

BOOM IS EXPECTED HERE THIS SPRING

Subsidy On Gold Considerably Better Than Most Realize

The Advance predicts that at least a moderate boom will take place here this Spring. It will be caused due to increased gold production and the hiring of additional manpower in the mines of the district.

More men will be working underground than ever before. If they can be obtained, in order that local industry may capitalize on the subsidy announced on gold last December. Benefits under the subsidy can be derived only by increasing production as much as possible.

Generally speaking, mine management has soft-pedalled the benefits to be gained through the subsidy, probably with an eye to reaction which an optimistic picture would cause among organized labor. The Advance is con-

fidant that the subsidy will give much greater return to the mines than is generally realized.

Meanwhile, a survey conducted among the town's merchants indicated this week that more money is being spent at present than for several months past. Part of this is due to the return of compulsory wartime savings which is at present taking place. On the other hand, merchants report that money is "loosening up" generally.

"It looks like good times are on the way back," was one merchant's observation. "We've had a rather lean time of it lately, but there is a considerable trend for the better today."



PHALANX CLUB: Seen here at a recent meeting of the Phalanx Club are left to right, Gerry Plouffe and Don Collins; rear, Bob Harper, P. Percy Bennett and Don Harnden. The Phalanx Club is but one of the many groups sponsored by the YMCA, which is now conducting its annual appeal for funds. *Advance Photo*

Robinson Enquiry Today

The enquiry conducted by the Immigration Department as to whether Reid Robinson is a Communist takes place today at Toronto. If Robinson is found to be a Communist he will be deported to the United States.

Today's enquiry should have far-reaching effects, not only as regards union organizers but also the Communist party as a whole. In order to implement that section of the law under which Robinson is being dealt with, it will have to be proved that the Communist party in Canada advocates the overthrow of the government by violence if necessary. If this cannot be proved, that section of the Immigration Act by which Robinson faces deportation will not be valid in his case.

Last week in Toronto Robinson stated that he was not a Communist, nor had he ever been one. His direct denial contrasts considerably with a reply he gave an Advance reporter here recently. When questioned directly as to whether he was a member of the Communist party Robinson told a reporter "It is none of your business."



COME AND GET THEM! When tickets went on sale Monday for the forthcoming Porcupine skating carnival town residents by the hundreds turned out to purchase them. It was first come first served and a queue extended from Moisiey and Ball's drug store around the corner to the Victory Theatre. Seen above is a portion of the crowd within the drug store. *Advance Photo*

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Rev. E. Gilmour Smith Addresses Kiwanis Club

Timmins Kiwanis Club enjoyed a particularly attractive Easter Monday programme at the luncheon at the Empire hotel this week. The outstanding features were the inspiring address by Rev. E. Gilmour Smith, the talented singing by Miss Nancy Pickering, and the gifted violin playing by Robert Hursti, an eleven-year-old pupil of Kiwanian Edouard Bartlett.

The day was in charge of Arch Gilles, chairman of the committee on public affairs, business standards and support of churches, who introduced the artists, and thanked them on behalf of the club.

In her opening number Miss Nancy Pickering gave a gifted presentation of "The Lord is My Shepherd," and this won much deserved applause. Her second number was in lighter vein, but was given with equal effectiveness.

Robert Hursti won much credit with his two violin numbers, and all saw a notable future for this talented lad. (Edouard Bartlett) played the accompaniments for the two artists. Major Majury introduced Rev. E. Gilmour Smith, and proved a prophet in promising the club an inspiring address.

Rev. E. Gilmour's address was an Easter message of comfort and inspiration, and had particular force at this time. After a humorous introduction the guest speaker touched on the material trends in the world to-day. He showed that the progress of the world had been remarkable in science and in the mechanical ways, but it was doubtful if the happiness of people had progressed in equal fashion. Touching on various materialistic theories and beliefs that had grown in recent years, the speaker referred to the gross materialism of Communism, Nazism and Fascism. These isms emphasized the masses, and disregarded the individual. On the other hand, Christianity stressed the rights as well as the duties of the individual, and made room for the happiness of all.

The speaker pointed out that many had become discouraged because so often evil seemed to triumph over good in this world, and it seemed to them that the world operated on natural laws without beneficent purpose behind it all. The Easter message, however, was that kindness, mercy and brotherhood would eventually triumph over all evil, and that behind all natural laws there was a divine presence that guarded and guided to the eventual victory of the right. Had the Christian story ended with the crucifixion, it would have been forgotten in a few years, but the lesson of the triumph of Easter was that it proved the divine presence and the fact that good only could conquer all evil even death.

Kiwanian Jack Beattie expressed the thanks of the club for the inspiring and reassuring address, and President Quinn added his own personal thanks to the speaker for the day.

Chairman A. G. Irving reported that the Easter Seals fund for crippled children now totalled 1,512.00.

Guests for the day, introduced by Vice-President F. A. Woodbury, were: Geo. A. Jenkin, superintendent of music for Timmins public schools; Rev. E. Gilmour Smith, minister of Mountjoy United Church, Timmins; Miss Nancy Pickering; Robert Hursti; R. V. Trench; G. H. Loesemore, Kirkland Lake; Gordon Elrick, South Porcupine.

President Barney Quinn read a letter from Stan. Fowler (Lots Club) re the Inter-Club Service Council. Vice-President F. A. Woodbury and Director A. W. Hocking were appointed representatives of the Kiwanis Club of this Inter-Club Council.

Northern Ontario Settlers Get Aid

In an address given the Northern Ontario Section of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association annual meeting J. P. S. Ballantyne Commissioner for Agricultural Development in Northern Ontario gave an encouraging report on the activities carried on under the Department of Agriculture policies for assistance of settlers and farmers in the North.

At the beginning of 1947, based on the experience of the previous year, these policies were revised. The new policies provided for grants of fifty per cent of the cost of breaking and clearing land, up to a maximum of \$12.00 per acre and fifty per cent of the cost of breaking land up to a maximum of \$4.00 per acre.

Up to January 1, 1948, a total of 992 settlers had been assisted under these policies. For clearing land, assistance was given to 939 settlers and for breaking land to 715, and, as is obvious, the majority were assisted with both clearing and breaking. As a result of the assistance given these settlers cleared 6,260 acres and broke 4,636 acres of new land during the 1947 season.

During the year the Department also followed out its policy of providing,

Gold Subsidy Means Plenty to This Mine

A striking indication of what benefits can be expected by some mines due to the subsidy on gold is found in the following story, which was clipped from last Saturday's edition of the Toronto Daily Star.

The story was entitled "GOLD SUBSIDY SEEN BIG PROFIT FACTOR." "At Senator-Roy's Ltd., on the 2,025-ft. level in the 'B' zone a length of 225 feet of ore is now showing grading \$11.15 over an average width of 33 feet, according to Redmond Quain, president.

"Operating profit for 1947 was \$65,000, he states, against an operating loss of \$77,000 in 1946. For 1948 estimated operating profit is \$225,000, including \$120,000 compensation payable by the government. An operating profit of \$105,000 is estimated for 1947."

Gate Six Months

Michael Ferlick was sentenced to six months in all by Magistrate S. Atkinson here this week when he was convicted of five charges of false pretenses.

without cost to the settlers, drainage outlets and main drains to take water off their lands and under this policy 104 miles of new drains were constructed.

Higher Green Fees At Local Golf Club

A general raise in green fees was announced at the recent annual meeting of the Timmins Golf Club. The increase is attributed to higher costs to maintain the local course. From \$50 to \$55. For married couples the fee is \$50 instead of \$45. Memberships for men and women have also been increased by \$5, to \$40 and \$25. Daily green fees have been increased to \$1.50 from \$1. Fees for juniors remain the same at \$3.

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