

Jack Faithful Writes Interesting Account of Present Days in England

Men Called Up from Farms, but Farm Labour Needed. Thinks Canada Will Not Try Conscription Till After a Vote, but All in Britain are Now Under Conscription Both Men and Women.

The following interesting letter was received some days ago by a Timmins bowling friend from Jack Faithful, formerly superintendent of plants for the Northern Canada Power Corporation, and famous for his interest in bowling, football and other sports. Jack is living now in Blackpool, England, where he is an ARP ward.

Blackpool, Eng., Nov. 28th, 1941 Dear Fred:—Many thanks for your welcome letter of Oct. 28th, which I received yesterday, and it had been censored. I saw the write-up in The Advance. I have not yet heard anything more of the parties concerned. I don't think you will have conscription over there unless it goes to a vote and even then you may not get it, but over here everyone is to be conscripted—men and women from 18 to 50 years of age. At present things in a Labour sense are in a muddle. A thousand men from farms are to be called up on Dec. 1st, but I doubt if they will be as the government is crying out for larger crops and more land to be ploughed up, and as you know, you can't make farm labourers in a few months. You can fill in on some farm jobs but an all-round farm hand has to be almost born on the job. Rail traffic is to be curtailed quite a lot, especially on runs to Scotland, on both the East and West runs, as lots of locomotives have been sent to Russia, and to make way for coal and war material to move more freely. All Christmas leaves for the Army, Navy and Air Force have been cancelled. But let us hope it pans out better than the sumner travel did, when the government asked people to stay at home and then the railways put on special trains to run the people especially to places on the northwest coast. It is about time the power-that-be gave up the idea of "asking", and used a little more drastic measures, but I suppose it is easy to be a critic, but things in general sure want some straightening out if we are to win this war. Believe me, it is a good thing we have our Dominion and the U.S.A. working with us. I saw some pictures of our warships in the various U.S.A. naval yards being repaired and refitted in The Globe and Mail, and I see that quite a large number of Canadians are among the killed and missing in air operations over Germany. I was glad to hear good news about the Webb family, and thanks for your information re the Elows and the Orr boys. I see more Canadians are arriving at the time, and they sure are itching to get into action, as they are fed up with their present position, but their time will come. Well, the Russians are still holding out, but things are tough and go around Moscow. The losses must be tremendous. Oh, boy! wouldn't it be a great paradise for scrap iron merchants, and that goes for the present show in Libya where we are having some hard fighting, and it is hard to follow the fighting there, as they are all mixed up like a battle royal. Fancy tanks fighting one another at 50 to 100 yards range, and let's hope we smash Rommel's outfit up, but it is not so easy as Wavell's previous scrap in Libya. What a good thing the Navy has control of the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea, and cutting off a lot of supplies in Libya, but quite a lot of stuff must have gone through, no doubt, along the coast. The French Tunisian coast. The Air Force is doing good work in Libya, and after the lack of air protection in Greece and Crete, it must be heartening for the troops, as in this war the bombers are doing what the artillery were doing in the last war. I am glad to hear Bert is doing so well. Quite a few fellows I know in the Air Force have gone to Canada to instruct the boys training under the Empire Training scheme, but I have not heard from them since they left here. Fred, I sure was surprised to know that Ero Salomaa had joined the Air Force, and that Bert McQuarrie had left the Power Co. Fancy, Bill McHugh being a daddy! Give him my congratulations, and I hope he can keep the Power Co. bowling team together. It makes me think of the time when you could hardly scrape up a team, and it seems strange to see them at the bottom of the league. We have not had any "Alerts" lately, but the S.W. S.E. and East Coast towns have been having nightly visits, and recently Jerry has been "pecking" at the mouth of the Thames. We are now in the times of long blackouts, as it is dark around 5.15 p.m. till 8.30 a.m., and lots of accidents (many of them fatal) due to the blackouts. Yesterday morning a man was killed outside of our house. He got hit by a G.P.O. van, and I am enclosing a clipping of it. There was no clipping enclosed, however, the censor apparently keeping that. You walk along in the blackouts and bump into people and lamp posts, and it sure gets on one's nerves, especially when you get a ground mist like we get here. For two weeks I had to take an intensive refresher course in A.R. Precautions, embodying all the details that have been obtained during the blitzes, and then we had to pass an examination for lecturer in A.R.P., known as L.A.R.P. I have received word that I have passed, but I have not yet been called upon to lecture. We will no doubt be called on to lecture the street fire parties, as all streets have their fire parties (both men and women) but out of a total of 5,000,000 who had to enrol 3,500,000 applied for exemption for various reasons. We have two Canadian broadcasts every week (Monday and Wednesday). On Monday at 9.45 p.m., it is general news

and on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. it is sports news. Then on Sundays at 4.45 p.m. we have a re-broadcast of the previous night's hockey game at the Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto. On Wednesday night we were told of the first game at Timmins. You can be sure I don't miss these broadcasts, but I will have to next Sunday, as we are to have an address from a fellow from Hull on the latest blitzes there. They sure have had some lately. We are OK for grub, but as you say there is little variety. To-day we got some onions and a few oranges for change. Fish is hard to get and very dear. Turkeys are to be between four shillings and five shilling a pound at Christmas—if you can get them. Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Brighter New Year to you and yours, and say "How do" to the gang for me. Sincerely Yours, Jack Faithful.

Two Minor Car Accidents Last Week-end Here

Damage is Small, However, as All Cars Were Traveling Slowly.

Police reported two minor traffic accidents on Saturday morning in which there was very little damage and in which none of the drivers were blamed. One of the accidents took place on Leone street and the other took place on the Schumacher highway. The first accident, reported at 8.30 p.m. on Friday when a car being driven by Dr. James E. Barry, 6 Gillespie street, north, and another being driven by Frank Dawson, 216 Spruce street south, were involved in a minor crash. Police said that Dr. Barry was proceeding east on the highway and was making a left turn onto Park Road when the driver of the second car crashed into the rear of his vehicle. Police said that the driver of the second car was unable to stop on the slippery highway. Damage amounted to about \$45. The second accident happened about eight o'clock on Saturday morning when Thomas McLellan, 54 Patricia Boulevard, and John Brouillard, 44 Kent avenue, a taxi driver, were involved. McLellan was travelling on Leone street, and was about to make a turn onto Toke when the taxi turned from Toke street and swerved to the wrong side of the road, crashing into the other car head-on. Both cars were travelling slowly and the damage was light. There was no damage to the taxi and the damage to the other car amounted to about ten or fifteen dollars.

Algonquins Are Guarding Power Plants in South

Plants at Niagara Falls and Allensburg are Guarded by Regiments in 14th Brigade.

The Algonquin Regiment, guarding power plants in Southern Ontario, is playing a vital part in Canada's War Effort, it was reported this week. The Statement was made by Pte. Omer Cote attached to regimental headquarters of the regiment. Pte. Cote visited Timmins for the New Year's holiday and spent his leave with his mother and brother at 71 Mountjoy Street, South. He arrived in Timmins on Tuesday and left again on New Year's afternoon. The Algonquins are a part of the 14th Brigade and the task assigned to this brigade for the winter is the guarding of power plants at Niagara Falls and Allensburg. At the present time the Algonquins are guarding the plant at Niagara Falls while the Midland Regiment is guarding and the third regiment is resting at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Each regiment changes over every six weeks.

Series of Lectures on Emergencies of War and Air Raid Precautions

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A series of lectures on "Emergencies of War and Air Raid Precautions" will be given under the sponsorship of the Timmins Red Cross Society to all graduate nurses in the district. This course is the one prescribed by the Registered Nurses of Ontario as a basic course in Civil Defence, and it is hoped that all graduate nurses will register for these lectures.

Englehart Mayor On Way to Making Municipal Records

Twelve Years as Mayor. Seven Years of These Consecutive.

Mayor "Billy" Weeks of Englehart seems on the way to making a municipal record in Ontario. With his election for the present year Mayor Weeks starts on his twelfth year as mayor, thus crowding close to one record. In this, however, he has still a few years to catch up on Mayor Noble, of Kapuskasing, who has been elected fifteen times as mayor of the Northern paper town. Mayor Noble also has the edge on Mayor Weeks in the municipal record business in the fact that Mayor Noble has had fourteen acclamations and also his terms of office have run consecutively. Of course, it should be noted that the two towns are vastly different—Kapuskasing being a town of one big industry and Englehart a place of a number of different smaller interests. No doubt sometimes these smaller interests conflict. In any event, Englehart takes its municipal politics quite seriously, and a man who can be elected a dozen times to a municipal council board as mayor is certainly of necessity both popular and able. Dr. J. A. McInnis, elected eight times as mayor of Timmins (though only serving a little over seven years) was a rival of Tommy Church of Toronto for honours for consecutive election as mayor in Ontario, beating out the Toronto record by a few months. In the meantime, however, Mayor Noble, has put both records in the shade by practically doubling up on them, while Mayor Weeks, of Englehart, is hard on the trail to overtake Mayor Noble. An interesting note on the election in Englehart this year is the fact that one of the new members of council is John Clark, who has been more or less actively connected with municipal affairs in Englehart for over 33 years having been a member of the first council elected there in 1908.

Warning That Nazis May Occupy French Africa

The Vichy newspaper, "Nouveaux Temps" this week gave warning that Germany may occupy French Africa unless the Vichy government swings back to closer harmony with Berlin. The same newspaper accuses the U.S.A. of deliberately attempting to provoke an incident that would divert Nazi strength through an African campaign.

Need for Greater War Effort Emphasized at Kiwanis Installation

Annual Installation of Officers at Timmins Kiwanis Made Impressive Event. Address from Past Lieutenant-Governor Moisiey Urges Greater Sacrifice to Help Win the War.

The weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club opened at the Empire hotel on Monday with Lieutenant-Governor W. O. Langdon in the chair in the absence of President Fred Burt. The chief feature of the day was the installation of the officers for the year. Past Lieutenant-Governor P. T. Moisiey was the installing officer and he made the occasion an impressive and inspiring one. In a short address to the members of the club, Past Lieutenant-Governor Moisiey stressed the need for more and more sacrifice to speed the winning of the war. "We are looking forward to 1942 with troubled question," he said. "We have made sacrifices in the past, but we must make greater sacrifices in the future. If we are to conquer the aggressors we must be prepared to make greater sacrifices than the people of these aggressor nations are making." He quoted from the recent radio address of President Charles Donley of Kiwanis International giving twenty-one special ways in which service clubs can help in the war effort. These twenty-one points were noted in The Advance last week. Kiwanian Moisiey also noted that this month Kiwanis will observe its twenty-fifth anniversary, and he quoted from a writer in The Kiwanis Magazine, who pointed out that Kiwanis is now of an age which makes possible its performance of the heavy duties which are awaiting it.—"It's anniversary time—time to rejoice—the glad look backward—forward—upward. It is the anniversary of our giving service to others—more than a quarter century of trying to do good for others. We began trading— we change to giving. We began asking for something in exchange for giving—now we give without asking. We're building. Why more joy in giving than in receiving? Giving demands energy, planning, thinking, sacrificing. When giving, we create. What a joy! Let's give, create, help—support the home, school, church, nation. Extend good will. Let's pray for light to see the way to permanent victory over sin and aggressors who destroy. We must give, and give, and build." With a very impressive address Past Lieutenant-Governor Moisiey charged the new officers and directors installed as to their responsibilities and duties. The following were the officers and directors duly installed:— Vice-president, William Burns. Treasurer, Geo. N. Ross. Secretary, W. H. Wilson. Directors—W. O. Langdon, Horace Laidlaw, Geo. S. Drew, John Beattie, Frank Burt. Past President McDowell presented Immediate Past President W. O. Langdon with the Past President's Button. Vice-President W. Burns took the chair during the latter part of the meeting in the absence of the new president, Kiwanian Fred Burt, who was unable to attend on account of illness. Before the installation ceremony there were several items of business of special interest. Christmas presents were formally presented to the following members who were not present to receive them at the December 22nd meeting:—P. H. Laporte, Dr. P. Wenger, P. Kinkel, F. Passmore, Lyman Murray. A letter was read from President Charles Donley of Kiwanis International asking all members of all clubs to stand ready for an all-out war effort. War Planning Week is this week, Jan. 4th to 10th. Kiwanian Francis Woodbury was given special praise and compliment for the good work he did as chairman of the programme committee in 1941. Chairman Cecil Watson of the attendance committee and E. H. King, chairman of the publicity committee, were also specially complimented because of the good work done by their respective committees. The chairman of the boys' work committee, P. T. Moisiey, was also thanked and complimented because of his untiring efforts and the remarkable success of this line of activity in 1941. Visitor for the day was Kiwanian Hilliard Campbell of the Kirkland Lake Club. The winner of the War Savings Certificate draw for the week was Kiwanian W. O. Langdon.

Meeting of Association of Professional Engineers

Stanley R. Frost, President of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, announces that a general meeting of the Association will be held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on Saturday afternoon, January 17th. Engineers will attend from all parts of the Province to consider the reports of the retiring Executive and other Committees of the Association, as well as the transaction of general business. This meeting will be followed by a banquet in the Roof Garden at which Mr. Frost will preside. Warren C. Miller, President-elect will be inducted. The guest speaker will be Flight-Lieutenant Henry Cotton, Padre, Technical Training Centre, R.C.A.F., St. Thomas, who will speak on the subject, "The Battle of Britain."

Among the organizations represented at the head table will be the Ontario Association of Architects, The Ontario Medical Association, Provincial Associations of Professional Engineers, Engineering Institute of Canada, the Dominion Council of Professional Engineers, Affiliated Engineering & Allied Construction Council, representatives of the faculties of the various schools of engineering.

Coloured Lawyer Defends Coloured Porter in Case Where no Evidence Given

Complainant and Chief Witness in Serious Charge Fail to Appear and Pullman Car Porter is Dismissed. "I Can See No Reason for Holding This Man", is Comment of Magistrate After Hearing Particulars in Regard to Failure of Witnesses to Appear.

P. B. Patterson, a coloured Pullman Car porter appeared in court in Timmins this week facing a serious charge of indecent assault on a female and was defended by Mr. B. J. Pitt, of Toronto. When asked to plead the defendant pleaded not guilty and the case was set for a preliminary hearing in the case. It was then that the crown attorney spoke and said that he was in the position of having no evidence to offer in the case. The crown attorney outlined the case for the magistrate saying that the charge was laid by a Mr. Charles Orenstein, of Toronto, and that both he and the lady alleged to have been

No Arrests Here on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day

Timmins People Stay Within the Law as They Celebrated the New Year.

Timmins people celebrated New Year's Day in a very lawful manner this year. Not one person was arrested on New Year's Eve or on New Year's Day. Timmins police reported a very quiet day. Dances and parties were held at various points in Timmins but the people behaved themselves and were very orderly all the way through. Only one charge was laid and it was a charge of careless driving that arose from the investigation of an accident. Christmas was celebrated in a quiet manner, too, although several charges were laid on Christmas Day. Three persons were arrested on Christmas Day and were charged with disorderly conduct. Two More were charged with illegal possession of liquor. From December 24th, Christmas Eve until January 2nd, the Timmins police apprehended nine persons, while they also picked up several soldiers who had overstayed their leaves.

Timmins Kinsmen Win Service Club Curling Events

Four Service Clubs Competed. Curling at McIntyre Curling Club for Past Three Weeks.

For the past three weeks on Sunday evenings the Service Clubs of Timmins and Schumacher have been participating in a special curling event at the McIntyre Arena. A total of twelve games were played and the trophy was won by the Timmins Kinsmen Club with four wins and two losses. Competition throughout was keen and all of those participating had a lot of fun. The trophy in competition was put up through the efforts of Mr. Chas. Butler, manager of the Schumacher branch of the Bank of Commerce, and the trophy was sponsored by his bank. Besides the trophy the Kinsmen Club was also presented with a "pot" amounting to seventeen dollars, being fees charged to those in the event, with the understanding that the entire amount was to go to the winners. The following clubs took part in the event: Schumacher Lions Club, Timmins Kiwanis Club, Timmins Kinsmen Club, Timmins Lions Club. The following are the results of the competition. Schumacher Lions defeated Timmins Kinsmen. Schumacher Lions defeated Timmins Kiwanis. Timmins Kiwanis defeated Schumacher Lions. Timmins Kiwanis defeated Timmins Kinsmen. Timmins Kiwanis defeated Timmins Lions. Timmins Kinsmen defeated Timmins Kiwanis. Timmins Kinsmen defeated Schumacher Lions. Timmins Kinsmen defeated Timmins Lions. Timmins Lions defeated Schumacher Lions. Timmins Lions defeated Schumacher Lions. Timmins Lions defeated Timmins Kiwanis. (Continued on Page Four)

Prospecting, the Weak Link in Chain of Canada's Mining Industry To-day

Mining Production in Canada of Vital Importance in War Effort. Hon. W. J. Asselstine Points Out Growth of Germany's Mineral Resources. Appeals to Mining Industry of Dominion to Do All Possible to Strengthen "Weak Link."

Time Extended to Jan 31st for New Motor Car Plates

Jan. 1st the Original Deadline for All Vehicles to Have 1942 Plates.

The final date for motorists to buy their new license plates has been extended to January 31st, it was learned here this week. The Timmins police department has received notification from the Department of Highways to this effect. The original order set January 1st as the date that the motorists would be required to have their 1942 license plates.

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One of the most interesting and informative addresses at the recent annual meeting of the B.C. Division of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy was that of Hon. W. J. Asselstine, then Minister of Mines for British Columbia. Hon. Mr. Asselstine was one of the pioneers of the Porcupine area and his notable progress has been watched with much interest and pleasure by many friends in this district. It is not too much to say that he has won his way by outstanding ability and keen attention to the duties coming his way. These qualities were evident, as usual in his address to the Mining Institute meeting. It was to be expected that the address should touch on Canada's part in the war effort, and while giving due credit for the value of the effort of the mining industry, he pointed out the weak link in the chain. "There is one weak link in the mining industry to-day," said Hon. Mr. Asselstine, "and that is in the early stages embracing prospecting and preliminary development. . . . It is a matter that concerns us greatly, not only because of the future of the mining industry in British Columbia, as anywhere else, depends upon the discovery of new deposits, but because new deposits must be found and worked as part of our war effort. We have tried various means of assisting prospecting and the prospector, and in training young men, in the depression years, to be prospectors. Last spring, at a meeting in Ottawa, this Province (B.C.) made it clear that the day had arrived when the prospector had to be grubstaking, and that either the mining industry or the government would have to do it. The Government representatives from all over Canada did not favour the grubstaking of the prospector with public funds and they unanimously recommended to the Federal Government that the mining industry be encouraged to spend money in grubstaking the prospector through the Federal Government making some alleviation in taxation. The war and all its demands were taken into consideration in making this recommendation, and we still feel that it is the best means of providing a grubstake for the prospector. . . . Prospecting is the weak link in the mining industry, and I appeal at this time to the industry for its help and for suggestions as to how that link can be strengthened." Hon. Mr. Asselstine gave some very interesting facts about the world's mineral resources and fuel before the war and now. At the beginning of the war the British Empire and the United States controlled about 75 per cent. of the world's output of minerals and fuels. On a weighted basis the British Empire and the United States accounted for half the world's output of war-time minerals, and Germany had about ten per cent. The German invasion of Europe altered all this. Now, Germany on a weighted basis produces about 20 per cent of the world's output, an amount almost equal to that produced in the British Empire. Germany, always a large producer of coal, has increased her production through conquest until now it is probably greater than that of the United States, formerly the world's greatest producer. Germany is still a small producer of petroleum, but has been helped greatly by the taking over of Rumania. Mr. Asselstine thinks the failure to develop the British-owned wells in Rumania was one of the worst blunders of the war. He says that there is still ample oil available for all British and U.S. needs, provided transportation facilities can be maintained. The conquest of Norway and France has given Germany ample sources of iron ore if she can maintain the plants to handle it. The conquests cut off important sources of iron ore for Britain. In regard to ferro-alloys Germany's position is not good in Mr. Asselstine's opinion. The same is true about copper, but Germany is replacing copper with aluminum to a large extent. In aluminum Germany was leading the world, but is now being outstripped by the U.S.A. "To sum up briefly," says Mr. Asselstine, "Germany has improved her position in regard to output of metals and fuels (based on previous capacity figures) about one hundred per cent, since the outbreak of the war. As compared to the combined output of the British Empire and the United States, she is still far behind and in a long war, the great balance in our favour must tell. The situation, however, is serious, and with every conquest it becomes more so from the standpoint of raw materials. Had we been able to prevent Germany from acquiring additional raw materials through conquest, it is probable that the end of the war would be in sight. As it is now, she has so improved her position that we must face a long war. While our every effort must be exerted towards producing supplies for the moment, we must also plan on not only maintaining but increasing production for the long struggle ahead."

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On the notice boards of the Dome Mines this week there was a statement of the contributions to war charities of the Dome Employees' War Charities Fund. This fund is recognized under the War Charities Act, 1939. It acts merely as an instrument to support recognized war charities. Dome employees are asked to give a minimum of 50 cents per month for married men and one dollar a month for single men. When the petition was circulated among Dome employees early in 1941 some 99 per cent of the employees signified, within two days, their approval of the plan. Part of the arrangement was that the Company would contribute an equal amount with the men. The monies collected are distributed monthly by a committee of the employees, Messrs Harry Howart, Allan Wyper, George E. McDowell and Joseph Payette, with Mr. J. H. Stovel, general manager of the Dome Mines, as chairman. All distributions during 1941 were unanimously approved. Any expenses of the operation of the fund are borne by the Dome Mines Co., so that every cent collected reaches some war charity. The following is the notice posted on the bulletin boards at the Dome:— TO EMPLOYEES OF DOME MINES LIMITED Below you will find a statement of

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receipts and disbursements of the Dome Employees' War Charities Fund. You will please note that all monies received have been distributed among recognized war charities without any expense to our fund. We have in our office a copy of this statement signed by all the Committee whose names are typed in below. Dome Employees' War Charities Fund Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period from date of organization, Feb. 6th, 1941, to Dec. 31st, 1941. Receipts—Employees' donations, 10,696.25. Dome Mines Limited, contribution, 10,696.25. Total, \$21,390.50. Disbursements Canadian Red Cross Society, \$9,000.00 Canadian War Services Fund, \$9,000.00 Porcupine British Bomb Victims' Fund, \$2,600.00 Greek War Relief Fund, \$200.00 The Navy League of Canada (Ontario Division), \$400.00 Canadian Red Cross Society, for Russian Relief Fund, \$190.50. Total, \$21,390.50. Committee—Harry Howart, Allan Wyper, A. G. Trueblood (secretary), Geo. E. McDowell, Joseph Payette, Robert Stark (treasurer), J. H. Stovel (chairman). South Porcupine, Ont., Jan. 2nd, 1942.