

EDITORIAL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

On December 18th, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. the electors of Timmins will go to the polls to cast their votes for a 1947 Mayor and Council.

The voting lists number 12,540 Timmins residents eligible to vote in the election; 7,425 listed as Public School supporters, and 5,115 as separate School supporters.

In the past couple of weeks and during the first part of next week the candidates have and will lay their platforms and policies before the voters. By election day the electors will be well acquainted with the candidates programs and should have arrived at a decision as to what candidates would best form a municipal government for Timmins for the coming year.

The electors should remember that these candidates have, in all sincerity, offered their services to the town of Timmins. The candidates know they cannot all be elected, but in placing their names, platforms and policies before the public they have given the electors an opportunity to show by their vote just what type of platform they prefer. That in itself is important to the town, and a credit to the candidates.

However, in due consideration to the candidates, and to the platforms they advocate, the voters of Timmins should come out for a 100% vote on December 18. Only by so doing can the wishes of the public be known.

PUBLIC OPINION

When John L. Lewis called off the coal strike and ordered his United Mine Workers back to the pits he said he was doing it so that the supreme court could be free from "public pressure superinduced by the hysteria and frenzy of an economic crisis." He might well have said that public opinion had given him no alternative.

The power of public opinion is difficult to estimate, but in many political and labor battles it has often been the deciding factor. It is a rather imponderable and incalculable thing, though in the past decade man has made considerable progress — by public opinion polls — in developing a yardstick by which public opinion could be measured. In fact, they have been so successful that today the Gallup Poll forecast of a coming event is almost regarded as a certainty.

In John L.'s case the odds were against him from the start, regardless of whether there was justification in the strike or not.

The public had become fairly well settled to the idea that strikes were about over, and that industry, business and life in general were on their way back to normalcy again. The coal strike gave them a nasty jar.

The discomfort the public was threatened with, together with a further shortage of material and the thought of another indefinite workless period for thousands employed in industries dependent on coal all combined to rouse the public's indignation against John L.

In addition, the coal miners average pay of \$61.00 a week and up was considerably higher than the pay of the average worker; and, even though it was right that the miners hazardous occupation should be higher paid than most laboring jobs or trades, it nevertheless was not the kind of condition to create sympathy for John L. Lewis.

Public opinion is a force to be reckoned with.

THE CASE FOR HIGH WAGES

The dropping of all wage and salary controls by the Dominion Government the end of November was little more than an official gesture. Wage control had been shot so full of holes in the past year that it was just a matter of time before it submerged.

One of the reasons given for the move was the hope that increased wages would lure sufficient workers into the building trades to help alleviate Canada's nightmare housing shortage. The same idea applied to other trades experiencing a shortage of labour.

Evidently high wages is to be used as the adjuster in labour shortages. However, it seems likely that high wages will continue just so long as the shortage of labour existed.

At present the danger of high wages is the added strain put on price control; and without price control the gain of high wages are apt to be nullified by inflation. (Some schools of thought believe differently, believing price control should be lifted in order to give industry the proper chance to expand.)

Besides, there is the danger that increased wages in the under-manned trades will create a shortage of experienced manpower in other important trades and professions.

In addition, increased wages in the building trades may jump the inflated price of houses still more; and prospective buyers — especially ex-servicemen — will be the victims.

However, the case for high wages has its points.

Emigration of Canadians to the United States in the past months has reached a new high. Higher wages, together with lower income tax and a higher standard of living is sufficient inducement for many Canadians to cross the border.

Canadian industry can not realize its full productive power if the average Canadian's net income is low. Mass production and low prices are possible only when a large market is open; low net wages cut down that market and retards progress in scientific, technological and mass production.

High wages, mass production and a higher standard of living go hand in hand. Each depends largely on the other. The automobile is a good case in point.

High wages in the United States created a huge market for automobiles, which in turn brought about scientific improvement in mass production. In turn mass production reduced the cost until owning an automobile was possible to the majority of U. S. citizens. (Pre-war statistics were roughly one automobile for every four persons in the U.S. Canada was roughly one car for every eleven persons.)

The automotive industry set the pace for mass production in other industries, and with mass production came higher wages, lower prices and the opportunity for more Americans to enjoy the fruits of progress. Canada, to a certain extent, has the same opportunity. Right now she ranks third in world production. To keep that standing she must continually progress, as well as maintain a large domestic market. High wages seem to be the answer.

With the dropping of wage and salary controls should come the introduction of minimum wage laws in every trade or class of labour. The employees in any type of work necessary to our economic way of life should not suffer from those peculiar circumstances which have always meant low wages in some classes of work. Their welfare is the welfare of all Canadians, perhaps even more in the future than in the past.

HOW GOLD MINES ARE LOSING

(Sudbury Star)

Report of gold production in Ontario for the first 10 months of this year shows a gain of a little better than 12 per cent, over the figures for the corresponding period in 1945. But while this increase is somewhat gratifying, it is only a drop in the bucket. The margin could have been much greater; would have been greater had it not been for the retarding factors with which the industry had to contend.

One discouraging feature of the situation is the serious loss which is reflected by the return to dollar parity. In comparison with October of last year, Porcupine is the only field to show improved recovery in that month, and that was slight — from \$8.07 to \$8.16. Evidently, where possible, some of the producers had slightly raised the grade of ore treated in order to make up for the loss of \$3.50 per ounce in revenue.

All the other districts, however, reveal the adverse effect which the return to parity has had upon results of operations. Average recovery was down in these areas, as follows: Kirkland Lake dropped from \$11.19 to \$10.06; Matachewan—Sudbury from \$3.51 to \$3.36, and Northwestern Ontario (including Little Long Lac, Patricia, Red Lake and other areas) from \$12.33 to \$10.29 per ton. The overall loss for Ontario was 48 cents per ton, quite an item when considered with the rising costs of operation.

These figures are a disappointment to the mining industry, and a depressing factor affecting the general economy of Ontario. Just when it was hoped and expected, following the war, that mining would regain its pre-war position, and expand still further, it had to contend with handicaps that were placed upon it by unwise government action. On all sides the dire results emanating from the existing Ottawa policy are being manifested. A prosperous Canada cannot be achieved when industry is shackled instead of encouraged by progressive legislation.

PREVENT DEPRESSION PLAN

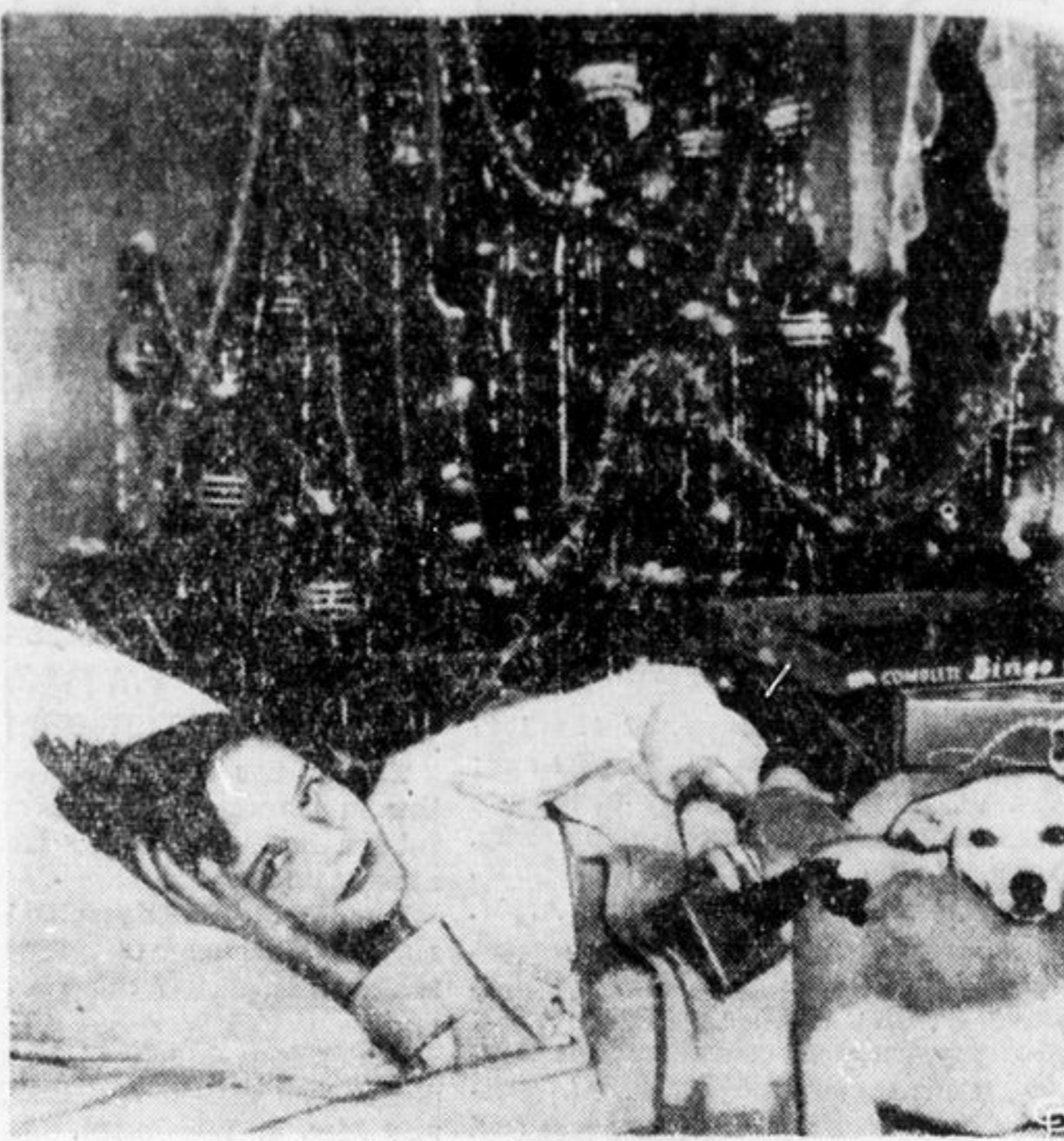
An international plan is under way now to prevent depression. Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States are preparing forecasts for 12 months ahead on what can be expected in the way of employment, exports, production, public works and private capital investment. The forecast will be exchanged and action taken to prevent any threat.

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CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY FOR DOOMED BOY



Eight-year-old Andy Painter of Detroit, Mich., dying of throat cancer is celebrating Christmas a little early this year. His eighth birthday was the occasion for the double celebration after doctors had told his parents there was little hope of Andy being here for the real Christmas. On the bed are toys and games sent to the doomed boy by friends and relatives. In the background is a Christmas tree, gaily decorated. Andy's pet dog peeks up over the bed to show he is part of the party.

Company Proposal Now In Union Agency Hands Mine Manager States

"The Company's proposals have been given to the employees Negotiating Committee today," said Mr. E. L. Longmore, General Manager of the Hollinger Mine, in a statement issued to the Advance.

"At present the union is holding meetings with union members concerning the company's proposals. "The company and the union Negotiating Committees are to meet for further negotiation next Monday, December 16.

"The company has considered many factors in making their proposals and this information has been passed on to the union Negotiating Committee. "It is now the responsibility of the Hollinger employees, through their bargaining agency, to decide regarding acceptance of the Company's proposals."

Lions Club Equalled But Not Surpassed

The guests at the Lions Club meeting Monday night were Mr. Young of the Home and School Club and the Adult Education Group; and Lion Stan Fowler, Deputy District Governor of the Lions.

Mr. Young gave a brief outline of the purposes and plans of the Home and School Club and Adult Education Group, and explained how they functioned. He hoped he would be given another opportunity of addressing the Lions Club.

Lion Stan Fowler summarized the history of Lionism in Canada, particularly that of District A 5 in which the local club is located.

He mentioned that while the growth of Lionism has been rather slow in comparison to some clubs it nevertheless has been very thorough and that only one club in the district had turned in its charter out of 154 clubs which had received charters in the past 25 years.

Lion Stan mentioned that in the achievements of community welfare and betterment activities, some clubs may have equalled the local club but certainly none had surpassed it. The T.B. campaign of the Timmins Lions Club is an example for other clubs to follow, it being a pioneer in this type of drive.

The Board of Directors had decided that despite suggestions, holiday meetings would be held on Mondays, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30.

The guest speaker on Monday, December 23, will be Mr. Behie, the well known labor leader and organizer.

Pansies in December

December 9th, Mr. J. C. Burwell, 64 Elm Street North, walked into the office with some pansies. We believe this is a record for this type of flower in Timmins.

LISTS OF CHOICES FOR LOCAL VOTERS

Following is a list of candidates from which Timmins electors will make their choices in the municipal election, Wednesday, December 18.

FOR MAYOR

Miss Ellen Terry, principal
J. E. Brunette, sales supervisor.

FOR COUNCILLOR

(six to be elected)
Herbert S. Bayne, engineer
Leo Delvillano, mailman
Wm. Doran, manager
E. J. Laakso, manager
J. F. McNamara, miner
Ray L. Stevenson, salesman
Philip Fay, diamond drill setter
William Ackroyd, miner
Urban Aubry, miner
J. E. H. Chateaufort, gentleman
Martin Hugh McCourt, electrician
Wm. Roberts, miner
George Webber, mine captain
J. P. Bartlemann, gentleman
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES
(three to be elected)
Roy W. Hardy, accountant
Harold B. Kidd, salesman
Arthur T. Skelly, miner
Beverley E. Weir, mine inspector

Recruits Response Good In Timmins

An RCAF Mobile Recruiting Unit, in charge of F-L F. Watson and F-O J. Hynds, is located in room 3 of the Municipal Building from Wednesday, Dec. 11 to Friday, December 13th.

The unit is recruiting ground crew recruits for the Permanent Force. Recruits must be between the ages of 18 to 25 with Jr. Matric or equivalent. However, chaps with Grade 10 education with experience in the trade applied for will be considered.

Ex-servicemen will be given full consideration for experience and service; they will be considered up to 25 years plus their years of active service.

"The response for recruits has been good in Timmins," F-L Watson said. "We have had over 30 contacts on our first day, and six applications."

The Mobile Unit is operating from No. 1 Air Command, Trenton. Timmins is the northern end of the route.

Over 85 Children Examined at Crippled Children's Clinic

The Kiwanis Crippled Children's Clinic, under the direction of Dr. A. W. Farmer, which was held at the Porcupine Health Unit Monday and Tuesday, treated over 85 crippled children from the Timmins district.

The Clinic was a decided success, and the visiting staff were high in their praise for the organization and the speedy handling of the cases by the Kiwanis and the Porcupine Health Unit.

While the final conclusions of the Clinic have not yet been received, it is known that a great many of the children could be helped.

The Candidates Speak!

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

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

WM. DORAN Councillor 1946

"I feel that as vice-president of one of Timmins' largest tax-paying firms I realize only too well the need for getting value for one hundred cents out of every dollar collected in taxes. The ratepayers can rest assured on that point."

"I believe in attracting new industries to Timmins, in developing new roads that will open up the district. In fact, I have in mind at present a plan for opening of the Monteth School for handicrafts in winter and an Agricultural School in summer."

"Tourists are always looking for something unique when they visit this district, and I'm certain there are enough people in Timmins and district who would be interested in making extra money. And, as record crops grown in the Cochrane district have proved, this district could well do with expert agricultural advice and training."

"Improving of roads would be of benefit to both Timmins automobile owners and business men alike; and, pushing the completion of a road from Sudbury to Sault Ste. Marie would be of great benefit to this district."

"Those are some of the points I would stress, and in my re-election the electors of Timmins could rest assured of my unstinted efforts towards improving the welfare of the town."

E. B. WEIR Candidate for Public School Trustee.

"In offering my services again as a candidate for the Public School Board, I would summarize my principal unrealized objectives for the near future as being the following: the expansion of our school accommodation to adequately provide for kindergarten classes, auxiliary classes, and specialized work classes in the senior grades. I shall work to attain these, if elected."

J. H. BAYNE (a newcomer in the political field).
"I am offering myself as a candidate for councillor solely because of the wishes of my friends, who feel I have the necessary qualifications and the proper attitude towards civic affairs."

"For the past twenty years I have taken an active part in Timmins young people's affairs and it has made me realize only too well the importance of having our coming generation raised in proper surroundings and with a chance to

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Ellen Terry Favors Lower Taxes and Reserve

The following is a condensed version of Miss Ellen Terry's speech over CKGB Monday, Dec. 9th.

"Ladies and gentlemen:— "On this, my eighth year, before the voters of Timmins, I am not, as usual, appealing for the office of Councillor, but (this time) for the office of Mayor; my reason being — because I think it is time for a change and the public have given me to understand they feel that way too.

"Right now, may I say, that in my appeals, from time to time, I do not intend to run anyone down; if I must get my votes through mud slinging, disparaging, smears methods, then I guess I shall have to do without the votes and shall not be your Mayor for 1947. Several of the municipal campaigns that have been run in Timmins have been very disgusting to me and I

want no part of them.
"As far as promises go, I am making but one. Promises are very easily made by candidates in any election, but — are they kept?
"The one big promise which I am going to make, and which I know I can keep, is — to lower your taxes to a more normal stage and if at all possible to build up reserves. Not only will the taxes be lowered, but they will be spent in the most efficient manner and to the best advantage of the taxpayer; for instance; undue investigations, such as the one which is going on at the moment, and which will be of absolutely no value to the town, will be eliminated. Efficiency of management and council will bring about such matters being handled by a committee of council — instead of outsiders —

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40 Fire Alarms For Nov. Chief Reports

40 alarms, three of them false, with a total estimated damage of \$601.75, was Fire Chief Stanley's report for November. Manpower attendance at fires for the permanent force was 336, and for the volunteer firemen 184.

Grants Passed By Council

Grants passed by council at their last meeting included the balance of \$1500 in the \$3000 grant made to the Children's Aid Society; the quarterly grant of \$750 to the Volunteer Fire Brigade; and the grant of \$500 to the Cemetery Board.

Miss Mary Cunick was appointed new payroll clerk for the town at per regular salary schedule.

"Collective Bargaining Should be in Good Faith" Union Organizer Declares

Masonic Lodge Elects Officers

The following officers were elected at Golden Beaver lodge, A. F. & A. M. at last night's meeting.
W.M. K. Stubbs; S.W. R. Chalmers; J.W. W. G. McHugh; Chaplain B. E. Service; Treasurer, S. A. Gadsby; Secretary, A. Barrett.

Council Move Swiftly In Covering Agenda

The business on the agenda for the council meeting Wednesday, December 11th, was dealt with swiftly and without a dissenting voice. Mayor Brunette presided. In attendance were Councillors Terry, Fay, McDermott, Doran and Roberts.

The first business was a request from the Y's Men's Club. They submitted a Board of Directors for the Y. M. C. A. and asked for a grant. As there was no budget available for such a grant the 1946 council wished to go on record in recommending that consideration be given in the 1947 budget to this body by the new council.

The Timmins Recreational Committee requested a meeting with the town council to plan for the securing of a Recreational Director in co-operation with the Department of Education, and to plan a program of recreation and education for the youth of Timmins. The Council agreed to hold the meeting in the Council Chamber at 7 p.m. Friday, December 13th.

Mrs. Parnell, injured in a fall on the icy street, informed council that she was not satisfied with the insurance company's decision. The meeting was asked to re-consider Mrs. Parnell's case. Mr. Doran proposed the purchase of an automatic sander as present hand-sanding is not adequate for a town of this size.

Mining Film Of District Interesting

The Timmins Y's Men's Club held their regular meeting in the Grand Hotel on Monday evening, with Frank Dawson presiding.

Initial plans for the holding of a Christmas party for some of the city's children were made. The party will be held during the week-end preceding Christmas.

Fireman Albert Odete showed an interesting film on the mining and refining of gold ore in this district. The film was made by the National Film Board, Ottawa, and gave a graphic description of gold mining in its entirety.

A sing-song was held with songs appearing on lantern slides. Jimmy Ormston was a guest of the Y's Men's Club and rendered a number of beautiful piano selections.

Pay-As-You-Go Mayor Brunette's Slogan

The following are condensed versions of Mayor Brunette's radio addresses in his campaign for mayor of Timmins for 1947. (Wed., Dec. 13, 6 to 6:15 p.m.)

"Ladies and gentlemen of the radio audience, ratepayers and tenants of the Town of Timmins:

"I am glad that I will again have the opportunity to seek office through the vote of the people. The only thing which proves a problem to me is that I have been married for 14 years and have never had a fight with my wife. Thus I am unprepared and don't know how to fight with a woman, particularly during an election."

"However, I intend to stand on my past record and on my future program. I feel much has been accomplished while I have been Mayor of Timmins. I feel that I can still serve and still do more to help our town grow and prosper.

"Blabbermouthed politicians who like to play politics for the sake of playing politics have shouted this year about high taxes. They have misjudged the intelligence of the voters and counted on the words 'high taxes' to throw out a mayor and council merely because that same body had the courage to increase taxes when increased taxes were necessary. They have talked about the 'regrettable state of municipal financing.'

"The regrettable financing which they speak of in my term of office resulted in a lower average tax rate than ever before in the history of the town. That rate is \$9.01 mills. No other mayor or council can claim that distinction. That regrettable financing has resulted in a reduction in the municipal debenture debt of over half a million dollars. It has resulted in the town reducing its rate of interest at banks from five to four per cent in the past four years.

"It has resulted in us selling debentures at two and three-quarters per

Concerning the 10 cent an hour increase for Porcupine miners which was announced Tuesday by some mines, Mr. Leo "Buck" Behie, international organizer of Local 241, Mine Mill and Smelter Workers Union, gave the Advance the following statement.

Said Mr. Behie: "The union is dealing with eleven mines in the Porcupine Camp to negotiate wage increases.

"Collective bargaining is supposed to be done in good faith as set out in Order-in-Council No. 1003.

"The union feels that when the statement has been made to the public before advising the union the companies involved show little or no respect for collective bargaining."

A joint conference of all union representatives of District No. 8, which embraces Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba mines and effecting approximately 35,000 miners is scheduled to be held in Timmins December 21st and December 22nd.

Mr. Pat Conroy, Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Congress of Labor will attend the meeting.

5 Open-air Rinks For Youngsters

Councillor Philip Fay announced that Timmins will have five open-air rinks this year in addition to the Arena for the youngsters to play hockey on. The five open-air rinks are at: Gillies Lake, Moneta School, Southern Ave., Holy Family School and O'Neill Township.

KINETTES PLAN XMAS FOR SHELTER

The Kinettes held their regular meeting last night in the Grand Hotel.

Plans were made for the buying of Christmas gifts for the children of the shelter, with Mrs. Roy Hardy and Mrs. Len Lumb placed in charge.

A report was given on the work done recently for the shelter. Curly material had been purchased and made up into curtains for the playroom and dormitories.

The Kinettes are devoting considerable time to the making of layette for V. O. N. work.

The results brought in by the mitt boxes placed in stores and eating places in the district were mentioned. This is a very worthy cause, and your spare pennies and silver coin help to add a substantial fund.

Members present at the meeting were Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. F. A. "Bangs" Robinson, Mrs. E. Reid, Mrs. J. Sullivan, Mrs. Pond, Mrs. B. Buell, Mrs. O. Carter, Mrs. C. Caveley, Mrs. J. Dawes, Mrs. Roy Hardy, Mrs. B. Harrison, Mrs. A. L. Hartman, Mrs. H. Hudson, Mrs. H. Kelneck, Mrs. Charles Leppan, Mrs. S. Mitchell, Mrs. Len Lumb and Mrs. "Bim" Sturgeon.

Rt. Hon. J. L. Isley, leaves finance department, to become new minister of justice. Defence Minister Abbott assumes finance portfolio.

In previous years they were sold at more than four per cent.

"Is that bad management?"

"In our first year after the war, the council and I were faced with a problem of supplying services which had not been given during the war. There were roads to repair, equipment to replace, sewers to instal, watermains to provide, streets to dust, houses for veterans, a snowplower, gravel loader, cement mixer—these last items to permit us to do our own work at less cost than normally spent with contractors.

These things cost money. We could have debentured for many of them. We could have asked next year's council to help pay for them. We could have asked every council for the next ten years to pay for them. But we realized that next year's council will have added problems. We know that our town is growing and the problems are growing and more and more services must be given. We would be building a tremendous debt for future councils. We faced the problem. I am pleased that there were members of council who attended meetings and had the courage to support the policy of pay-as-you-go. We have paid. But we have only paid once. And we have paid no interest and provided no future debt for future councils. We shouldered our responsibilities and if that is bad management, then we are guilty of bad management. But we didn't play politics.

In the matter of wartime housing, we took the bull by the horns and provided homes for our boys. We took the initiative when it was needed. And I can say at this time that Timmins is the only town in the entire Dominion of Canada with basements in wartime houses. It was secured through hard work and not politics. There are 60 of the 100 wartime houses with full-sized basements, at slight extra cost

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