

## REPORT BRITISH HAVE ALL MADAGASCAR

### Timmins Civilian Defence Committee Has Plans All Ready for Safety of Town

Organization Perfected for A. R. P. Work Here. Practice Blackouts to be Held in Near Future. Value of Work Carried Out Quietly in Past Few Months Will be Shown.

The Timmins Civilian Defence Committee realizes the folly "It Can't Happen Here," and the wisdom of being ready for the things that have happened elsewhere. If they do not happen here all well and good. If they do, the committee has plans and preparations to offset them.

For months past the Timmins Civilian Defence Committee has been working quietly out very effectively. To-day there is a very complete and trained organization all ready.

Chairman of the Timmins Civilian Defence Committee is Mr. J. W. Dougherty; vice-chairman is Mr. Geo. S. Drew; assistant chairman warden Mr. O. Wall; secretary Mr. F. Marvin. Under these is a complete organization for every department. All have been trained and all know exactly what to do. Under each head of the various sections there are subdivisions to carry on. The organization is probably the most complete and efficient ever attempted in any town double this size.

The Timmins Civilian Defence Committee have progressed considerably, and are at present working on practice blackouts for the safety of the community. At present there are five controllers:—Public Services under the direction of L. H. Gagnon; Fire Services, A. B. Borland, Medical Services, Dr. Lane; Public Utilities, J. McLean, and Transportation, J. Dalton, Mrs. G. Gedde is chief air-raid warden.

There are six wardens, and six deputy wardens. Each warden and his deputy works from the A.R.P. room at the Town Hall where he proceeds to his own section to which he is assigned. The town is divided into six sections. There they take up their posts, and if any services are needed, in any line of work such as fire medical care, or transportation, they phone in to the A. R. P. room, where the controller is posted, and their order is carried through.

At present there are 550 people enrolled in different services and taking training so that they can do their share if needed to. As far as large fires are concerned the fire department would be handling them, but in the case of a small fire the public must be trained to combat this. There shall be further training for the public on the handling of incendiary bombs.

As soon as a certain amount of training has been given, a test blackout will be given, to prove the progress of the A.R.P. in their work.

THESE ORDERS MUST ALL BE READ AND THOROUGHLY UNDERSTOOD

Warning—All Wardens and Deputy Wardens must be prepared for surprise alerts. Any advance warning received will be conveyed to Wardens. All Wardens should know day and night telephone numbers of all those under them. STANDING ORDERS FOR WARDENS TIMMINS DIVISION

1. A "Warden's Post" must be established by the Section Warden (own home or somewhere else more convenient) in his own section.

2. An alternative post must be established for use when the main post is not available. (This should be as close as possible.) (Continued on Page Three)

### Opening Legion Smokers

Event Saturday Night Promises to be Very Pleasing Occasion.

Saturday evening will witness the beginning of the Fall and Winter series of smokers by the Canadian Legion. The opening event will be an extra special and the chair for the occasion will be taken by President Austin Neame. Members of the town council have been invited and a number of other special guests.

The programme appears to be one of good choice and variety. Mr. Walli, talented violinist, has accepted the special request to play for the Legion again and will be accompanied by Mr. Wallace Young and Mr. Baillie, also specially requested. A new comedian and bone-player may also make his first appearance. Others expected include Ron Jones vocalist, Gino Marrisotti, accordionist and the McIntyre Orchestra.

The committee in charge will have a very attractive supper to appease the appetites of all, and of course a "Beautiful Doll" will be on hand to be raffled.

Bring along your friends for a top-notch evening of pleasure to the Legion hall at 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening, Sept. 26th.

### Boy of Eleven Told Court of Stopping Runaway Car

At police court Tuesday C. Pelletier, from Southern Ontario, was sentenced to ten days on a charge of being drunk in charge of a car. He pleaded not guilty and was ably defended by Greg. Evans, but the evidence convinced the magistrate as to the man's guilt. Police evidence was supported by that of two boys of ten or eleven, one of whom said he saw the accused jump out of the car while it was going down a small hill. The lad jumped in the car and applied the brakes to stop the runaway car, and then called the police. The magistrate commented that this lad deserved the highest consideration for his thoughtfulness and quick action. The accused was forbidden to drive for six months and his car was impounded for a like term.

### Urge Members of Choir to Attend Meeting Monday

Members of the Schubert Choral Society are requested to make a special effort to attend rehearsal on Monday evening at CKGB studio at 8 p.m. As a change of night is under consideration a full turn out is desired to decide on a suitable night.

## Timmins Salvation Army on Sweater Served to S. P. Fireman Overseas

Fireman Joe Miller, of South Porcupine, Runs Across Odd Coincidence as Section Leader of Canadian Fire Fighters Overseas. Salvation Army Work Illustrated.

The following despatch today from South Porcupine should be prefaced by the note that part of the Home Front work of the Salvation Army is the supplying of wool for the knitting of comforts for the soldiers overseas. The money for the wool comes from the Home Front funds and is not provided by the government as a war service, though that is what it is. After the Army buys the wool the Salvation Army Red Shield workers knit the articles. In addition to this there are certain individuals and organizations that contribute knitted articles to the Army for transfer overseas. It is likely that the sweater referred to below was the work of the Red Shield workers here, seeing that it bore the Army name. On the other hand it might easily have been one of the contributed articles. In any event it shows the sort of goods and service supplied from the Home Front to the lads overseas. The Salvation Army Home Front work is worthy of your fullest support. Here is the despatch from South Porcupine:

South Porcupine, Sept. 23—(Special to The Advance)—The following coincidence has been brought to our notice and may be incidental in helping the Red Shield drive of the Salvation Army now in progress.

Last week Mrs. Jos. Miller had a letter from her husband, who is serving in England as a section leader in the Canadian Fire Fighters Overseas Corps. Joe says that officers in his division were issuing 60 pairs of socks and 25 sweaters to the men. As he and Jim Burns were looking over their sweaters they saw inside the neck bands—"Timmins Salvation Army."

"It's a small world," says Joe. The strange part is that Mrs. Miller goes over each week to a knitting club in Timmins of which her mother Mrs. W. S. Johns, is a member—the Rebekah Knitters—and their work is turned over to the Salvation Army.

So that possibly these men got sweaters knitted by their own relatives or friends here!

### INSPECTING THEIR GAS MASKS



Inspecting their brand new equipment as they sail toward a new post are Section Officer Patricia Griffin of Winnipeg (with gas mask) and Assistant Section Officer Nancy Smith of Calgary, who are in charge of a contingent of R.C.A.F. (Women's Division) girls recently posted to England. The photo was taken on the ship which carried them across the ocean. The girls have undertaken many jobs, releasing male personnel for duty with combat units. (R.C.A.F. Photo)

## Suggestions to Survey Committee for Possible Industries for Timmins

Address by Mr. E. H. Reeves Yesterday Gave Number of Timely Hints on New Industries that Might be Developed from Forest Products. Other Business at Survey Committee Meeting.

At the meeting of the Timmins Industrial Survey Committee yesterday in the committee room of the town hall, a chief feature was the address of Mr. E. H. Reeves, of the Abitibi Power & Paper Co., who spoke on products that were made from wood. He touched particularly on the wood products, the raw material for which was available here. His address was a most interesting and valuable one, and the meeting voted him a resolution of thanks for the large amount of information given and the number of suggestions for possible new industries here. Whether at the present time it will be possible or practical to have any of these industries established here will be further work for the committee, but even if war conditions preclude the establishment at any early date of any of the industries suggested, they all have valuable suggestion for the future.

Celulose material was available at the Smooth Rock Falls plant of the Abitibi Co., Mr. Reeves said. Cordite, artificial glass and rayon materials were made from cellulose. There was a particularly large field for artificial glass, he said. It was used on all armoured vehicles and in airplane construction, battleships, etc. It was much superior to ordinary glass. It did not shatter like ordinary glass and had considerably more resistance to the force of explosives, etc. It would withstand a 150-lb bomb at 8 ft. distance. In A.R.P. work, it was immensely better than glass. For commercial and industrial purposes the qualities that made it so valuable for war usage suggested that it would to large extent replace ordinary glass.

Another product stressed by Mr. Reeves was veneer or ply-wood. Douglas fir and yellow birch were the woods chiefly used for ply-wood, but Mr. Reeves said that white spruce and pine could be used to advantage. This veneer or ply-wood was made by a new process where synthetic resin was featured with hydraulic pressure. The new veneer or ply-wood could be made harder than aluminum and lighter in weight. The United States navy had tested the material and found it valuable. It was now largely used in airplane construction. Its commercial and industrial uses were very great. In Germany it had been used to large extent.

Mr. Reeves also mentioned presswood made from waste as a substitute fuel. Also sugar secured from wood. Germany, Switzerland and Sweden had developed sugar from wood in satisfactory way.

A number of other uses for wood products was suggested by Mr. Reeves. All the suggestions made by Mr. Reeves will be followed through. The difficulty of securing machinery and equipment will be one handicap. Cap-

### Fine of \$1,000 for Empire Hotel in Tea Hoarding Case

Decision Given by Magistrate Atkinson at Tuesday's Court.

At police court on Tuesday Magistrate Atkinson announced his decision in the charge against the Empire hotel on a charge by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board for alleged tea hoarding. A fine of \$1,000 and costs was imposed on the hotel company, the fine being paid later.

Before giving his decision Magistrate Atkinson heard Dean Kester, K.C., solicitor for the hotel company. Mr. Kester suggested that in view of the difficulty the hotel had in securing delivery of tea, a February order not being filled until May the hotel was justified in keeping a good supply on hand. He argued that this case differed from many others, as the hotel was acting on behalf of the public. The buying was done in this case to meet public wants and not private needs. He also implied that there was some confusion as to the amount of tea used by the hotel in past years, due to defective stock room system, which since had been fully remedied. He held that the offence was really a technical one and a nominal fine would serve the purpose. The hotel had given every assistance to the Board in the matter and had hidden nothing.

In his written judgment in the case, Magistrate Atkinson reviewed the evidence, pointing out that according to the figures given the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, the hotel had enough tea for nine years. According to the hotel's own figures there was a two-year supply on hand and that appeared an unreasonable amount. The statement of one official of the company that they were simply "buying on a rising market" brought out the point that this was the very thing that the regulations sought to prevent, the idea being to give all equal chance in the distribution. "Poor people," said the magistrate, "are not able to buy on rising markets."

## Annual Appeal of Children's Aid Society

The District of Cochrane Children's Aid Society is making its annual appeal for funds to carry on the excellent work of this organization established to give every child a chance for the best in life. Letters sent out by the Society, signed by Geo. S. Drew and P. H. Laporte, directors, point out that despite the many other appeals for patriotic purposes, the need for the Children's Aid work is one of the vital efforts for community welfare.

"Orphans and other neglected children must be protected and cared for so they may take their proper places in life," the letter says. Through the Children's Aid Society, they depend on you. May we have your usual contribution? If you prefer, telephone 855, and we shall have a canvasser call on you."

## Funeral of Mrs. M. B. Scott to be Held at St. Matthew's Church, Friday, 10:30 a.m.

Valued Old-Time Citizen of North Taken Ill at Red Cross Work Meeting and Dies in Few Hours. Had Been Prominent in Church, Musical and Other Circles for Many Years.

The funeral of the late Mrs. M. B. Scott will take place to-morrow (Friday) morning, service being held at St. Matthew's Anglican Church at 10:30, and interment being made in Timmins cemetery. The body is now resting at S. T. Walker's Funeral Home.

The late Mrs. Scott took ill on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, while attending a Red Cross work meeting, suffering a paralytic stroke. She was hurried to St. Mary's hospital, but passed away at 10:25 p.m.

Her death came as a genuine shock to her hosts of friends in town and community, and sympathy to the family and near friends is sincere indeed.

The late Mrs. Scott was born at Dumfries, Scotland, on Nov. 27th, 1887, and came to Canada in 1911. She was in Porcupine during the 1911 fire and was one of the assets of the community then and in the early days of the camp when hardships had to be borne and discomforts faced, and the cheerful kindly people were of special value to the community. In the latter part of 1911 Mrs. Scott and her husband went

## Heavy Fighting Continues in Stalingrad Area With Huge German Losses

South African and Other British Troops Marched Into Capital of Madagascar Yesterday. American Hockey Association to Suspend for This Season.

## 1327 Women Registered in District

Larger Part of Them Young Married Women.

In Timmins and district last week there were 1327 women between 20 and 24 years who registered according to law. Of this number approximately 1279 were in Timmins.

In Timmins 960 of the young ladies registering were married. In the district (Timmins Schumacher, South Porcupine, etc.) 1010 of the 1327 registering were married.

Registration is over for Timmins but is continued this week in rural sections of the district where registration is at post offices.

## Delicious Plums Grown in Barber's Bay Garden

Plums growing in this part of the North Land is unusual enough to be news. Mr. E. H. King, postmaster, has a plum tree at his cottage at Barber's Bay, and this week the tree is bearing very delicious plums, fully ripened. The Advance is able to state authentically and officially that the plums are delicious, having been awarded some of them for testing and tasting purposes. They met all tests and were excellent in taste.

## General Meeting of the Timmins Branch Legion

A general meeting of Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion will be held on Wednesday evening, Sept. 23rd, in the Legion hall. All members are urged to make a special effort to be present.

Reports now are that the British are in full possession of all the island of Madagascar. South African and other British troops marched into the capital, Antananarivo, yesterday and were given friendly welcome by the people of the city.

Stalingrad is still the scene of the bitterest fighting, the opposing forces playing a sort of see-saw, the Nazis being unable to drive the Russians from the city, while making successful counter-attacks being unable to rid the city of the Nazis. The Germans have been paying a desperate price for every yard gained and the battle continues.

The American Hockey Association has announced that due to gasoline and rubber shortage and other war conditions, the league will not operate this winter.

## Further Donations for the Bomb Victims' Fund

This week the Timmins Bomb Victims' Fund acknowledges two further much appreciated donations.

A bed spread, donated by Mrs. Fournier and Mrs. Jolicouer, Laurier avenue, was raffled, the winner being Mrs. May Wilson. The sum raised and handed over to the Bomb Victims' Fund was \$13.50.

Another contribution to the fund—\$9.15—was from a sale held at Gold Centre. A doll was raffled and was won by Mrs. Cook, of Schumacher. Those who helped in this sale were:—Shiela Basette, Lola McCarthy, Beatrice O'Rourke, Glenys Byron, Gold Centre, and Joan Vener, Timmins.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stack, of Mathe-son, were recent visitors to Killaloe, visiting relatives and friends there after an absence of 32 years. Mr. Stack many years ago was the proprietor of the Stack House at Killaloe.

## Council Passes By-law for Earlier Closing of Barber Shops in Timmins

Usual Closing Time for Barber Shops to be 6 p.m. Close at 7 p.m. on PayDays and 9 p.m. Saturdays. Council Formally Appoints Survey Committee. Other Items at Council.

The chief item of business at the council meeting yesterday was the passing of the by-law to regulate the closing hours of barber shops. Under the new by-law the barber shops will ordinarily close at 6 p.m. On pay days they will be closed at 7 p.m. On Saturdays and the days before holidays they are to close at 9 p.m. On Wednesdays, (ex-

cept before Christmas) the shops are to close at 12:30 p.m. The by-law goes into effect on Oct. 5th. Scotty Andrews and number of other barbers were present to support the by-law. No opposition appeared, though the council has had three letters from two barbers opposing the new hours. A letter from the town solicitors said that the council had no alternative but to pass the by-law if the necessary number of signatures appeared on the petition. The petition had much more than the required number of signatures, only two out of over thirty barber shops apparently being in opposition to the by-law. Council received two copies of the brief presented by Kirkland Lake to Hon. C. D. Howe regarding an industrial survey of the Lake Shore town. Council ordered one of the copies to be given to the Timmins Industrial Survey Committee. (Later at the meeting of the Industrial Survey Committee, the secretary was asked to have copies of the brief made and sent to each member of the Survey Committee.)

Council formally appointed the members of the Survey Committee the names being the same as given in last week's Advance, except that two names are now added—Mr. J. E. H. Chateaufort and W. A. Doran.

The National War Finance Committee asked for permission to erect a sign to publicize war savings stamps, Victory loans, etc. Permission was granted with the proviso that the town engineer approve the work.

Council received a list of articles owned by the town but not in active use, with the suggestion that these be disposed of at bargain prices. Councilor Bartleman suggested advertising the list in The Municipal World. Councilor Ellen Terry thought the local papers would bring better results as the articles would cost too much to ship any distance. Eventually it was decided to advertise the list in the local newspapers and in The Contractors' News.

The grant for the third quarter of the year for the Volunteer Firemen was passed for payment.