

EDITORIAL

HOW TO LOSE A JOB

There is little money to be made by doing one's own washing. On the other hand, it is possible to make some extra cash by doing laundry for the neighbors, provided of course that one can guarantee regular deliveries at reasonable prices.

To give the homily a wider application, it can be said that Canada, as a nation, cannot improve the standard of living of its citizens beyond a certain point, unless it establishes trade with its neighbor nations throughout the world.

At the end of the war Canada found itself in a favored position to do just this. It was geared to an all-time peak in industrial production. If it could change over to peacetime lines of manufacturing, there existed some scores of nations whose industry has been so damaged by war that they would require imports for some time to come. Labor in Canada could look forward to a new era of more plentiful jobs, higher pay, backed by a healthy export trade.

With this prospect in mind the Canadian government made trade treaties with a number of European countries who eagerly sought new tools and equipment to enable them to repair the damage caused by six years of war.

Canada appeared to have the winning cards, if only the hand could be moderately well played. Unfortunately, before the game could get beyond the first deal, the joker showed up, and Canada's future as an industrial nation is in the discard.

That "joker" is Canada's present inability to live up to its contracted export schedules to other nations. Canada is unable to deliver the goods. Labor disputes have been so handled that production is insufficient for our own needs, let alone the needs of other nations with whom we had expected a profitable trade.

A number of international contracts have had to be cancelled. A Europe which needs farm implements to work its way up from a starvation level is now reading of the closing of Canada's largest manufacturer of farm implements — closed because workers and management in the steel industry find it within their power to halt production while they argue over wages and hours of work. If this and other strikes continue, Canada can say goodbye to its dream of increased trade and an attendant higher standard of living.

In looking for higher wages at this time, some sections of labor have, by their own acts, blocked the industrial progress which would have made those higher wages possible. In seeking shorter hours, so that more workers could be employed, they have lost the possibility of added jobs for thousands of Canadians whose hope of employment lay in the prospect of increased export trade.

G. J. McIlraith, parliamentary assistant to Reconstruction Minister Howe, has pointed out that manufacturers of railway rolling stocks, ships and other heavy industry goods have had overseas contracts cancelled which would have kept their plants in full production for years. They never had orders of that kind before the war, reported Mr. McIlraith, and now in the light of cancelled contracts, "I fear that we will never have a chance for that business again."

And while we are ready to admit that government and management must bear their full share of responsibility for Canada's lost opportunities, we would point out that organized labor must, by its decision to ask for a better deal before industry was organized for peacetime production, assume its own share of responsibility in this connection.

An increased awareness by organized labor of its responsibility to the nation as a whole and to the world at large must remain the prayer of the remaining 75 per cent of the workers who do not belong to any union.

This columnist has a marked sympathy for the work of the unions in striving for the betterment of the lot of the worker in Canada. It has an even more marked sympathy with the other three-quarters of the population who, although unorganized themselves, have to join in paying the penalty of any ill-considered or irresponsible act of unionized labor.

There is, looming ever larger on the industrial horizon, the prospect that if a few more workers take time off to argue about wages, we shall all lose our jobs. A few more industries tied up by strikes, a few more cancellations of orders for goods from Canadian factories, and we shall be nicely into our post-war depression.

And unemployment is unemployment, whether a worker has a union card or not. Let us remember that while it is easy to close down an industry by a strike, it is not so easy to guarantee that when the strike is over the industry will be able to operate on as large a scale as before. It is always easier to walk out of a job than it is to walk into one.

CAN THE VETERAN AFFORD IT?

Most of us, from painful experience, know what a household budget is. For the rest of you, we would explain that it is a system of controlling household financing. Budget experts tell you what per cent of your pay should be spent on groceries, insurance, doctors' bills, recreation, etc. Most experts agree that no more than 25 per cent of income should be spent on rent or purchase of housing.

This point is interesting to those ex-servicemen who contemplate renting a home from Wartime Housing Limited. So far as we've been able to judge from homes in course of construction here, the homes being built under Wartime Housing are good homes. They appear attractive, well-proportioned and planned, and of sound construction. Anyone would be glad to live in one—especially ex-servicemen who returned to find all other available housing either occupied or placed out of his price-bracket.

The question remains: can he afford to rent a Wartime Housing home? The four-room houses, without basement, and renting for \$27.50, may be within his reach. If he has any family, it is more likely that he will hope for more than four rooms. In which case he must be prepared to pay \$37.50 or \$40 for a five or six-roomed home. There is no doubt these larger homes are worth the money. They are equipped with full basement and furnace.

But here again, the prospective occupant of Wartime Housing homes must remind himself that he can only afford some 25 per cent of his income for rent. On this basis, he would need to earn between \$37.50 and \$40 a week. Many veterans are earning that much. But many more are not. A large percentage of ex-servicemen are young, with little business or trade experience behind them. Their peace-time occupation does not yet earn them the wages which would enable them to move their families into the homes built for them under Wartime Housing Limited.

We mention this, not in protest — we feel that the Wartime Housing homes are good value — but because we feel that it is a point which will soon have to be faced by Wartime Housing Limited's administrators. For when applications for this type of housing were sought here, the prices suggested were about \$10 lower for the five and six-roomed houses. The increased rents are justified by the cost of materials and the construction of basements. But if ex-servicemen cannot afford them, we had better face that situation now than later.

The situation in North Bay, may, or may not, indicate what will happen here. Out of several hundred of these who first expressed a desire for Wartime Housing homes there, only 83 had made definite applications up until Wednesday.

THE COMMUNITY X-RAY CANVAISS

The community X-ray canvass to be conducted here in September under the joint sponsorship of the Lions Club and the Porcupine Health Unit, represents an anti-tuberculosis effort which merits the fullest possible support of every person in the Camp.

To our mind, there can be no sensible excuse for not co-operating in the survey to the full. There is no cost to those who will be X-rayed, little inconvenience in the taking of the X-ray itself and an untold benefit to be derived by everyone fortunate enough to come within the scope of the canvass.

Tuberculosis, one of the most dreaded of diseases, loses all of its fearsomeness when detected in its early stages. Dread of the disease is, in fact, based on its aspect in advanced cases, and the only reason that tuberculosis is permitted to reach an advanced stage is the failure of the victim to seek medical attention until it is too late.

You and your family may be convinced of your good health. But you may be wrong, dreadfully wrong. Don't let your future be hampered by your own judgement of whether or not you may be affected by tuberculosis. Give yourself the advantage of the best of opinions, backed by an X-ray. Help yourself to an assurance of good health by co-operating with the Lions Club and The Porcupine Health Unit in their attempt to stamp out tuberculosis in this area.

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BYRNES CRITICIZES MOLOTOV STAND ON VOTE



This was the dramatic moment at the meeting of the rules committee of the 21-nation European peace conference as Secretary of State James F. Byrnes of the U.S. made his statement criticizing the attitude of the Soviet delegation regarding the vote on recommendations from the Big Four conference. Byrnes upheld the right of small nations to vote with a simple majority prevailing. Molotov wanted a two-thirds vote to prevail.

Salary Schedule Amended By Public School Board For Experienced Teachers

School Inspector Goes; J. R. M. Peat Appointed

H. W. Brown, school inspector for the district, is being transferred to the Niagara Falls district, it is learned this week. His successor will be J. R. M. Peat.



This is the latest portrait of Field Marshal the Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, G.C.B., D.S.O., Chief of the Imperial General Staff and former Commander of the 21st Army Group. The Field Marshal, whose recently announced opinions on "humanizing" the army for the man in the ranks have created much interest, is scheduled to visit Canada as part of a world tour of inspection.

No Need To Worry Re Power Shut-Off Hydro Head Says

Workers who have protested to the Union offices this morning concerning the power shut-off at 6.15 a.m. today, should have no further cause to complain, J. P. Burke, hydro manager, assured The Advance.

The power was shut off for ten minutes only to permit repairs to be made, Mr. Burke stated. Only one circuit was affected, repairs on it are completed, and there should be no intentional interruptions, he said.

If the workers can agree on a better time to shut off power, Mr. Burke intimated, he will be glad to oblige them. He had gone to some pains to select a time which would cause the least possible inconvenience, The Advance understood.

Y's Men's Club Seeks Full-Time Secretary For Work Here

The program of the Y. M. C. A., locally financed and supervised by a group selected from local business and professional men, is completely adaptable to the local needs of any community, it was pointed out in discussion at the meeting of the Timmins Y's Men's Club in the Grand Hotel on Monday evening.

To implement this program, steps are being taken to establish a temporary board of governors, and obtain the appointment of a full-time trained Y.M.C.A. secretary to direct the activities of the organization here.

Publicity is needed to acquaint the public with the details of Y.M.C.A. work and its application to the community here, it was pointed out.

SINGING ON SUNDAY

Extra help in providing novelty numbers, plus something in the nature of a surprise contest, are expected to add further variety to the flavor of the community sing-song to be conducted by the Timmins Y's Men's Club on Sunday evening in the Hollinger Park. These neighborhood get-togethers are continuing to offer enjoyable Sunday evenings to a large section of the community, and all are invited to turn out and share in the fun.

Art Skelly Objects To Youth Council's Use of School Gym

School Board Grants Permission After Lengthy Discussion

Apparently concerned that the use of the gym in Birch Street school by young people of the Timmins Youth Welfare Council might mean that some children of separate school supporters would be using public school premises, Art Skelly did his best to block such usage at the meeting of the Public School Board on Monday evening.

The request from the Youth Welfare Council was presented by R. H. Hardy, chairman of the Board. They wished to use the gym for a basketball tournament, he said.

Mrs. F. Springham, secretary of the Board, gave the schedule of other groups using the gymnasium. It included the Citizens' Band, Sea Cadets and Young Peoples' Club.

"I am perfectly agreeable to letting them have it," Mrs. R. E. Osborn stated.

"I think they should be encouraged in anything they are trying to do," Mr. Hardy agreed.

"What would you do, push other people out?" asked Mr. Skelly.

"There is no suggestion of that," Mr. Hardy said.

"We were going to tell them they could have it for the few nights on which it is not being used," stated H. J. Quinn.

"This is a matter of letting every Tom, Dick and Harry into the gym," declared Mr. Skelly, suggesting the gym should be used only by public school supporters.

Objection was taken to this description of the Youth Council. It was stated that they would not all be public school supporters, but it was also pointed out that other groups using the gym included separate school supporters.

"It is up to the town to support the young people, not the public school board," stated Mr. Skelly, varying his attack. "Who is going to be responsible for all the breakage?"

"There has been no breakage," Mr. Hardy pointed out.

Other objections by Mr. Skelly included his statement that the Y.M.C.A. would want the gym, too, and that the Youth Council's application should be

Delnite Agreement Up For Renewal

Preliminary discussions on wage agreements were commenced today between miners' representatives and Delnite management, H. R. Carlin of Local 241 stated today.

Delnite was the first to sign an agreement last year, he stated, so that this one was the first to come up for renewal, a matter of some interest to workers and management in other mines — and to the public at large.

Constables Win Again

Ball players of the Timmins Police Department continued on their winning streak this week, chalking up a 17-11 victory over a team from The Daily Press, a local newspaper.

New Townsite Planned By Timmins Businessmen

WE WERE WRONG

The Advance was in receipt last week of an application which is being used by Wartime Housing Limited to obtain information from those ex-servicemen who wish to live in homes constructed under this project.

This application was used as a basis for a story, in which it was particularly noted that ex-servicemen were required to sign a "lease" while the houses themselves are not yet ready for occupancy.

The story was in error.

The "lease" referred to, is in reality an agreement which the serviceman signs, assuring the Wartime Housing that the homes will not be abused while the ex-serviceman is a tenant. IT DOES NOT — REPEAT NOT — BIND THE OCCUPANT TO ANY TERM OF TENANCY OTHER THAN FROM MONTH TO MONTH. That is, the homes can be vacated, without any penalty, on one month's notice.

Boulevard, 50-Foot Lots and Park Included in New Real Estate Project

Boulevards 75 feet wide, lots measuring 50 by 100 feet, and park area of 40,000 square feet, are included in plans for Westmount Hill townsite, Timmins' newest real estate venture.

The townsite is operated by a group of Timmins business men, under the firm name of Westmount Land Limited, and consists of 360 lots adjoining the D.V.A. project and bordering on the north-west boundaries of the town.

Two boulevards, named Westmount and Melrose, are at present under construction by the Mascioli Construction Company. The park is to be known as Dieppe Memorial Park, and is to be constructed at no expense to the town except that of up-keep.

The size of the lots brings them under the approval of lending institutions under the National Housing Act, whereby 15-year loans at 4 1/2 per cent are available for home-building.

Present plans live up to the hopes of Westmount Land Limited for a well-planned townsite with generous grounds for a good residential district.

All Offered Opportunity For T.B. X-Ray in Sept.

McIntyre Reports Rising Costs Lower Earnings

Earnings of 58c per share for the three months ended Jun. 30 are reported by McIntyre Porcupine Mines Limited in a statement of quarterly earnings. This represents a decrease in earnings of 15c per share from comparable earnings last year.

Gross income shows a decrease of \$4,211.21 from the same period last year, but despite lower appropriations for taxes and a decrease of \$10,928.22 in estimated depreciation, total costs show an increase of \$109,035.21.

This results in a net income for the quarter ending in June this year of \$466,817.42, a decrease of \$113,246.42 from the same period in 1945.

Lions Club And Health Unit Plans Canvass Of Every Home In District

Commencing in September, a house-to-house canvass will be made to arrange for the X-raying of all persons in the district, Dr. G. B. Lane, M.O.H., and president of the Timmins Lions Club, announced at a meeting on Monday evening in the International Hotel.

The canvass is in connection with the mass survey to be made under the joint sponsorship of the Lions Club and the Porcupine Health Unit, in an effort to check tuberculosis in the area. Every family will have an opportunity to protect itself against the disease, Dr. Lane stated, asking the full co-operation of every member of the club.

Plans for bringing in Roy Ward-Dickson's radio show, "The Money Makers" to the McIntyre on Sept. 14, were discussed in their final stages.

Education Commission To Inspect Schools Here

Sunday School Asks Use Of School Rooms

A request for the use of school premises, required by the First United Church for its primary and beginners' Sunday School classes, and appearing over the signature of E. L. Longmore, was given consideration and approval by the Public School Board on Monday night.

The caretaker should be reimbursed for any extra work involved, it was decided.

Maintenance of school roofing, surfacing of school yards, screening school windows, were among other matters discussed by the Board in its two-hour session.

"Why don't you say you are against it, and be done with it?" asked Mr. Hardy as Mr. Skelly brought out further objections.

A resolution to the effect that the Timmins Youth Welfare Council be allowed the use of Birch St. school gym at such times as it was available was passed by the vote of the Board. Some arrangement is being sought whereby groups using the gymnasium will contribute to the extra expense involved.

Twenty-Two Members Will Hear Briefs; Lunch With District School Boards

"Mr. Brown tells me there is a commission on education scheduled to arrive here on the evening of Sept. 19," R. W. Hardy, chairman of the Public School Board, told Board members at a meeting on Monday evening.

"They will convene in the town hall on Sept. 20," Mr. Hardy continued. "If anyone wishes to present briefs on education they may do so at that time."

"The members of the commission wish to speak with both school board members and school principals," Mr. Hardy continued. "Mr. Brown has suggested we all meet at a lunch."

Members of school boards and school principals from the Camp townships should be invited to share in the luncheon meeting, the Board decided.

From another source, The Advance learned that the visiting commission will have 22 members, headed by the Hon. Mr. Justice John A. Hope. R. W. B. Jackson is secretary.

The commission will meet in the council chambers of the Municipal Building from 9:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20. Members of the commission intend visiting all schools and will include the Porcupine Health Unit in their studies.

They wish also to learn something of the mines and of the financial problems of education in a mining centre.

They will inspect the recreational facilities and will visit the Improvement District of Mountjoy and wish to see "a typical Inspector's office."

Hollinger Chemist Is Honored

At a recent installation, Mr. M. B. Scott was elected to Fellowship in the Chemical Institute of Canada. According to the citation, elevation to Fellowship in the Institute is an expression of recognition of outstanding qualifications or of a contribution to the science of chemistry or humanity.

Mr. Scott is chief chemist and refinery superintendent at the Hollinger Mines, with which company he has been associated since 1915, having come originally to Porcupine in the year 1910.



The sleek, silvered XB-36, U.S. newest and the world's largest land-based bomber, completely dwarfs a war-veteran B-29 Superfortress on the Convair, Fort Worth, Texas, division ramp. The giant plane completed its first test flight of 38 minutes as approving army air forces and air material command officers looked on. Wingspan of the XB-36 is 230 feet compared with 141 feet for the B-29; length of the new bomber is 183 feet, the B-29 99 feet; XB-36 has a maximum range with bomb load of 10,000 miles, the Superfort's is 4,100 miles with bomb load. The new plane's take-off power is 13,000 horsepower as compared to the B-29's 8,800.