

EDITORIAL OUR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Once again a group of citizens of Timmins have allowed their names to be entered in the running in the municipal elections of the town.

Municipal office requires men willing to devote considerable time and study to the duties of their office; it needs men of integrity and sound judgment with a keen sense of values who know the value of a dollar; it needs men impartial and just, without prejudice or vindictiveness. Or, to put it in a nutshell: municipal office needs men.

Our municipal organizations date back many generations, and from their thinking and planning have grown the many villages and towns and cities of our great dominion. Sometimes they were handicapped by lack of funds — to the dreamers they were always short of money — but nevertheless they made the most of what they had.

Municipal office entails much criticism for its members, but that is as it should be. The holders or members have elected to serve in public office for the good of the voters of the town, and naturally their actions in office are accountable to the public and should be in the public eye at all times.

Criticism is part of the fare an office holder receives during his term of office.

Some of it is just and palatable, some is unfair and hard to take; but regardless in what manner it is served up the office holder must weather the storm. If he's wise and steady and keeps his head he'll sift the criticism, discarding what he believes wrong, and making use of what he believes right. Perhaps his judgment may err, but if he has been schooled in the classrooms of our Canadian schools, and worked with and alongside the men and women of his community, he will have a good idea of what the people want, and, under local conditions, the best way to accomplish what is best for the community.

Some people think there is too much bickering and quarreling about and in municipal office. It should be remembered that municipal offices since the time of their inception have been the scenes of rivalry and heated arguments and discussions — sometimes even fighting. Yet our towns and cities have steadily grown and prospered. To voice their opinion is the right of the voters, to disagree is among themselves the right of the office-holders. To many municipal meetings seem a hubbub of confusion, yet from the many generations of municipal office holders and hubbubs have come growth and progress.

The voters of Timmins have an obligation too. Voting as you wish is not a privilege in every country, and privileges entail obligations. That obligation is for every voter in Timmins to cast his vote in the municipal election December 18th.

ADULT EDUCATION

The South Porcupine Association for Adult Education have officially accepted a constitution for their newly formed organization. The beauty of the organization is that membership is open to any in the municipality who have reached the age of 16 years. That is good, for education is something in which discrimination has no part.

Not so long ago many people had the idea that on completing school their education was over; others, due to circumstances, had denied a good education. It was believed that only fanatically ambitious individuals, through self-sacrifice and prodigious effort, could acquire an education by studying long hours into the night.

In recent years, however, shorter working hours, an awakening thirst for knowledge, together with the initiative and zeal of social improvement folk, have combined to make adult education an accepted and valuable institution all across the Dominion.

People are realizing that education means enlightenment and understanding, that it gives them an opportunity to enjoy and appreciate pleasures they hardly knew existed before, that their world becomes larger and more interesting in proportion to the learning that is absorbed.

Furthermore, adult education means improved government, both municipal, provincial and federal. People become better qualified to voice intelligent opinions in affairs of state, and our governing bodies must steadily seek improvement if they are to remain in office. The public eye in which they work is a more educated and discerning one, but at the same time more just, fair and broadminded.

Adult education is a big step in a more progressive town — and country.

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

The National Employment Service, which arose from wartime conditions, is now one of Canada's largest and most essential services. In fact, it might well be the largest employment agency in the world.

Both employers and employees are serviced by National Employment Service. Both parties are brought together from different parts of the country. And the service is free.

The prospect of men aimlessly looking for work, and suffering hardship, deprivation and lowering of morale while doing so, is being slowly wiped out.

The service attempts to fit men into the type of work they want and are fitted for, and to satisfy the employers needs at the same time. And, being nation wide, the service can help eliminate the possibility of surplus workers piling up in one place when their services are needed elsewhere.

The possibilities of the National Employment Service are great; and, with experience, it may well become one of the strongest pillars of our democratic system. In fact, it could be instrumental in bidding farewell to unemployment in Canada.

PURCHASING POWER

Mr. G. W. Spinney, president of the Bank of Montreal, stated at the Bank's Annual meeting recently, that "the still prevalent idea that purchasing power rather than production is the main spring of employment, income and material well-being."

For years numerous economists have advanced that very belief, with the contention that as long as consumers had adequate purchasing power production would adjust itself. (Consumers, of course, would include our export trade as well as home consumption.) Yet, in spite of the almost undisputed arguments some governments have, in depression times, maintained the practice of subsidizing producers, even paying them to destroy crops or not to produce. And at a time when consumers, lacking the necessary purchasing power, were existing on a starvation diet and substandard of living. Production might well be regulated by consumptive needs.

The Canadian Government showed considerable wisdom in retaining its hold on price and rent control until production can meet demand and sufficient housing is available. The wage and salary control which was lifted December 1st will have little effect now unless labor press for too high wages without increased production.

Both Bank of Montreal and Imperial Bank show an increased number of savings accounts and a sizeable increase in total savings. At present such a condition is excellent. Supply is limited and demand is great. Price control wards off inflation in most commodities and people wisely deposit their money in savings accounts which in turn makes available large credits for new industries, machinery, personal loans and other necessary projects.

The only danger is that other people may get into the habit of using the banks for deposits only and be backward about purchasing when the goods they want do appear on the market. However, it will probably be some time before such a condition occurs, and by that time Mr. Isley and his staff may have worked out a system to get Canadians to spend instead of save.

FROM THE CRACKER BARREL

Canada's contribution to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (U.N.R.R.A.) was 154 million dollars in two years — the third largest contribution. In view of the great world need for food the Canadian government is anxious that UNRRA be continued.

Sweden has promised to send to Russia 300 million dollars worth of industrial goods in the next five years. There is much criticism in Sweden of this agreement on the ground that the Swedish people will have to go short in order to supply goods to other countries.

The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (F.A.O.) will draw up a food plan for Europe at its meeting in London December 3. A branch in Europe to take over the work of UNRRA when that organization winds up will be one of the proposals discussed.

As price controls were removed in United States this month headlines reported soap up 50%, a jump in linseed oil from 16 to 35 cents, General Motors cars up another \$100.00 and an additional raise of 9% on farm implements and tractors.

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EVERY THURSDAY

Terry vs Brunette For Mayoralty

'Timmins Needs Fearless Mayor' Brunette States

"I'm going to put up a real fight in this election," Mayor Brunette said when interviewed on his election campaign.

"I believe the faith shown by the people of Timmins for myself in the past seven years is still strong enough to carry me into office again."

"Timmins needs a fearless mayor to face local problems and see them through to a satisfactory finish," said Myaor Brunette, "and not one that stays away from important meetings as some members have done in the past."

"I believe I can be quoted as being the only mayor of Timmins that voted on every question put to a vote," Mayor Brunette said.

Mayor Brunette said he does not feel it necessary to completely follow the Ratepayers Association seven-point program.

Next week's issue of the Advance will carry the complete platform of Mayor Brunette in his campaign for re-election.



J. EMILE BRUNETTE

O. S. Carter New Kinsmen President

An impressive induction ceremony marked the departure of the old executive and the introduction of a new one for the Kinsmen Club of Timmins. The meeting was held in the main dining room of the Empire Hotel.

O. S. Carter was installed as president, Ellet Smith, (past-president) as first vice-president, F. A. "Bang" Robinson, 2nd vice-president; Charles Leppan, secretary; Eric Lamminen, treasurer; Gordon Strickland, registrar; Larry Labow, sergeant-at-arms; Des Maplebeck; directors, Bill Wallace, Wilf Brochu and Sid Chapman.

The past-president's emblem of honor and efficiency was presented to Ellet Smith, the retiring president, by past-president Sid Chapman. Mr. Chapman addressed a few words of tribute to the retiring executive.

Retiring president Ellet Smith, prior to the induction ceremonies, gave a complete resume of the work accomplished by the Kinsmen Club during the 1945-46 session, which term saw the accomplishment of many worthwhile projects.

Past-president Roy Hardy and Bill Alexander received praise for their efforts in connection with the Children's shelter, which was one of the major projects. Eric Lamminen and his committee were congratulated for their brilliant efforts in connection with the Hallowe'en V. O. N. shell-out.

Other members receiving recognition were: Past-president Henry Ostrasser for the envelop drive; Bill Wallace for the successful auction broadcast; Don Workman and Sid Chapman for their efforts in handling the wrestling bouts; F. A. "Bang" Robinson, Len McKerrrow and Os Carter for the Kin Tag Day; Henry Kelnick for his organizational work on the Oscar Peterson show; Don Hardy, Jack Sullivan and committee for the "Sadie Sawkins Dance".

Bim Sturgeon for his inter-club curling bonspiel; Sam Mitchell, Ed Reed and Geo. Richards for their organizational work in connection with the "Shell-out"; Claude Bowker and Wilf Brochu for the work on the "Barn Dance"; past-president Bob Stock was accorded praises for his organizing ability in connection with the speakers program; A. E. Pike was thanked for his excellent publicity work.

F. A. "Bang" Robinson received congratulations for his good work on the Kinsmen bulletins; Gord Hammer for handling the Tonsil Clinic; Charles Leppan for his executive work as registrar; Sid Chapman for inter-club golf championship and Northern convention of Kinsmen Clubs; Des Maplebeck and Roy Dawes for entertainment; Henry Kelnick, Ron Jones and Hugh Scanlon for their musical arrangements and sing-songs; and Ernie Brunette for his work on "Kinsmen Education".

Business discussions followed and include for the forthcoming Kinsmen's New Year's Ball and Snow Princess Contest.

Guests of the club were Larry Lemons, of Feldman's Mercantile Stores, formerly of the R.C.N.V.R.; and Jerry Hall, of Radio Station C.K.G.B., and formerly with the R. C. A. F.

A grand salute and rousing ovation for the incoming executive terminated the last meeting of the 1945-1946 executive.

HALIFAX

An agreement providing for a wage increase of 15 cents, raising pay of 2,000 Halifax Stevedores to \$1.10 hourly, was signed today by representatives of the Halifax local of the International Longshoremen's Association and Shipping Companies.

Spending Is Trick Not Making Money

"I believe in the eight-hour day but the workman must work the full day," said J. P. Bartleman in answer to a question put to him at the Ratepayers Association meeting December 4, where election candidates were invited to speak.

"The ones who talk most are usually the ones who do the least," Mr. Bartleman continued. "Men who say little often contribute the most to public welfare."

"The town needs a local commission to look into Hydro rates," Mr. Bartleman went on. "Rates should be lower and service better."

"Retirement on pension must be on a legal basis and must comply with the statutes of Ontario. The statute reads that the employee must be employed by the town at the time of being pensioned. The men in question were not so employed."

"Thus the council had broken a by-law drawn up by council," Mr. Bartleman said. "And ignorance was no excuse, for both a \$2,100 a year lawyer and a \$3,000 a year auditor were at the service of council. Evidently the council were just being good fellows," Mr. Bartleman concluded.

Mr. J. E. H. Chateauvert, also a candidate for council said if he was fortunate enough to be elected the voters could rest assured that he would make every effort to follow the seven-point program laid down by the Ratepayers Association.

"The tax rate of Timmins in comparison with southern cities," said Mr. Chateauvert, "is extremely and unreasonably high, and it will be one of my efforts to try and bring about a reduction."

Mr. Chateauvert mentioned that the way a man was raised had much to do with the way he spent money, and he had been taught to make every dollar count. "The trick is not making or saving money," Mr. Chateauvert said. "Anyone can do that; the trick is in spending money, knowing just how to make the most of every dollar."

Mr. Leo Delvilano said he favored the ratepayers seven-point program with its economical set-up.

"Taxes are too high," said Mr. McCourt, councillor candidate. "And the \$100 poll tax on single men when they aren't allowed to vote is very unfair."

For the most part Mr. McCourt said he agreed with the ratepayers seven-point program.

Speakers were allowed five minutes. Six of the fourteen candidates who qualified for councillor were present to speak at the Ratepayers Association meeting.

LEWIS FINED

John L. Lewis and United Mine Workers Union fined three and a half million dollars.

7-Point Program Ratepayers Ass'n

As the Ratepayers Association seven-point program is receiving much attention in the forthcoming election we feel a re-printing would be appreciated. The program follows:

(1) — Rigid economy by the elimination of unnecessary and extravagant expenditures of a nature made during the war years;

(2) — That a thorough and equitable assessment of all property in the town be carried out in the year 1947 as a basis for taxation in 1948;

(3) — Consideration be given to the question of a town manager;

(4) — Re-organization of the public works department;

(5) — Establishment of a sound retirement plan in accordance with provincial statutes.

(6) — That authority be sought for the establishment of a more efficient Police Commission of at least five local citizens;

(7) — That a thorough investigation be made and serious consideration be given to the creation of a metropolitan area embracing the municipalities in the Porcupine District with the inclusion of such adjoining outside territory as may be desirable.

The Candidates Speak!

In the belief that Wednesday, December 18, is one of the most important dates in the calendars of Timmins and Tisdale, and that the decisions made by the electors on that date will affect their welfare throughout 1947, this and the following issue of The Advance will devote FREE use of the news columns for any candidates who wish to express their policies and views.

Advertising, of course, will be solicited, but all candidates, regardless of whether they have paid for space in this paper or not, are invited to express their opinions.

J. P. BARTLEMAN (Mr. Bartleman was Mayor of Timmins, 1937, 1938, 1939, Councillor in 1940).

"I am offering myself as a candidate in forthcoming municipal elections solely because of a desire to improve upon what I think is a regrettable state of municipal affairs."

"I enthusiastically endorse the seven-point program of the Timmins Ratepayers Association, for I am firmly of the opinion that the electors can only approve and vote for candidates favorable to that program."

"In my opinion the first matters that should be dealt with by the 1947 council are the illegalities that have and would in the future bring grief to the citizens."

W. (BILL) ROBERTS Councillor; 1938, 39, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46.

"I think that Timmins needs a veteran on the 1947 council who knows the problems of the veterans."

"With my experience in municipal affairs I feel that I can be of service to the citizens in general and the veterans in particular."

"Having worked at the Hollinger Mine for 23 years I feel that I am qualified to speak on behalf of the miners, who are the backbone of this community."

GEO. W. WEBBER A newcomer.

"Numerous friends and acquaintances have been at me for some time to run for councillor. They believe I'm the type of man the council needs; capable, and a sound thinker."

"I've worked 26 years at the Hollinger Mine, 15 as mine-captain, a job which gave me considerable opportunity to gain administrative experience."

"I believe there are numerous changes should be made but would defer passing judgment until I had a clear picture of the facts."

PHILIP FAY Councillor 1940, 1942, 1945

"My reason in running for councillor is that I believe I have the experience necessary to be of service."

"As far as policy or platform is concerned I believe in waiting until we see just what we have to work with and then making the most of what we have."

E. J. LAARSO A newcomer

"I have decided to allow my name to stand for councillor in the municipal elections because I feel that it is essential that the working people should have an adequate representation on the council."

"Our community has been dominated by the mining bosses for too long. This is reflected in high tax rates and the lack of recreational facilities such as parks, play grounds, swimming pools and so on."

"I pledge that if elected I will carry the fight for lower taxation, better transportation and program for civic improvements into the municipal council. It is essential that men who can speak for labor without interference from the mines or large property holders should be elected."

"The Ratepayers Association represents only a very small and noisy group and does not reflect in the interests or the needs of thousands of miners and other workers in the community. That is the reason I did not attend their meeting last night."

'Time For a Change' Miss Ellen Terry States Her Slogan For Mayor

"I believe the time has arrived for a change," Miss Ellen Terry said when interviewed concerning her entry in the mayoralty race.

"There are conditions in Timmins that need rectifying, in fact have needed looking after for quite some time," said Miss Terry, "and it will be one of my first jobs is to see that something is done about them."

"In my seven years as councillor," said Miss Terry, "the past two years have been the most difficult, attending meetings and engaging in discussions that didn't get us any place. What the council needs is new management, and I believe with my experience gained in the council, as chairman of the waterworks and welfare committee respectively, I can fill that need."

When asked if she was in accord with the Ratepayers Association seven-point program, she replied that she was in favor of three points: rigid economy by elimination of unnecessary and extravagant expenditures; of a thorough and equitable re-assessment of property; and establishment of a sound retirement plan.

Miss Terry's full platform and program will be in the next issue of The Advance.

Kiwanis Crippled Children's Clinics Open 4 P.M. Monday

The Timmins Kiwanis' Crippled Children's Clinics will open at the Porcupine Health unit at 4 p.m. Mon., December 9, and continue all day Tuesday.

The clinics will be in charge of Dr. A. W. Farmer, and will include a noted neurologist and a trained staff.

W. R. Rinn, chairman of the Kiwanis Crippled Children committee, said that between 80 and 90 children from the Porcupine district will be examined and have treatment prescribed for them. The Kiwanis are arranging transportation where necessary.

The South Porcupine Kiwanis are assisting, and, in addition to bringing in youngsters from their own district they are bringing one youngster from Porcupine Junction and other from Connaught.

Mr. Rinn said that specialists were of the opinion that, with the medical knowledge of today, there was no reason why any children should have to go through life handicapped by being crippled. The only difficulty was to have the disabled child treated without delay. In the past the main reason for the children not receiving the necessary treatment was finance. "This was where the Kiwanis came in," Mr. Rinn said emphatically, "and if there are any crippled children around Tim-

mins in the next few years it will be because they were too late for treatment or their impairment was beyond the knowledge and skill of modern science."

The work is being carried out in cooperation with the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. Most of the staff of the clinics are from the Sick Children's Hospital, of Toronto.

Once treatment is prescribed for the children the Kiwanis will make every effort to see that it is carried out without delay. Mr. Rinn said. Likely some of the children may have to be sent to Toronto for treatment.

The anniversary service will be held at 7 p.m.

Anniversary Of Dedication

The Sixth Anniversary of the dedication of Porcupine United Church will be celebrated on Sunday when Rev. E. Gilmour Smith of Mountjoy United Church, Timmins, will be the guest speaker.

The church, which was dedicated on Dec. 5th, 1940 is built on the same site where a tent served as a place of worship for the early pioneers of this great north country in 1911. Although the site was sold after the disastrous conflagration of 1911 it was later purchased by the parishioners of the church where they built their present edifice.

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Palace Theatre Scene Of Artist's Triumph

(by Gordon Thompson)

Singing his way easily into the hearts of an audience that filled the Palace Theatre last night, Todd Duncan, internationally famous American Baritone, opened the current series of Porcupine Community Concerts. Whether in the stately measures of Handel, the haunting melodies of Brahms and Schubert, or the deceptively simple folk-music, this singer proved himself a master of the art of song.

The broad, classic style of Handel was well illustrated in Caesar's soliloquy "Hear me, ye Winds and Waves" from the opera "Scipio". Although these operas, as a whole, were not well received in their day, and are never heard in their entirety, yet they have proved a source of many arias well-known in the repertoire of great vocalists. From another such work, "Floridante", by the same composer, Mr. Duncan sang the appealing "Alma Mia" — a revelation to those who are prone to consider Handel rather stiff. The singer's smooth tones and unerring sense of line were very evident here.

The second group of songs, drawn from the works of Brahms and Schubert, contained two of a type demanding a vivid dramatic sense. These were Brahms' "Verduth", and Schubert's "Der Doppelganger". The latter especially demands the best that any performer can give. A very short song, it requires that the singer capture the emotions of his audience from the outset and make every note count in building up to a climax unsurpassed in the field of art song. What some would have done by sheer force of volume Mr. Duncan accomplished by careful attention to dynamics. In the other numbers of the group, "Der Gang zum Lieben" (Brahms), and the familiar, beloved "Thine is My Heart", of Schubert, the artist's lyric qualities were displayed at their finest. Strauss' "Zueignung" followed these — the first

encore of the evening.

Group three consisted solely of one number — the aria "Vision Fugitive", from "Herodiade", by Massenet, in which the Duncan artistry did complete justice to the exacting requirements of this type of song. At its conclusion the audience again demanded encores, and received with evident delight Saint-Saens' "Danse Macabre", in its original, vocal form, as well as "Briolage", by Tiersot.

After intermission Mr. Duncan gave free reign to his lyric gift in "O Thou Billowy Harvest Field" (Rachmaninoff), and the amusing "Evening Prayer" (Moussorgsky). Both these songs, while they possess in the hands of an artist qualities of immediate appeal, yield the listener even more with repeated hearings. These were the first two numbers on the programme that were sung in English; and — as one expected from the singer's superb handling of the niceties of diction in a foreign language — that fact added just the quality to the programme for which many of the audience had been waiting.

Nor were they disappointed in the remainder of the numbers. "The Waters of Tralea", "Dancers, Come up!" (an African Zulu song), and three less well-known spirituals all showed Duncan to be outstanding exponent of the folk-song, and underlined the reason for his wide popularity. From the lilting Irish melody, through the wistful "Here's One", and "Walk with Me", to the exuberant "Every Time I Feel The Spirit", the singer carried the audience with him completely. These were endorsed by the irresistibly comic "Song of the Flea", by Moussorgsky.

"Porgy and Bess", the Gershwin opera in which Todd Duncan created the leading male role, was represented on the programme only by the familiar "I've Got Plenty o' Nuttin'", on which comment would be superfluous. But

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