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FAIR PLAY FOR THE VETS

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a letter from "Legionnaire" in regard to the Veteran Guards of Canada. "Legionnaire," himself is a veteran of the last war, who was unable to serve directly in this war, on account of physical disabilities, but who has done his part, like the other Veterans on the home front by assisting in all patriotic causes, and particularly by interest and support to the great work of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. Incidentally, it does appear there are only two kinds of Veterans of the last war—those whose physical and other conditions have allowed them to go into active service again, and those who though deprived by physical or other circumstances from direct service, still through the Legion, and through personal effort have achieved once more a notable service for Canada and the Empire. It does appear that in all post-war planning there should be very special consideration for the Veterans of the last war, a large proportion of whom will be Veterans also of the present conflict.

"Legionnaire" suggests that the facilities at Montie be used after the war to provide a centre for the Veteran Guards of Canada, and that other similar centres be established at other points in Canada for the same good purpose. Whether this is the best solution of the problem or not The Advance is not prepared to say. But The Advance is very strong on the idea that something in a really big way should be done to recognize and repay the remarkable work of the soldiers of the last war. The Advance does not feel that the matter should be confined even to the Veteran Guards, though there should be something special for them. They not only served in the last war with distinction and effectiveness, but were a tower of strength to Canada during the trying days of peace when the enemy was preparing for the present war. Then when the present war came along these men were eager volunteers to serve in the cause of Canada and the Empire. Because they were all volunteers—eager volunteers—they seem to deserve special consideration. They have given a service that could have been given by no other group of men. They had the knowledge, the training, the discipline and the spirit that made their services of the very greatest value. If there is any neglect or indifference to these men after the present war it will be a most shameful disgrace to Canada.

The Veteran Guards of Canada have proven a wonderful strength and value to Canada in this war. The members of this gallant company left good positions to take a soldier's pay without hopes of all the ordinary soldier's rewards. They have served with distinction in the duties they have undertaken. Others of the Veterans have gone into the active forces and none of these have failed to give the best of service. Surely when the war is over, there should be special thought for these gallant men, the heroes of two terrible wars. In England, Australia, New Zealand and other parts of the Empire, there have been special plans made for these Veterans. It has been recognized that these men will have special problems to face when the war is over. The chief difficulty will be in regard to age. Vocational training and other plans will not be as practical for the Veterans as for younger men. In some of the parts of the Empire mentioned the plan adopted has been to establish them in centres where they carry on special industries such as the making of artificial limbs and the manufacture of poppies and other novelties. The Advance believes that the service given by the men of the last war during the trying days of this war has been so outstanding that something special should be shown in recognition of the service given and for the protection of the heroes who have served. The suggestion of The Advance is that the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League should be asked to formulate plans whereby proper appreciation and protection should be accorded the gallant men whose services in two wars have been no notable and so valuable. After this war there should be no forgotten men, and least of all should there be any neglect for the Veterans who have shown themselves such a loyal, dependable and valuable power for Canada and the Empire.

CONFUSION IS REGRETTABLE

It would be improper and unfair to prejudice in any way cases that are before the courts in reference to charges of neglect of children that are living and children that are dead. At the same time it is deplorable that these cases should be confused with any other case where there are neither charges nor even reasonable suspicion of any neglect, but where tragedy has been the result of accident. Instead of careless talk and confusion of cases, there should be only the deepest sympathy for the two mothers who were so sadly bereaved by the tragedy of Friday last in Timmins when two dear little children lost their lives when

fire started in a local home. The facts of this case appear to be quite plain. Every reasonable care and precaution appeared to have been taken for the care of these children. The home was comfortable and conditions were such that there was no possibility of foreseeing the tragedy that occurred. There seems no cause for reproach. It was simply one of those accidents that cannot be foreseen or avoided. The suffering of the two mothers in the loss of their dear little children should rouse the sympathy of all. Instead of confusing this case with other tragedies, the public should show its kindness of heart and its clearness of vision by assuring these bereaved mothers that they have the deep sympathy of all thoughtful people in their sad loss. It appears that the fire originated in a defective electric fixture. The children were in care of a girl of fourteen who was old enough and thoughtful enough to look after the youngsters in any ordinary circumstances. Indeed, it appears to be the case that the presence of other older persons would have only added to the possibility of further deaths. It would be well for the public to have the right perspective on such cases. There are two reasons why the tragedy at Timmins on Friday last should not be confused with other cases where circumstances and conditions were different. The first reason is that such confusion will tend to minimize the seriousness of events in the public mind. Those who know the facts will feel that in the one case there is no real blame or responsibility and the tendency will be to lessen the thought of liability in other cases. The second reason seems even more important at the moment. Fairness, decency and kindness forbid the thought that the sorrow of mothers should be added to in any way by any idea that in any measure they were to blame for this tragedy. There should be comfort for the bereaved parents in the thought that the deepest sympathy is sincerely extended to them in the sad loss they have sustained, and that all people who are able to think and reason as well as feel, assure them that they have no reason to blame themselves in this case which was only one of those unfortunate occurrences that happen despite the greatest care and thought.

UNCALLED-FOR INSULTS

Yesterday the attention of The Advance was called to an item in a local newspaper in reference to a fire call on Saturday night. The item read: "Saturday night, when Timmins firemen responded to a call about 10 o'clock women in local beverage rooms rushed to telephones in large numbers to inquire about the safety of their youngsters whom they had left at home." Such an item is a gratuitous insult to the beverage room, to the women of Timmins and to the town itself. It would be deplorable if women "in large numbers" were in beverage rooms around ten o'clock, leaving their children unprotected at home. The Advance has a much higher opinion of the women of Timmins than that. There may be a few such cases, and even one is too many, but the way to remedy such conditions is not to lie about them. So far The Advance learns there were few beverage rooms open in Timmins "about ten o'clock." Indeed, many of them did not re-open after 6.30 p.m. Of those that did re-open after 6.30 p.m. Saturday, the majority were closed before nine o'clock and most of the others before 9.30 p.m. The Advance has learned of only one beverage room in Timmins that was open as late as ten o'clock, though all are legally entitled to remain open until 10.30. This one beverage room that was open says positively that there was no particular rush to the telephone anytime during the evening. There is a public telephone near the beverage room that is normally used to quite an extent to call up friends, but Saturday evening there was no special rush on this phone. Indeed, it is doubted if it were as much used as is generally the case, while at no time in the evening was there any "rush" upon it. It may be added that this hotel volunteered the information that recently mothers who have left maids or other young girls in charge of their children for a few hours in the evening appear to have discontinued this plan, safe enough though it appeared to be, and they are missing from the beverage parlours altogether. If there was a beverage room in Timmins where conditions existed such as outlined in the paragraph quoted, then it was the duty of the newspaper to report it to the proper authorities, instead of making a pert paragraph of it. From extended inquiries made by The Advance, however, it does not appear there was such a beverage room Saturday night. Recent occurrences have inspired the most of the beverage rooms to care and attention to avoid improper conditions. The Advance is reliably informed that after Councillor Gladstone's remarks last year, patrons were discouraged from leaving baby carriages outside beverage rooms. In a few cases this handicap was overcome by leaving the carriages in the hotel rounda. In recent weeks these hotels have actively discouraged this. It would be a mistake to believe that conditions were ever as bad as sometimes painted. At the same time there has been marked improvement recently. The situation however, will not be helped by false representations or pure inventions. False accusations discount reports that may be true. The chief objection, however, to these sensational and silly imaginings is the unfair reflection cast on the town and the people.

There were three fire calls on Saturday night—one at 9.07, another at 9.40 and the other at 10.45. There was not a single beverage room open after 10.30 p.m., so the 10.45 call must be ruled out. Only a few beverage rooms were open at 9.07 (which is

hardly "near ten o'clock"). There were still fewer open at 9.40, and none report any telephone rush at that time. Neither the fire hall nor the police station received any calls from women for the 9.40 call, so the calls (if any) must have been to homes or neighbours, and these could not be checked. All in all it looks like the story of the little boy who said there were thousands of cats in their backyard. Under protest from his father, he reduced the number to hundreds and then to scores, and eventually admitted that "anyway there was our cat and another."

As to the reason that such items should be published, The Advance can only give three reasons: Inexperience, stupidity and irresponsibility. Of course, The Advance knows there was no intention to insult the beverage rooms. But it is the slur on the women of Timmins and the general reflection on the town that The Advance resents, and believes that every good citizen should resent.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

This present war is a battle for freedom, and that freedom includes the freedom of the press. Without freedom of the press all other freedoms soon vanish. Most newspapers realize this and are doing their duty on the home front. Those who prejudice the cause of the freedom of the press are working for the enemy. Unfair sensationalism

Timmins Firemen Defeat Firemen at Schumacher

Other Items of Interest from Schumacher and District.

Schumacher, March 24th. Special to The Advance.

Timmins Firemen defeated Schumacher Firemen 4-0 in a broomball game held Wednesday evening, March 22nd, at the McIntyre Arena. After the game the Schumacher Firemen were hosts to the Timmins Firemen when a nice social time, with community singing and cards, was enjoyed in the club room at the Fire hall. During the evening a dainty lunch was served.

The Schumacher "Victory" Club met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. T. Montigny, Fourth avenue. Five hundred was played and the prize winners were: 1st, Mrs. Len Thomas; 2nd, Mrs. B. Soucie; 3rd, Miss Nora Dillon; door prize Mrs. T. Johnson. After the cards a special report was enjoyed.

The three-act Irish comedy, "Lord Mayor of Dublin," was presented Wednesday evening, March 22nd, by the Ca-Bo-Gi club, Timmins, in the basement of St. Alphonsus' Parish church, Schumacher. Many attended and thoroughly enjoyed the play.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jenkin, Third ave., were in Kirkland Lake during the week-end attending the skating carnival where their daughters, Vera and Joyce, did some very clever figure skating.

Born—Friday, March 24th, in the Porcupine General Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Grant, Second avenue—a daughter.

Sergt. R. M. Montigny, R.C.A.F., has returned to his station at Valleyfield, Quebec, after spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Montigny, Fourth avenue.

Mrs. McDonald, of Toronto, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bennett, Fifth avenue.

Mrs. Belec, Railroad street, accompanied by Dorothy and Jack, spent the week-end visiting friends in Kirkland Lake.

A nicely arranged party was held on Monday evening in the Daffodil Tea Rooms in honour of Miss Lucy Lariviere, of Timmins, whose marriage to Mr. Hank Bielek takes place in the near future. Mr. Bielek is the instructor at the Lions Club swimming pool during the summer months. Hostesses at the party were Miss Lila Hoff, Mrs. Dobson and Mrs. Clarence Fiendal. A nice social time was enjoyed with community singing, and bingo and other games with nice prizes for the winners. The guest of honour was presented with a lovely chest of community plate silverware. During the evening a dainty lunch was served by the hostesses.

The Lenten Service broadcast from Trinity United Church, Schumacher over radio station CKGB Wednesday evening, March 22nd, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who heard it. The worship service was conducted by the Rev. Lora Carlson. The choir accompanied at the organ by Mrs. J. Huxley, sang a lovely anthem, Miss Gertrude Bristow singing the solo parts.

The McIntyre Football Club Ladies' Auxiliary held their card party Wednesday evening in the Workers' Co-op Store, corner Pine and First avenue. Whist was played and the prize winners were 1st, Mrs. H. Dobson; 2nd, Mrs. J. Schwab; 3rd, Mrs. Robertson; door prize, Mrs. James MacKenzie. After the cards a nice social period was enjoyed.

The many friends of Mrs. Roy Asselstine, McIntyre Property, Third avenue, will be sorry to hear that she is in St. Mary's Hospital, suffering a broken leg, the result of a fall in her home last Thursday evening.

A meeting was held last night by the Schumacher Group of the Township of Tisdale, re Comforts for the Porcupine Squadron. Councillor J. G. Malkin was in the chair. A concert will be held, Thursday evening, April 27th, in the McIntyre Arena. A splendid program has been arranged for the event.

Mrs. James Izatt, Second avenue, received word last night of the death of her mother, Mrs. Taylor, Lethbridge, Alberta.

Born—Friday, March 24th in St. Mary's hospital to Spr. Blouie Webber, R.C.E., and Mrs. Webber (Violet Harris) 73 Third avenue—a daughter (Dianne Margaret)

does more than any other factor to jeopardize the freedom of the press. To argue that there is anything modern or up-to-date about sensationalism is to talk nonsense. It is one of the oldest forms of incompetence in the press—the cheap, the easy, the lazy way. It is something to be carefully worded if the press desires to retain its freedom. Without fairness and honesty and decency of purpose the freedom of the press can scarcely be expected.

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

Kirkland Lake had a tragedy Tuesday night, in which the lives of some children and one adult were lost. It will be interesting to watch to see if the facts will be so twisted as to cast reflection on the town and the authorities. The tragedy in Kirkland Lake was apparently just one of those unfortunate accidents that occur despite the care and thought of all. But this will not save it from sordid misrepresentation if sensational silliness once gets going.

zic and Jessie, Mrs. Wm. Mansfield and Betty, Mrs. L. James, Miss Gwen Hobbs, Miss Marjorie Wharton, Miss Sheila Moran, Miss Mildred Verbeck, Mrs. Frank Armstrong, Mrs. James Scullion and Alice, Miss Gilberte Lariviere, Miss Patsy Dobson, Miss Connie Hoff, Mrs. Calvin McDonald, Mrs. D. Greer, Mrs. Ted Jones, Mrs. F. McWainnie, Mrs. Wm. Wallace, Mrs. F. Miller and Anne Marie Miller.

FIRST THINGS FIRST.

A Chicago gangster took it into his head to send his son to school. They arrived in the principal's study.

Father—What you got?

Principal—Sir, we offer arithmetic, trigonometry, spelling, etc.

Father—Waal, give 'im trigonometry. He's de woist shot in de family.—Globe and Mail.

The Huntsville Forester agrees with The Journal-Argus on the desirability of decentralization of industries. "The overbalanced population of the large cities is becoming a social and industrial problem," it says, "and it is certain that many plants for future production will be located in centres outside the cities." Early consideration of the subject is urged upon its local Board of Trade.



No. 10 Timmins Boys "K" Club Squadron

WEEKLY ROUTINE ORDERS

Issued by A.C. Flight Lieutenant P. T. Moiseley, C.O. No. 10, Timmins Boys "K" Squadron

Part I—Administration

1. Monday, 1915 hrs, Central P. S.
2. Thursday, 1915 hrs, Central P. S.
- Orderly Off.—A.C. P.F. A. E. Scholes
- Orderly N.C.O.'s—S.S. Belec, John; Cpl. Taylor, Leonard; Cpl. Villemaire M.
4. Special Duty—The following cadets will report at the Orderly Room at 1910 hours 3 4 44 and 6 4 44: AC1 Disley, Daniel; AC2 Engbers, Norman; AC1 Cavan, Robert.

Part II—PERSONNEL

A—Air Cadet Officers—Nil.

B—Air Cadets—

The following changes in personnel is announced: 285 AC2 P. Morel, Rene, taken on strength on probation; 86, AC1 Robertson, Walter, struck off strength on enlistment in Army; 23 LAC Jackson Richard, struck off strength for non-attendance; Leave granted for bush work to 203, AC2 Giraux, R.

Signed by F. A. Woodbery, P.O., Adj. for C.O.

Lovely Shower for Bride-Elect Monday Night

Miss Lucy Lariviere, Easter Bride-to-be, Guest of Honour at Shower.

Miss Lucy Lariviere, bride-to-be of next month, was guest of honour Monday evening at a lovely shower which was held at the Daffodil Tea Room, when a number of her friends gathered to extend their best wishes and to present the popular bride-elect with some lovely silverware. Co-hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Harry Dobson, Mrs. Agnes Fiendal and Miss Lila Hoff.

The guests enjoyed a delightful social evening, bingo being played and prize-winners being: Mrs. S. Gurevitch, Mrs. James MacKenzie, Mrs. Ted Jones, Mrs. Wm. Mansfield and Mrs. Gerald McDonald. Door prize was won by Miss Betty Mansfield. Community singing was enjoyed, Mrs. Geo. Robertson and Mrs. Agnes Fiendal playing the piano accompaniment.

After a delicious lunch was served Miss Lariviere was presented with a complete set of Wm. Rogers' Silverware, First Love Pattern.

Guests who contributed were: Mrs. O. Wallis, Mrs. Geo. Robertson, Mrs. J. Malkin, Mrs. Cecil Grant, Mrs. F. Dwyer, Mrs. Larry Wilson, Mrs. Howard Wallace, Mrs. Sam Gurevitch, Mrs. M. VanRassel, Mrs. Dat MacLeod, Mrs. Gerald McDonald, Miss Eva Hoff, Miss Theresa Larioce, Mrs. M. Beauchamp, Mrs. Henry Fulton, Mrs. J. Banich, Mrs. Ted Jones, Mrs. J. Marie, Mrs. M. Lariviere, Mrs. Gwen DeLuca, Mrs. Hazel Alexander, Miss Rosie Bright, Mrs. Roy Weston, Mrs. John O'Donnell, Mrs. Giachino, Mrs. F. Furlong, Mrs. J. Carrette, Mrs. V. Angrignon, Mrs. James MacKen-

Selective Service Staff Hold Gay Party Saturday

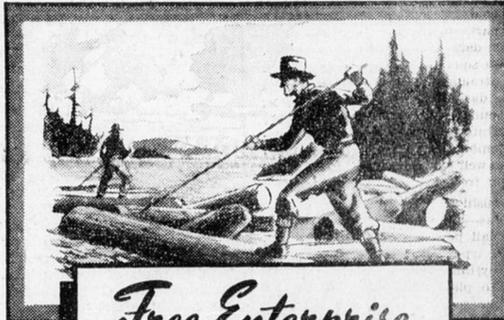
Happy Time Had by All; Anniversary Cake Honours Two Members.

On Saturday evening last, the members of the Selective Service staff here held a social in the Legion Hall. Many members and their friends attended, spending a most enjoyable evening dancing and having an all round good time. Sing-songs were also much enjoyed, lively tunes being played on the piano by various guests present.

A delicious lunch was served, and centering the luncheon table was an anniversary cake honouring Miss Anne MacPhail and Mrs. Lorraine Leveque who had completed two years' service with the Selective Service.

Among those present at the social were: Mr. and Mrs. G. Vachon, Mr. and Mrs. F. Beaudoin, Mr. and Mrs. T. Glaister, Mr. and Mrs. B. Alton, Mr. and Mrs. D. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. G. Charon, Mr. and Mrs. W. Zewezka, Mr. and Mrs. G. McGuire, Mrs. Norma Phillips, Mrs. Mabel VanRassel, Misses Norma Tario, Alice Demert, Marjorie Nelson, Colombe Malette, Mary Guilanardo, Anne Caron, Rita Prout, Laura Vartenuik, Garnet MacJanet, Messrs M. Nattres, R. Seguin, Ted Lamotte, Sid Chapman, Doug Bracken, Bill Whaley, Cecil Winton, F. Robb and others.

Globe and Mail: Now it is the ground-hog that must share in growing disrespect for traditions. Doubt is expressed as to the little animal having any instinct for forecasting the weather conditions from a brief observation on Candlemas Day. Sad to say, the Weatherman seems to share this skepticism.



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