

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

At the regular meeting of the town council ten years ago Mayor Geo. S. Drew occupied the chair and Councilors A. Caron, Dr. S. L. Honey, R. Richardson, J. T. Chénier, A. P. Dooley and J. Morrison were present. Request was made for a light on Second avenue between Cedar and Balsam and the request was referred to the fire and light committee. Mayor Drew said his attention had been called to the fact that with the fine weather the tourist business by way of freight cars had started again for Timmins, though there were hundreds out of work here already. These transients in some cases were urged in the South to travel to Timmins and a false impression given to them of conditions here in the matter of employment. Kirkland Lake was another town suffering particularly from the same sort of thing. To counteract the influx of transients and to warn away the unemployed Kirkland Lake had published advertisements in one Toronto paper and in papers at Sudbury, North Bay, Timmins and Kirkland Lake. These advertisements read:—"Warning to Unemployed! Keep away from Kirkland Lake! Over 1,000 men out of work here! No possibility of employment."

Mayor Drew thought a similar form of advertisement might discourage further influx of unemployed here. There was no chance for them to secure work here. There were already close to a thousand out of work here. After some discussion the matter was referred to the finance committee to take whatever action they thought fit in the case.

There were about a thousand people all told on the excursion train or trains running ten years ago from the North to Toronto. About 78 were said to have gotten on at Timmins. Schumacher, South Porcupine and other points along the branch also contributed their quota. The number from Kirkland Lake was said to have been about double that from Timmins but some of those from the Falls were going down to the city to remain, and simply were taking advantage of the remarkably cheap fares. Cochrane and the area west contributed a number and when North Bay was reached the total was around 600. A couple of hundred joined the excursion at North Bay and between there and Toronto another couple of hundred were added, making the total about 1000. Two trains were necessary to carry the crowd. After the train started the passengers came to the conclusion that they had been more or less hoaxed. They had been given to understand that the excursion was a sample of the enterprise of the railways and to give the people of the North an opportunity to visit Toronto at an attractive reduction in fare. After the train began to fill up the impression gained ground that the whole affair was a scheme for the aggrandizement of Toronto stores. Indeed, it was generally believed that the railways were simply running the trains on order like they would do for anyone arranging a special. Colour was given to the belief that the whole scheme was simply Toronto high-pressure salesmanship under false pretences by virtue of the fact that heaps of advertising literature was distributed in the North immediately before the excursion.

Rev. August Lappala has been called to Toronto by the Finnish United Church Congregation there in co-operation with the Home Missions Board. He has accepted the call and will leave here on July 1st. The Toronto Finnish congregation is one of the largest and one of the oldest Finnish congregations on this continent and Rev. Mr. Lappala will be followed to the scene of his new and extended labours with

the sincerest wishes of all good people in Timmins and district. At the same time there will be general regret here at the departure from the district of Rev. Mr. Lappala and wife. During the four years they have been in Timmins they have not only contributed to the building up of the Finnish church here but they have also won the respect and esteem of all with whom they have come in contact. They took up a difficult and discouraging task here and have carried it along with notable success. A comfortable new Finnish church has been erected here and slowly but very surely Rev. Mr. Lappala has won the good will and co-operation of those among whom his work called him. Rev. Mr. Lappala came to Timmins in June, 1928, from Chicago, Ill. There was no religious work here among the Finns when they came. Now there are not only in Timmins, but elsewhere in the Cochrane presbytery, strong and growing congregations with a great promise for the future.

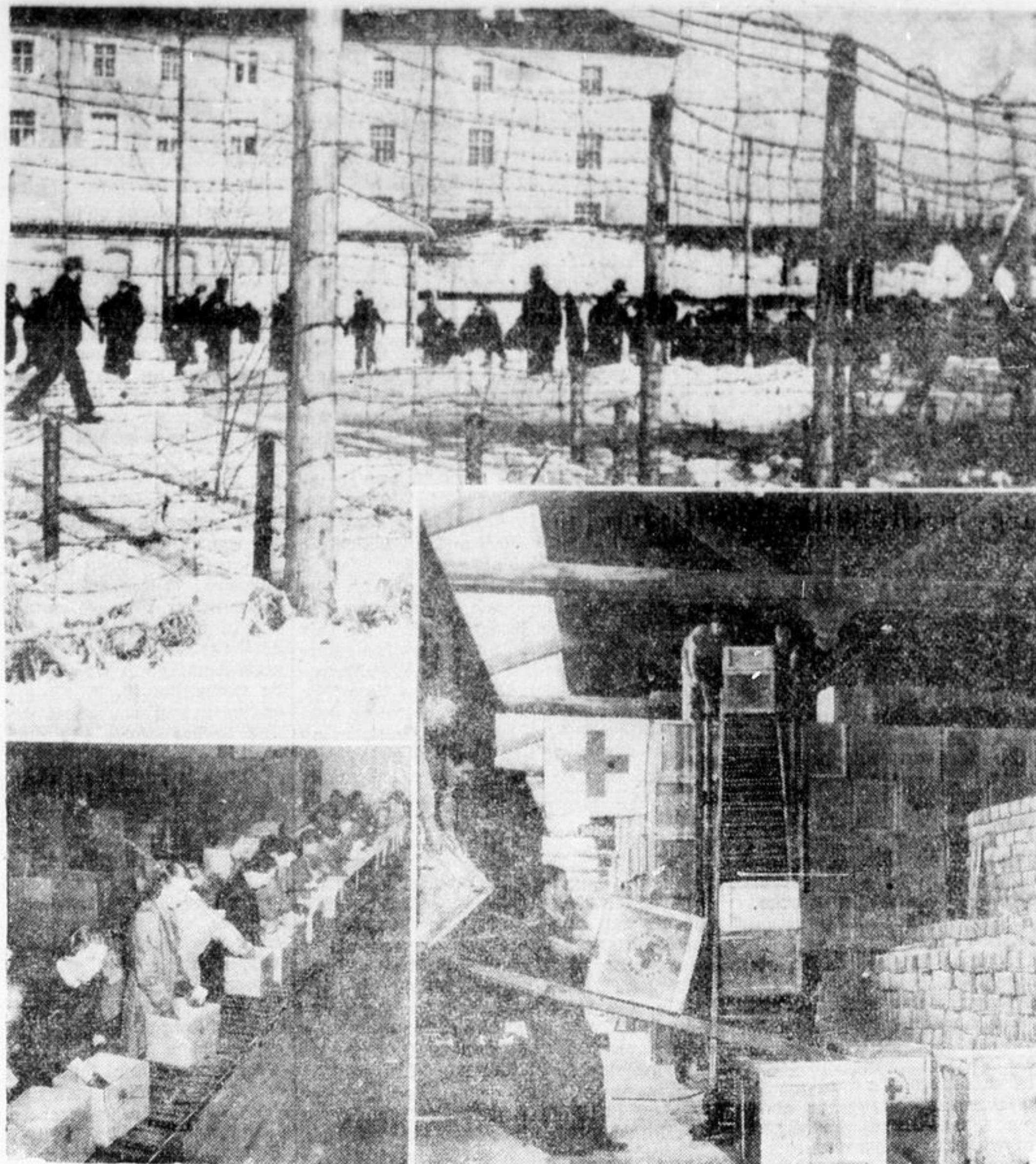
There was a good attendance at the meeting called ten years ago in the town hall, Timmins, to organize box lacrosse in the camp. Those present at the meeting, which included some 26 enthusiasts, were all anxious to see lacrosse featured in the sports in this district. J. D. Brady occupied the chair, and R. Murphy, of the Dome Mines, acted as secretary for the gathering. The following were the officers elected:—President—Dean Kester; Vice-president, Chas. Arnott; Secretary, R. Murphy, Dome; Executive, W. Morris, J. W. Faithful and J. S. McGuire; W. Morgan and Harold Shauhnitz; W. McLean; P. Sullivan.

Mike Skakoon, who was sentenced at Cochrane in April of 1932, to hang on June 10th, 1932, for the murder of his former common law wife, Mrs. Leake, and who was in Haileybury jail ten years ago, was reported as being little worried as to his fate. He was said to bear up with cool indifference. An appeal was entered by his counsel asking for a new trial on the grounds that a statement signed by Skakoon while he was in custody in Timmins should not have been used in the trial, at least not in the form in which it was.

Local items in The Advance ten years ago included: "Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Murray, of Toronto, were visitors in Timmins this week." "Born—On Tuesday, May 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Burrows, 169 Maple street S. Timmins—a daughter." "A. G. Carson, superintendent of the District of Cochrane Children's Aid Society, is in Toronto this week attending the twentieth annual conference of the Association of Children's Aid Societies of the province of Ontario." "Mr. and Mrs. M. Boivin, now of Bonfield, Ont., were visitors to Timmins on Monday and Tuesday of this week and were heartily greeted here by hosts of old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Boivin were among the pioneers of Timmins and other parts of the North." "Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Turner, of Winnipeg, Man., were visitors to Timmins last week."

Edmonton Bulletin: Ottawa reports that the visible supply of wool will last for only six months, and the Prices and Trade Board is circulating tailors to find out what customers have bought more than two suits of clothes since the first of February. It is not pleasant therefore to read that the Japanese Minister at Ottawa, who is due to take his overdue departure, has celebrated his going in advance by ordering thirteen suits. This presumably is one of the prerogatives of an Ambassador, and nothing can be done about it. But there is one glint of satisfaction in the incident. It suggests that the Japanese cloth supply is running low.

Red Cross Packs Food Parcels For Prisoners of War



Behind the barbed wire of German and Italian prison camps thousands of British, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand prisoners of war look forward to the weekly food parcels they receive through the International Red Cross at Geneva. The Canadian Red Cross is now packing these parcels at the rate of 2,000,000 per year and hopes to increase this to 4,000,000 by the end of 1942.

Above: British prisoners of war are seen behind the barbed wire in a German prison camp. Lower left: Canadian volunteer workers man a modern assembly line in a Toronto Red Cross depot. Lower right: A shipment of Canadian Red Cross food parcels arrives at the International Red Cross warehouse at Geneva, Switzerland.

Funeral of Late W. Rice at Haileybury Last Week

The Temiskaming Speaker, of New Liskeard, in its issue last week had the following reference to the funeral of the late William Rice:—"Private funeral services were held on Monday in Haileybury for the late William J. Rice, 32 year old Northern Ontario Power Company employee, missing almost five months in the Porcupine district, and whose body was recovered last Friday from Kenogamissi Lake not far from where he was last seen while on a routine trip of inspection of two company dams in that area.

"The body was brought to Haileybury on the early evening train on Sunday, and the funeral took place from the home of deceased's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rice. The services were conducted Monday by the Rev. A. P. Addison, of Haileybury United Church, who also officiated at the graveside in Mount Pleasant cemetery. Besides his parents, Mr. Rice is survived by his widow, the former Edith Hogsberg, a young son Ronald, and by a brother and sister in Kirkland Lake, C. F. Rice and Miss Muriel Rice.

"Mr. Rice disappeared in the afternoon of December 3 last while making a trip from Wawa to Timmins via the Kenogamissi and Grassy dams, a journey he made regularly each week as patrol man for the company. He reached the former dam safely, but apparently went through thin ice on the Kenogamissi Lake, a widening of the Mattagami river south of the Wawa plant, and never reached the Grassy dam. His sleigh and two dogs also were never seen again, nor was any trace found of him or them by search parties which went out after Mr. Rice failed to return home within a reasonable time.

"Last Friday, it was stated at head office of the power company here, two employees named Gagnon and Mercier found the body of Mr. Rice floating in the lake. They had been out looking for him after the ice went out of the lake and located the body about four miles from the Feldman lumber camp where he had been seen while proceeding from Kenogamissi toward Grassy on the day he disappeared. They took the body to Timmins, from where it was sent to the home of Mr. Rice's parents in Haileybury."

Funeral of Mrs. Durrell at New Liskeard Sunday

NEW LISKEARD, May 19.—The funeral was held on Sunday of Mrs. James J. Durrell who died at the home of a daughter here within six weeks of her 93rd birthday, and who was buried Sunday afternoon beside her husband in the cemetery at Powassan, of which district the family were the third settlers, more than 60 years ago.

Mrs. Durrell was the former Mary Caroline McChesney and was born at Dalhousie, Lanark County, on June 15, 1849, a daughter of Robert McChesney and Mary Taylor. Married in Beachburg Presbyterian Church on June 13, 1868, she lived for 11 years after her marriage on a farm on the outskirts of Pembroke. In the late Winter of 1880, Mr. and Mrs. Durrell, with four of her children, travelled by sleigh to the Powassan area.

The family settled in that section and Mr. Durrell died there in 1911. His widow came to New Liskeard in 1917, and since that time had lived with her daughter, Mrs. Sandy Wallace. She had been failing for about two months. A service was conducted here on Saturday afternoon by Rev. Dr. D. Bruce Gordon of the United Church, and the body was sent to Powassan on the evening train.

Surviving are three sons; three daughters; 23 grandchildren; 48 great

Landlords Required to Give Three Months' Notice

An order in effect since April 25, now requires all landlords to give tenants a minimum of three months' notice to vacate, where occupancy by the tenant is for one month or longer under a written or oral lease. This information was released last week from the North Bay Wartime Prices and Trade Board Regional Office.

In addition to this minimum notice the tenant will enjoy a further measure of security through the provision that an owner or purchaser must give reasonable proof that he needs the accommodation before giving notice to vacate, and must undertake to live in the vacated premises for the ensuing year under penalty of being forbidden to rent the accommodation for that period if he fails to comply.

The new regulations require the landlord to supply the prospective tenant with a statement, on a printed form, setting forth the rental paid by the last occupant and other specified information. This form must be given to the tenant when a new lease is made or renewed, and if there is any change in the amount of rental, or a change in the services to be supplied by the landlord, or if at the time of renting the accommodation is not tenanted. In all cases the landlord must mail a copy to the nearest regional rental office within 10 days. All applications for changes in rentals made on or after April 25 must be made on the new forms and in accordance with the

Another Pleasing Concert for the Bomb Victims' Fund

There was a concert of much interest in the Palace theatre on Sunday evening after the church services, the silver collection taken up being in aid of the local Bomb Victims' Fund, and a neat sum being realized from the event. There was a good attendance and all enjoyed the variety concert presented. Timmins Citizens' Band played marches while the crowd was gathering for the occasion.

Mr. Fred Kitchen, president of the Bomb Victims' Fund, was the chairman for the evening.

The event opened with the patriotic selection, "Festival of the Empire," by the Timmins Citizens' Band. Another selection given by the Band was "Air Raid," a realistic descriptive number that was cleverly presented.

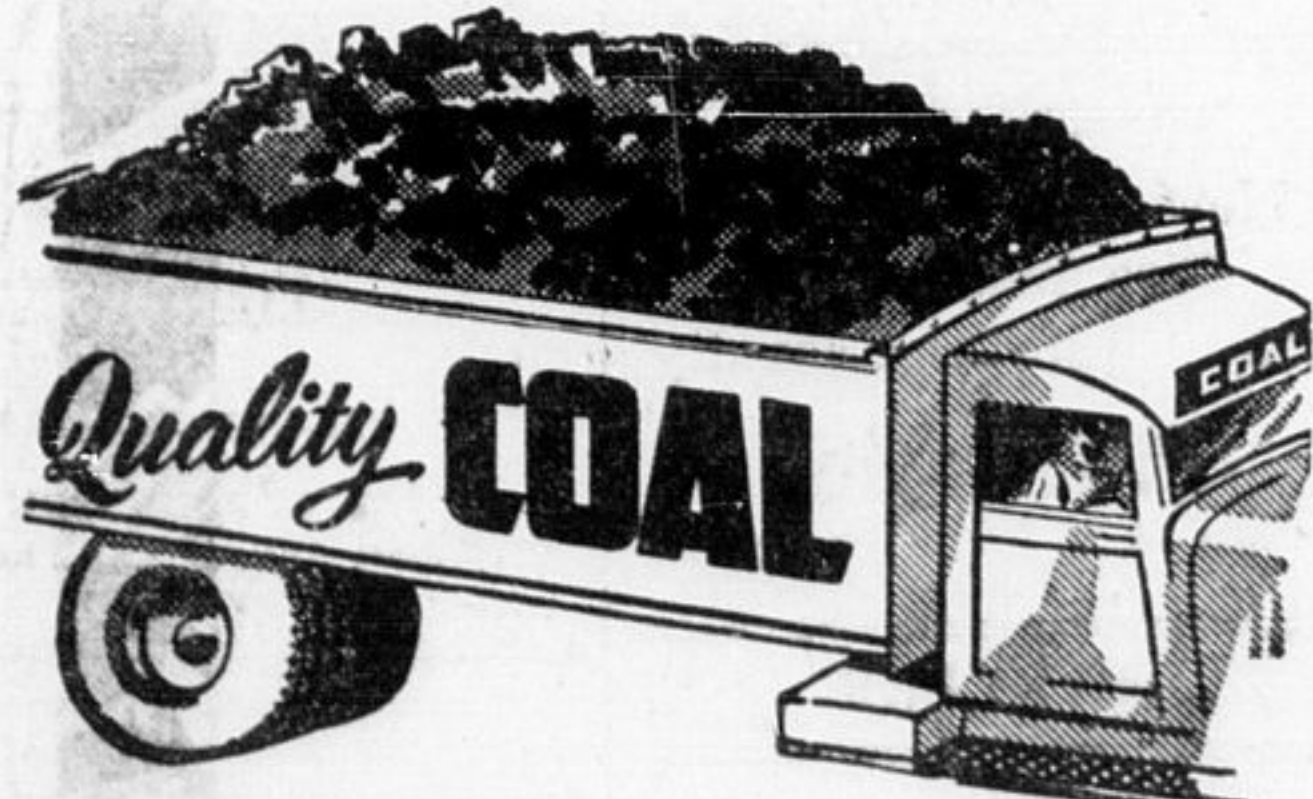
Miss May Watts' dancers featured pleasingly on the programme, Baby Cripps, three and a half years old, making a very special hit. In the words of one young lady present, another

Salvage Now Under Control of Wartime Salvage, Limited

Hon. J. L. Hiesley, minister of finance at Ottawa, has announced the formation of a wartime salvage organization known as Wartime Salvage, Limited. This company will regulate a market for salvage and usable waste materials and will operate under the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

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THE PICKPOCKET



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young lady "said a mouthful" when the latter exclaimed, "Say but that baby can dance." Another special dance number that particularly pleased the gathering was the talented tap-dancing duet by Miss Dora Anderson and Master Jack Thompson.

Pete Boychuck and his guitar orchestra pleased the crowd with their music, and another popular number was the gymnastic display by the Finnish group.

Other numbers on the programme that won approval from the audience included:—solos, by Miss Laila Koskela "Dear Mom," and "White Cliffs of Dover," pianoforte duet, by Misses Grace Blackman and Ann Phillips; musical duet, by Miss Marie McCann, clarinet, and Master Tommy Wilkins, cornet; A. Shaw, comedian; solos, by Mrs. A. Dumbabin, "Trade Winds," and "Madeline"; F. O'Rourke, comedian, as "Old Bill."

To Ask Court to Order by-elections for Vacant Seats

South Cochrane Riding Among the Six Vacant Seats.

Toronto, May 13.—P. A. Brewin, Toronto, chairman of the C.C.F. provincial election committee, announced Saturday last that the Supreme Court of Ontario will be asked to intervene unless by-elections are called in Ontario's six vacant ridings.

Mr. Brewin said formal letters of demand were served by mail Saturday on C. F. Bulmer, clerk of the crown in chancery, requiring him to issue writs for the by-elections by May 18, failing which William H. Temple, Toronto, an elector in the vacant High Park riding, will apply to the Supreme Court of Ontario for a mandamus order.

Vacancies resulting from death or resignation exist in Cochrane South, Kingston, Huron-Bruce, Lincoln and the Toronto ridings of High Park and Bellwoods.

Mr. Temple's letter said that W. A. Baird, member for High Park, died in May, 1940, and since that time, "although I... and other citizens who are electors in this community have continued to pay taxes, we had no representation in the Legislature of Ontario."

There is remedy

"We noticed that by the provisions of the Legislative Assembly Act any two members might have required the issue of a writ for the election. We can only regard their failure to do so as a tacit conspiracy among the present members not to hold by-elections," the letter said.

Mr. Brewin said similar letters had been forwarded to the clerk of the crown in chancery by electors in other vacant ridings.

with government departments and agencies in the purchase and disposal of salvage and will endeavour to provide facilities for orderly marketing of all types of salvage not actually commercially demanded.

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MADE THE ROD JUMP

An amateur water diver in an Australian regiment in Egypt was demonstrating his prowess before a somewhat sceptical audience when the rod suddenly sprang out of his hand and gave "a series of hoos" on the ground.

Excavation unearthed a large consignment of bottled beer that had presumably been buried in 1916 and forgotten—Onlooker in the Klerksdorp Record.

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