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ALLOWING FAMILIES

In considering the question of allowances for children, there appears to be one feature of the case that is not given sufficient attention. That is the fact that if governments spend money on families, it is certain that attempt will be made to regulate and control and regiment families. There is no sphere of activity in which the governments ever spend money that they do not adopt a supervisory attitude as soon as the money is promised. This holds true in everything from building loans to old age pensions and from grants for roads to subsidies for wheat. The invariable principle of governments is to expect that the expenditure of money will carry with it a very decided measure of control. This fact has been impressed upon municipalities and individuals. Often, those receiving grants or subsidies find that in effect they have sold out at a low price. There is no reason to believe that the millions to be spent for the so-called "family allowances" will be given away without any strings attached. Money for families will inevitably be followed by regulation and regimentation of families. If the government enters into the business of buying babies, it will follow as a matter of course that the government will be setting the number, the style and the quality of the children entitled to what The Globe and Mail has called "the diaper dole." That is what happened in Germany and Italy where babies were bonused after the same plans as presented by Premier King. In passing it is interesting to note that a bachelor in Canada has attempted to plant the "diaper dole" on this Dominion, just as a bachelor in Germany adopted the baby bonus idea.

It will not be long now before government enthusiasts will be pointing out that it is only common sense and protection of the public that when the government is paying for babies, that the government should fully regulate the said babies. Surely, it is only logical that the administration should have the right to say what kind and how many children should be secured for \$200,000,000. Such a doctrine appears especially dangerous to freedom and the right, if Premier King is to administer it. It was Premier King who publicly declared that not a five cent piece of Dominion money should go to any Tory province. Of course that is some years ago, but Premier King gets no better very rapidly. It does not appear reasonable to expect that Premier King will allot baby money for any born Tories. It is hard to imagine the leader of the part of a party at Ottawa considering the bonusing of babes who do not promise to vote right. There is a possibility also that the government will insist on certain races and creeds and political faiths having an ironclad monopoly on the promised bonus payments. Conscriptonists need not apply. No doubt there will be forms to fill with nothing for the babes who do not come up to certain specifications as to weight and size and colouring. If Canada is to follow the Nazi lead for the idea, it is unreasonable to expect that Canada will also follow the German method of regulation and control.

The majority of reasoning beings appear to be against the "diaper dole," but seem afraid to say so for fear that they may be accused of being unfavourable to babies or families or whatnot. There is really nothing to be afraid of. The truth is that few believe that the babies will benefit from any baby bonus. It is more likely to mean a few more beers for the old man than any milk for the children. To suggest anything else is to indicate the very regulation and regimentation and just common everyday snooping and bureaucratic bull-dozing that The Advance refers to. In a word, it may be said that it is political bribes of this baby bonus type that men are fighting to-day. It is an alien, a Nazi idea, that the state should enter any scheme for buying big families. In babies, as in other matters, it is quality, not quantity that is desired. True lovers of babies will find no joy in Schicklegruber schemes for babies by wholesale.

THE NEW T. & N. O. COMMISSION

Those who had the pleasure of meeting the new T. & N. O. Commission on their tour of the North last week have new hope for the North. Government policy to-day appears to take the definite stand that the T. & N. O. railway is more than a means of transportation or a money-making concern. The attitude of governments of earlier days appears to have been re-adopted—that the T. & N. O. has a special mission as a colonization agency and a force for the development of the resources of this part of the province. This was the ideal that inspired the effort of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission of some years ago. That commission with Geo. W. Lee, as chairman, and Larry Martin and Col. McLaren as

commissioners, did valuable and effective work in the development and progress of the North. It is unfair and ungrateful to allow political propaganda to conceal the fact that these men served their day and generation effectively and well. This was accomplished without neglect of the operation of the line as a railroad enterprise, for the T. & N. O. has been admitted by those in position to know and judge to be one of the best conducted railways on the continent. The new commissioners—Col. C. Reynolds, R. Aubert and R. Potter—last week made it plain that the present competent and efficient management of the railroad will be continued, and will be given a free hand in the actual operation of the system. The ambition of the new commission is to increase facilities for tourist traffic, encourage new industries in the North, generally aid the development of the resources of the country, and plan the adoption of newer methods of transportation. In the latter connection, special attention is being given to the use of plane service, both as the most modern of transportation and as a means for the speedy development of the North.

The new T. & N. O. Commission has set itself a large programme for the development and progress of the North. "If we fail," said Col. Reynolds the chairman, "it will be our fault, for the government has given us ample power and support." The Advance looks for a large measure of success, but if there is some amount of failure, it may not necessarily be the fault of the new commission. Some of the blame may rest with the people themselves. Unless, the commission receives the active aid and sympathy of the people in general, their work will be made more difficult. With the active co-operation of all, the new commission may lead the way to early and pleasing colonization and development of this great North.

FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS

Every once in a while some Canadian newspaper suggests that Canadian soldiers overseas are not getting the world recognition they deserve. There have been similar suggestions in United States newspapers in reference to the U. S. A. forces. Not long ago an Australian periodical published an article on the Australian soldiers, sailors and airmen and indicated that the full glory of the gallantry of these men on service was not as completely recognized as it should be. There may be something in the theories thus advanced. It should be remembered, however, that anyone who reads the newspapers at all must be aware that the bravery and efficiency of the soldiers, sailors and airmen of Canada, the United States and Australia can not be questioned. At the very worst, there has been publicity enough to make that fact well known. No one should be little the great contribution of Russia to the fast-approaching victory, but at the same time it must be admitted that there has been generous and world-wide publicity for the Russian fighting forces. Much attention has also been given to the other Allied Nations and their part in the fight for freedom. Indeed, it is safe to say that never in the history of the world has the story of the war day by day been covered as completely and competently as in the present conflict. The various war correspondents and news-gathering agencies have reported the war on all its many fronts with an accuracy, a completeness and an efficiency that would be difficult to excel. Because of this fact, there has been due credit given in general way to all taking part. If there has been any oversight, it has been in regard to the old-line British regulars. And that has been more a matter of policy and tradition on the part of the British regulars than any lack on the part of the reporters. As The Victoria Colonist has pointed out, the British regulars are by long odds the least credited and the most continuously in action of any of the Western forces. The same brave and effective band of British troops that were at Dunkerque, battled in Tunisia, in Sicily, in Italy, and are to-day in the thick of the battle in France. Some of these old regiments have been practically wiped out of existence more than once, but in miraculous way have filled up their ranks with men of the same high traditions and the same undaunted courage. Once in a long while there is incidental mention of the name of some famous old British regiment with a halo of glory coming down through the years. There are recollections of mighty battles when these noted names are mentioned, but what is not generally realized is the fact that in the present war these old-line regiments are adding pages just as glorious as any that were written in the distant past. What Premier Churchill said about the airmen, in earlier days of the war might as aptly be applied to the British regulars: "Never did so many owe so much to so few." But if the reporters of to-day miss the stories of these regiments through oversight or tradition, history will make amends when the full story of the war is recorded.

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, a smile on our lips and our heads held high and with God's help we shall not fail."

Many of those who are overly-confident as to the

end of the war are at the same time great admirers of Russia and prone to point to Russia as an example that should be followed in every particular. The attention of these good people is directed at this time to the Russian opinion as to the end of the war. "Not likely before 1945 at earliest," is the Russian belief.

A local man, who would support anything that emanated from the part of a party at Ottawa, was arguing with a friend about the

South Porcupine Girls Injured in Car Accident

South Porcupine, August 30, Special to The Advance.
Mrs. Salonen left on Sunday for St. Catharines to visit her two daughters, Hilka and Helka, (16 and 17) who are recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident in Toronto last week. The two girls left here to do farm work after school closed at St. Catharines. Last week they left with Miss Edwards, of Toronto, for a short visit with Mrs. Edwards, while travelling in Toronto their car was in collision with another car and both the Salonen girls were injured. Helka had a severe cut over the eye and three teeth knocked out and Hilka had facial injuries. They were taken to Toronto East General Hospital where they remained for a day. We understand that both these girls will be going to school in Toronto next year and not returning to South End.

Timmins Airman Says the Allies Have Huns on Run

Interesting Letter from Flight Lieutenant R. G. Lake

"Nothing is wanted, seeing that we have the Hun on the run. I think we can keep him that way." This is one cheering extract from a very interesting letter from Flight Lieutenant Ron. Lake to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lake. Ron says that he is in the best of health and he was looking forward to a leave the next day or so. Other extracts from the letter, which is dated Aug. 13th, are given below:
"This may be a very awkward letter to write as I am sitting in a jeep and writing on a small board. . . . We have just completed another move, and haven't settled down very well, as we have had two "shows" already, and haven't had much time to work on our tents and beds. This is the third place we have been since coming here (France), and each one is dustier than the last. . . . By the time you get this, I suppose you will have been informed that Jack was wounded. Well, set your mind at rest, because he is quite all right, and I shall see him as soon as possible. He was only in hospital on this side for three hours when they evacuated him by air to England. I expect to go to England for seven days' leave either to-morrow or the next day and I shall certainly find out where he is and see him. Bob Bickford sent me a message about him and told me which hospital he would be in, but when I got there he had gone back to England. I met the Padre of the Queen's Own who was slightly wounded in the hand and he told me Jack had done a fine job. His regiment were to take a town and it seems they ran into machine gun fire. His platoon were the only ones to penetrate into the town, so he must have been right in the thick of it. The Padre said Jack was quite all right and that the wounds he had were very clean ones. He was hit in the legs but I was assured that he would not be maimed in any way, so I guess we could not ask for much more, could we?"

Urges More Mail and Magazines for the Sailors and Marines

Another Appeal for Kindly Thought for the Sailors of Navy and Merchant Marine

Dr. J. A. McInnis, president of the Porcupine Branch of the Navy League of Canada, makes the following appeal this week for more mail for the merchant marine and sailors:—
"With special mail planes assigned to transport mail to the Canadian First Army in Normandy special arrangements are made to get the mail to our sailors and merchant seamen as quickly as possible, there is no reason why our men and women of the Services should not receive mail. The only reason now to prevent a man or woman in uniform getting letters is, in case the letters are never written!
"Now, more than ever, with the boys living in fox-holes and slit trenches and engaged so thoroughly and lengthily in fighting back the enemy, and with our sailors and merchant seamen rushing the transports through with the ammunition and food our servicemen need, letters and indeed anything from home, are more than ever welcome and NEEDED!
"And the letters should be cheery, always cheery! And containing recognition of the fact that we will realize what our boys are doing for us.
"There are a lot of fellows at sea whose homes are far distant who still go for long periods without letters. Their lot can be lightened if, when their ship hits a Canadian port, a bundle of magazines or books or woolens are taken aboard for them.
"It means that we Canadians are proud of them and that we think

"diaper dole". The friend pointed out that he had been paying taxes for forty years, that he had raised his family, and that if the so-called family allowances went into effect he would sue the government for the allowance on the babies he had raised. "You can see," he said, "the position the country will be in, if everybody does the same thing." That staggered the part of a party man. But not for long. "Huh!" he exclaimed, "Next thing, you'll be suing the government for your great-grandfather's old age pension."

Stern Warning to Two Young Men Who Assaulted Girl

Magistrate Also Imposes Fine of \$20.00 Each and Costs of \$23.25

Schumacher Man Posted as Missing Safe Now in France

Schumacher, Aug. 30th, Special to The Advance.
Mrs. Charles Pupich, Eldorado Hotel, First Ave., has received word that her husband is safe and well in France.
Mrs. Pupich was notified three weeks ago that her husband was missing, but apparently this information was the result of certain transfers being made to other regiments in which Mr. Pupich was involved. It is, however, very welcome news for his relatives and friends to hear that he is safe and well.

enough of them to send them something from Canada. Some of the sailors are Canadians with no kith or kin to write to them. Some of them are from far distant countries.
"A magazine or a useful woollen article or playing cards placed in their hands through the agency of the Navy League gives them a mental boost. The magazines and woolies just come to us, though. You can send woolens to the nearest Navy Branch, while magazines can be dropped at any Navy League Branch or any British American Oil or Crown Dominion Oil Co., station for forwarding."

Those contributing but unable to attend were:—Mrs. M. Hodgins, Mrs. B. Curtis, Mrs. R. Cartman, Mrs. O. Bowes, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. H. Helmer Mrs. L. Harris (Timmins), Mrs. K. Farrell, Miss F. Connelly, Mrs. J. Nichols, Mrs. R. Withrow, Mrs. W. Murray, Mrs. R. Harris, Mrs. S. Jay, Mrs. W. Humant, and Mrs. T. Farrell.

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Death of Eleven-Year-Old Boy at South Porcupine

South Porcupine, Aug. 30th, Special to The Advance.
Mike Rechnyk, aged 11 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Rechnyk, Commercial Ave., died on Friday last at his home. The little chap had been ill all his life. On Monday services were held at 2 p.m. from the Pentecostal Hall, Golden Ave. Interment was made in Tisdale Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Huakin's Funeral Parlors.

Leaves to Enter Business in British Columbia Town

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Longmore and children left this week to take up residence in British Columbia. Mr. Longmore has planned to open a business of his own in the fruit belt valley. The family will be much missed here and all will extend best wishes to them in their new location. Mr. Longmore has been assessor here for ten years and has filled that position with credit to himself and advantage to the town.

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at 8 p.m.

For ELECTION of OFFICERS

To select delegates to the convention which will be held in Cochrane on Wednesday, Sept. 13th

Mr. J. A. Bradette, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, will address the meeting here.

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