

EDITORIAL

IS THIS OUR MARK FRANK?

"Poland has also had some correspondence with a man named Mark Frank. It has been established that this person was connected with a magazine named The New Advance, which was the organ of the Young Communist League. Other enquiries reveal that Frank had also received subscriptions for The Clarion, the official organ of the Communist Party in Canada."

taken from Page 168, Para. 2, of the "Report of the Royal Commission appointed under Order in Council P.C. 411, of Feb. 5, 1946, to investigate the facts relating to and the circumstances surrounding the communication by public officials and other persons in possession of trust or confidential information to agents of a foreign power," published June 27, 1946.

"Poland" is the name given, according to the report, to some person in the Dept. of Air Force. "Works in the Intelligence Branch. At the moment he has been transferred to Ottawa. He gave a map of the training schools," the report states.

With reference to the above, we would point out that there may be many Mark Franks. The only one we've heard of lately is the gentleman who holds the job of "educational director" in the Workers' Co-operative.

And further — the job of "educational director" for the Workers' Co-operative was last held by Ray Stevenson, now engaged as "Regional Director" for the Labor-Progressive (Communist) Party.

WHO'S FOR COUNCIL?

Pre-election gossip got off to an early start this year, when the decision of Karl Eyre to run for mayor assured the public there would be a contest for that office. Councillors E. M. Terry and J. V. Bonhomme are rumored to be likely contenders, too, although at this time of writing they do not appear to be definitely committed on this point.

Nomination day is still a month away, but the election chatter at this time serves an excellent purpose in exciting the public interest and by causing the voters to give some thought to the matter of the administration of their municipal affairs. All too often, public interest is not aroused until nomination morning — with the result that the voters mark their ballots while they are still half asleep, so far as an awareness of the issues are concerned.

This year could be different. But it is hoped that the prospect of a knock-down and drag-out battle for the mayoralty will not blind the public to another phase of the elections: the elections for members of council. And the make-up of the town council will be just as important this year as it has been in the past, which means that it is every bit as important as the problem of who will occupy the mayor's chair. While we look naturally to the mayor for leadership in municipal affairs no leader can become effective without the intelligent and industrious support of council.

Each councillor is a chairman of a committee, dealing with such fields as finance, public works, relief, etc. Good management of each committee is essential to the welfare of the town. There is no room on any council for a weak or incapable councillor.

Just as we must always have a mayor who is capable of providing leadership and of securing the maximum co-operation from each councillor, so we must have councillors who can provide that leadership.

We would urge, therefore, that as one of Timmins 12,306 voters, you give careful consideration to the matter of council. Remember that the last name you mark on your ballot is as important as the first.

EDUCATION . . . WEAK?

The reason for introducing the element of corn into the heading of this editorial is our contention that education can most strongly affect those in our schools when and if parents co-operate with the teachers in impressing on the pupil the value which properly should be placed on school work. Education becomes "weak" in its effect on the pupil when much of the teachers' efforts are nullified by the apathy of the parents.

We do not mean by this that it should be the parents' chore to stand by with a club each evening while their children groan and grunt their way through hours of homework. We do mean that the pupil should have some evidence of the parents' interest in his work; should realize that the work done by him is as important as that work done by his father and mother; that a healthy, properly conditioned mind, is as important as a healthy body or a healthy belief in God.

If the pupil is convinced of the value and purpose of his school work, he will bring to it what we presume to be each teacher's greatest help — a willing mind, an acceptance of the discipline necessary for successful teaching.

We find it impossible to let this occasion go by without voicing our opinion that far too much homework is assigned to the average senior pupils in the schools of today — if for no other reason than that the eight-hour day, which would appear quite enough for adults, should be reduced to six or seven for those in their teens.

Any curriculum which demands of a high school student more than seven hours a day is over-stuffed with the emphasis on learning — gives too little time for living. Our own sour and doubtless warped opinion based on our own faltering progress through high school, is that the teacher who overloads the pupil with study to be done at home is admitting inability to cover the required ground in school. This may be the fault of the teacher or it may be the fault of those satanic majesties who devise high school curricula. Whatever it is, we're against it.

NOTE: Copies of the above editorial, suitably mounted and framed, will be given free to any high school student . . . simply write your name on the high school roof and send it to The Advance, Wataplace, Lower Slobovia.

GOOD ADVICE — WELL RECEIVED

Dr. G. B. Lane gets credit this week for his remarks made on Friday evening to a meeting of the Northern Mining Municipalities, held in South Porcupine to consider the possibilities of using the Monteith prison camp for a home for the aged.

Costs per person at the Monteith Camp might run as high as \$90 per month, the doctor warned. As the old-age pension is only a third of this amount, the municipalities would have to find the balance of \$60. Dr. Lane pointed out that if this money were given to the older persons individually, they would be quite able to take care of themselves.

The doctor also drew attention to the fact that older persons, like almost everyone else, do not want to be sent to live in a wilderness. There should be some interest in the vicinity to make life worthwhile.

All of which is quite obvious, now that someone has drawn attention to it. So the doctor gets credit for giving the advice — and the Mining Municipalities get credit for asking for it.

It is doubtful if any of the municipalities concerned would agree to "shelling out" the difference necessary to make the Monteith camp suitable for aged persons. In as much as the doctor states that there is only a small number of aged persons in the municipalities who would be willing to leave their respective towns to go to a "home" situated elsewhere, it is very likely an entirely different solution will be found.

A. Y. P. A. GIFT

The many kind and generous folk who have donated articles of clothing, games, toys, books, dolls and candy will be gratified and delighted to know that a parcel weighing between 300 and 400 lbs. has been despatched today

by the A. Y. P. A. of St. Matthew's Anglican Church to Rev. Isheroff at East Main, James Bay.

The response to the appeal has been most encouraging and the members of the A. Y. P. A. wish to sincerely thank those who have so generously helped.

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Mayor J. E. Brunette, photographed 12 hours after meeting Lena — Ugh! — the Hyena at the station last night. Lena arrived to be the guest of the Kinsmen at the Sadie Hawkins Night at the Pavilion on Friday.

The Mayor's familiar smile, while a little forced, is still where it should be — but most of the Mayor's hair is still standing straight on end. The Advance's merciful photographer has therefore cut off the top of the photo so that the photo cannot be used by the Mayor's opposition in the coming election.

LENA -- UGH! MEETS MAYOR

Lena — Ugh! — the Hyena has arrived.

The O. N. R. station platform was crowded with youngsters and not-so-youngsters yesterday evening, all willing to risk permanent insanity for a glimpse of the poison-puss of Lower Slobovia.

The pride of the Timmins police force struggled with the crowd as the train pulled in, almost on time. Conductors and trainmen smilingly descended from the train, unaware of the fearful freight they were carrying. A score of passengers nervously denied that they were Slobovians, and then, dragging her withered shanks down the train steps, came Lena — Ugh! and double Ugh!

Guest of the Kinsmen for the Sadie Hawkins Night at the Pavilion this Friday night, Lena was dressed in furs, with her head mercifully shrouded in an infinite quantity of green mosquito netting.

Despite the more than adequate clothing, the station platform was littered with the swooning bodies of trainmen, station staff and prospective candidates for the high school board. Even The Press photographer, who has taken so many pictures without flinching, turned pale and sagged as he attempted to take a picture. He was guided from the platform by a couple of nerveless reporters.

Betting is 10-1 that the picture will never appear in The Press.

Hero of the occasion was Timmins' intrepid head man, fearless Emite, Mayor of the Corporation. Struggling (or was he being pushed?) up the platform, Mayor J. E. Brunette thrust out his good right arm and, shutting his eyes tightly, went through the gesture of shaking hands.

"No one ever shook hands with me before," came a sleepy croak from behind the shroud of green mosquito netting.

"Ugh," said the Mayor. "No one will ever shake hands with me again."

Then they took Lena and the Mayor away.

Interviewed in his hospital bed this morning, the Mayor was beginning to regain a little of his rugged health.

"One thing sure," the Mayor murmured. "After that experience, the elections will be a cinch. Why — I'll be able to look even Bartleman in the face and smile!"

Council Minutes Cost Them Money, Ratepayers Find

"The council forget that we are their bosses," declared J. P. Bartleman at a ratepayers' meeting last night, on learning that the charge for copies of the minutes of council meetings would be 10 cents per 100 words, as provided by the Municipal Act.

"I am surprised," was Councillor W. J. Doran's comment. The Councillor, who was attending the meeting as guest speaker, was absent from the meeting of council at which the decision was reached.

"I think the council was very ill-advised," Mr. Bartleman said. "We represent the ratepayers and pay the shot."

The town council had decided to make a charge for the minutes, as they were instructed to do so under the Municipal Act, because if they did not make a charge, any tax payer would be within his right in asking for copies of minutes.

As it stands, anyone can look at a copy of the minutes by simply requesting to do so at a "reasonable hour."

SUNDAY PARADE

Mr. Austin Neame, Zone Commander of the Canadian Legion, branch 88, has reported that clubs and organizations in Timmins have responded very well in supplying Remembrance Day wreaths for the Cenotaph in the Station Park.

Mr. Neame asks all organizations in Timmins to enter the parade which will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2.15. Three bands will provide the music.

Popy Tag Day is to be held this Saturday, Nov. 9. Young ladies from T. H. & V. S. have volunteered for tagging in Timmins, and in Schumacher the high school girls have offered their services.

The Legion Hall, Cedar Street in Timmins, will be the headquarters for the Timmins taggers on Saturday. Fogg's Office in Schumacher will be the headquarters there. Refreshments will be served to the taggers by the Ladies' Auxiliary.



WM. J. DORAN

President of the Timmins Board of Trade, Mr. Doran was named to the executive of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade at its convention in Sudbury this week.

Open Wartime Housing For Inspection Sunday



HYMAN MOLOTSKY

The second annual Conference of the Northern Ontario Sub-Region of Canadian Young Judean took place in Timmins from Nov. 1 to 3.

Youth Delegates from Timmins, Sudbury, North Bay, Kirkland Lake, Englehart and Rouyn-Noranda attended the session.

Guest speaker at the conference was Hyman Molotsky of Montreal, Eastern Regional Director of Canadian Young Judean, who addressed the opening gathering Friday evening.

President of the Northern Ontario Sub-Region is Mr. Abe Aidelbaum of Kirkland Lake. Mrs. S. Shankman of Timmins, Ont. was in charge of Conference arrangements.

A dance was held on Saturday night and a business session on Sunday.

Careful Planning and Forethought Brings Rental Housing For Veterans

The story of the 100 new homes for Veterans of World War II built by Wartime Housing Ltd. in Timmins, dates back to April, 1945, when Stanley Wookey, president of the Porcupine Citizens Rehabilitation Committee, suggested a sub-committee to investigate "housing".

This committee was formed and immediately a survey was made and it was found that of 30 places for rent in Timmins, not one was fit for rental.

Since that time a great deal of work was done by this committee in investigating, surveying, etc., and by the end of 1945 it was decided a Housing Commission should be appointed. It would be the duty of such a commission to provide land for veterans at a very moderate price and to explore all avenues relative to building and land.

It is explained that while the former committee was at best a body created to investigate and plan, the Housing Commission had power to act. Established by a town by-law, it had power to acquire land, build houses and to arrange financing. In short, it had the power necessary to deal with the housing problem.

One of the Commission's first acts was to secure information on how many veterans needed houses to rent, and in a matter of days 153 applications were received, with more coming in every day.

On March 1st another joint meeting of council and Housing Commission was held, and after considering a num-

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Rod & Gun Club's Work Praised By Speaker Here

Conservation Expert Finds Northern Groups Ahead In Protecting Resources

Enthusiastic commendation of the work of the Porcupine Rod and Gun Club and similar organizations throughout Northern Ontario, was voiced by Major P. K. Ketcheson, secretary of the Carling Conservation Club, in addressing the Rod and Gun Club here at a special meeting on Thursday evening.

"Conservation is the intelligent management of all the benefits bestowed upon us by Nature and the protection and preservation of those benefits to yield the maximum pleasure today that they will remain inviolate for the heritage of tomorrow," Major Ketcheson declared, voicing his admiration of the activities of the Northern groups in working for the protection of fish and game here.

The noted conservationist, a guest of the local organization through courtesy of the Carling Conservation Club, stressed the need for conservation of wild life and forest resources.

"From the soil and from the water, all these resources which we hold most valuable — the forests, grasslands, waterpower, fish, birds and animals, all forms of wild life, can be made more clear to you if we trace the calamities of a tract of land where progress went along without heed of conservation," the guest speaker said.

He gave instances where, in Southern Ontario, lands had been laid waste, farms abandoned and wild life and timber no longer existent.

Tourist revenue figures in Canada this year should warrant the preservation of resources if nothing else would demand them, Major Ketcheson stated.

Calling on all sportsmen of this district as owners of the great natural resources of the country to collectively strive to help conservation to the max-

Milk Cost Higher Profit Is Lower In North Country

The dairies in Timmins operate on a smaller "spread" than do milk distributors elsewhere in Ontario, it was claimed last night at the ratepayers' meeting by Mr. Rogers, accountant at Korman's Dairy, an invited speaker to the meeting.

He explained the term "spread" as the difference between the 11 cents per quart paid to the farmers, and the 17 cents paid by the consumers. In other sections of the province the farmers received less, and even though the milk was sold to consumers for a better break, Mr. Rogers stated.

Mr. Riggs, of the local Milk Producers' Association, explained that even at 11 cents per quart, the farmers were losing money. He stated that the fact that cows had to be fed inside for eight months of the year in this section, made the cost of milk greater here than elsewhere.

imum, Major Ketcheson pointed out that it was not just a coincidence that once rich lands where civilization had lived the longest were now deserts and unable to support their former populations.

"Could it be that our own falling water table, our dried-up springs, man-made dust bowls and abandoned cattle ranges are the symptoms of the blight that turned ancient garden spots into deserts. Science says it is not coincidence, but an invariable rule. Science tells us that, taken in time, soil, vegetation and subsoil water tables can be made to continue indefinitely and yield a balance production of life's necessities.

Town's Fightingest Mayor Is "J.E." Records Show But Opposition Strong

Betting Odds Vary — Present Mayor's Past Seven Years Have Lowest Tax Average — Hit High This Year

This week has been one of feverish activity in the historical (but not necessarily hysterical) department of The Advance offices. Aided and abetted by some of the town's top-flight statistical talent, the staff has been working on the betting averages for the forthcoming municipal election.

Meanwhile, pool rooms, brokerage offices, corner stores and middle-of-the-block pubs have been shrouded in a hush of expectancy. What momentous disclosure would The Advance make this week? Was it wise to so much as whisper about the elections at this stage of the game? Was it true The Advance was grooming Bruce Magnuson for town manager? Was the announcement of Wednesday as voting day, simply a ruse to get out the business men's vote? What will the boys in the back room have, Joe?

Here comes The Advance with the answers! Time lurches forward! Book-makers sharpen their pencils and the suckers crowd around. Mayor J. Emile Brunette, The Advance finds, is at present the heaviest favorite. This fact is based on the records which show the present office-holder to be the fightingest mayor in the town's history.

He has fought five elections, two more than any other mayor. He has chalked up, in 1944, the biggest majority ever given a Timmins mayor, polling a total of 4,296 votes.

In his seven-year term of office, he and the councils elected with him have been responsible for an average tax rate of 56.01 for public schools; 68.74 for separate schools.

His total experience in municipal administration, including his three terms as councillor, is ten years.

This is backed by an experience in every-day life which has brought him close to the problems of the working man, and Timmins is pretty much a working man's town.

Handicaps? The present mayor has these, too. He and the council have this year brought in the town's highest tax rate, 4.05 mills higher than the next highest, which was in effect in 1938, in J. P. Bartleman's time.

Although there is no proof that Mayor Brunette started World War II, it is certain he will be blamed for a lot of its results — shortages of material which have held up town services; high prices for materials and high labor costs, which have made town management increasingly expensive.

He will also face criticism from the odd member of council, past and present, who might like to blame unpopular municipal legislation on others. And he will find it true that no man stays in office for long without making enemies as well as friends. These pile up with the years, and lend their effectiveness to any opposition.

Chief handicap in the present Mayor's fight to retain office, will of course be that offered by his opponents.

Karl Eyre, first of the contenders to announce definitely that he was willing to put on the gloves and slug it out in the mayoralty ring, has six years of council experience. He has a large measure of personal support from several groups whose influence is an important factor in any election.

On top of this he has established a business in Timmins which has maintained a fine reputation during its 25 years of existence. This alone can be counted on to weigh heavily with a large number of business men and a good many workers, and it is believed Mr. Eyre will find his heaviest voting strength among these.

Other likely contenders for the mayor's office will be Councillors Ellen M. Terry and J. V. Bonhomme.

Miss Terry has one qualification which no doubt no other candidate can claim — she is a lady. This can be quite an item, our statisticians find, pointing out that Miss Terry has polled impressive totals of votes. She, too, can claim a 25-year experience in the successful management of her own business and can be counted on to make her point of view known. With a leaning toward the accounting side of business practice, she has served on the town's finance committee, and has definite views on these lines.

Councillor Bonhomme packs considerable reputation as a fighter, in and out of council, and has a large following to whom he will appear to be the only possible candidate. Much of his chances with other sections of his public will depend on the opinion held on his recent resignation. He has been praised for insisting on a further investigation of police matters — and he has been condemned by others for the same action. There is a feeling on a part of the public at least, that the Councillor should have stayed on council to complete his work on other matters in which he had shown a definite interest; the water works investigation, and the matter of revising the building and zoning by-laws of the town.

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TAX RATES.. Past & Present

Year	Public School	Separate School
1946	67.00	85.03
1945	59.80	61.70
1944	51.00	60.30
1943	54.00	64.90
1942	55.50	67.00
1941	56.50	71.98
1940	57.30	70.31
1939	58.50	70.81
1938	63.95	77.47
1937	61.74	75.61
1936	57.33	72.99
1935	59.60	75.88
1934	60.68	76.16
1933	60.42	72.98
1932	60.74	73.70
1931	59.70	68.00
1930	56.11	63.80
1929	54.02	65.31

Note: Those who are inclined to blame the present mayor for high taxes should take into consideration that in the eight years he has been in office, the public school tax rate has averaged 56.01, and the separate school has averaged 68.74 both of which figures compare very favorably with those of any other mayor's period of office.

COUNCILS... Past & Present

Those who may be interested in more detailed statistics and in the history of municipal voting in the town may find something of interest in the following summary:

In the 35 years since the town started, there have been 21 acclamations for mayor and 14 contests for that office. There have been 12 occasions when the council was elected by acclamation and 22 contests — and one two-year term.

In 1939 there was a record number of 21 candidates for council. In 1937 and 1944 there was a record of four candidates for mayor.

Since 1912, when the town was established, there have been only nine different mayors. Dr. J. A. McInnis was elected eight times, but only served part of the last year for which he was elected, the election being protested and a new election called.

Mayor J. E. Brunette has served seven years, but one of these was a two-year shift, 1940-41.

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