# **EDITORIAL**

The Porcupine Advance is now being sent, on our initiative, to four out of five homes in the town of Timmins. In many cases it will be, to put it frankly, an uninvited guest. It is hoped, however, that some measure of welcome will not be withheld from it on that

For there is a very definite reason behind the decision to give The Advance a degree of free circulation. The people who made the decision think the reason is a good one, and urge you to give some consideration to it.

Because it seems to us that there is a job for the Advance to do, a job which, despite limitations in other fields, it is well qualified to undertake, the job of working for the community welfare in a way that would not be possible for this paper, with a more limited circulation.

Two items of community enterprise in which The Advance is glad to offer its support are to be noted in this issue. One is a series of community sing-songs to be sponsored each Sunday evening by the Thamins Y's Men's Club in the Hollinger Park. The other is a questionnaire being put out by the Timmins Youth Welfare Council. It should be understood that The Advance takes no credit for either of these enterprises, both of which originated with the groups we have named. However, The Advance was interested and offered its support. The offer was accepted on the understanding that support from any other source would be equally welcome. It is not to be assumed that The Advance is the only paper interested in the community welfare, nor is there any indication that such is the case.

Competition in this field can do no one any harm, and may prove of benefit to many. In this hope The Advance embarks on the present experiment.

#### LET US SING

The proposed series of community sing-songs, to be held in the Hollinger Park on Sunday evenings seems a most excellent ideat It will in no way interfere with church attendance, and it offers a splendid opportunity for all members of the community to get together and to share a pleasurable program.

The Timmins Citizens' Band is to be congratulated on it's willingness to take part. An enjoyable band concert, beginning at 3.30 o'clock will precede the singing, which commences at 8:45, and it is believed the Band will be heard in other parts of the program. Other musical groups have announced their willingness to take part, and it is planned to make a bandstand available as soon as one can be erected.

All in all, it would appear that the Y's Men's Club has been happily inspired in sponsoring the effort, and we would urge all who can to attend the affair - as it would appear that a good attendance is all that is necessary to ensure its success.

#### OF INTEREST TO YOUTH

Elsewhere in this issue appears a "questionnaire" which should prove of interest, both to young folk and to their parents. It represents an attempt on the part of the Timmins Youth Welfare Council to learn exactly what sports, hobbies or other activities interest young folk; how many young people are interested in each activity, and what age groups they represent. The Council is also interested in the parents' point of view, as the questionnaire indicates.

If a goodly number of these questionnaires are sent in, the Youth Welfare Council hopes to be able to get a better view of the problem here - a view which will enable them to make plans which will make Timmins a better place to grow up in, and help eliminate some of the conditions which have prompted so many complaints about the lack of facilities offered for youthful recreation in the town.

Timmins young folk have another chance to help the Youth Council in its efforts in their behalf, by attending a youth meeting to be held in the council chambers at eight o'clock on the evening of Friday, June 21st.

The meeting, it is understood, has been planned with the purpose of giving the young people an opportunity to state their opinions of what can be done, and to say what part they are willing to take in any plans made on their behalf.

The meeting should be a thoroughly interesting one and we know of no reason why parents, or others who have the welfare of the younger set at heart, shouldn't attend it. If you want a seat, however, it might be well to get there early.

#### THE TWENTY YEARS OF MR. KING

We imagine Canadians are just a little bit surprised at themselves this week. Not disgusted, necessarily - just surprised. In a Nation which, it seems to us, has prided itself in disagreeing on almost every subject, it must be surprising that enough of them have voted the same way to enable one man to spend some twenty years in the office of prime minister.

One can't altogether blame the Liberals for this strange happening. They have, at various times, made enough mistakes to keep a considerable number of apologists working on a three-shift basis. Nor can one hold the Conservatives entirely responsible - they have made repeated efforts to find a better man. Nor can any useful purpose be served by looking askance at the C.C.F. That party has been energetic in pointing out the defects of both Liberals and Conservatives.

Perhaps, then, it were better to seek the reason for Mr. King's record of office-holding in the person of the gentleman himself. Even this course is a little baffling, for Mr. King has not the appearance of greatness. Nor has he the colorful attributes one associates with leadership - he lacks the Churchill cigar, the Rossevelt grin or the eyebrews of John L. Lewis.

Our guess, and a rather trite and amateurish one it is, is that Mr. King holds his job because of his unobtrusive genius for comprom'se. While he seems never to be able to please all of the people continually. those he offends during his term of office usually have something to be happy about before election time. Though he may alternately displease the left or the right, he seldom displeases both at once.

Perhaps in this, Mr. King is a greater man than we give him credit for being. Perhaps, in compromise, he has maintained a sufficient degree of unity in a country of complex problems to enable us to look about and find that, somehow or other, Canada has a record of progress that compares favorably with the best of what progress has been made in the past quarter-century.

Or pernaps a saner appraisal of Mr. King may be formed later, when we find how easy - or how difficult - it is to find a man who can take his place.

### COUNCIL AND THE VETERANS

We claim to know as much, and as little, of what the ex-servicemen have in mind, as the next man. While still maintaining their inalienable right to complain about their trouble in making a satisfactory return to civvy street, most of them will admit that the conditions of rehabilitation, the amount of gratuities and re-establishment, are in Canada equal to, or better than, those in other countries. Plans were made on a federal basis, with all of us sharing the cost.

We feel that perhaps more could have been done in purchasing land for the use of ex-servicemen before prices became inflated, so that they would not have been so heavily penalized when they came to establish homes for themselves. This too should have been a federal responsibility, but was not assumed as it should have been.

It has not been noted that municipal bodies have been asked to assume the burden in this respect, which should have been shouldered by the nation as a whole. Most civic bodies have made token acknowledgement of the obligation many feel to returning members of the forces. However lacking in money value that token may be, it has the same effect as the bits of ribbon which decorated the uniforms - a simple indication of appreciation for services rendered.

Some veterans value their service ribbons, some do not. To some the scroll, which the Town of Timmins plans to give the men who enlisted from here, will mean very little. To others is will be a welcome token of appreciation. It is a matter of taste or sentiment, but hardly a matter of argument.

did all the voters had given them any right to do — when they gave approval to the Wartime Housing scheme. Limited though the plan is, it will be a help. Coupled with the splendid work of the Citizens' Rehabilitation Committee, it will ease many a hardship, tide many a veteran over conditions which are a subject of complaint also to his older and younger brothers, who served at home.

However, if there are beefs, and we have not denied the possibility,

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#### PREMIER KING IN LONDON



Horticultural Society

Student Leader Will

Be Kiwanis Speaker

sentative on the Students' Council.

The town council at its meeting on

Wednesday had a total of five spec-

tators. One of them had something

with the by-law, the town engineer

severe cold and could have been treated

reported him 25 per cent disabled.

nothing else, the letter continued.

the matter, it was decided.

pletely done in.

The letter said the Silicosis referee

A local doctor had stated definitely

that he was suffering from silicosis and

definite on his mind.

masonry and fireproof.

stated.

Union Complains To Council About

Low Compensation For Silicotic

the meeting of empire prime ministers. LEFT to ister King.

The Right Hon, W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of RIGHT, Prime Minister Clement Attlee, of Great the Canadian government, is shown in the grounds Britain; the Right Hon, Ernest Bevin, foreign minisof 10 Downing St., residence of the prime minister of ter; Right Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian high com-Great Britain, after his arrival in London to attend missioner in the United Kingdom, and Prime Min-

### Local Jeweler Is Given Two Years In Kingston For Possession Of Gold

Sentenced In Cochrane Yesterday Following Arrest Here Last January

Francois Guillemette, a Timmins request from the Timmins Horticultur-Jeweler, was sentenced o two years al Society for an annual grant. The in Kingston penitentiary by Judge A. sum of \$100 had been granted in pre-B. Currey in Cochrane yesterday for vious years, the request stated, and the illegal possession of two large gold the Society would like an increase if Francis. buttons valued at \$3,123.12 and \$3,026.19 possible. respectively with a total value of

ory T. Evans of Timmins and the case held any increase in the grant. was prosecuted by Crown Attorney S. A. Caldbick of Timmins.

Guillemette was committed for trial by Magistrate Atkinson in Timmins last January and the evidence presented at that time disclosed that Guillemette had been arrested by members of the Ontario Provincial Police stationed in Timmins shortly after he had entered the Moneta Hotel on the night of Dec. 14. One of the police officers had found Guillemette seated in one of the hotel rocms with his overcoat on.

In the subsequent search of his person, police found him to be in possession of the two large gold buttons and a slip of paper bearing figures that tallied correctly with the weight and size, etc., of the gold buttons.

At the time of his being committed By-law Hampers to trial it was also alleged that Guille-Changes In Home mette had informed police he had carried gold in a similar manner on previous occasions, receiving \$50 for

### Ten Men Added To Fire Department

Council approved appointment of an additional ten men to the Fire Department at its meeting on Wednesday The move, which puts the firemen on an eight-hour day, becomes effective July 1.

The following are the new firemen: stated. James Burns, Ambrose Cantin, Con- "That's pretty stiff, isn't it?" Mayor rad Clairmont, Wm. Martin, Jack Mc- J. E. Brunette stated. Kay, Ralph Nicholson, Oliver Pietila, "We are working on amendments Leo Rochefort, Roland Tremblay, and now," Councillor J. V. Bonhomme Andrew Maxwell.

"I hope that the people of Timmin

and the members of council are not

going to let things like this go on

here," Mayor J. E. Brunette stated at

The Mayor's remarks had reference

to a letter brought in to the council

from Local 241 of the Mine, Mill and

Smelter Workers Union concerning the

case of John V. Shields, who, the let-

ter stated, was unable to work due to

silicosis, and who had been granted

the sum of \$5.29 weekly on which to

support his family which included five

'It has been going on for years."

"That is no reason for letting it

'Let us get the case examined," sug-

The communications quoted an ex-

gested Councillor Bonhomme, and the

Councillor J. V. Bonhomme stated.

go on," the Mayor declared.

no action could be taken.

the hospital again on March 8.

children.

council agreed.

### Installed Under Goldfields Hotel

Permits is \$26,233

Estimated costs for new building ventures on permits secured from the Given Annual Grant municipal building this week total \$26,233, an increase of \$4,238 over last Council on Wednnesday received a weeks total of costs.

Largest venture recorded is the building of a new home by L. Marien, per W. C. Harrisey, at 36 Carlin Ave., with the home to be built by Hill Clark

C. Desaulniers is undertaking the The councillors gave their okay to installation of a concrete foundation the sum of \$100 which had been pro- for a building to be erected at 233 Guillemette was defended by Greg-vided for in the estimates, but with- Algonquin Blvd., and to be used as a hotel and office when completed. The estimated cost of the installation of the concrete foundations is set at

> A new home is being built by Clarence Pryor of 38 Carlin Ave., at an estimated cost of \$3000 and additions to Korman's Dairy on Wilson Ave., The guest speaker at the Kiwanis is recorded as an estimated cost of luncheon at the Empire hotel on Monday will be Miss Helen Rhea Channen, president of the Students' Council of

> Cement basements are being installed at the home of M. Tactaskac of the Timmins High and Vocational 42 Kirby Ave., and A. Pexton, of 11 School. Miss Channen will speak on Helen St. with the costs for both venthe aims and purposes of the Stutures estimated at \$1000.

> dents' Council. Other guests for the A cost of \$1000 is also estimated for luncheon will include Mr. H. J. Runthe sheeting, stucco work and general nals, honorary president, Lois Eckford, repairs to be made to the home of secretary, and Ray Laakso, boys' repre-D. Colombo of Preston Lane.

> > The total of permits issued was 33, with the estimated costs of 26 other permits issued for general work, building and repairs, combined with those mentioned above to make the total of estimated costs.

#### Two Arrests Overnight

Overnight police activity resulted in He wished to add six feet to his the arrest of a solitary drunk and the house to provide an additional enarrest of a South Porcupine resident trance for the five apartments it concharged with having loquor in a public tained, but found himself stopped by the town's by-law covering such work,

#### which states that the wall of an apartment house stairway should be of Mattagami Dock To It he made any changes in his pre-Be Replaced sent building it would have to comply

Something is to be done about the condition of the government's dock on the Mattagami, a letter from J. A. Bradette, M.P., informed the town council on Wednesday.

Authorization has been granted for the expenditure necessary to demolish the dilapidated dock, and replace it with another structure on the existing piles. The freight shed will be moved to a new position.

There will be no change in the location of the dock, council learned.

## the meeting of council on Wednesday. Board then examined Mr. Shields and Fire Department Gets

Several days ago, the letter said, Mr. day, for the local fire department was Shields fell while working about the broken this morning with a call to house, suffering a black eye and hem- the end of Hemlock St.

morages through the nose from inter-On arrival of the department it was nal bleeding and the following morn- discovered that town employees were ing he was semi-delirious and com- burning away brush and a resident circus event. had seen the smoke and flame, de-The council will make inquiries into termined it to be a home ablaze and called the department in error.

tract of a letter written by H. W. An organization meeting of the ex- Boxes are to be placed in each of the Forester, claims officer, in March, 1945 ecutive elected to plan the collection schools on Monday and the students to the effect that Mr. Shields was suf- of clothing during the National Cloth- will be asked to pen notes to children

fering from silicosis, but that as he was ing Drive program to begin next week continuing to work without wage loss, was held in the rooms of the radio in Europe. The notes will then be make a hit in this district. station last night with President Frank placed in with the clothing.

mines for 16 years, 11 of them in the day it was decided to make the first with frequent layoffs, until forced in Thursday.

in hospital as he was suffering from a central depot for the drive.

Shields, who had been working in the With the drive beginning on Mon- in Timmins includes Frank Bailey, crusher house, had continued working, collection of the goods at 5 p.m. next local chairman; Harvey Freeman, re-

the clothing.

### Timmins Veterans To Get Better Homes Here Than Were Originally Planned

Most Of Wartime Housing Will Show Movies In Homes to Have Basements It Is Now Stated

who become elegible for occupancy of Ave. homes being constructed in Timmins find themselves in even better accomo- to attend dation than was originally planned. The majority of the homes being

ing will have basements, instead of the four-foot cement supporting struc- For Town's Park, ture called for by the original plans. The change will not add a great

constructed, it was learned this morn-

deal to the cost of the houses to the federal government, which is financing the construction and maintenance of and there should be no charge for the homes, it is stated.

The change will, however, in addition to benefitting the ex-servicemen New Basement Being who will occupy the homes, make them a better proposition from the town's point of view, when the time comes for selling them.

Tht town, at the end of a stated period, will have the option of purchasing the homes for nominal sums, Total Of Week's Building and in selling them will set the sales price to cover any loss of tax revenue which may e incurred during the rental period. The houses, which will be turned over to the town in first class shape, are expected to find a

#### **Entry Forms For** Garden Competition Are Now Available

stores throughout town are now carrying entry forms for the Victory Garden Competition of the Lions Club of Tim-

open to all residents of Timmins with a by-law will be passed for the appointa garden inside the town limits.

square feet; Class 3, Gardens be- have fence viewers. tween 750 and 300 square feet; Class 4, Gardens of 300 square feet and POLICE DEPT. GETS NEW CAR under; Class 5, juveniles with gardens of 100 square feet or over; Class 6, for

novices with gardens of any size. any Victory Garden competition in set.

this community.

Union Hall On Friday

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EVERY THURSDAY

On Friday night movies will be Due to a change in plans, veterans shown at the Union Hall on Third

The showings will commence at 8.30 under Wartime Housing Limited, will p.m. and all interested are welcome

### No Admission Fee Council Rules

"The park belongs to the people, entrance to it." Mayor J. E. Brunette declared at the council meeting held yesterday afternoon.

"Our permission for any group to use the park simply means that no two big groups will be given permission to use it at the same time," the Mayor added. "But if other people wish to use the park privately they may do

"Some of the activities in the park are for charitable purposes." Councillor J. V. Bonhomme pointd out.

"It is a town park," Mayor Brunette said. "Groups cannot charge admission to it. They can sell a ribbon or tag if they wish.'

The discussion was prompted by the request of Local 241 of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union for use of the town park for their annual picnic on July 21. The permission was granted unanimoulsy.

### The seed containers in the various Fence Viewers Are Sought In Mountjoy

The competition is being conducted Secretary of the township of Mountby the Timmins Horticultural Society joy, J. W. Speoner, stated this week for the Lions Club of Timmins and is that at a meeting to be held next week ing of fence viewers in the township All entry forms must be submitted to of Mountjoy. Tht purpose of this H. Read, secretary-treasurer, of 30 will be to settle disputes between Carlin Ave., Timmins, not later than neighbours over the conditions of their fences and to arrange for the main-The competition has been divided tainence of the fences by the neigh-

Class 1, Gardens over 1000 square Mr. Spooner stated that it was not feet; Class 2, between 1000 and 750 uncommon for farming communities to

EQUIPPED WITH 3-WAY RADIO

The latest addition to the Timmins A novice is stated to be anyone who Police Force is a new Plymouth Sedan, has never exhibited or won a prize in equipped with the three way radio

The radio equipment for the new car Prizes for the classes range from was installed by William Anendola of Keeley Electric.

# Circus Time Rolls Round; Kiwanians Prepared To Handle Mob Of Kiddies

Show is Bright, Clean, Educative, Club Learns At Its Weekly Luncheon

There was an open forum at the weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis at the Empire hotel on Monday. the meeting being given up to plans and preparations in connection with the Garden Brothers' circus at the McIntyre Arena, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, under the auspices of the Timmins Kiwanis.

Kiwanian E. H. King reported on the arrangements made in connection with the attendance of school children at the circus. He pointed out that on Thursday and Friday afternoons there One Call — In Error would be so many school children at the circus that a special number of A lull in activity, dating from Mon- Kiwanis would need to be on hand to About twenty of those present volunteered their services for this work.

Kiwanian P. T. Moisley reported on the advance sale of tickets for the

There were three visitors for the day: W. F. B. Cadman, of the New Liskeard Kiwanis, formerly of Timmins, where he was one of the charter members of the Timmins Kiwanis; Lorne Wood, of the New Liskeard Club; and Rod Matheson, formerly of Timmins, and now welcomed back here.

Kiwanian Cadman told the club that the Garden Brothers' circus had played at New Liskeard, and was an

New Liskeard Club.

for the singing.

Dr. G. C. Armitage Goes To Medical Convention

Representing the Porcupine District Medical Society at the annual convention of the Canadian Medical Association is Dr. G. C. Armitage.

Banff, Alberta, The first session opened on Monday and the convention is expected to last one week.

### Seek New Judicial District Here

The town council received on Wednesday a formal request from the Porkeep everything running smoothly, cupine Bar Association for support in the establishment of a new judicial district in South Cochrane. Such support, it was suggested, might take the form or a resolution to be passed on to Premier Drew and Attorney-General Blackwell.

The Town Council, it is believed, did all they could - and certainly

let us direct them to the higher-paid help, in Toronto and Ottawa.

### Clothing Drive Begins In Timmins Monday; First Collection Thursday

The Union's letter stated that Mr. Bailey in the chair.

The convention is being held at

"A progressive step, something better for the town of Timmins," was Mayor J. E. Brunette's comment on the proposal. The council agreed.

# Plans Made For

excellent circus, clean, bright and It was announced this week that educative. He was sure that it would plans were under way for the setting up of collection depots for the storing Kiwanian Wood gave much helpful of clothing gained through the National The executive in charge of the drive information in regard to the circus Clothing Collection campaign to be event, based on the experience of the held on June 17 to 29 inclusive. The clothing collected will be sent to re-

porter: Wilfred Brochu, chairman of for the luncheon. Community singing Only used clothing is being asked for December, 1945 to go to the hospital. The Kinsmen Club of Timmins are the collection committee of the Kins- was led by Kiwanian F. A. Woodbury, and washable clothing should be He returned to work, then had to go to in charge of the picking up of the men's Club; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, pub- with Jack Reid at the plane. It was washed but need not be ironed before goods which will be sorted and packed licity chairman, and Capt. Douglas announced that at future meetings turning the articles in. Other gar-A Dr. Taylor, the letter stated, had in the Red Cross rooms under the Church of the Salvation Army, in Jack Reid would play during the lunch- ments should be clean and sanitary thought the man had no right to be Post Office. The rooms being the charge of the packing and shipping of eons and also provide accompaniments but need not be freshly dry cleaned before being donated.