

Executive Director of Ont. Mining Association Speaks on Mine Taxation

Mr. N. F. Parkinson Urges Greater Thought and Study of the Question by the General Public. Shows that Continued Taxation as at Present Places Big Industry in Jeopardy.

At a meeting of the Porcupine Branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, held last week, the guest speaker for the occasion was Mr. N. F. Parkinson, executive director Ontario Mining Association, and his address on "Mine Taxation," was so carefully reasoned and so well presented that it should receive very careful attention from all. The mining industry is a vital one to Canada and the general public is very closely concerned with anything that may prejudice such an industry.

In opening his address Mr. Parkinson referred to the Match review of the situation and the presentation of the case by Mr. Balmer Neilly. Despite these comprehensive and effective reviews, the question was still frequently asked, "Why reduce mine taxation?" it thus being apparent that the average person simply would not study the question and form his own conclusions from facts presented.

Mr. Parkinson referred to the importance of the mining industry, its production of metal mines in Canada of new wealth to the extent of \$287,000,000 in 1939, its employment of 58,000 men in that year, and its support of 700,000 people in Canada according to reliable estimates. The importance of keeping such an industry in the fullest operation was apparent, yet Mr. Parkinson made it clear that unless a substantial reduction was made in taxation, the whole industry would be in jeopardy.

"The industry by its nature is dependent on venture capital for its existence," said Mr. Parkinson. He quoted from Mr. Mitchell's brief to show that while gold mining started in Canada in 1860, it was not until 1919 that the amount of profit from operating mines was sufficient to overbalance the expenditures on mines working at a loss and on the non-producing mines and mining claims. Mr. Parkinson pointed out that the successes and the returns to the investor from those successes must repay him for his investment in their successful operations, plus his losses in his failures, plus a reasonable overall profit, or "good-bye to the prospect money and the industry."

"Mining in a Decline"
The speaker quoted Ontario figures to show that mining is in a decline. In 1928 there were 14,747 prospectors' licenses and renewals and only 3,858 in 1942. There were 15,046 claims recorded in 1928, and only 3,595 in 1942. There were 183 mining companies and syndicates incorporated in 1928 and only 23 in the year 1942. He pointed out that many mining properties closed down through manpower shortage or other war reason would not be able to re-open after the war, and the situation was serious in view of the depletion of present mines and the failure to discover new ones. He said that 56 per cent of Canada's mineral production is coming from mining areas discovered prior to 1919 and only 16 per cent since 1930.

"Taxes even before the war," said Mr. Parkinson, "were increasing beyond the danger point." He noted that from 1902 to 1942, the gold mines have found taxation by provincial and Federal governments increased from \$1.56 to \$5.87 per ounce of gold produced. Base metal mines found even greater increases.

Important Place of Mining
Mr. Parkinson touched on the important place the mines must take in the reconstruction period. 5,900 men

have left Ontario gold mines for active service. Base metal mines have also made a big contribution in this line. Miners, he pointed out, are a very loyal crowd. He noted that it was estimated that given a return to normal conditions of manpower and equipment and taxation encouragement, the presently operating gold mines can employ 5,500 additional men within the first year, but this number represents only a very small part of those who will be put to work through mining and prospecting and development.

"It is probably almost unnecessary to point out to you that mines in Canada, both base metal and gold, have gone through a period when normal and very necessary development work has been sacrificed to production. The results:— (1) they have been including as profits and paying taxes on that unexpended portion of normal cost; and (2) they will be forced as a pre-requisite to normal, let alone expanded production, to undertake substantial expenditures to catch up.

Municipalities Need More Taxes
Mr. Parkinson made it clear that mining municipalities needed more taxes, and others should be an adjustment as to the parties to whom the taxes now paid are distributed. He dealt effectively with the question of royalties, and the present effect of this method of taxation.

Depletion
Touching on the question of "Depletion," he pointed out that the average man on the street thought of this as something being given to the mines for nothing. He showed that individuals and other than mining corporations received various allowances when figuring income tax returns. He instanced the case of exemptions for married people and for dependents, and for "depreciation" in plants and building. "Depletion" he said "is a real factor in mining and in oil production, and I think applicable to no other business. Mines are only in business so long as they have available a supply of pay ore. Their future life is definitely proscribed by the tonnage of ore ahael. As they use up that ore the life is shortened in direct proportion. The depletion allowance recognizes the progressive destruction of the asset from which the income is derived. Depreciation — if the mine lives long enough, gives back to the investor, free of taxes, the capital he spent on plant and equipment. Depletion — should be designed to give back to the investor, tax free, the capital he has spent in acquiring the dividend paying property, and the capital he has spent in developing the industry, from prospecting to production." Mr. Parkinson gave several cases in detail to explain the points he made in this regard. "With our present knowledge as to the average tax-paying life of mining companies," Mr. Parkinson said, "it is apparent beyond question or argument that a shareholder cannot, under the present rate of depletion, hope to get his capital investment back free of tax. Moreover, it is quite apparent that our present proposal of 50 per cent depletion allowance to company and shareholders alike is less than adequate for the average mining company."

Labour Relations
Dealing with the question of "labour relations," Mr. Parkinson said that this was supposed to be a contentious subject, but he failed to understand why. It simply meant the relations between employer and employees, and thus there had been "labour relations" from time immemorial. Mr. Parkinson quoted from the Workmen's Compensation Report for 1941 to show that the average weekly wage for all industry in that year in Group I was \$23.86. The average weekly wage for Class 5 (Mining) was \$31.77. The average weekly wage for the next highest class (rolling mills) was \$30.20.

Accidents
The speaker referred to the amount of real effort and real money going into the prevention of accidents. Even if there were some self-interest in this, the results were good for the employees and management is not yet satisfied but continues its efforts. He quoted from the 1942 report of the Workmen's Compensation Act to show the comparative hazards of various groups. The average assessment rate per \$100.00 of payroll for all groups was \$1.10; for mining, \$1.95; for teaming and cartage \$2.25; for building, \$2.51; for road construction, \$3.14; for lumbering, 4.16; for planing mills, \$9.54.

About Silicosis
Mr. Parkinson quoted from the brief presented by the Ontario Mining Association to the Ontario Mining Commission, in reference to silicosis:—"Gold mining in Ontario bids fair to be known, not as a producer of silicosis, but as the research industry in which was discovered and applied the means of preventing that disability which has been a scourge of the "silica dust" trades throughout the world."

To this, he added:—"The industry has in turn to thank the late J. J. Denry, of McIntyre and Dr. Robson, of the same mine, for the idea of aluminum powder application, the co-operation of the Banting Institute and its staff, and of Dr. Crombie and others, which, together with an expenditure of over \$300,000.00 in the conduct of the necessary research brought the favourable results."

Other Benefits
"The mines can hardly be accused of doing things to save their money in providing at considerable cost to them of group insurance, medical treatment and hospitalization plans, pension plans, community centres, and the number of special features of all kinds that are in effect in various mines. I think I am safe in saying that no other industry in Canada provides on the average so much in the way of extras. I have cited the above merely to confirm my first statement that we have always had labour relations in the industry and always have been a little ahead of the things we had to do by law or were pressed to do by our employees," said the speaker

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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

The new town council had a busy session Thursday evening, Feb. 8th, 1934, with the mayor in the chair and all the councillors present, and a large attendance of spectators, the hall being crowded to more than capacity. One of the chief items of business was the decision to purchase the tractor snowplow arranged for by the 1933 council. Also at the meeting street lights were ordered to be placed in the following locations:— corner of Kirby and Cameron streets; on Hemlock street, north of Eighth avenue; on Spruce street, north of Seventh Ave. A letter was read from H. R. Channen, town assessor since Jan. 1927. In part the letter said:—"Owing to ill health I request that I be relieved of my outside duties as assessment commissioner for the town of Timmins, same to be effective with one month's notice and I would respectfully submit my application to this or any other municipal department where my services could be utilized for indoor work." The council passed a resolution that did not even mention the assessor's request for a transfer, but simply accepted his resignation. There were many relief questions before the council. On motion of Councillors Bartleman and Laprairie, it was decided that an independent accountant be appointed temporarily to make a complete investigation into the 1930 and 1932 tax sales and also into the sales of town lots acquired by the town and that the finance committee be authorized to make such appointment, the expense not to exceed fifty dollars.

The week of Feb. 8th, 1934, The Advance made mention of amalgamation of dairies in the town and district. The purpose of this amalgamation was to provide the public with all properly and fully pasteurized milk. There were six dairies in the merger and they were to have a complete pasteurizing plant that would adequately handle all the milk of the several concerns merging for this purpose. There were six dairies co-operating in this way. They were: Sandino, Helmer Crown Dairy, South Porcupine, Workers Co-Operative Dairy Korman Dairy, Farmers' Associated Dairies and the Nora Dairy. The Timmins Dairy was not in the new merger but would continue as at the time, to supply its patrons with pure pasteurized milk, the Timmins Dairy being equipped with a complete pasteurizing plant equal to all calls upon it. With the arrangement made by the merging companies, a full supply of pasteurized milk would be made available to all consumers in the camp. The Advance said.

The following appeared in The Advance of Feb. 15th, 1934:—"The De-Eantis Mine in Ogden township, about four miles southwest of Timmins, is again operating on a well-planned programme of exploration and development. Recently New York financiers became interested in the property and are planning to test it out by exploration and development work. At the present time there are about thirty men at work on the property and operations are being carried on quietly but effectively. There has been quite a bit of work done on the property and the present plans are to follow up exploration and development to prove up the property. H. W. Heine is in charge of the operations new in progress at the DeSantis.

Owing to the weather and other attractions only a fair attendance of members was present for the regular meeting of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion on Monday, February 12th, 1934, with President T. Parsons in the chair. Brief discussions took place on the proposed plans for a Legion building, Comrade Murphy giving an outline of what is desired for the Legion here in this matter. Austin Neame spoke of the need for sending

a delegate from the Timmins Branch to the big Ottawa conference in March. This question was left to be dealt with at the following meeting. Nominations closed for the office of president for the ensuing year, with the following candidates on the list:— A. Neame, T. Parsons, J. Harris, A. Bellamy, Jas. Gowan. The following appeared in The Advance in part, ten years ago:—"The Porcupine Fish and Game Protective Association for some time past have been putting up a big battle to induce the Ontario Government to have a dam built on Frederickhouse Lake for the betterment of wild duck and game preservation. As the secretary of the association, J. D. Brady, has repeatedly pointed out it is very important that this work be done before the ice leaves the lake or this famous hunting ground will be lost to the district for all time. The type of dam necessary is a lumbermans dam with a large spillway to allow ice flows to pass in the spring. The estimated width of the dam at the proper site would be 150 feet. It would be necessary to raise the water approximately nine feet. The approximate cost is estimated at \$3000.00. It is absolutely vital that the dam be built at once while the ice is on the lake so as to save the growth of vegetable food necessary for the preservation of wild ducks and rats. Sportsmen in the district will recognize the good work being done by taking up this question. To lose the wild ducks at Frederick House Lake would be considered a calamity by the thoughtful sportsmen of the district. Other organization are back in the Porcupine Fish and Game Association in this matter and it is to be hoped most sincerely that success will be won."

There was a crowd of five or six hundred people at the boxing bouts at the Riverside Pavilion on Tuesday evening, February, 3rd, 1934, and there was much enthusiasm during the evening. The main bout was Roy Hamilton vs. Kid Lando. Roy boxed himself to another victory.

At about 4.30 Thursday morning, Feb. 15th, 1934, there was a spectacular fire just behind the T. & N. O. station at South Porcupine when two-storey sheds located in Whitney township were totally destroyed with contents. The loss was about \$5000.00. Trainmen on a passing freight noticed the fire and tapped the wire to send a message to Porcupine Junction. The message was relayed by long distance to Chief Max Smith at South Porcupine. The brigade was soon at work although the property was in Whitney township. On account of the deep snow there was difficulty in getting to the back of the building to fight the fire. There were ten barrels of gasoline in the sheds and these made the blaze spectacular and dangerous. Gasoline shot up fifty-feet in the air endangering firemen and neighbouring buildings. The sheds and contents were a total loss. Nearby buildings were also threatened but the spread of the fire was prevented by the good work of the firemen.

The following appeared in The Advance of Feb. 15th, 1934:—"Provincial Officers Pretorius and Strickland have taken up their new duties as provincial officers for the Porcupine area, with headquarters at Timmins. They have succeeded Provincial Constables Craik and Hartlieb, who leave this week to take up their new duties at Ottawa and Barrie respectively. Provincial Constable Pretorius has given excellent service in the North for several years. Recently he has been at Cochrane. Constable Strickland came from Toronto some months ago and has been on duty in the North since then. During the years that Provincial Constables Hartlieb and Craik have been in the North, they have won wide circles of friends. There was a banquet tendered the two officers prior to their leaving

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more than two months ago. I've gained fourteen pounds so that speaks pretty well for my treatment. Honestly the meals are just as good as they have in the majority of camps in Canada and much better than they have in a lot of them, especially that camp in Nova Scotia. I don't expect I'll ever run into meals as terrible as they serve in that place.

Well, I haven't much more to yell about just now but later on I will write again and have a little more to talk about. I haven't been up to Scotland yet, not because I can't get a leave but mainly because I haven't been able to save up a big enough surplus to have a good time. Since I stopped shooting "craps" a month or so ago I've had a devil of a time getting any good sized chunk of money to play around with. I made a resolution to quit gambling and I think that it is about the biggest financial blunder I ever made. I'm broke all the time now. However, I expect that I shall have enough to go on leave next month some time and I'll visit that native land of yours.

I'm enclosing a clipping from one of the Sunday papers here. I thought it was a rather cleverly written piece and clipped it out. Hope you like it.

I suppose you heard the one about the young German soldier on the Russian front who wrote a letter home to his mother in Berlin. The letter was something like this:—"Dear Mother:— Tuesday the Russians pushed us back thirty miles, Wednesday they pushed us back forty miles, yesterday they pushed us back fifty miles and today we were pushed back again. If this keeps up I shall be home for dinner on Sunday."

Pretty come, isn't it?

Well, bye-bye and best wishes to all the staff. Tell them to drop me a line. Tell Walter that I received a parcel of smokes from the Legion this week. They were the first that I got since I came over here so you can imagine how much I appreciated them.

There's another Timmins lad on the staff here. Don't know if you knew him or his folks or not. His name is Bob Tonkin and he used to live in the Hollinger houses somewhere. Another Timmins boy was taking a course here last week. His name was Bob Lazenby and he lived on Main Avenue near the Mattagami River end. I knew them both in Timmins.

Well, I must stop now, so once again good-bye and best of luck.

Your friend,
George

Canadian Soldiers Had Grand Time at Orphanage Overseas

And the Youngsters Also Had a Big Time.

The following letter was received last week from George Wallingford, sports editor of The Advance before his enlistment two years ago for active service, and who has been overseas for several months:—

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1944
Hello Mr. Macdonald:— Guess it's a about time I wrote to you again, isn't it. I've written a couple of letters to you since I came over here, but so far none of you folks have answered me yet. What's the matter, running out of ink or paper? Get the gang busy and send me at least one little letter. Sorry I didn't get around to writing before Christmas because I sort of missed out on wishing you the best of the festive season but you know what I'm like, always forgetting things. I really had the hardest time here before Christmas trying to find something to send to a couple of good friends back home. I wanted to send the girl friend a Christmas present of some sort but do you think I could find anything worthwhile to send her. There simply wasn't anything here that was any good so I finally settled by sending my sister two pounds and told her to find something the girl would like and to send it to her. Quite a problem isn't it.

How did you get through this year? Did the gang have a party at the shop as usual. I wish I could have been there but then again I was very glad to be here. I had an awful time getting over here and now it looks as though I'll be staying here for some time. Don't know yet whether I'll get into action when they open that long-promised second front but if I don't it won't be for lack of trying.

I had a swell Christmas over here, probably the best that I ever had. That seems strange doesn't it, being so far away from home and my friends, but I really mean it. It was a much different Christmas from any other that I spent but it was good. We had plenty of turkey and all the trimmings that go with it. In fact there was more than we could eat. And then we had plenty of liquid refreshments to round off the afternoon. All the serving was done by the officers and they did a good job.

After the "doins" at the billets four of us left and gathered together all the candy and gum and sweets that we received in our Christmas parcels and brought the pile over to an orphanage near here. All the little kids in there lost their parents and everybody they had in the world in the London blitz and they were really without anybody. We had the grandest time letting those kids climb all over us and get us all stuck up with candy and gum. It was really a lot of fun and besides those kids have a bunch of swell nurses looking after them. Now they have another job — looking after us in their time off.

Had a swell time on New Year's too. As was always my custom I had to get pretty well lit on New Year's Eve and this year was no exception. Long before New Year's four of us had arranged a little drinking party to usher in the New Year and we knew that there was going to be a shortage of spirits so we hatched a plan. We were already on pretty good terms with a lady who runs a Pub close to us and we just spread it on a little thicker for a while. We scrounged all sorts of stuff, as well as choice bits of our Christmas parcels, such as candy, gum, cake, etc., and the day after Christmas we brought her half a dozen real eggs. Well, that was the stroke that fixed things up proper. That was more eggs than she had been asked to get almost since the war started so we were really in a lily. She agreed to supply us with a fairly large amount of spirits for the new year. So when the new year finally rolled in we were busy drinking our way through three quarts of good Scotch liquor. Needless to say we all four got pretty woozy before we finally crawled back to barracks.

This country is starting to agree with me. I don't like the idea of spending a winter with no snow but if they keep me here long enough I suppose I'll get used to it. It is quite warm here now and it's supposed to be the middle of winter. It's a lot different over there, isn't it? I got a letter from my sister in Toronto and another from a friend in Cochrane and they both tell me that it is quite cold there now.

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Some Interesting Statistics on Boy Scout Work

Lastest census returns, completed in January, show Canada's total of Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs to be 87,095, an increase of 1,366 over the previous year. These figures do not include several thousand members of Local Associations and Group Committees.

There are 6,699 Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Rover Leaders and assistants in the organization in Canada.

Spread across the Dominion are 1,723 Boy Scout Troops, 1,591 Wolf Cub Packs, 68 Rover Crews, 41 Sea Scout Troops. Rover Crews are greatly reduced in numbers as Scouts of Rover age are all eligible for service in the armed forces.

Breakdown of Scout population by Provinces shows Prince Edward Island, 289; Nova Scotia, 5,236; New Brunswick, 4,558; Quebec, 8,176; Ontario, 40,320; Manitoba, 6,536; Saskatchewan, 3,553; Alberta, 4,563; British Columbia, 8,085; Salvation Army Scouts, 1,571; Scouts Catholics, 4,208.

During 1943, 10,919 Boy Scouts attended summer camps under Scout auspices, despite difficulties of transportation and rationing. This does not include a number of short duration Wolf Cub camps.

To give some idea of the effects of the war on the Rover Section of the Scout Movement (aged 17 and up) comparative figures show in 1939, 3,221 Rover Scouts, and in 1943, 852 Rover Scouts. Every physically fit Rover Scout in Canada is believed to be in the armed forces.

In rural sections where it is not possible to operate Scout Troops, Lone Scouts are operated, individuals carrying out the Scout programme either alone or in company with a few other boys in their area. In 1943 there were 999 Lone Scouts in Canada.

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