there are ninety acres under cultivation. The objective has been potatoes. Last year 4,000 bags were dug. This year 5,000 to 6,000 bags are expected from the twenty-eight acres under potatoes. The pink eyed Warba potatoes are second to none for their flavour and fluffy whiteness when cooked. The large white Chippawas coming later are equally as good and are excellent for winter. As I write this at the close of the first day's digging 274 bushels were picked. These will be graded and bagged in the morning before the potato digger and the pickers again go into the field.

Crops of oats and clover rotate every third year with potatoes, thus keeping the soil properly fertilized and in first-class condition. Just now, thirty-five acres of registered Cartier oats stand golden and waving in the field ready for the binder.

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Former Kapuskasing Boy on Toronto Ex. Posters

The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing, last week had the following item on its front page:—

Posed by Kapuskasing Boy

It has been known here for some time that the striking young man posed on Canadian National Exhibition posters and advertisements as a brawny Canuck rolling up his sleeves in fighting stance to do a tough job was none other than "Jimmy" Cockburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell R. Cockburn, who for some years lived in Kapuskasing.

Sergt. R. R. Cockburn is now the camp librarian at Camp Borden, and his son Jim is also a soldier in that camp.

This effective picturization of Canada's resolves to fight the good fight with all her might has won much notice, and possibly augmented the number of American visitors to the famous "Ex" this year.

Globe and Mail—The problem of getting a lot of people to look at a prize fight was solved in Milwaukee, where 136,000 turned out. The secret is that they were admitted free.

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McIntyre Employees War Charities Fund Financial Statement

Over \$5,000 Given to Various Patriotic Causes in Three Months.

Remarkable contributions to the several patriotic funds are being made by the various employees' funds of the mines of the district. It is only to be expected that the McIntyre Mine Employees would be doing their full part. If any proof of this were needed, it is only necessary to read the following financial statement of the McIntyre Mine Employees' War Charities Fund:

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Financial Statement period Ending July 31st, 1941:

Receipts

Donations—Employees, May \$792.00

Donations—Employees June 950.25

Donations—Employees, July 945.50

\$2,687.75

Contributions, (McIntyre Porcupine Mines Limited) \$2,687.75

\$5,375.50

Disbursements

The Canadian Red Cross Soc'y \$2,150.00

Canadian War Services Fund 2,150.00

Porcupine British Bomb Victims Fund 500.00

The Navy League of Canada 250.00

British Fire Fighter's Relief Fund 250.00

Cash on Hand, July 31st 75.00

\$5,375.50

Many Important Cases Disposed of at Weekly Police Court Tuesday

Fine of Ten Dollars and Costs in One Careless Driving Case. Dismissal of Charge of Having Beer in Public Place. Another on Same Charge Required to Pay \$50 and Costs.

A charge of careless driving was laid by the police against Paul Mascarelli when he was involved in an accident last week. Mascarelli was driving a truck for Hill-Clark-Francis and he was delivering some house jacks to an address in the Hollinger Townsite when the jacks fell off the seat beside him and jammed in the gear shift and the brake of the truck.

This Tuesday, in court, Albert Gagnon, whose car Mascarelli ran into, was asked if he had been involved in an accident and he replied that he had not been in it but his car had suffered from the collision. He had been in the house dining with a friend when the accident happened, he said. He heard the noise and went outside to investigate. He found that the truck had crossed the road and smashed into his car. He phoned for the police and they laid the charge.

Mascarelli didn't even take the stand at court as he admitted that everything Gagnon had said was true but explained that when the house jacks fell to the floor of the car he was unable to apply the brake. The magistrate told him that it was a careless way to drive a car and assessed the young man ten dollars and costs.

Adam Koch admitted in court on Tuesday that he was in charge of a picnic at the picnic grounds at the end of Toke street when the Provincial police visited there but he denied ownership of the beer that was found and Magistrate Atkinson let him off. At the conclusion of the case the magistrate asked him if he wanted his beer and the man said that he didn't want anything to do with it.

Constable Fulton, of the Timmins detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, said that he and Constable Stromberg had conducted a raid on the picnic grounds at the end of Toke street on Sunday, August 3rd, and had discovered a quantity of beer, wrapped in bags, in a creek a short distance from a refreshment stand that was conducted by the accused. Some more beer was found in cases in the bush nearby and all together it totalled thirteen and a half cases. Koch was questioned by the police and he readily admitted that he was in charge of the picnic that was being sponsored by the Ukrainian Benevolent Society but he vigorously denied that he was the owner of the beer. In fact no person at the picnic owned it or even knew there was any beer to be found for miles around the picnic grounds. In spite of the fact that the constable said that he had found a well-beaten path from the stand where soft drinks, etc., were sold to the spot where the beer was discovered, no person knew that there was any beer there. Several persons were found scattered all around in the woods very close to the beer.

In court without the accused taking the stand the Magistrate asked him if he owned the beer and Koch said that he did not. Magistrate Atkinson then decided that he would grant a dismissal and then immediately afterwards he asked Koch if he wanted his beer back but Koch still denied the ownership, so the provincial police had

to lug the beer down the stairs and back to their office, still wondering who owned it.

Joseph Murphy, of Mountjoy Township, was in court facing a charge of having beer in a public place. It appeared that the house where Murphy was found consuming beer with a friend had been declared public on June 25th when the person who was conducting the establishment at that time was sent to jail on a charge of selling beer. On August 16th, Constables Stromberg and Lynch paid the place a visit and found the two men drinking beer. Murphy admitted ownership of the beer. Constable Lynch said that he had remembered seeing Murphy near the place before.

It turned out that Murphy had been conducting traffic at the place on the night that the police had raided the man who was sent down in June. There was no doubt in the constable's mind that Murphy knew that the house had been declared public. Constable Stromberg corroborated Constable Lynch's evidence and then Murphy took the stand in his own defence.

The magistrate asked him if he owned the beer that he had been drinking and he said that he did but that he didn't know there had been anything illegal about that. He said that at the time the other man had been arrested he had been working in the "beanery" about three hundred feet from the house. He said that he had rented the house himself about a month before he had been charged. The magistrate told him that he had no doubt that he knew he was consuming beer in a public place and fined him \$50 and costs or thirty days.

Steve Tancrajer was in court charged with selling liquor. At the start of the court Tancrajer's counsel, Mr. S. C. Platus, had asked what the specific charge was and was told. He then asked who the complainant was and was told that it was the Timmins police chief, Leo H. Gagnon. Mr. Platus then had the accused step to the front of the court and he did that displaying at the same time several bruises and cuts about the face. Mr. Platus inferred that there was a lot behind the laying of the charge and asked if he could have another week to get his defence ready. This request was granted.

Harry Lindberg pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct and was fined ten dollars and costs. Police claimed that Lindberg had thrown a soft drink bottle at another man. Antonio Bortolus also faced a charge of disorderly conduct and he was assessed twenty dollars and costs. Police said they had arrested Bortolus early Sunday morning after he had been told to go home and had refused. He was raising a racket on the street and was said to have been under the influence of liquor.

Fred Farrell had a charge of being drunk in charge of a car against him remanded, while Delphis Jolivet was sent to Haliburton for ten days on the same charge. Constable Amlin and Sergeant Garipey said that they had

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Teck Horticultural Show Successful Event Again

The Teck Horticultural Society exhibition at Kirkland Lake last week was a specially successful one. The prize list of the event will be of special interest to many here. The name "Skelly" (R. S. Skelly, Mrs. R. Skelly and Ken Skelly) appears 22 times in the list of prize winners—eight firsts, nine seconds, five thirds and a special. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Skelly and family are former residents of Timmins, where Mr. Skelly took active interest and part in the Horticultural Show here.

Timmins B. V. Fund Evokes "Gratitude and Admiration"

Says Letter from the Lord Mayor of London.

Acknowledging the receipt of the latest contribution from the Timmins Bomb Victims Fund the Lord Mayor of London, in addition to the official receipt, form, sends the following letter:

The Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund

Patron: Her Majesty the Queen.

The Mansion House, London, E.C.4

25th July, 1941

E. Tomlinson, Esq., Secretary,

Timmins Bomb Victims' Fund

43 Seventh Ave., Timmins, Ont., Canada.

Dear Sir:—I gratefully acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th July, with cheque for three hundred and twenty-five pounds as a further contribution from Timmins Bomb Victims' Fund towards my National Air Raid Distress Fund.

I am very happy to accept this generous gift from your Fund, and would ask you to be good enough to convey to all concerned my heartfelt thanks for the continued help which your organization has extended to me in my work on the Fund.

Canada's war effort in general, and her splendid response to my appeal for the relief of air raid distress in particular, evokes our united admiration and gratitude, and is indeed a source of encouragement and inspiration to us all in these difficult days through which we are passing. To this I should like to add how deeply I appreciate the generous way in which your city has responded to my appeal, and for this I am most grateful.

Official receipt No. 65652 is attached.

Yours truly,

Geo. H. Wilkinson,

Lord Mayor.

Timmins Boy is Badly Burned When Flying Kite

Norman Armstrong Receives Secondary Burns on Monday on Cyanide Near McDowell's.

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Legion's "V" Celebration Promises to be One of the Big Events of the Year

Everybody Co-operating to Make it So. Noted Concert Dancer, Miss Jeannette Garrette, to Re-visit Timmins for the Occasion. Miss Margaret Easton and Pupils Also to Present Dance Numbers. Music by Three Bands, Quiz Contest. And All the Happy Games.

Plans are near completion for the Legion "V" Celebration to be held in the Timmins Arena, during the week of September 8th to 13th. In planning the week the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion, enlisted the aid of prominent business men of the town, service club members and town council. These have given much valuable time in the preparation of this special event. Due also to the fact that it was felt that carrying through its own appeal for funds to assist in its war activities the Legion this year did not sponsor the appearance here of Conklin's Shows, feeling that the citizens would rally behind its appeal when launched. That time has now arrived.

Those attending the celebration next week will be treated to a very entertaining floor show. Miss Jeannette Garrette, charming and talented stage, concert and screen dancing star of New York, who has generously given one week of her time, and who comes direct to Timmins after a highly successful season in South America, to appear here along with Margaret Easton's Dancing Stars, will dance nightly.

Miss Garrette appeared here in September 1938, and made many friends with her highly talented art. At each performance, the audience were loud in praise, and time and again the charming young dancing star was recalled to the stage. Large crowds attended the event which sponsored her appearance here and with the period of time passing, along with added experience, it is assured that Miss Jeannette Garrette will again add laurels to her name.

Margaret Easton's Dancing Stars, who will also appear in the Dance Revue programme need no introduction. Such numbers as Highland Fling, Sailor's Hornpipe and Ballet Dancing, performed by the highly trained pupils of "Margaret," always appeal to the public and when it is learned that they are giving of time and talent to assist in this special war effort, the response will be doubly appreciated.

Three bands will also be heard during the "V" celebration week. After a short tour of the town on a special decorated float, the bands will render an hour long concert of band music in the Arena each evening. Here again the fullest measure of co-operation has been received and music-lovers should not miss any of these short concerts of band music.

Exhibition booths will be a feature of the "V" celebration, several local merchants displaying interesting exhibits. The refreshment booth will be conducted by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, who also have a special interest in the "V" Celebration. The ladies, in addition to the