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BEWARE DICTATORSHIP

There are two alarming tendencies to-day that threaten the freedom for which so many gallant lives are being so nobly given. The one tendency is the apparent desire to some "clothed with a brief authority" to assume the role of dictators. The other tendency is equally evil and foreboding. It is the tendency on the part of many to accept these dictatorial little demi-gods at their own valuation and allow them to assume powers and privileges to which they have no right. In some cases, it seems enough to repeat the inane words, "Don't you know there's a war on?" to induce some people to accept almost anything. Unless the one tendency is changed so as to counteract the other of these two miserable tendencies, the men returning from service overseas are liable to find that the liberty and democracy they fought for overseas has been stolen away from them at home.

It is fortunate, indeed, for Canada that there are still men big enough and brave enough to uphold liberty on the home front. Col. Geo. A. Drew, premier of Ontario, is one of these men who is not afraid to face the fury of the little Mussolinis and the misunderstandings of the mealy-mouthed who seem afraid to be free. In a radio speech last week Premier Drew gave battle to the political party-servers who have turned Canadian radio into a mere tool for partisan ends. Col. Drew points out that no society can remain free without freedom of speech—one of the first four freedoms which are at issue in this war. He proceeds to show that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has repeatedly denied this freedom of speech, and instead of radio being a great force at the service of all the people, by unscrupulous-like prejudice and shameless partisan favoritism, it has been turned into a mere tool for the expected advantage of a few decayed politicians of one political stripe. A rule adopted by the C. B. C. in regard to politics has been amended, perhaps by one of those deplorable orders-in-council, so that it is interpreted to mean that anything from the party in power is national and permissible while everything from any other group or party is forbidden politics. Hitler himself never bettered this as an instrument for keeping himself in power. Premier Drew may have used milder words than these, but he quotes concrete cases to justify the strongest possible language. Premier Drew concluded his address with these words:—"The time has come to realize that partial freedom is not freedom at all, and that there must be real freedom of communication over the radio, as in the press, and between individuals, if we are to be sure of retaining the principles which Canada is now fighting to preserve."

It is quite true that if the present unfair and unscrupulous policy is continued, radio in Canada will soon degenerate into little more than a medium for the glorification of every kind of fancy soap and every sort of ornamental soap, but strictly the one brand of political bull. That is just what happened in Italy and in Germany. And let no one deceive themselves into the idea that that would be the end of the matter. If the mimic Mussolinis can get away with this sort of thing in the radio line, why should they stop there? How would the average man view the situation if it were to be announced some dark morning that henceforth the mail service would only be available to loyal Mackenzie King followers? That might rouse some people to consideration of the principle involved. And it is not so unthinkable as it may appear to some. It should be remembered that at a recent session of parliament a number of loyal members of the House, some serving in His Majesty's active forces, were compelled to complain against the tampering with their mail in transit through the postal service and protest against the discrimination thus shown them because they did not belong to one part of a part of a party.

The Advance realizes that the radio can not be thrown open for every crackpot to air his peculiar views. There would be no quarrel with the radio for barring all political discussions and all religious issues. The protest is against the rank discrimination shown. Either the radio should bar all, or none. As it is, some are given free time and others equally worthy are refused the use of the broadcast at any price. There is no record of a premier of Quebec being refused time on the radio. Premier Drew is not the first Ontario premier to be the victim of such petty unfairness. Hon. Mitchell Hepburn, when premier of Ontario, protested in no uncertain way in regard to the discrimination that appeared to be shown him because he was an Ontario man and could not find loving words for Premier King. A clergyman attacked Dr. Shields over the radio and Dr. Shields was refused permission to defend himself through the same medium even though he was ready to pay for the time. Cabinet ministers seem to have

no trouble in finding allotment of time on the air, unless they happen to come from Ontario, or belong to a party that is not the remains of a part of a party. Radio should be free to all, or none. Paid time on the air should be purchasable by all on the same terms, or not to any at all. Too much emphasis can not be placed on the fact that a public utility like the radio should be absolutely fair and just and without prejudice or rank discrimination. The present method of conducting radio in Canada should be a hideous warning against the evils of public ownership. The present set-up shows what public ownership can do to the people in general. There should be so strong a protest against this evil attitude that the powers-that-be would be convinced that it is not even good politics.

BEWARE, AGAIN!

As will be noted by another editorial in this issue The Advance is heartily in accord with Premier Geo. A. Drew in his protest against the unfair dictatorship exercised on occasion by the C. B. C. As a matter of fact The Advance has been protesting for years against the unfairness and viciousness of the policy which confines the use of the air to a chosen few, instead of radio being available, or not available, to all on exactly the same terms. It is the duty of a newspaper to protest against any attempt to impose any incipient dictatorship in any line. It is the duty of a premier to fight against any effort to place public service under private partisan dictatorship. The Advance has backed the premier in his protest against one dictatorship; will the premier back The Advance in a protest against another incipient dictatorship a little nearer home. Last week some members of the Ontario Municipal Board visited Timmins, ostensibly for the purpose of discussing with the residents of Mountjoy township proposals or plans for organization of that township for government purposes. Through no fault of the Mountjoy people, but much to their inconvenience, the members of the board were late in arriving and, perhaps, unduly anxious to rush through the business. Apparently, the board members had preconceived ideas as to what should be done, but in fairness it must be said that they listened to the representations made by the settlers of Mountjoy with more or less patience. Mr. S. A. Caldbick presented the case for the residents in effective way. In concluding his address he made one point that seemed so forceful that the audience applauded. The chairman seemed to resent this applause with unnecessary animosity. When he was politely asked why the audience should be forbidden to applaud if they felt like it, he seemed to resent that question too. A wee local daily (to copy their own style) appears to be preaching a sermon on the incident with the idea of pointing the moral that government employees coming from Toronto should be treated like tin-gods before whom every knee should bow and every heart should quake. If the men of Mountjoy ever adopted any such servile pose, then The Advance would have to admit it never knew Mountjoy or the North. Now, that the incident has been given some little publicity, it is only fair to assure Premier Drew that there was no disturbance of the meeting and no disorder except what the chairman himself created. The Advance has been at scores of such meetings and the people of this North have always been orderly and courteous. Anyone who knows Mr. Frank Wallingford, who has been unfairly pictured as the centre of the supposed disorder, knows that he has the patience, as well as the experience, to keep within the lines of courtesy and parliamentary procedure. At the same time, he is intensely British in his idea of upholding the rights of the common man. One of these rights is the right to freedom of expression. The right to applaud within reasonable limit, of course, and no one pretends this reasonable limit was exceeded—is surely a right still open to the good folks of Mountjoy and the North. It wasn't a court of law. It wasn't a funeral. It wasn't some sad and solemn occasion surely. Mr. Wallingford's query may be echoed:—Why shouldn't the people applaud if they pleased? The question takes on still greater pertinence when the cause of the applause is known. Mr. Caldbick asked that the question of organization be not unduly rushed. There were many of Mountjoy's sons now serving overseas, and he suggested that it would be well to wait until they returned home and gave their ideas and opinions in the matter. The Mountjoy people applauded. The Advance applauds the Mountjoy folk for applauding that idea. Now, let the dictators do their worst.

What The Advance would ask Premier Drew to do is to take his employees aside and make it plain to them that they are just human beings and they are making a huge mistake to adopt any other attitude. He should explain more or less patiently that in the case of a meeting in Timmins where loyal orderly folk applaud, all a chairman has to do is to tell them he has a headache or his corns are bothering him, and his nerves are bad, and the folks will carefully refrain. The people here are kind and courteous, but they are not very gullible, except a few of them. If government employees, however, get the notion, as a few of them do, that they are a people set apart and no one should applaud in their presence without first obtaining their permission, then it is high time someone asked them, "Why?" Premier Drew does well to protest against dictatorship in

the C. B. C. He would also do well to stop the slightest approach to that attitude on the part of Ontario employees. The more he loves them the more he should counsel them against any approach to the dictator attitude in this democratic country. Look what eventually happens to all the dictatorial guys. See what's going to happen to little Mussolini and wee Schickelgruber.

GORGEOUS FLOWERS!

There is lots of snow in Timmins and the thermometer is looking for the thirty-below mark, but The Advance is feasting its vision on gorgeous flowers that make the eyes sparkle and enchanting vegetables that make the mouth water. Chrysanthemums in all colours; roses, red and white; asters; dainty mignonette; marigolds, forget-me-nots; nasturtiums; petunias; stocks; gladioli; snapdragons; and nearly every other flower that people love: all in their own beautiful colours. And vegetables—such vegetables—rosy red tomatoes; green peas, and what a green and such peas; carrots and radishes and turnips, squash and cabbage and celery—and the watermelon, already cut in half, with its gorgeous red centre open to the thirsty palate. Everything in flowers that the heart could well desire. Everthing in vegetables that could please the palate. All here.

The snow is all outside. The temperature is doing its best to get in as well as out. And the flowers and vegetables are here in the annual catalogue of the Dominion Seed House, Georgetown, Ontario. This is a wartime catalogue, but is worthy of note because though it is smaller than in some past years, it has maintained its colourfulness by ingenious methods. The printer's art has brought out all the beauty of the flowers, fruit and vegetables in all their natural

colours. Not only is the catalogue utilized to the limit but the covering envelope is printed on all four sides to save that much extra space and paper in the catalogue. Front and back of the envelope are coloured pages, while a note says that practising wartime economy to save paper there are two more pages on the inside of the envelope. "Slit the envelope down the left side and across the bottom," says the note. When you do that you have two more pages about flowers and vegetables.

The snow will pass, the thermometer rise again, but the book will survive both changes, and the entrancing flowers and the thrilling vegetables will come to life in this North where they will bloom and thrive like nobody's business, and in reality they will put their pictures far in the shade.

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."

There have been many discussions as to the difference between the C. C. F., and the Communists. It might be a fair statement of the case to say that the Communists would use force to get into power, while the C. C. F. would use force to stay in power if they ever got in.

General McNaughton has practically told the voters of North Grey that it doesn't matter whether they elect him or not. The voters should see that it matters to make it "or not."

Again to Discuss Mining Questions With Government

Association of Northern Mining Municipalities Planning Further Representations

To bring clearly to government's attention injustices in the Ontario Mining Commissions report, insofar as the northern mining municipalities are concerned, representatives of the Association of Northern Ontario Mining Municipalities will shortly journey to Toronto to interview members of the cabinet.

That the five member municipalities of the Association of Mining Municipalities have not been satisfied with the report tabled by the Ontario Mining Commission has been known for some time but it was not revealed until the Monday night meeting of council that an interview with government was impending.

The Ontario Mining Commission visited Kirkland Lake and at that time Reeve Ann Shipley, Chairman of the Association of Northern Mining Municipalities, presented the case for the goldmining centres. A voluminous brief was presented and gone over clause by clause. Of particular importance to the north was the need for a more equitable share of the mines income tax. It was pointed out to the commission that the mining municipalities should have a greater share of the tax since they provided the greatest service for the mines. At the same time it was shown that more money could be allocated to the mining municipalities without increasing the tax burden on the mines. It was suggested the municipalities receive more of the money going to the province, and to the dominion, particularly to the dominion, than the municipalities now receive. A special formula was submitted showing how this could be accomplished.

Consideration of this and other things was promised by the Ontario Mining Commission but when their recommendations were submitted to government it was found that many of the things sought by the goldmining municipalities had not been dealt with, or had been dealt with in a manner not pleasing to the northern municipalities.

A meeting of the Association of Northern Municipalities was called and at that time a brief was drawn up criticizing the findings of the commission and suggesting to government the need for some revision of the commission's findings. No copy of the brief has yet been made available to the press and on the occasion of the meeting the press was excluded.

No formal statement expressing the dissatisfaction of the northern municipalities with the commission's report was made until last Monday night when Reeve Shipley stated publicly that the report had not pleased the members of the Northern Mining

Municipalities and at the same time she stated a meeting with the cabinet would soon be arranged and asked council to authorize her attendance, and that of Clerk-Treasurer, J. W. McBain at the approaching conference.

Members of the Association of Northern Mining Municipalities include Kirkland Lake, Timmins, Tisdale, Whitney, and Larder Lake.

The reeve stated the mayors and Reeves of the members municipalities, and the clerks, would attend the conference with the cabinet. The council accordingly authorized the attendance of Reeve Shipley and Clerk-Treasurer McBain at the proposed conference.

Armada Mines Hold 134 Claims in Porcupine Area

Armada Porcupine Mines Limited, which was formed last November under an Ontario charter, holds a total of 134 unpatented claims in the Porcupine area, the company's prospectus discloses. These properties are located as follows: Bristol Twp. 16 claims; Whitney Twp., 20 claims; Bond Twp., 10 claims; Macklem Twp. 50 claims; Thomas Twp. 11 claims; and Godfrey Twp., 27 claims.

The company is capitalized at 3,000 shares were outstanding at the date of the recent financing agreement. Head office is at 36 Toronto Street, Toronto, with the Trust & Guarantee Company, Toronto, acting as transfer agent. Officers and directors, as listed in the prospectus, are: Lloyd Moffatt, president; Edgar McLean, vice-president; W. G. Chipp, secretary-treasurer and director; O. B. Millman and Gladys Griffith, all of Toronto.

Results of Drilling on Aumo Porcupine Holdings

Latest results of Diamond Drilling on the Aumo Porcupine Mines holdings in Denton Township, Porcupine mining division, have just been reported by officials, says The Northern Miner. Drill hole No. 8A in the current series returned \$480 gold per ton across 4.3 ft. of core, with additional values in copper and silver. One 2.3 ft. section returned \$730 in gold per ton. Drill hole No. 9A put down in the same general area, but to cut the ore zone at approximately 100 ft. deeper encountered a heavily mineralized shear for a core length of 13 ft. This core has been sent for assay but results have not yet been received by the company.

Officials state that the latest hole being drilled, No. 10A, is making good progress. Location is on No. 3 vein with a view to checking at depth a section which gave \$12 across a 14-ft. channel sample.

SIMPLE

"Here's my latest poem, 'Thirty days has September, April, June and my uncle,'"

"How could your uncle have 30 days?"

"The judge gave him them yesterday."—North Bay Nugget.

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The Confederation Life Association announces six appointments.

D. L. McDougall, formerly superintendent of agencies for the Central Canada Division, has been appointed general superintendent of agencies in charge of agency work in all fields of operation.

A. E. Wall, formerly inspector of field services, has been appointed superintendent of agencies for Central Canada Division.

Dr. E. M. Henderson, formerly medical director (part-time basis) has now been appointed medical director, full-time basis.

Dr. F. W. Rolph, formerly associate medical director (part-time basis), has now been appointed associate medical director, full-time basis.

W. J. Farmery, who has for many years been on the staff of the bond and stock investment section, has been appointed superintendent of the bond and stock investment department.

A. J. Trusler who has been, for many years, on the staff of the mortgage investments department and latterly in the building department, has been appointed superintendent of this department.

Canadian Forestry Corps Doing Great Work Overseas

Toronto, Jan. 4th. Special to The Advance.—One branch of the Canadian Army overseas that has been kept busy at its particular job since the first members arrived in Britain and which is now carrying on within gunshot of the enemy is the Canadian Forestry Corps, a branch that has received but little publicity but one that is doing invaluable work.

The Canadian Forestry Corps was organized in the last war when it was realized that much time could be saved in the production of rough lumber and logs for the forces in France and Belgium—as well as for defense purposes in Britain, by cutting down this work in Canada and

other countries and then using up valuable cargo space in transporting the finished product across the Atlantic.

The C.F.C. was organized and went to work in the forests of Scotland and did a great job but they could hardly be said to be in the battle areas. In this war they carried on for a time in the same manner as they did 25 years ago but once the invasion started the C.F.C. went along with the infantry, tanks and other branches onto the continent. Now several companies are engaged in felling trees in Belgium and they are so close to the front line that they keep their work in the forests or in the mills.

They prepare logs and lumber for all types of construction work and even make use of otherwise waste material which is most acceptable in filling in roads and muddy spots which are sometimes more than knee deep. This helps the transportation of men, vehicles and supplies to the front line.

One of the outstanding jobs credited to the C.F.C. was the construction, in the south of England, of one of the most revolutionary models in the history of booming. Constructed by men with previous booming experience in Canadian forests, the boom was able to hold the angry waters of the English channel in check. Such a model would have been dismissed as ridiculous and fantastic before the war but once again Canadian ingenuity, spurred on by the necessities of war, came to the front with a new idea which was successful.

The C.F.C. men who are working in Belgium, close to the border of the Reich, live in tents or sheds and barns and the mills are set up close to the scene of cutting operations. These mills are running at full blast and are cutting millions of feet of lumber for the Allied armies on the Western front. The mills are complete with blacksmith shops for repairs and the various companies carry on practically the same as Canadian lumbering units do at home.

Although the trees being cut down in Belgium are not as large as those of Canada or Scotland they are of a fairly good size, ranging from 50 to 80 feet in height and the lumber they provide is a most valuable weapon in the Allies' drive on Hitler's Fortress.

Some companies of the C.F.C. who were engaged in Scotland in the early years of the war have returned to Canada and the men have resumed their civilian jobs with lumber companies, helping to augment the war effort of the Canadian Lumbering industry.

SAFER ANYWAY

Repairs were being carried out on the roof of the asylum by a local builder who had asked for an inmate to assist him.

All went well until lunch time, when the builder's assistant clutched him round the neck, and, with a terrible laugh, said: "Come on, let's jump off!"

The builder was frightened almost an inspiration, out of his life, but suddenly he had "Oh, rats!" he replied. "Anybody could do that. Come down and let's jump up."—Globe and Mail.

The Globe-Democrat carried the following headline in an early edition: "Woman Born Feb. 29 Has Baby Same Day."

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