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### THE HOUSING COMMISSION

ment of a Housing Commission may seem of lit- hadn't written them ourselves. tle consequence. Many of those discussing the situation this week take the view that it is "just another committee.'

It should be explained, however, that while the various committees which have had the housing Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union decided problem in hand were, at best, simply bodies to ask for representation on the recently formed created for the business of investigating and for Housing Commission. planning, the Housing Commission has the power action were laid.

Established by a by-law of the Town of Timmins, it has the power to acquire land, to build housing, and to arrange the required financing up to makes itself known only at this late date. imposed limits. In short, it has the power necessary to deal with the housing problem.

Of one thing the members of the commission may be sure - there will be no lack of interest mission. The council decided otherwise, but in in its activities. The problem with which it has this too, they can find consolation - the council to deal is one of the most important faced by the is elected to represent the people of Timmins. town this year. It can be assured, too, of the good will of most of Timmins' citizens. And in equal likelihood, the Housing Commission may face determined opposition by a small minority.

Commission, and on those responsible for those obstacles — the public should know its enemies as well as its friends. But whatever the difficulties faced by the Commission, these should not be permitted to interfere. The public welfare, and to a that council. large degree, the future of Timmins itself, depends on the Commission attaining its objective - a supply of sound housing, available at ex-servicemen) can properly afford to pay.

#### MR. BREWER HAS AN IDEA

In this week's mail was received a letter from Wendel B. Brewer, whose idea, whether he knew it or not, was the inspiration for an editorial in these columns last week.

His letter, dealing with the matter more ably the North Bay Nugget, under the above heading, army now, according to a recent for a new subdivision, up in this and in greater detail, is printed in this issue. It points out that school buildings, in use only eight outside of school hours. It urges that planners of Here's the rest of the editorial: new school buildings keep this aspect in mind.

mend itself both to council and school boards, a numbered sheet of paper. That is definitely Lacking a building created solely for the purpose, gambling and because the Ontario attorney-gen-Timmins' and other towns might be well advised eral does not like gambling, he is going to save to make the most of what they have. It is to be mother from perdition. Save her from the dehoped that Mr. Brewer, in the public interest, will gradation of a weekly night of bingo. end.

## IT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN TO A DOG

The by-law still stands, to the continuing disgrace of the Town.

heartedness, nine dogs were "disposed of".

and admittedly Timmins can stand any amount such pitfalls. of beautifying that flowers and well-kept lawns in the past week has not been particularly im- body's habits. days. The dogs could have had a few hours of somebody said or may have said. freedom without doing too much damage to the "There it is where the crusading attorney-genboulevards.

But we believe Timmins would have even more proletariat, might have made his start. to be proud of if this by-law were repealed and "He should "view with alarm" this marble busrun from October to April.

the extent that the stupidity of the by-law would news that the government has at last seen the indicate, the dogs would never have been in light in full measure and will proceed with the possible to have a community center Timmins in the first place. But it is believed a redemption of the younger generation. good many people in Timmins like dogs, and most "Surely he must realize that the older rene- utilize something that is next best? unchained during the winter months.

then it is suggested in all seriousness that the road.

Action to amend the by-law may be considered the corruption of the morals of the morble a small thing - but only by those who consider the corruption of the morals of the marble a child's tears to be a small thing.

The Editor.

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benefit of his study.

TO THE EDITOR

dressed by Controller McCallum of the Briefly, Mr. McCallum's conclusion

Toronto City Council on the subject was that for the time being at least

of Community Centers. Mr. McCallum | community centers should be based on

has spent a great deal of time during existing buildings owned by the

the past year, investigating on behalf people, and of course, he recommended

citizens of Toronto and he gave us the of his illustrations from conditions

comunity centers in the life of the The speaker, of course, drew most hours a day.

a Lions Club meeting. We were ad- municipalities on the subject.

of his vity government, the place of the use of the schools.

investigated very carefully, a number

Mr. McCallum stated that he had while conditions in Timmins are in ticable for the rest of the time? It

### BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Those who believe that a newspaper's editorials should be focussed on events occurring in the area served by that newspaper will take considerable satisfaction from the editorial page of that issue of The Daily Press which bears the date of January

One editorial in that issue urges stronger support of the Board of Trade by Timmins business tariors should commence any time. ships, valued between twelve and fourmen; the other mentions the annual report of United States: \$3.00 Per Year the Mountjoy Community Nursery School, and If the strike of steel workers in the at the same time as the statement commends to its readers the proposition that U.S. is not settled today, President that the number of unemployed in Timmins, Ontario, Thursday, Jan. 17, 1946 kindergarten training be made available to all Truman promises to make his own Vancouver has reached the 15,000 after going higher than a kite on the there might well have been murder children.

Both editorials are well-written, well-reasoned arguments concerning matters of importance to Iran is reported ready to ask the To many of those who have attempted to the people of Timmins and of the Porcupine Camp, United Nations Organization for profollow the rather involved story of efforts to and are very much worth reading. The only tection against interference in that solve the Timmins housing problem, the establish- thing about them which we deplore, is that we country by the Russians.

#### REQUEST FROM THE UNION

At its meeting on Sunday, Local 241 of the the witness box. Trying times, these

On the face of it, the request would appear to Kings of Egypt and Sauda Arabia, to act. There were definite limits to what the be a little late. Work on the housing problem committees could do, and within these limits they has been in progress for several months, yet operated as best they could. A survey was made, nothing has been heard of the Union's desire to a housing registry set up, and plans for further take part in it. Now, after the required by-law has been passed to set up the Commission, and At this point the Housing Committee takes over, naming its members, comes the announcement that the Union wishes to name a member. It is difficult to understand a display of interest which

It may be of some consolation to Union men to learn that, had Mayor Brunette had his way, one of their number would have been on the Com-

and this does not exclude union members. Union members have the same voting power in the municipal elections as have farmers, merchants, clerical workers, etc. All have an equal In fts own interest the public will keep a sharp responsibility for the voting which resulted in eye on any obstacles placed in the way of the the present council-which includes, incidentally, several mine workers.

The miners are therefore assured of representation on the town council, and, by the same Major Gen C. Vokes, commander of token, of representation on any body named by the Canadian occupation Force, it is

If it is genuinely interested in the housing problem, the Union could be of considerable help a to the Housing Commission by making a survey base and other valuable assistance to price which the average man (and this includes of union membership with a view to finding out Germany in return for the liner Brehow many miners would be interested in buying men, according to the diary of Adnew housing and what types of housing are de- miral Reeder of the German fleet. sired. An expression of interest and of desire to co-operate comes better late than never.

## THIS THING CALLED GAMBLING

"Gambling is gambling," says an editorial in

"whatever way you look at it." The Nugget looks at gambling from an amusing hours a day, might serve as community centres angle, mixed with some shrewd common sense

"So, it is illegal for mothers to go to some It is a good idea, and one which should com- hall once a week, to place little kernels of corn on

find the time and opportunity of pushing the idea | "Of course, if mother wants to go to a race track protest ever since. further. He should have little difficulty in find- when such a place is open, she will have no trouble It would seem that no one pays on 1,423,000 taxpayers with incomes ing citizens who will co-operate with him to this finding places where she may wager all the taxes willingly or, at least, gladly, and below \$1,800. cash she desires. Apparently, the same attorney- there are those who carry their obgeneral smiles beneficently on that race track jection to the extent of evading the Prof. McDougall says they represent

pastime.

"And, of course, father has some other outlets numerous ways of doing this, most of personal ircome tax payers of the Some twenty years ago, at the urging, we under- for his gambling instincts. He can go down town which are dishonest and illegal, but country, and he adds: "The longer stand, of some irate gardeners, the powers that be and bet \$10 or \$1,000 that a hole in the ground, or gal, are manifestly unfair and even come tax continue to be granted, the were persuaded to pass a by-law to the effect a piece of land where there is no hole, will turn unethical. that no dog might roam at large within the into a gold mine in time. Mother can pour her Hold, on, dear reader, and do not upon other sources of tax revenues." money into holes in the ground also.

"But if either goes fooling with a handful of may abhor the subject of taxation, rect, the the removal of these exempcorn at home or in somebody's hall intent on win- this is a matter that personally con-As a result of this ill-advised legislation — there ning a prize, that is really degrading and must be cerns you directly or indirectly, for were some nine charges laid in court this week. stopped. At least it must not be allowed to be- every evasion of exemption from taxa-As a triumphant testimonial to legislative hard- come a habit. It's on the straight road to perdi- tion throws an extra and unjust burtion and a kindly attorney-general will certainly den upon those who pay taxes. It is a good thing to have pride in one's garden, attempt to legislate mother and father away from

"But what about junior? Surely he has not can add to it. But the amount of gardening done been overlooked in this scramble to cleanse every-

pressive and so far as lawns are concerned the "Junior and the attorney-general both know mercial operations which are exempt visibility is zero. It is therefore doubted if any that spring is coming. And the marble season. from income and excess profits taxes, dog, searching for a spot to bury a bone, could do And think of the shame of it. Those boys play much damage to anyone's dahlias in the past few "for keeps". "Save the youth and you save all,"

eral, with his zeal for the redemption of the

another substituted for it permitting dogs a free iness and issue lengthy directives to all crownattorneys in the province, instructing them to If the citizens of Timmins really hate dogs to convey the good news to all chief constables. The

folk like them well enough to permit them to live gades, steeped in years and years of sinful bingo, deep in the degeneracy of dealing in wicked and If the town council thinks the by-law as it disgraceful raffles, are now so far beyond the presently stands is fair to the dogs and to the pale that it is a waste of time to endeavour children whose much-beloved pets they are - to legislate them into the straight and narrow

councillors, not the dogs should be "disposed of". | "Surely he should concentrate on preventing

ratepayers.

that existed in the city of Toronto and to utilize this investment where prac-

many cases dissimilar, we, in this

rapidly growing town, can profit a

a great deal more will be spent in the

future on schools that are used

## World News in Review

packing house workers has been au- charge. thorized by their union Those cmployed similarly in the U.S. are al-

suggestions.

France is ready to take over the trial of German war criminals, as United States and Britain step out of

should stay that way, according to the who protest against further Jewish

night, although controls will remain to some extent, as a necessary part of the anti-inflationary policy. Two men have been charged with

theft of equipment along the Alaska

highway. Thefts of U.S. Army mater-

controls may be eased in the next fort-

ial are creating a "desperate" situation, The Japanese government has resigned and it is reported that rightest

parties are vieing with the com-

munists for control

Meyer, charged with responsibility for a revision of prices, it is stated. shooting Canadian soldiers, came from

Russia at one time offered a sea

Churchill finds the current situation too interesting to retire from public life, rewsmen learned this week.

announcement. Sixty-five points will crowded northland.

BY LEWIS MILLIGAN

communities, one of the first penalties

I have just read an interesting re-

port by Prof. J. L. McDougall, of the

School of Commerce and Administra-

tion. Queen's University, in which he

gives the results of a special study he

has made of the income from com-

with estimates of the amount of tax

The report does not deal with al

tax-exempt organizations, but is con-

fined to the Canadian National Rail-

ways and its subsidiaries the liquor

control boards, electric power, tele-

by those exemptions.

A nation-wide strike of Canadian, do the trick for an industrial dis-

A Vancouver dockyard has received ready on strike. The parade of vege- a contract for the building of ten teen million dollars. This news comes mark.

> Looking for wage increases, 200,000 good to say about the Daily Press electrical workers are all set to go on If that is what those wide columns strike. The number of strikers in the does to you, we will take our usual por-U.S is at present around the million tion of spinach.

Argentine has its troubles, too. Factories emptied this week in protest against government action affecting their wages. Warehouses and businesses are being attacked by mobs in Palestine is an Arab country and Buenos Aires.

The whole Canadian Army set-up in Hollard is to come under investiga- to a place where you can buy, given plants fall off the sill on to the floor tion. Three officers who shipped cars back to America started it off. It is stated this week that wage

> at the Louis-Conn battle at the Yunkee Stadium in New York on June 19. Or you can read about it for a nickel, on June 20.

For \$100 you can get a front seat

Ontario and particularly Toronto was the centre of the "high-grading racket, according to a director of the Quebec provincial police. Toronto and Ontario police are quick to dery it.

The Wartime Prices and Trade Board deny responsibility for the slow- of any kind, and want to make sure up in the sale of new cars. Strikes Junior doesn't get his hands on it, have necessitated car parts being pass the word along to Mr. Kelneck --The reprieve from the death sen- brought into Carada from outside, it will be good business for both of tence awarded Major Gen. Kurt and these have in turn made necessary you.

> in 1945 than in 1944, the quarterly of snap, crackle, pop, au lait, the fit satisfactorily into any discussion bulletin of the Ontario fire marshal thought came to us -- is this column of current events. states. The fuel shortage, we suppose? | too good for our readers?

> the strap for juvenile delinquents, too rich a food, too rare a wine? Then, is out and help themselves to a cactus. when we were a boy.

A Niagara Falls couple are being commended for building a home with their own home on their three acres Eighty points will get you out of the of land. That three acres would do



# PRIVATE JONES BECOMES PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Opportunity is knocking for thousands of returned Canadian servicemen and women. With their re-establishment credits, many are starting small businesses, buying farms or completing their education.

Energy, initiative and new ideas will play a great part in the success of these new enterprises, but caution too, is needed.

Imperial Bank of Canada welcomes these new Canadian businessmen and offers them its services. Discuss your problems with us.

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# IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

Timmins Branch H. C. SCARTH, Manager

is readily agreed that school buildings would not be ideal for community center purposes but since it seems imdesigned for that purpose, why not

In Toronto, one of their difficulties was to organize the various activities for community betterment throughout the city but plans are now under way to centralize all community enterprizes and to give them leadership.

When future schools are built, plans will be included in the building for conveniences and equipment that secretary of the Commission, but his should be utilized by all the members of the community after school hours as well as during study periods.

I am not going to burden you with a list of the advantages and disad- mation, while private ownership is great deal by Mr McCallum's investi- vantages of such a plan but I suomit obliged to give a full accounting of its that our school boards and municipal finances to the government. It would It was recently proposed that a government should carefully consider seem that public ownership tends to of cities in the United States who had community center be built in Timmins | the plans that are being carried out become a tightly closed corporation community centers, and has also ga- at the cost of \$500,000.00 and rightly or by the city of Toronto so that as with private and even secret manage-While in Toronto recently, I attended thered information from Canadian wrongly, it was voted down by the time goes on, Timmins will not only ment and bookkeeping. have the best school equipment but | Prof. McDougall very rightly insists In Timmins, we have possibly a also a number of small community that, so long as any tax-exemptions million dollars invested in schools and centers distributed throughout this remain, they ought to be explicitly 16growing municipality.

approximately nine months out of the | through the medium of your paper, organizations which engage in business year, five days a week and for eight of members of our municipal govern- activities should all be cancelled. This ment and our school boards would be is merely a claim for justice and fair-What would be more sensible than | greatly appreciated.

> Yours very truly, Wendell B. Brewer

FAIRPLAY IN TAXATION phone and street railway ventures When man emerged from the savage owned by provinces or municipalities

state and began to live in organized and the great trading co-operatives. Prof. McDougall estimates that the he imposed upon himself for that ad- department of National Revenue lost vancement was the payment of taxes, from \$100,000,000 to \$125,000,000 by and he has been paying them under those exemptions. This last figure, he says, equals the personal income tax

These are extraordinary figures, and tax-collector altogether. There are 58 per cent of the estimated total of less likely is an easing of the burden desert me at this point. Although you If Prof. McDougall's estimate is cortions would reduce by more than haif the personal income tax on 1.423,000 taxpayers with incomes below \$1,800.

Furthermore, Prof. McDougall points out that these exemptions seriously affect private business. He declared that so long as the exemptions continue, taxpaying private enterprize will eventually be impossible where public ownership is possible; and that private business will be impossible where tax-exempt co-operative business can gain a foothold and then crowd the taxpaying business to the wall by rerevenue lost to the Dominion in 1944

investment of its tax-free earnings. The effect of this is to penalize all taxpaying businesses to the advantage of tax-free competitors. It also peralizes the customers of private businesses in many cases. "This," says Prof. McDougall, "produces gross inequality and injustice as between those communities with and those without public ownership of local untilities."

In making his investigations, Prof. McDougall says he was unable to obtain specific information regarding profits from published reports of public corporations. He states that the Ontario Hydro Commission's annual 1eport "lacks the first requisite of a !ull accounting of its stewardship, the full and clear accounting of income received." He made several attempts to obtain his information from the requests were evaded

It is a strange contradiction of public ownership" when the public, as the "owners", are denied such infor-

cognized in public accounts. But he Expressions of the viewpoints claims that tax-exemptions granted to play on behalf of all those who are forced to pay for the upkeep of govern-1 ment by taxation.

TO YOU

seems, from this corner, to be pretty the other of playing black and red well off his rocker this week. It's the cards alternatively. change in weather, we expect. First, he gets away to a normal start

with his usual housing blast. Then, subject of the town's dog by-law, he done that night. And her conversagoes into a spin and finds something tion held the same unique quality --

Speaking to Henry Kelneck the other!

He has expanded the Music Box from a place where you can buy recordings dow, one or other of the stunted the cash and the inclination, almost and makes our continued presence in

out of the Music Box.

But Henry is having trouble getting dom. instruments, seems if. Production of ! It was Mother who first introduced instruments, which lagged with the cactus into our family. She got her war years, hasn't caught up yet. radio programs mixed up one evening Young folk wanting to take up music, and sent in the tops of two Oldsmoand old folk trying to break a lease, biles to a seed house which, equally just can't get an instrument for the confused, sent back a free assortment

One youngster wants a violin, has since grown to the number of another a trumpet, and yet another seventy-five, which isn't a very big hankers for a sax. Failing to get number when applied to cactuses. enough new if struments, and wanting to see the kids started on their Winnipeg, that our cactus days were way, Henry is looking for used ones. So if you have a musical instrument

There were 1.318 less fires in Ontario our way through our customary bows "Withrow's Folly" -- none of which

And nothing is exactly what they get Simply crazy period.

NOTES

High on the list of weekend disasters coming our way was the bridge party on Saturday night. Our partner, gay in a powdered-egg gown with ketchup accessories, knew only two The guy who writes those wide systems of playing bridge -- one of columns on the other side of the page playing all the black cards first, and

> Were it not for the fact that her style of play was as confusing to ner opponents as it was to her partner she was under the impression that Bretton Woods was the forest in which the armistice was signed.

We often wonder why we married

While we're on the subject of our day. Henry, as you know, makes with family troubles, we might as well deal the brass out at the Pavilion and with the subject of our cactus collecdoubles as proprietor of The Music tion. About all we know about cactus Box. His trumpet is as sweet as ever, (other than the fact that the plural but he gets a sour note now and then is either cacti or cactuses) is that they are a nuisance.

Every time we go to look out a winanything in the war of music supplies | the house a matter of doubtful wis-

of the freakish plants. The collection

We had thought, when we left over. But no. As soon as it was learned that we were comfortably settled along came a shipment of

One of the worst things about cartus is the way they keep cropping up in the conversation. They are known by such odd names as "Mother and Other morning, as we were slurping Chickens", "Iddy-Biddy-Poo" and

Any of our readers who have learned Can it be, we wondered, that we are not to expect too much of life are in-An Ontario judge has recommended dishing out too heady a potion? Is it vited to come around when the wife "It hurts their dightity," he claims, as we came to the end of the cereal, We especially recommend the "Spiky "Dignity" is not the word we used we thought again: No. can't be -- | Amazon" or the "Left in the Dark" -nothing is too good for our readers. you will be simply crazy about them.

# BACK TO CANADA'S WAY OF LIFE