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VAL D'OR SHOWS THE WAY

The Housing Survey Committee is to be congratulated on its submission of a report on the number and condition of empty dwellings in the town of Timmins. The fact that the report is not too encouraging is no reflection upon the committee members -- it was known before the survey was begun that the housing situation here was not good.

What needs to be recognized at this time is that the Committee's survey should not represent the end of the attempt to secure more and better housing. On the contrary, it is only a necessary first step, required to be taken before any plan for improved conditions could be made.

The next step? Before proceeding further, perhaps it would be wise to take a look at what other

towns are doing. In Val D'Or, for example, a committee of 48 was established some weeks ago. We quote from the editorial column of the Val D'Or Star to show

what has been done in those three weeks: "The executive committee, set up at the first general committee meeting, met immediately the same evening and in complete harmony and agreement decided what needed first to be done.

"The two most important first moves-a survey of the lumber situation and letters to Ottawawere decided on that night.

"By the second executive meeting encouraging and authoritative reports were available on lumber and our chances of securing other materials.

"The news was brought in by J. C. Perry, manager, of Lamaque, and Paul Gauthier, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce Branch.

"The same night the committee agreed on the need for a Master Plan, before scale housing construction would commence, but not necessarily before the committee itself did further housing work!

"Only the fact that full information had not yet arrived from Ottawa prevented immediate incorporation.

"A joint meeting with the Junior Chamber of Commerce was called for last Friday night and more progress made in getting across the need for a Master Plan.

"Letters from the executive assistant to Hon C. D. Howe, a letter from J. L. Ilsley and one from W. R. McDonald have been received and are printed elsewhere in this issue of The Star.

"A public meeting to discuss a Master Plan is to be held shortly on a date announcing elsewhere

in this newspaper. "Some will ask: "Where are the houses?" but i must be remembered that the committee is organized to work toward a smooth flow of housing next spring, and it is difficult to conceive a better progress than already made.

"As a matter of fact the harmony and general agreement on the project greatly exceeds that found with most committees.

"And so it should be, when one considers that nearly every person in Val D'Or stands to gain from the work of the committee."

THE BOARD OF TRADE

We know of no organization which could do more to improve business conditions in Timmins than a Board of Trade. No other organization can do quite the same job. Service Clubs, as their name implies, direct their activities along different lines . The town council is to a great extent confined in the nature of its duties. The improvement of business men's lot is to a large extent dependent on their own efforts. Where one business man can do little, a well-organized, intelligently-directed group can do much.

During the war years, the conditions circumscribing business were such that little could be done. Little by little, however, the restrictions on raw materials and on production are lifting. By next spring the end of the war in Europe will be almost a year away, and business can reasonably be expected to get into its stride.

As materials become available those vacant store fronts will come alive once more. Towns will begin to compete as shopping centres and as recipients of the tourists' dollars. The extent to which business men will benefit from the increased flow of trade depends on how well they are prepared for it.

It is encouraging, therefore, to see that the men who have kept the fires glowing in the Timmins Board of Trade are preparing to stoke up again. Business men who are alive to their own interests proposed increase in activity. They will realize that a few men, no matter how energetic they may be, cannot carry the load of the full program of a successful Board of Trade.

In the very near future we hope to see a general meeting of business and professional men, whereupon arrangements can be made to give a full! measure of enthusiastic support to the Board of Trade and its activities.

SCHUMACHER NEEDS BOOKS

of money at their disposal for the purpose, our at once took over the full management and adfriends in Schumacher have decided to go ahead ministration of his world famous Canadian Sanc- ister at Ottawa. In a speech at Wash- the mind. with their plans for a public library. Their grant tuary. The Foundation has two funds, namely from the township for this year will pay for a the annual maintenance fund and the trust and Christian churches, and he followed he must be taught that music is merelibrarian and possibily the rent, heating and light- endowment fund. Any person or club interested this up later by cruelly exposing the ly a combination of air-waves iming of premises only.

initial period of operation. They have therefore dation, Kingsville, Ontario, Canada.

appealed to the public at large for contributions of books. Children's books, grown-ups fiction, books on history, travel and biography, all are welcome.

These may either be delivered to the public school in Schumacher or will be picked up from your home if you telephone 792-R. Residents in Timmins who are anxious to help may leave them What is your solution to the housing at The Advance office at 23 Fourth Ave., or, if you Problem? wish to phone 26, we will have them picked up.

Books are rather intimate possessions, and normally few people like to part with them. We believe, however, that for a project of this sort, you will be glad to give a few books, at least, to building materials become available add to the pleasure of others. Take a look over your bookshelf, pick out the books you can best blished city with large old homes that afford to discard, then reach for the telephone. You may then take a look in you mirror and view apartment houses. I don't think we the reflection of a public sprited citizen.

It is expected that after a year or so, Schumacher folk interested in the library will be able to arrange for its operation in the usual manner. In the meantime, however, they are anxious to that a general government housing against a remedy being found. make a start. Anything you can do to help them | plan would be in order in the springwill be well deserved.

THESE FREEDOMS

An important decision in the Supreme Court of Ontario, handed down by Mr. Justice Mackay recently, completely wiped out a discriminatory clause in a land sale convenant in Toronto to the effect that "The land was not to be sold to Jews or persons of objectionable character."

It has been a long time since we have seen so much favourable editorial comment as the above decision has called forth. This is as it should beso obviously so, indeed, that we thought further mention of the matter unnecessary. From what we have seen of the North, people of all beliefs and natonalities seem able to mingle here as freinds However, we have come upon a publication the contents of which, in our opinion, represent about the poorest form of writing possible - the the defamation of truly religious belief.

The publication is called "Protestant Action" and we put the name in quotation marks because we doubt if anyone but its editor, Leslie H. Saunders, could believe it represents Protestant opin-

Here is a sample from "Protestant Action" "Changes in censorship staff at Ottawa recall that this particular branch of wartime control was used chiefly as an agent of the Roman Church at public expense." And here's another: "So that the B. & B. foreman would keep within his monthly appropriation, two Protestants were laid off for several days. A 24-ft. concrete walk was laid (in war time), the men doing the work being Frenchmen employed by the C. P. R., while the local priest watched and gave advice."

Such writing, we contend, can have no other object than to spread dissension between Roman Catholics and Protestants. That, we believe, was its intention, and that it does not succeed in doing professional politicians were lousing-up so is a tribute to the common sense and decency of the general public.

Under the principle of freedom of speech, "Protestant Action" has a right to voice its opinion. Under the equally important principle of freedom of religion, the editor of "Protestant Action" has a right to his own belief in God.

But in the contumely voiced in the above quoted example he does little justice to the same freedoms which should be shared by all men. Freedom of speech and of religion are not exclusively the property of any race or creed. They belong equally to Jew and Gentile, and to Roman Catholic and Protestant.

Europe today bears testimony to what can happen where such freedoms are improperly exercised.

OTHERS EDITORS SPEAK

Evidently all is not as it should be in Orillia. Here, in protest, is the voice of the editor of the Orillia News-Letter:

"Speaking of Family Compact ideas, as many people are these days, our own Town Council is not entirely spotless. The policy of holding nearly all important discussions on town business behind closed doors in the mayor's office is, to say the least, hardly an encouragement to ratepayers to take the interest in council activities that they should. It may be significant or it may not that under this policy town spending has risen to the the times in which he lived and it may went on to say that if mothers would highest level in history — even more than back in the depression days when the rate jumped as the social conditions prevailing in fairy stories and Santa Claus were a high as 55 and 58 mills. At that time, the town didn't get a substantial subsidy and grant to lower real estate taxes and the municipality had

heavy relief and debenture burdens. "The latest meeting to be held behind closed doors was one in which the council considered applicants to operate a bus franchise in town. As any agreement made will have to be ratified by the ratepayers at a plebiscite, one would think the council would want the public kept well informed.

or ignore is that they are merely trustees of the realism are the Gradgrinds. They may only for fun. not be very numerous, and our Gradratepayers and receive their authority to transact Business men who are alive to their own interests public business only because they were empowered will be eager to lend their support to the Board's to do so by the citizens of the town. In the to do so by the citizens of the town. In the more subtle and scientific. administration of town affairs, therefore, they are directly responsible to the electorate and there is blurts out his suppressed contempt the fun and enjoy the mental stimuno reason why they should have to lock themselves for anything and everything that is lation of Fairyland. To the normal in an office to carry on town business."

There has just come from the press the semiannual fall and winter pamphlet produced by The Jack Miner Migratory Bird Foundation of Kingsville, Ontario. Jack Miner, the Canadian naturalist, died on November 3rd, 1944, and this Founda- sions of "fact." tion, which was incorporated as a non-profit, non-Although restricted considerably in the amount share organization in both the U.S. and Canada, grinds to reveal himself is Maj. Gen. to be pitied who is shut out from those in making a contribution may have full particulars myth of Santa Claus. Ther main difficulty is obtaining books for their by writing for literature to The Jack Miner Foun-

YOUR OPINION

THE QUESTION

THE ANSWERS

"I don't think a darn thing can be done about the housing shortage until again. We are not like an old-estacould be converted into duplex or should build basement apartments as a solution to the problem, either, --Subscriber.

"In this part of the country you are stuck until spring. However, I think acute and the labour problems go time -- A radio-man.

"I think they should build huge ter jobs than they are getting now." apartments something after the pat- - Store Manager. large modernistic apartments taking thought Mr. Knowles, until more men manage maybe fifty families with no ing was held up frequently because the problem and reduce the cost of so few. living." -- Veteran.

those that have houses are asking too even a door nob.

Progressive-Conservative motion crit-

icizing the government for ineffectual

attack to date charged yesterday that

British standards of living, and was

leading toward a crisis as serious as

Maj. Gen. Patrick Hurley as American

ambassador to China, following the

latter's resignation on the grounds that

Ballcting in some 400 steel working

A secret vote will be taken tomorrow

accept the proposal to end the 78-day-

told by Field Marshall Montgomery

that he expected to visit Canada this

of human nature, and while some of

Windsor to decide on whether they will fighting in Java.

War clouds grow darker over the ties state.

Canadian troops in Germany were Japs have been told.

the Attlee government had lowered

was downed, 162 - 27

the situation in China.

any since 1939.

old strike.

great a price." -- Citizen. "Build some more houses thats all can say." -- Passer-By.

"The Government should be asked by petition to release building materials. then if these materials were released people could construct new houses or repair those they already have." -- L.

thing of a temporary design to be used thoughtfulness, stubborness, fear and broker's office in the first place. until a solution has been found for courage of folk in general is what make the problem." -- Citizen.

Not very many families require not build four or five roomed cottages forecast the progress of the human "Well," he said, turning to us. "If more than four or five rooms, so why thereby accomodating the people and race for years to come, and a single you win, you win; if you loses, you expanding the town? -- B. L. Lang.

opinion in the matter, The Advance called on G. E. Knowles. "I don't think a great deal can be done as the shortage of materials is

"However, I am in favour of opening up imigration and bringing people in "I think these pre-fabricated houses from the devastated lands of Europe. would help solve the problem if they Then releasing materials for building can be suitably adapted to this cold and thereby making jobs for the reclimate." -- Peter Bromley, geologist. turned men who certainly deserve bet-

tern used in Holland. There they have Nothing much could be done, able. up practically a city block that, can and materials become available. Buildwaste space. If these were used here, of a lack of a few of the various items A group of men in Ford and General so hot. built by the government or any con- which go into the make-up of a home. Motors plants, asking for more pay. A cern able to do so they would solve Sometimes the items missing were not group of men asking the men in Tim-

"I don't think much can be done lack of a horseshoe nail, so a home to work making more busses. about it due to the lack of materials, could be held up by lack of a door, or A vicious circle: if the men in the

The Empress of Scotland docked in

that Russia will respect Iranian 30-

vereignty. However, it is rumoured

that the U.S. has taken the matter

directly to Moscow on its own account,

American occupation may cost them

Navigation is expected to continue

on the St. Lawrence until Dec. 12, if

weather stay right, shipping autori-

some 667 million dollars yearly, the

operations in Iran.

their jobs.

morning by striking auto workers in been called into use by British forces

organization a success.,

World News in Review

majorities. The score against the have ordered a defence at all costs.

Winston Churchill, in his heaviest homes left, of course.

NOTES TO YOU

Aside from the persons who are emthem interesting.

logical manner, it would be possible to er. Seeking a professionally informed years or so, might possibly serve the purpose of the thousands of journals continued on his way, is a fellow who which now portray the foibles of the knows all there is to know about the human race.

All of which is just leading up to better bus service.

our mind: A group of men in Timmins, asking, in effect, for more busses. case some of you didn't think we were mins to support them in their strike, Just as a battle could be lost for so that they will not have to go back

would be if, instead of asking for sup-Commons saw two "want of confi- charge have heard that armed forces port in their strike, they went back to dence" motions defeated by strong are marching toward the city, and work and turned out vehicles to support the miners. What would happen, we wonder, if instead of going to the town council, the miner's delegation planning for full production was 140 - Halifax Tuesday night. Some four had written to the strikers for help? 47. A similar motion by the C. C. F. thousand veterans disembarked and But we don't suppose this will hapentrained for their homes across Canada. Presuming there are any pen. Being human beings, and not entirely logical people, we shall go on

concern for the state of the market, we wandered into a broker's office the General George Marshall succeeds seeking information on Red Army other day We had not been in such an office since a never-to-be-forgotten day in October, 1929, and consequently Moscow, via radio, has been saying we were just a little ill at ease

Russia is ready to give full co-operation to make the United Nations company, we felt that everybody there was looking at us, giving us the onceover, and trying to make up their plants indicates a vote of almost five- Marking the first break n the Guelph minds whether we were a bull or a to-one in favour of a strike, urged by strike since Aug. 14, workers at the bear, a man or a mouse.

700,000 C. I. O. United Steel Workers Federal Wire and Valve Plant perwho are looking for a \$2 daily wage mitted some workers to return to Mosquito planes and tanks have

ployed as customs inspectors, tax col-

newspaper, published every twenty loses."

Ford and General Motors and other plants went back to work, the miners would not have to suffer from overcrowding due to lack of busses. Instead of which, the workers ask for support in continuing their strike.

We can't help wondering how it

Molotov is stated to have promised some time to come.

helping and hurting each other for

We tried to look intelligent. We

gazed earnestly at the board, wondered what all those chalk marks were, and fumbled, as usual, with pencil and

something that happened the other night. A group representative of the men who work at the mines, appeared busy to attend in person. However, before the transportation committee a goodly number of youngsters thorof the Timmins town council to ask for oughly enjoyed the warm hospitality

Men were having to stand up on the busses running between Schumacher and Timmins, the delegates said, and know. We were told. they thought a greater degree of comfort and safety should be made avail- much attention bolstered our ego no

For reasons of our own and with no

Being practically a stranger in that

Very self-consciously, we wondered whether our face looked like that of a loser or winner. Did we breathe sifecess, or failure? Did we look jubilant, or crest-fallen? We shall never know. Unable to bear

the scrutiny of so many eyes any lectors, etc., most people behave like longer, we stumbled out the door and "Probably if the building companies human beings. That is why we have stood on the sidewalk, trying to regot together they could set up some- newspapers. The generosity, meanness member why we had gone into the

As we stood on the sidewalk, another chap came out, looking like a soldier If everyone behaved in a perfectly after a bull-session with the paymast-

And there, we thought, as the chap stock market.

Yes, that fire alarm on Wednesday afternoon was us, though we were too of our back lane,

Nobody was injured, but there will be if it happens again. That we

Nevertheless, being the object of so end. Now we are people of impor-So here was the picture that came to tance, if only to the fire department. Just thought we'd menton our fire, in

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF TIMMINS

I. Arthur Llewellyn Shaw, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Town of Timmins,

"TOWN OF TIMMINS BY-LAW NUMBER 897

BEING A BY-LAW to authorize the construction of a Community Centre in the Town of Timmins.

WHEREAS is it deemed expedient to erect a Community Centre in the Town of Timmins at the expense of the Corporation at large upon a site to be determined.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED as a By-Law of the Corporation of the Town of Timmins as follows: 1. A Community Centre shall be constructed in the Town of Timmins

at the expense of the Corporation at large. 2. The Council may by resolution determine the site upon which the same shall be erected and may take all necessary steps to acquire the same.

3. The Mayor and the Clerk of the Corporation may with the approval of the Council to be declared by resolution engage the services of a qualified architect who shall forthwith make such plans, profiles and specifications and furnish such information as may be necessary for the making of a contract for the execution of the work.

The whole cost of the work including the acquisition of the site shall not exceed \$500,000.00.

The work shall be carried on and executed under the superintendence

and direction of the Engineer of the Corporation. 6. The Mayor and Clerk of the Corporation are hereby authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Corporation for the construction of the said work with some person, firm or corporation approved by the Council of the Corporation to be declared by resolution.

The Treasurer may (subject to the approval of the Council) agree with the Bank of the Corporation for temporary advances of money to meet the costs of the work pending the completion thereof.

The amount of the whole rateable property of the Corporation according to the last revised assessment roll was \$12,022,775.00.

9. The amount of the debenture debt of the Corporation is \$655,319,86 and no part of the principal or interest thereon is in arrears.

10. The special assessment shall be paid by twenty annual instalments and the debentures to be issued for the loan to be effected to pay for the cost of the work when completed shall bear interest at three per cent per annum or at such other rate as may be decided upon by the Council and shall be made payable as provided in the Municipal Act and amendments thereto".

If the assent of the electors is obtained to the said proposed by-law it will be taken into consideration by the Council after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication.

The tenth day of December, 1945 at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Office of the Town of Timmins in the Municipal Building in Timmins has ben appointed by the Council as the time and place for the appointment of persons to attend at the polling places and at the final summing up of the votes by the Clerk.

. The votes will be taken at the annual election of members of the Council.

The date of the First publication of this notice is the tenth day of November, 1945.

> A. L. SHAW, Clerk. - 46 - 47 - 48

On the grounds that there were prac- salaried persons received much help, problems in favor of socialization protically no income tax reductions at all Mr. Coldwell contended. for most tax-payers, M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, criticized the govern- Charging that the Atlee government

inent on Tuesday night. Only high- in Britain is neglecting major national sure.

House of Commons for a vote of cen-

an imbecile. Charles Dickens was a keen student

He was sure that everyone present, including himself, would have been his characters may have been overafraid during his 'teens to sleep on a grave in a cemetery. The reason was drawn in certain features, they are mostly true to life. The characters he that magic and ghosts were believed depicted were, of course, typical of in and thinking was distorted. He be said that they were the product of make sure children understand that England, particularly in London, in pretence and only "for fun", the disthe early part of the nineteenth cen- torted thinking would vanish as a retury. But although times and con- sult and would increase the chances ditions may change, human nature is of the human race surviving for 100

fundamentally the same in all genera- years by 75 per cent. The General himself seems to be We have our Pickwicks, Micawbers, entering into the realm of fantasy Dombeys, Bumbles, Fagins, Gradgrinds when he tells about a child sleeping and the rest of the Dickensian species on a grave in a cemetery, and claims with us today under different guises that human life would be extended to and circumstances. Outstanding 100 years if children were told that "What the members of council seem to forget among these in this age of science and Santa Claus and fairy stories were

> No child, unless he were a moron or grinds may not be quite as outspoken an imbecile, would ever think of sleepthing deficient in the child who can-But occasionally one of these realists not, without explanation, enter into not strictly in conformity with "Facts." child mind the world into which he The realm of imagination is outside has just entered is itself a wonder-

> try and fantasy, they are so tone-deaf "Heaven lies about us in our inand color-blind to the things of the fancy," said Wordsworth, "shades of spirit that they impatiently dismiss the prison-house begin to close upon them as non-existent, or as perver-! the growing boy" soon enough; but then fancy and imagination, poetry The latest of these modern Grad- and religion, remain. That man is Brock Chisholm. Deputy Health Min- romantic and refreshing regions of

logy and moral teachings of the teral truth about everything." then pinging upon the tympanum, that poe-In an address at the Women's For- try is an arrangement of words, syllum of the Young Women's Christian ables and ryhmes, and that the emo-Association at Ottawa, the General tions stirred up by these arts are un-

said that "no child can believe in agree with some modern psyshologists Santa Claus and not be afraid--be- who tell us that poetry and religion cause Santa Claus was then a ghost are the products of hyperacidity.

DEBUNKING FAIRIES AND SANTA -- unless he (the child) was a moron or By Lewis Milligan

of their mental orbit, and as for poe- land.

ington recently he derided the theo- If children are to be told "the li-

said that children should be told "the real and deceptive. jects, Winston Churchill has asked the literal truth about everything." He General Chisholm would probably