NOTES

TO YOU

The weekend thaw flooded our coal-

bin, thank you, and it has now frozen

solid. We mention this to reassure

those of our friends who doubted whether our supply of coal would last the

winter. The only way we can get it

out is by blasting, so it will last until

A local daily bearing the date of

January 7th, contains a story headed

Now there is a type of story worth ge-

ing after! Why Bother about today's or

temorrow's weather, when much more

accurate information is available on

the weather last month. Here is jour-

nalism at its ripest and best. Here is no

idle speculation on future conditions,

but a sound well-considered, clearly

"December Is Unusually Cloudy".

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LOTS OF LOTS

Regardless of our opinion, or your opinion, or of the opinion of the man down the street, there are certain facts concerning the housing problem in Timmins which are not matter of opinion at all - but which may, without argument, be stated as facts. These are:

- 1. There are 1,300 housing lots for sale in the town of Timmins.
- 2. That among the many classes of people who might be expected to buy these lots, our returned servicemen are the largest single class.
- 3. That, despite comparatively generous gratuities, few servicemen can afford to buy such lots at present prices.
- 4. That if servicemen find they cannot afford lots in the subdivisions already opened up, they will have to seek lots in unimproved land, in which event -
- 5. The town will be put to the expense of opening up more new roads, water services and sewers; and -
- 6. The owners of the 1,300 lots already available will find themselves exactly where they are today, with their lots unsold; in which case -
- 7. The town of Timmins will represent a sprawling patchwork of partly occupied subdivisions, with occupied subdivisions stretching beyond them, and further from the centre of the town.

We are not attempting to forecast the solution to the problem above outlined. One solution might be for the real estate operators to lower their prices. Another might be for the town, which would have to pay the cost of opening up a new subdivision, to spend this money instead on a subsidy to real estate men, to enable the lots now held by them to be sold at prices servicemen can afford. And another solution would be for the servicemen to buy their lots outside the present subdivisions, with consequent loss to the town and to the real estate men.

A good part of the solution rests with the real estate men of the town of Timmins. No one will dispute their right to charge what they wish for the property they hold. Nor will any disinterested person dispute the fact that they are singularly, free to make a very good profit on their property, inasmuch as the price controls which affect other business men do not apply to the sale of land.

It is unfortunate, however, that this profit should be made at the expense of the war veterans -to whom so many other people have been willing to grant an even break.

We conclude this editorial with a footnote to the effect that as the writer is an ex-serviceman himself, he may unduly prejudiced, and unnecessarily bitter. In fairness, therefore, we offer these columns to any real estate man, or any number of them, who feel that we have done him, or them, an injustice - we should be glad to publish their side of the story.

Any takers?

THE MAYOR SETS THE PACE

In urging a spirit of co-operation among councillors, and a business-like attitude toward the work in hand, Mayor Brunette will have the entire approval of all the electors.

No one, least of all the councillors, will object to his announced decision to run council meetings Terry voted against the resolution. "by the book" in an effort to do away with longwinded speeches and unnecessary argument. For here is no attempt to curtail freedom of speech, but rather an effort to secure equal freedom of mittee in most councils has proven to be a head- blame for this because it is my responsibility to year 1946 will be one of great progress for the of council from doing all the talking.

The Mayor's speech, considering the large number of subjects on which it touched, has set an example in clarity and conciseness which anyone in council could follow with advantage. appears elsewhere in this issue, and is well worth reading.

NO LOST VOTES

run in the recent municipal elections but who had ed to regret the loss of her talents in a department not received sufficient votes to sit on council. He for which she is so well qualified. also called on a previous member of council for

The job he had in mind was outside the sphere of activity of the sitting members of council, but it was closely connected with the administration of town affairs. He therefore chose men who had shown, by entering the elections, their interest in such matters - men who had the confidence of a considerable section of the community, as evidenced by the fact that they had received a large number of votes.

If the Mayor's action in this matter were to become a regular practice, the Timmins electors could truly say that there was no such a thing as "losing your vote", and a candidate could say, with equal truth, that while he had lost an election to a seat in council, he had not lost his chance to serve the town-

The idea seems to be an excellent one - and

For why should defeated candidates be pre-little easier. But accidents will still happen. vented from serving the town if they are still There is one further step to be taken, however willing to do so? The fact that they received a | we ask you to help keep the children off few hundred votes less than the others does not the streets. in itself render them less worthy. Their names All accidents are regrettable, and none more is also mentioned. may have been new to the electors, they may have so than those which result in the injury or death received less favourable publicity, or they may of a child. This is the type of accident which we have lacked the funds to advertise none would most wish to avoid; this is the kind which

these willing and able men?

Mayor Brunette has answered the question by should do what he can to back it up. reaching for his telephone. And incidentally, it

The Mayor is to be complimented on his action. The town is to be congratulated on obtaining the There is no more dangerous place for them to to children is worthwhile. services of an added number of capable men. Many voters have been assured that, while their favourite candidate is not sitting on council he is certainly helping it - they have not lost their

MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP

Mayor Brunette's name appears in these columns rather often this issue - but then he's had a busy week. Evidently anxious to get 1946 started on its work in a hurry, the Mayor has on several occasions this week suggested matters demanding council attention.

On Monday night, for example, he used the in getting the work done. opportunity afforded by the annual Firemen's Dinner to remind the council of action that might be taken by them in the new year. The Mayor pointed out that the government was asking for a 48-hr week and that many employers had not yet shown their willingness to fall in line.

The town of Timmins is itself an employer, and the Mayor suggested that as such it should show leadership to others.

force are at present working a 72-hour week, the of Timmins who have shown such excellent judge-Mayor stated, and urged that plans be made to ment. I am glad to see four old-time members of

mins is an employer it should be a good one. The With them is Councillor Bonhomme, a Councillor best and most efficient of workers usually seek of two years' experience, who, I am sure, has out the employers who offer them the best in gained considerable acquaintance with council wages, hours and conditions of work. If the business during that time and should be a better town wants good workers, therefore, it must com- councillor in 1946. pete with other employers.

But it is believed that it cost even more to be a Doran, a newcomer to municipal politics, from bad one. Efficiency results in economy. And if whom we are expecting a great deal of assistance the town did not assume leadership in fair treat- in the important deliberations we have before us. ment of its workers, the type of person applying Mr. Doran has wide experience in various forms for employment with the town would soon reflect of administration and is a man who has the good this condition — with definite loss to the taxpayer.

COMMUNITY MEETING PLACE

The vote against the spending of half a milon dollars on a community centre was definite very few were willing to pay the price.

It is believed, however, that a majority of the people would still like to have a place where they could meet on special occasions, where such things as concerts, flower shows, handicraft exhibitions, could be held.

like to see better provision made for youth wished to charge against us and we had no op- "We must work in co-operation with the school recreation, better gymnasium facilities and equipment, a place where youth could gather for a social evening.

In witness to the statements contained in the above paragraphs comes the suggestion, from several sources, that plans for additional school accomodation should include facilities for greater indoor recreation than is presently available, and that the possibility be canvassed of giving even wider use to such facilities.

Difficulties exist, and doubtless the various school boards and the council will encounter them immediately they consider the matter. But should try to extend into 1946 the same spirit to every child instead of just those whose parents if these difficulties may be overcome the citizens of co-operation that existed in last year's council. are able to afford it. of Timmins, and particularly the youth of Timrecreation - and this, as we remember it, was the purpose of the proposed community centre.

COUNCIL'S NEW CHAIRMEN

Council procedure in selecting chairmen for its various committees is to use the three candidates who led the polls as a striking committee. They trust they placed in us. name the chairmen in a resolution to be voted on by council, which usually approves.

The reason for her action becomes apparent when it is seen that she was allotted the chair- as closely as it should have been during the each of us undertakes our various tasks and carthe least votes, usually one of the newcomers to

In the recent election, however, the difference between the votes cast for the leading candidate was only 300-odd greater than the number cast for the lowest one elected. This, and the fact that Councillor Terry has some six years of council experience, during many of which she led the polls, may account for her apparent dissatisfaction with the striking committee's decision.

Many years of Councillor Terry's experience, The other day, needing some experienced men particularly in municipal finance, might well have interested in the town's welfare to help out on a justified the striking committee in placing her job of planning, Mayor Brunette reached for where her ability could be of greater value to his telephone, and called up the men who had the town and to the electors, who may be expect-

THE WRONG WAY TO PLAY

The editorial columns of The Advance, although they have brought increased temperatures in sundry places, have not influenced the weather a great deal. Ice and snow come along regardless of what we say! The best efforts of town and township employees, busy with sand and shovel, are not always able to keep the streets in accidentproof shape.

Considerable responsibility for accidents con- | Company in the U. S. A. are threat- strike which could affect nearly half a tinues to rest, therefore, with driver and pedestrian. This is particularly necessary, as the recent variable weather, with its consequent effect on road surfaces, brings daily additions to the police records of mishaps.

We can, of course, urge motorists to be more careful. We can ask pedestrians to move across so obvious that one wonders that it has not become busy intersections only on the green lights, and to do what they can to make the motorists' job a

of which reflects on their intelligence or ability. we can do most to prevent. Parents and teachers Why then should the town lose the services of should at this time give particular instruction in March this year,

the matter, and every pedestrian and motorist play - particularly when changeable weather

Lack of sizeable back and front yards are only and wheeling. can be stated that none of the men to whom too evident throughout the Camp and as a result Get the children of the streets, therefore. Get seek the larger areas provided by the streets, if possible. Any effort which will avoid accidents

defeats the best efforts to provide secure footing

there is a constant temptation for youngsters to them on to the sidewalk and into the school yards,

Terry's being the only dissenting vote.

head the Finance committee, it was

decided; J. V. Bonhomme, Water

Works; W. J. Doran, Fire and Light;

Philip Fay, Public Relations; Ellen M.

Councillor McDermott will act also

Terry, Welfare committee.

Councilior W. P. McDermott will

THE MAYOR LOOKS AT 1946

"We should try to get our work done of office, members of council in a business-like way?' Mayor J. E. sworn in by Clerk-Treasurer A. L. Brunette told the Timmins Council Shaw, with the exception of Councilior at its inaugural meeting on Monday. W. J. Doran, who had previously tak-Long-winded speeches, unnecessary en the oath. arguments, are out, said the Mayor, The Mayor made his customary ad-

voicing his intention to apply the by- dress to the new council and then law on council procedure during 1946, requested the three councillors who The Mayor pointed to a busy year had led the polls to bring in the ahead and stated the need for the names of committee chairmen for the most efficient use of the council's time new year.

After the Mayor had taken his oath were then put before council in the is given below:

"It has been a custom during past years for except to explain a material part of his speech the mayor to make a few remarks at this first that may have been misunderstood. meeting of the year and if the members of the council will grant me a little of their time I clause which states that every member who is would like to say a few words along that line.

"First of all, I want to extend my congratu-Members of Timmins' permanent fire-fighting ful candidates in the election and to the people shorten the week to the required 48-hour period. the Council, Miss Terry, Mr. McDermott, The point is well taken. If the town of Tim- Roberts and Mr. Fay, back with us again for 1946.

"Along with these former councillors who have True, it costs money to be a good employer. been returned to office is Councillor William of this north country very close to his heart. I am sure that he will bring to the Council many valuable ideas about the handling of town business and will prove an excellent addition to the Town Council of this community.

"Although I think it is much more important ing the war years so that victory could be wonthat we look forward to the work that lies ahead rather than look back on the past, I would like vice to the community. We have sidewalks to facilities of a bus waiting room, has work last year.

It can be stated, too, that most them would The paper just went ahead and said anything it lanes. We have to enlarge our market building. portunity to reply. I would like to say here that authorities in the extension of school accomoda-I think last year's Council did an excellent job tions and improvement of our schools. On the of handling the town's affairs. Anything that subject of school improvement, I think it would was done, was done without fear or favour and be wise for us to discuss with school authorities, after it had been discussed by the Council and the possibility of extending kindergarten services the first place if one had one's senses agreed upon in a democratic way. We worked in in the local schools. As many of the Councillors full co-operation with one another and did our know, several private individuals and organizabest to serve the people who trusted us enough tions have already started Kindergarten in Tim- ning Water". to put us into office.

our work of this year along the lines that were think that this service should be sponsored by the Services Ltd., who specialize in oils laid down in the past, by that I mean that we Municipality, and its advantages made available of other types, most of which are la-

"We should try to get our work done in a mins, will benefit from additional opportunity for business-like way, without a lot of long-winded valuable time and contribute to the neglect of more important matters by the individual members of the council. I am sure that if we enter into our year's work in that spirit we shall accomplish much and the people who placed us in office will feel that we have lived up to the

"While on the subject of long-winded speeches I would like to remind the members of the coun-This happened on Monday, and the usual motion | cil, both the new ones and the old ones, that was brought in and voted upon. All were in the municipality of Timmins has in effect a profavour, with one exception — Councillor Ellen M. cedure by-law which is supposed to be followed at council meetings.

past two years. There is no one but myself to ries them out honestly and thoughtfully that the see that the by-law is respected. When one re- town of Timmins and great benefit to the good spects the by-law, he is respecting the other other members of the Council.

be strictly enforced from the Mayor's chair this cillors who led the polls in the elections to reyear. I am referring particularly to the para- tire to the adjoining committee room and bring graph of the by-law which states that no member in their recommendation to the council regarding

of the Opposition in the Canadian celled

ening to strike on a decision to be million workers.

stuff. Russia has not mentioned it. troops.

House of Commons. Time and place

Britain wants to buy as much as pos-

UNO assembly in London.

sible from Canada.

reached Jan. 21

of the conference will be set by the

World News in Review

Keeping step with President Tru- Twenty-six brokerage houses, whose

man, who intends to have leading names have not been given yet, will

Republicans accompany him to the be summoned by the Ontario Secur-

peace conference, Prime Minister King ities Commission to show cause why

will take with him John Bracken, leader their registrations should not be can-

Herbert Morrison, British cabinet decision, as it may affect their col-

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Europe will commence at the end of the Ontario government has suggested

the Canadian occupational forces in tain taxing powers from the provinces,

Nations Organizations. Anthony Eden blem. He has refused to do so.

plants of the International Harvester is a possibility of a telephone workers

member visiting in Canada, states lection of unemployment insurance.

The 120 printers on strike in Win-

nipeg have been fired for "gross mis-

conduct", and are now appealing the

In sympathy with a strike which has

Stating that Britain was too small

Opposing the suggestion that the

a counter-proposal which would en-

already halted operations at Western

as Deputy-Mayor.

The names of Committee chairmen The full text of the Mayor's address

"I would also draw your special attention to the present in the council chambers when a question | yesteryear. is put shall vote on it, unless the Council excuses lations to you councillors who have been success- him, or unless he is personally interested in the that?

> "There are several other phases of this procedure by-law to which I would like to call attention Those of you who may have forgotten parts of it would be well advised to get a copy from the Clerk-Treasurer and get well posted on its con-

"In stressing the necessity for less useless talk at council meetings and more actual business I time. am not attempting to restrain the council members at all. I have in mind only that we have a by mentioning that last February was lot of work to do this year and that we must colder than last March, even though make the best of every minute in order to ac- it had less days to be cold in. And complish all the duties that lie before us.

"The time of active service overseas for our fighting men is over. The time of active service by the people at home to make this country a better place to live is only starting. We members of the 1946 Town Council have a big part to play in making this country better. We can start right here in our own community and make it a place that is fit for the men coming back and for all the citizens who have made big sacrifices dur-

"The coming year will be one of extensive serto take a minute to say a word or two about our build, sewers and waterworks to be extended and a much more extensive display this many other public works to undertake. We have "As you all know, the 1945 Council was rather to continue our program to make the streets of severely criticized by the local daily newspaper. the town dustless — by oiling all our streets and

mins. To fill the very great need for some form "I think it would be wise for us to continue of education for children of pre-school age, I

"For the returning soldiers we will have to make some real recognition of their service - first speeches and unnecessary arguments that waste by giving out the thirty-three hundred engraved by calling at The Advance office. Scrolls from their town and then by putting on some real function where they can all get together and receive the tribute that is due to them for the fine job they have done.

"We can also take whatever action is possible to remedy the local housing situation in our town, so that all these returned men and their families without exception, added a calendar and all the people moving into the town can to each of their exhibits. find decent places to live and a chance to settle down and make their living in Timmins.

"I know that all the members of the council evaluation of the work displayed, can are aware of the heavy responsibilities that rest at least find out what day it is. This upon us during the current year. I ask you for is more than can be said of most your co-operation and your hard work to do the "I admit that this by-law has not been followed work that is ahead of us. I am sure that if people who live here.

"Now, as the first step in the regular business "I want to say here that this by-law is going to of the council I am going to ask the three councan speak more than once to the same question, the various committee for the new term.

pute there.

expounded, fearlessly-published statement of the volume of condensed mois-

ture which hovered in the skies of Why can't we get hold of stuff like

For the benefit of the subscribers who expect nothing less than the best

from this column we rush, breathing heavily, into print with the news that the temperatures obtaining in August were ever so much more fun than those we had last March, although personally we can't kick, because we were swimming in the Mediteranean at that

Perhaps we can score another scoop for the luvamike don't our issue of Februrary 7th -- what we'll have to say about the weather in January will be simply breath-taking.

Seeking to maintain the high culthis column, we have spent hours during the past week in Dwyer's Gallery of Art, located on First Avenue, Schumacher,

This Mecca of art-lovers, which also season than last

Most of the artists whose work is represented there have chosen the female form as their subject. The forms this year are even more female than most and are a colourful major group in the exhibit.

Once one has torn one's eyes from -- the truly dominating work in the exhibit is a streamscape titled "Run-

belled "British American" Those of our readers who do not

get to Schumacher often enough to complete their education, may do so wherein hangs a framed copy of the work in question.

Most noteworthy feature of the enire exhibit is the artists, obvious desire that art should serve a useful as well as an ornamental purpose -- as witnessed by the fact that they have,

Visitors to the art gallery who may find difficulty in forming a proper

Christmas Roll-Off Prize Goes to M. Sura

The fire game Christmas roll-off, conducted over the holiday season at the Empire Bowling Academy, has been completed with M. Sura at the lead of the event with a total of 1313. In second place is E Berardini with a total of 1172 and in third place, B. Perry with a total of 1154.

The roll-off was completed by twenty of the towns leading bowlers and was well contested.

The regular bowling leagues have resumed activity again this week.



that the strike will become dominion-

automony, yet provide the funds re-

Canada will be among the 12 powers

attending a trade conference in the

A truce to the civil war in China

Winnipeg packing plant employees

plan to take a strike vote next week;

Vancouver packing workers vote on a

strike plan tonight; with the possibility

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has been declared and hopes are high

for favourable settlement of the dis-

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