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THE ISSUE FOR THE ELECTION

While there is the ordinary criticism of the administration of affairs in Ontario, with the usual charges of inefficiency and worse, the only real issue in the coming provincial election centres around the British connection. This is an issue that has not been fairly faced in recent elections, though it should have been. Parties have been playing politics, instead of meeting the real questions that arise. Mayor Clark, Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, not only in his silly address over the radio, but still more in his defence of that address afterwards, has put forward ideas that are weakening to the loyalty of the people of Canada to the Empire, of which Canada is a part. It should always be remembered that it is not enough to be loyal to Timmins, to the North Country, to Ontario, to Canada. There still remains the loyalty to the Empire. It would be just as logical to argue that a man could be loyal to Ontario and be weak on loyalty to Canada, as to pretend that there is fidelity to Canada without loyalty to the British Empire. There has been altogether too much pussyfooting in recent times in this matter. Speaker Clark's attitude should bring the matter to a head. The fact that Hon. Mr. Nixon and his colleagues have not disassociated themselves from the attitude of the Speaker of the House whom they appointed is its own condemnation. Further, it is not unfair to say that after the fall of France when affairs looked black for the Empire, there were apologists for the partisan government at Ottawa who saw only one safety for Canada, and that was in attachment to the nation to the South. These same politicians when faced with the logical outcome of their own chicanery suggest this connection as a remedy for the evil their own partisanship has developed. This does not suit the people of Ontario, however. This province has always been and will always be intensely loyal to the British Empire. The vast majority in their hearts are faithful to the Empire, and do not even bother to insist on calling it the Commonwealth of Nations. It is not pretended that Ontario stands alone in this loyalty. The Advance believes that it is equally strong in all the provinces. In most of the provinces there is no possible question about it, and past history shows that Ontario in its heart will have nothing of question as to its being a faithful part of the Empire. This attitude is founded not only on sentiment, but also on self-interest. Speaker Clark has illustrated this fact himself. He suggested that as a British subject he had the inalienable right to express his opinion. No British subject would deny him this right, but other British subjects have the equal right to deal with such opinions. In bringing up his "British rights," Speaker Clark begs the question, "What British right is there to be other than British?" And there is also the question as to whether or not the people of Ontario should not exercise their British right to show just where they stand on this matter of loyalty to the British Crown.

The presentation of this issue by Speaker Clark as an election feature reminds The Windsor Star that another "Speaker Clark" presented a similar issue to the Ontario Legislature in 1911. When Sir Wilfred Laurier presented his policy of reciprocity with the United States in the 1911 election, Speaker Champ Clark, of Missouri, blurted out in an address that the reciprocity pact in reality was but a step in a plan for the annexation of Canada to the United States. The people of Canada, and particularly the people of Ontario, gave their answer in their votes. Champ Clark was at that time Speaker of the House of Representatives in the United States, just as by the accident of politics to-day Mayor Clark is Speaker of the Ontario Legislature. History has a way of repeating itself. Ontario has shown its devotion to the Empire by the men, the money, the effort and the heart given to the war. Ontario will show by its votes that Ontario is British in heart and thought and interest.

SUPPORT THE LEGION

Since the fall of France especially, there has been a general wave of patriotism through all of Canada. The generous response to every call has proven this fact. All that the people ask is leadership, and example. To some extent they have been hampered in their effort by the party spirit maintained in most departments of government. The average man or woman, who is a patriot first, has felt often as if he were left out of consideration in many official matters. The Red Cross, the Salvation Army Red Shield, the Legion, the K. of C. Huts, the Bomb Victims' Fund and other organizations, however, have shown such a broad welcome to all that in these things at least all feel that it is their own war and they all have welcome place. All the year round The Advance has been endorsing these activities, and at the present moment would give a special word for the Canadian

dian Legion of the British Empire Service League. Timmins Branch of the Legion this week is presenting a carnival for the purpose of keeping its local finances on a sound basis. The carnival is well worth attending for the unusual entertainment offered. It is the biggest value in entertainment. But it is still more worthy of support for the cause it represents. The Legion, in a word is looking after the interests of the soldiers of the last war and their families and the soldiers of this war and their dependents. It is not overstating the case to say that the Legion is doing remarkable work in most efficient way. In looking after pensions, allowances, discharges, illnesses, wounds, and a score of other problems the Legion has been invaluable. The Legion accordingly should have the wholehearted support of every man, woman and child in the community.

THE RADIO TYPE OF MIND

Last week The Advance received a letter from a former resident of Timmins whose husband is serving on a minesweeper on the Pacific Coast. The letter enclosed a clipping from The Victoria Daily Times with the comment that as old-timers of Timmins they did not like to see the old home town so senselessly abused and misrepresented. The clipping certainly shows misrepresentation and plain silly falsehoods of the most uncalled for and unwarranted type.

Perhaps, the most complete reply that can be made to the clipping is that it indicates the radio type of mind, if there is any mind in connection with such work. The clipping is an interview with a young lady who spent a few weeks in Timmins and Schumacher some five or six years ago. It need scarcely be said that the lady had no connection in any way with The Advance, though working for a time on another weekly newspaper here. It was not surprising from her newspaper work (if such it may be termed) that she secured a position with the radio. Recently, she has styled herself as director of publicity for the C.B.C. On June 11th, she was in Victoria, B.C., and gave an interview to The Victoria Daily Times. Here is part of that interview as reported by The Victoria Daily Times:—

"Later, she went to Timmins, Ont., and it was here she received some of her most unusual experiences. This little mining town, whose population of 6,000 is 70 per cent. French-Canadian and the rest Slovak and Croatian, is the northern terminus of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, and consequently harbours a good many criminals trying to escape to the North. . . . She recalled many murders, suicides and other crimes: she was sent out to cover, and said:—"I was a nervous wreck by the time I left—but it was valuable experience." . . . She had also spent some time on the social staff, and the weddings, she said, were really something to behold. They usually lasted about a week. The families of the betrothed donated six lambs and a couple of calves, a case of beer for each guest, and held a huge banquet and dance. . . . "The bride and groom usually went away for their honeymoon well set up," she went on, "for everyone who danced with the bride contributed a ten-dollar bill to feather the prospective nest."

It would be difficult for any ordinary sane person to assemble a bigger list of mis-statements and plain outright foolish lies. There is scarcely a statement in the whole interview that is even a half-truth. At the time of the lady's visit here Timmins had a population of three times 6,000. There wasn't more than 35 per cent. of the population French-Canadian and the Slovaks and Croatians did not amount to fifteen per cent. The rest of the population was English-speaking. Schumacher had a population of 6,000 about that time, but the proportion of French-Canadians in that town would not amount to five per cent., while the proportion of Slovaks and Croatians would not reach 20 per cent. Timmins was not the northern terminus of the T. & N. O. and never was. This town never harboured any criminals from the South, few of them being foolish enough to imagine there was any refuge for them in the North. As for murders, suicides and other crimes, this North has been very free from such things, though the North has often been tempted by the radio and the outside press to justifiable homicide. A former prospector here had something when he used to say that for the good of humanity and the cause of truth there should be more killings in this North. The truth is that probably the most serious crime that lady reported in this country was about some fellow who had a still, or did a little bootlegging or high-grading on the side. That radio reporter may have been a "nervous wreck" when leaving here, but that would be a considerable improvement in mental health—and apparently there has been a relapse.

As for weddings here, The Advance has seen literally hundreds of them, and they are not much different from weddings in the South, or the West. The vast majority of them lasted for life—not a week. The only "lambs" ever noticed at these weddings were unsophisticated reporters from the South or West, and the only "calves," those of some of the spectators, the bride's calves being discreetly covered. As to beer, the only complaint ever heard at weddings here has been from thirsty souls from the South and West, who did not find as much of it as they said would be available where they came from. In the West, there are cases on record where the bride and groom were so "well set up" that they couldn't go away for the honeymoon until they sobered up. As to each guest giving the bride a ten dollar bill, The Ad-

vance never saw it happen here. One incident is recalled, however, where a newspaper reporter "borrowed" five dollars from the groom at a wedding in Schumacher.

This comment does not leave much of truth or sense in the interview. Of course, to people who know Timmins, the interview would simply be silly trash, but to strangers it might leave a wrong impression. It is a glaring example of sensationalism from a flabby imagination. It is regrettable that such miserable misrepresentation should be made, when there are so many truthful, informative and striking facts that could be given about Timmins and district, and about the energy, the generosity, the talent of its cosmopolitan people, Canadians and New Canadians and other British-minded people, who are holding aloft in this land the flag of progress, education, justice and good citizenship.

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 unshakable. Let us go forward to that task as one man, smile on our lips and our heads held high and with God's help we shall not fail."

Prize of the month goes to The Smith Falls Record-News for its comment on the new income tax forms. The Record-News says that anyone

can easily make out the form in fifteen minutes,—if he spends several hours studying it first.

A local youngster, reading the police court news, saw where the man accused of assault was said to have called the complainant a "blankity-blank." "What is a 'blankity blank,' father?" Without looking up from his newspaper the father replied absentmindedly, "A blankity-blank! Oh, that's the new income tax form."

Here's something difficult to swallow! The Rome propaganda machine broadcasts that the R. A. F. are dropping "explosive cough drops." "As soon as the cough drops are sucked, they explode in the mouth," says the Italian spokesman. The Italian who would pick up a cough drop on the road or in the field would have a drop too many, and would feel all broken up.

The Township of Whitney does not intend to allow murder to be unpunished in its municipality. At the last meeting of the township council, it was decided to offer a reward of \$1,000 for information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of the murder of David Palmer at Golden City on May 14th. This was a particularly brutal murder of a good citizen, and it is felt that someone has information that can be given to solve the mystery. The township is determined to have that information unearthed.

Lord Bishop of Algoma to be Here on June 24th

The Rt. Rev. G. F. Kingston, D.D., Lord Bishop of Algoma, will administer the rite of confirmation in St. Matthew's Church on Thursday evening, June 24th, at 8 o'clock.

Candidates from St. Paul's Church, South Porcupine, will also be confirmed at this service.

SHORT AND SNAPPY

Before the busy housewife had a chance to shut the door, the salesman started talking. And how he talked. "And look at the value!" he exclaimed. "Why there are some things that go without saying." Then he just had to pause for breath. "And there are others that say a lot without going!" she snapped — Sudbury Star.

Summer Skating Session July 12th at McIntyre Arena for Six-Week Term

Over Fifty Out-of-Town Skaters to be Present at Session This Year. Four Professionals to Instruct. Final Ice Show at End of Season.

Figure skaters from all parts of Ontario, and from the furthest points in the Dominion, will partake of the six weeks' summer skating school to be held from July 12th to August 22nd, at the McIntyre Arena. Here pupils of the Porcupine district wishing to study under the various professional instructors to be present also, and the out-of-town skaters will spend six weeks studying for an Ice Show to be held on Field day, and another towards the end of the six week session.

A greater part of the out-of-town skaters will be:— Myra MacLean, Toronto; Miss Marion Kate Parker, Toronto; Miss Babs Lemon, Oshawa; Mr. Jack Webster, Kirkland Lake; Miss Joan White, North Bay; Miss Jacqueline Miron, Kirkland Lake; Miss Patty Scully, Kitchener; Miss Joan Duval, Kirkland Lake; Miss Diane Hamby, Oshawa; Miss Sonja Gustafson, Kirkland Lake; Miss Katherine Kress, Owen Sound; Miss Jean Ross, New Westminster, B.C.; Miss Anne Westcott, an English war guest at Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Will J. White and son and daughter, of Toronto; Miss Merle Taplin, Toronto; Miss June Pyper, Kirkland Lake; Miss Betsy Hiseock, Oshawa; Miss Fay McPherson, Kirkland Lake; Miss Lucille Mathieu, Kirkland Lake; Miss Gloria Lillie, Niagara Falls; Miss Joyce Palmer, Toronto; Mr. Dick McLaughlin, Oshawa; Miss Marlene Breerton, Toronto; Mr. Nigel Stephens, of Ottawa, and Junior Men's Champion of Canada, 1943; Miss Margaret Ross, New Westminster, B.C.; Miss Joyce Sall, Sudbury.

The number of skaters runs to nearly fifty, and nearly all available accommodation has been taken up in Schumacher. Miss Madge Austin, Instructress of the Porcupine Skating Club, will continue here this summer, along with three other instructors from distant clubs, Mr. Freddie Mesco, from the Granite Club, Toronto, former Champion of Belgium; Mr. Robert Courtier, from the Oshawa Skating Club, well-known American skater and Gold Medalist; Miss Beryl Goodman from the Kirkland Lake Figure Skating Club. Timmins and district will again have in its midst, Dr. J. Alan Priestman, the leading International Skating Judge Mrs. Constance Wilson Samuel, and Mr. Gordon Jeffrey, who will again judge the skating tests during the last week in school.

A familiar figure in this district is little Patty Scully, of Kitchener, who is practically considered a native here owing to her frequent summer and winter visits. She is returning to train under Miss Austin, and hopes to compete in the Canadian Championships next year. Miss Gloria Lillie, of Niagara Falls, another well-known skater in this district, is also returning for further training. Mr. Nigel Stephens, of Ottawa, Junior Men's Champion of Canada, will attend the full six weeks' summer skating session, and will be trying for his Gold Medal Test.

A schedule of sessions for each day has been drawn up and appears as follows:—

9 - 10. — Patches for Figures
10 - 11. — General Skating.
11 - 11.15. — Dancing
11.15 - 12. — Free Skating.
2 - 3. Patches for Figures.
3 - 4. General Skating
4 - 4.15. — Dancing.
4.15 - 5. — Free Skating.
7 - 8. — Patches for Figures.
8 - 8.30. — General Skating.
8.30 - 9.30. — Dancing.
9.30 - 10. — General Skating.
On Thursday evenings at 8.30 p.m., the McIntyre Band will accompany the dancing.
Public skating will be held on Wednesday and Friday evenings.
One of the rules that each pupil must follow when entering the art of figure skating are minor, and each pupil should study them carefully before starting anything. Each pupil buys a

patch which is her property for the session, and she must be in that patch within 20 minutes of starting time. The skater must not skate over the patch lines, and during the dance sessions, those who are able to dance are encouraged to do so.
Each pupil will spend the six weeks with extensive work and study, and will climax this session with a brilliant Ice Show at the close of the season.

Outstanding Stage Show at Legion Carnival is Featuring Famous Stars

Lee and Sandra, Top-Notch Dance Team, and Miss Patricia Bailey, CBC Songstress Making Big Hit. Also Stars of Local Fame. Show Held Every Evening at the McIntyre Arena.

Canada's top-notch dancing team, Lee and Sandra, who have won Dominion fame, were featured at the opening of the Legion Carnival on Monday evening. They also appeared every evening. They also appeared every evening. They also appeared every evening.

With a great deal of applause, the famous dancing team made their appearance, Miss Sandra appearing in a short version of a pink evening gown. Their fast spins, turns and intricate dance steps, were breath-taking; never has anything as marvelous as that been witnessed in the Porcupine camp. Encore after encore was called, until finally the couple had to bow graciously.

At 10 p.m., Monday evening, and each evening this week, the show opened with several members of the McIntyre Band supplying the music. Miss Lois

off the stage, to appear later in the evening in "Begin the Beguine," where they again stole the show with their spectacular dancing. Sandra chose as her outfit this time a blue spangled gown. As a last number, "Memories of Yesterday," humorously and cleverly presented, Sandra wore a becoming outfit of the eighteenth century, complete with large poke bonnet, and the two artists won the hearts of all with their rendition in dance steps, of a boy and girl courting.

A star of no less fame, CBC songstress, Miss Pat Bailey, whose clear and vibrant voice echoed through the Arena in beautiful love songs, brought down the "house," with her song renditions. She is a lovely blonde girl, with a quick and charming smile, and a delightful personality, and to this occasion, wore a pale blue evening gown, adorned with blue sequins. In a later appearance, Miss Bailey presented two Dutch novelty song and dances, which were humorously and cleverly presented. Miss Bailey was appropriately attired for this number, complete with Dutch "clogs," and at the close of her songs, went into a short Dutch dance which was very enjoyable.

Returning to the local stars, Misses Hilka Filpula and Helen Rhea Channen, appeared in an acrobatic dance, both performing difficult feats, completed with soft shoe dancing, making this enjoyable pair one of the highlights of the show.

Of great importance locally, as the other star, was Miss Bernice McGrath, whose renditions of "El Bacio," and "My Hero," (from The Chocolate Soldier), were thunderously applauded by the appreciative audience.

Miss Peggy Wetmore who was slated to appear at the show Monday, was unable to make an appearance, but during the other evenings of the week, appeared with some delightful song numbers.

This show, one of the most outstanding ever presented here, will be shown tonight, tomorrow night and Saturday night, and during these times, the acts and songs will be changed considerably to give the audience a certain amount of variety. These stars are presented on behalf of the Canadian Legion, Branch 88, who were able to bring them to Timmins and district, to entertain the large audiences nightly at the Carnival.



"JIM PROPOSED TO-DAY"

"... and six months ago he was going out with that blonde with never a thought about me. I don't blame him... I used to be cross and irritable before I got my glasses. When he met me after Mr. Curtis had prescribed these glasses, I could see he was surprised. He called up for a date. And he hasn't gone out with any other girl since then."

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