

Throwing Quills

by K. L. McQ.

To tell: A. W. Stewart is the only politician in town who has come out with a platform. Declaring that he is running for council Mr. Stewart says that his platform is pure malice and he is a sure bet for council. Before you buy any money on the line though read over the eight planks on which Mr. Stewart will stand. (1) Marked reduction in taxes. (2) Immediate dismissal of the present assessment appeal court. (3) To be replaced by five of the best newly elected councillors. (4) Less employees in the town hall and the remaining ones to have their remuneration cut by 25%. (5) A material reduction in the fire department and a marked reduction in their wages. (6) All servants of the town are not to regard themselves as superior to the elected representatives. Everyone dismissed from the corporation must look for his own job. (7) I will advance for the town taking over the undertaking business on a cost basis. The poor would have all the services at exactly what it cost—in other words a reduction of at least 60%. (8) All councillors seeking re-election from the electors should be sworn to greater economy. A system of conservative and save, which is long overdue. (9) I will advocate the taking over by the town of the bus lines with a reduction in the fares of 50% and will advise with all my energy that the management of this line should be in the hands of Howard Brunette.

Mr. Stewart advocates a stronger council but doesn't want to change the mayor. He says that he would like to work with Karl Eyre to make Timmins the best possible community. Perhaps A. W. is right when he says, the Timmins council has sat on its collective duff long enough. From the Mayor's chair: "Everyone is telling me that taxes should be lower," says Karl Eyre, "but no one has come forward with a solution to the problem." Anyone like to take a crack at the problem? Just run for mayor and get a whole year to figure it out.

Laugh out: Not enough zester in the Curley Barnett trio last Saturday night at the Rainbow Room. Carlo's hasn't even got a juke box. Is the Empire Hotel's "source" up its dirty dining room and add a bit of Lamb to the menu? Cedar Lunch raffles off a five pound box of chocolates among its customers. Fair coffee.

Life with Father: may have been strenuous but it must have been fun. William Powell at times made us believe that he could become a great actor if he studies hard. Irene Dunne as mother was delightful and very convincing. By the turnouts one would judge that it wasn't the type of movie which Timmins would appreciate. If Fred Astaire were cast as father and Judy Garland as Mother and they danced up and down the carpeted stair and had Frank Sinatra as the minister, it would have been a sell-out. Yes sirc, bub!

Art: The Canadian Art Magazine says, "What really gave spice to the 1948 Ontario Society of Artists' Exhibit was something entirely new, a special section called 'The Painter's Art in Layman's Language.' This was a bright idea well thought out and imaginatively executed, an attempt to demonstrate specifically by twenty panels (all by well known painters), and by explanatory text, the various methods an artist can use and how he is likely to approach his subject. One group of panels dealt with media, oil right through to tempera; another with style, from naturalism to abstraction; the third with technical considerations—space, textures, mood, balance and so fourth. In other words laymen who care, can see paintings through the eye of the artist; an admirable device well calculated to heighten both perception and appreciation."

"The Painter's Art in Layman's Language" which is listed in the Toronto Art Gallery catalogue as being booked up until 1950, is being released however, through the efforts of Community Programmes. The previous schedule has been modified to allow this display to tour the North. It will be available from July 1 to September 30, 1949, with bookings made through the Community Programmes office, North Bay. In order that a circuit may be set up it is urgent that the various art groups make their request now for the showing.

Another circulating exhibit available from the Toronto Art Gallery is the exhibit of Contemporary Canadian water colors, which should be interesting to the art people of Timmins, as Henri Masson, is one of the artists represented. Carl Schefer, Edna Tacon, Jack Shadbold, and David Milne are some of the others who have watercolors in this exhibit.

Rookie Sparks Greens In 6-2 Win Over S.P.

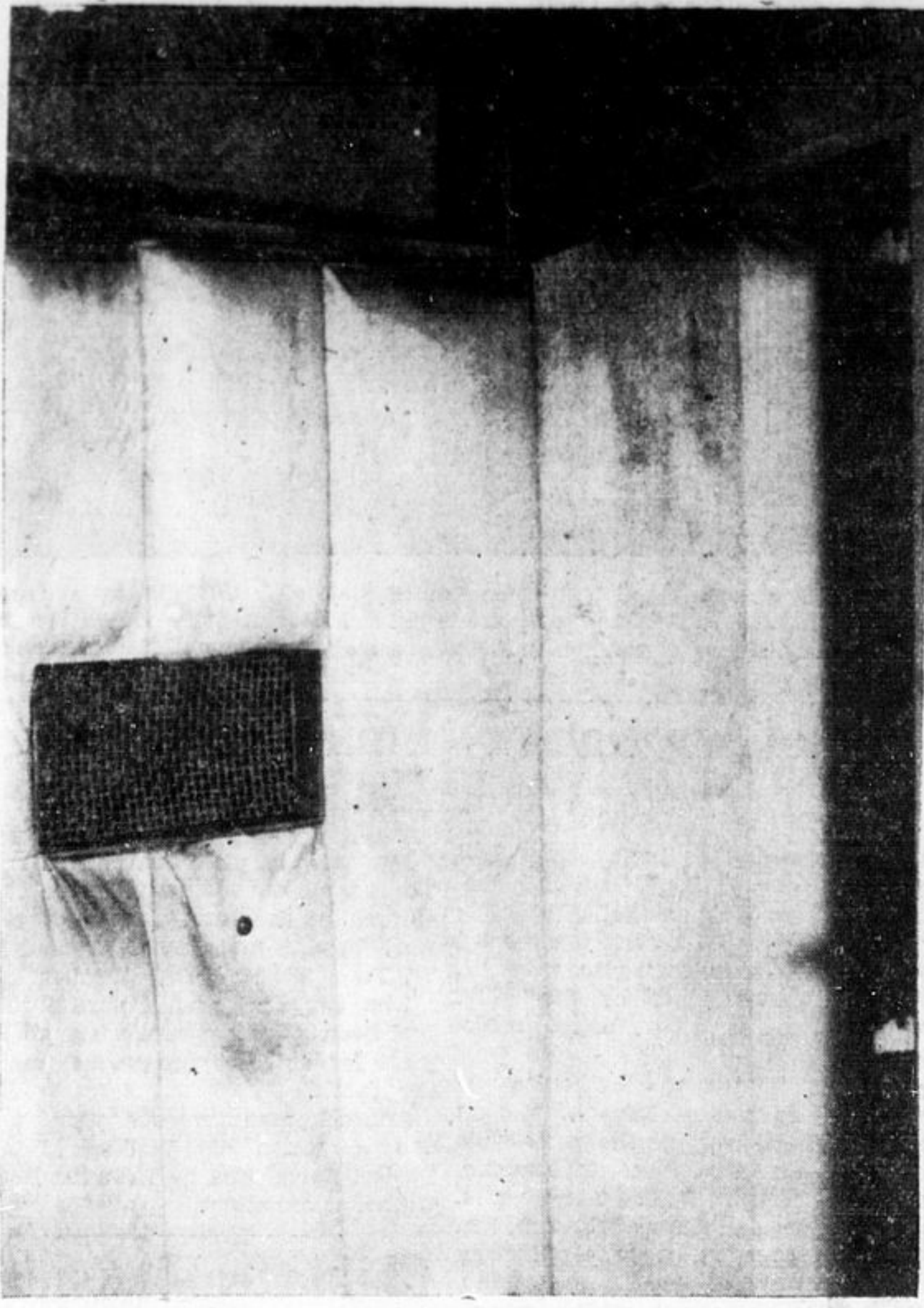
Hollinger Greenshirts are once again the co-leaders of the Mine League, thanks to shifty Val Lucciantonio. The rookie broke loose and parked three all-important goals past Freeman in the South End net. This is the second time in as many games that Val cut himself a large share of the glory. Last Wednesday night he scored 2 markers to lead the Hollyites to victory over the Paperworkers. Sharing the spotlight with Lucciantonio were the veteran Wink Wilson and reliable Johnny Kovich, each scoring one and assisting in two others. Kovich's 3 point total moved him into a first place tie in the scoring derby with Orlando Lister and Theriault. The latter picked up a pair of assists last night to jump his point total to 12 too. The other Holly tally came from Rudy Cyr on a screen shot which Freeman didn't see. The two South End goals came from the sticks of Alex Kosick and Jack Ladds. Ladd's counter was scored on a penalty shot after he had been tripped on a break-away by Lucciantonio.

Twelve penalties were handed out by referees Sparky Vall and Normie Woon, in a game that threatened at many stages to break out into a real "Dunkirk." Worst offender was Dom Inarrell, big rearsitter rearguard who was given a match misconduct for

slashing Normie Woon across the wrist. The most painful part of the incident was that Woon's watch was smashed into a million pieces. Nanny Pentello, playing his first game in many weeks for the winners was given three minors. Cy Freeman joined Cec Romaine, Combines goalie, in the select group of two netminders who have penalized so far this year. Cy received his sentence for a fight with Rudy Cyr, in which Cyr came out second best.

A shower of programmes etc. was rained on the ice in the second period after the referees allowed a goal which most fans thought didn't go in. Lucciantonio raced in on Freeman and let go with a blazing shot. The red light didn't go on but whistles blew and the referees ruled it a goal after long minutes of debating. On speaking to the goal judge after the game, he said that the puck hit the post and did not enter the net as the refs claimed. It was just one of those things, and didn't matter in the final outcome in any case.

The Hollinger win boosted them into a first place tie with the Macmen 2 games ahead of the third place Porkies. Hollinger, however will probably rule the roost after tomorrow night's game as they tangle with



This padded cell is the only "hospitalization" which the mentally ill receive in Timmins. Lodged in this dark cell which only has an air hole in the door so that the person inside will not hurt himself too much, the patient awaits his appearance before the magistrate and is sent to another jail at Haileybury to wait again for admission to a mental hospital. Leading citizens are shocked at the facts. But something can be done about them and, Timmins-like, the wheels have already started to turn. A hopeful sign.

Communists Frightened By D.P.--Appeal To Mayor

Timmins Town Council was subjected to a 15 minute oration by Stanley Kremyr this week, when Kremyr read from a long document called a "petition to recertain displaced persons."

The document was signed by Kremyr and a Jim Fester. It accused the D.P.'s of Timmins with inciting a near riot by calling the Reds by their proper names and threatening them with threats which have been used against them, the Displaced Persons.

Following the tactics as read from the Canadian Tribune, the Labor Election Committee decided to get a little publicity in Timmins. The document reads like a rundown on the war crimes.

It says in part: On Sunday night, November 14, after a concert meeting at the hall at 20 Mountjoy St. South, owned by the Association of United Ukrainian-Canadians, a band of some forty men, identified as displaced persons, entered. Having made sure that only half a dozen of the concert audience were still present, the intruders thronged around these people, reviled them in the most obscene language, threatened them with bloodshed and continued their obnoxious behaviour even when two policemen arrived and ordered them off the premises."

The editor happened to be at the police station that evening when the call came in. The address made him take particular note. The police were bored. The attitude was, "What, again?" After the squad car left the station it was only a matter of a few minutes until the all clear signal was given. The police reported that someone had called another fellow a

"Stalin follower" and there had been words.

The Communists didn't go marching to the police when they beat up a union man at the corner of Balsam and Third avenue. And they haven't been quick to report any intimidation which they have been using on the D.P.'s. When the shoe is on the other foot they begin to yowl for protection and use intimidation for doing so.

The belligerent tone of the petition was enough to have them sent packing from the council chambers. Appealing to the town for protection the communists which have caused so much trouble here, looked a pretty sorry sight.

Using the tactics as laid down for them by the Canadian Tribune in an article on what happened out West, the Communists are bound that they will "get" the D.P.'s one way or another. Since they haven't been able to have them in their ranks, the Communists are out to discredit them whenever and wherever they can.

Kremyr's epistle charges these men with being Nazis and calls them a "brutal and insolent people" and adds that they think that "the ideal citizen of the world today is the gangster."

One line is very interesting. "If the displaced persons insist on behaving like fascist criminals, there is no place for them in our community and they must be excluded." Perhaps they should join the many displaced persons on the other side of the iron curtain and see Siberia.

There is a delicious bit of writing in the last paragraph. This will slay you. "The safety of the citizens, you will readily agree, is the primary concern of our Town Fathers. In our petition today, we bring you the facts concerning the actions of a number of displaced persons, and warn you of the danger of such actions. We feel confident you will take immediate action on this matter, for remaining passive under these dangerous circumstances would place on this council the responsibility for the consequences."

It is good stuff around election time the Communist thinks, to stir things up.

If the D.P.'s did chase some of the rats down their hole, then we say, more power to them. If we leave them alone they'll settle the whole thing themselves. They seem to have thrown a scare into the Commies.

Oh yes, present at the meeting were, Mr. Ray Stevenson, Communist representative, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer (the propaganda chief), Jim Fester, with Stanley Kremyr reading his lines as though he had rehearsed them well. And, an impressive outlay of Communist talent. One lady dramatically jumped to her feet and sputtered, "They swore at me." When the petition had been read.

It is interesting to watch what the council will do in the matter. And to what use the Communists will put the results, either pro or con.

Turn off lights when not using them. Don't use any more electricity than absolutely necessary.

Town Police Cell Only Ward For Mentally Ill Persons

Conserve Heritage Message of Carlings Conservation Club

The "regional premiere" of two new moving pictures by the Carlings Conservation Club were shown in Timmins Tuesday evening, "Expedition Moose" and the Carlings Conservation Club Story were the subjects of the pictures shown at the Empire Hotel dining room following a turkey dinner and refreshments attended by 100 representative citizens of Timmins.

J. Emile Brunette presided at the dinner with guest speakers, T. A. Arkell, sales manager of the Carlings Company and William Wren, formerly of Timmins.

Admitting frankly that it was an advertising program which the company had started, a form of institutional advertising which the brewing industry began as a result of the ban of the advertising of brewed beverages. The Conservation Club, he said, is making a direct contribution to the future of wildlife in Canada.

The film "Expedition Moose" was a marvelous color film of the moose in his natural habitat. The film was taken by officials of the Ontario Museum on a trip north of Lake Superior which was financed by the Carlings Company. Many interesting and hitherto unknown facts in the life of a moose were covered by the film and every man in the audience watched with interest the pictures of the moose running through the bush and eating the plants from the bottom of a lake.

The expedition will take three years to complete and in that time the group in the bush will have a tremendous amount of material gathered on the habits and life of the moose.

William Robertson suggested at the end of the showing of the pictures that they be brought to the attention of all groups of hunters and trappers who went into the bush. He said that many people living in the bush hunted out of season and he said that it was this group that particularly needed education in conservation.

Members of the Kirkald Lake Fish and Game Club were introduced by Don Best of the Carlings Co., Lou Krugel of Toronto and an employee of Carlings did imitations of Al Jolson which went over big with the crowd. The officials of Carlings left yesterday morning for Sudbury where they put on a similar party.

By Kenneth McQuigan, Editor
The Porcupine Advance

The town of Timmins is moving ahead. This week the editor of the Porcupine Advance questioned several doctors, the mayor, a psychiatrist, and the local police concerning the facilities in Timmins for mental patients. It was an informal poll and it was illuminating.

The only facilities which Timmins has at present for these helpless people is a padded cell in the town jail. No medical men are in charge nor will they be responsible after a mental patient has been committed to jail.

A medical doctor who has some psychiatric training gave us this information concerning the three different ways a mental patient may enter an Ontario Hospital from Timmins.

First, he said, there are the voluntary patients. These patients come voluntarily to a doctor when they feel that something is wrong with their mental equilibrium and they feel that they need care. The doctor then makes out an application for admission to a mental hospital and the patient sits back to wait until there is an opening in New Toronto Hospital or some other place. At present and for many years to come the mental hospitals are packed. They do the best they can, but often a patient must wait for sometimes weeks before he can get a bed in a hospital. This wait has great bearing on the mentally ill person. The curable types, said the doctor, often can be treated and cured if they are cared for soon enough.

The long waits between the time that they have volunteered and the time when they go south to the hospital are deleterious to mental health.

The second method of entering a hospital he said, is by certification by two medical practitioners. And after this is done there is generally a long wait until the patient is admitted to proper care.

The third method and most common in this area, said the doctor, is the warrant.

When someone becomes mentally ill their relatives or someone must swear out a warrant for their detention. They are lodged in the padded cell of the local jail and come before a magistrate after what is often a week or more of dark, stuffy, uncomfortable surroundings. The "prisoner" is then sent to Haileybury where he is lodged in the district jail to await a bed in a mental hospital.

Wm. A. Hawke, psycho-neurologist of the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, stated when interviewed this week, that this method of handling mental patients was not only "primitive" but was deleterious to the recovery of the mental patient.

The Chief of Police showed us the padded cell in which the mental patients are kept. He was reluctant to talk about the matter and suggested several doctors who might be interested in the matter.

It was easy to see that the Police Chief was only making the best of what he considered "a very poor show." It isn't a police matter and the town jail is not for those in a state of mental ill health.

All the doctors interviewed felt that "something should be done." Some of them suggested ways and means. The one with psychiatric training suggested that the town consider building a small psychiatric wing on St. Mary's General Hospital.

St. Mary's does not have to accept mental patients and under the present conditions they feel that they are perfectly right in doing so. There are no facilities for mental patients.

The psychiatrist from Toronto, only on a visit but interested in all things pertaining to his profession, suggested that the Department of Health of Ontario be approached about the matter. He said that other towns had installed psychiatric wards in their hospitals and the province had arranged to give a grant to the hospital for its maintenance and for at least a part time psychiatrist.

Mayor Karl Eyre said that he would listen to any sound approach to the matter at any time and felt that there was a great need for such a wing on the hospital.

The Chief of Police stated that each year there were at least 20 patients who passed through their hands and this year the number would be higher as it had exceeded that number already.

It is not a matter which concerns a few of us but everyone. A quick poll of the town's leading men showed that they are aware of the situation and are most eager to do something about it.

Must the mentally ill languish in a dim, airless padded cell, to go eventually mad? (There is a history of such a case which has been made available to the Porcupine Advance.) Or will the town fathers act now on this matter?

Next week I will deal with other phases of this matter which came to light during my "walking" poll of Timmins.

Leo Lalonde Predicts Fight at Carleton

Leo P. Lalonde, recently elected candidate for the CCF party in Timmins Riding, has some interesting sidelights on the Carleton by-election, December 20th.

Concerning Mr. Drew's chances of winning the seat without much trouble Mr. Lalonde said that he doubted if George Drew could win it without a stiff fight.

"I say that because there is more than CCF support for Eugene Forsey in Carleton. And it isn't only the Communist vote as Drew could like everyone to think. Although the Liberals are not running a candidate against Mr. Drew, many of them are lining up with Eugene Forsey (CCF) to beat Mr. Drew."

Mr. Lalonde thought that the Hydro situation would have a deleterious effect on Mr. Drew's campaign. "His attacks on the CBC won't do him any good either," said Mr. Lalonde.

"The CBC has been doing a good job as the farmers know better than the city people and Drew's attacks on that institution at this time won't get him the big results he expects. Drew has condescended to speak over the CBC this Friday or Saturday and will probably attack the very system which allows him to talk so freely. "If anyone else did as much beefing as Mr. Drew they would be marked as a communist."

Youth Pleads Guilty Gets One Year Term

Gerald Leduc, 18, of 128 Main Avenue, was sentenced to one year in jail on charges of breaking, entering and theft, six months on a charge of taking a car without owner's consent and another six months on a charge of stealing a bicycle. The sentences will run concurrently.

Pleading guilty to each of the three charges Leduc admitted taking a station wagon from a local garage in the company of another youth. A search of the accused's home revealed the contents of a ladies purse stolen last May and a bicycle stolen also in May.

Leduc had a rather long record as a juvenile offender which included several convictions for theft.

Rev. A. R. Chidwick Undergoes Operation For Gall Stones

Canon A. Robert Chidwick, former rector of St. Matthew's Pro-Cathedral, returned to Timmins Tuesday to undergo an operation for gall stones. The operation took place successfully this morning at 10.15 o'clock. Dr. James B. McClintock was the surgeon in charge.

Yesterday Canon Chidwick was host to a number of friends and was in the best of health for his operation. Suffering an attack in Orillia where he is serving as rector of St. James' Church, Canon Chidwick decided to return to Timmins for the operation.

"It is not the best possible way to return to a town which one cannot forget," he said yesterday, "but it has been wonderful to renew old acquaintances."

Canon Chidwick left last July for the Orillia charge. It was primarily through his efforts that the present Cathedral was built. "Resting quietly," was the latest bulletin from the hospital as the Advance went to press.

What No Turkeys? Chickens Are Better

Its a turkey shoot but you get a chicken instead! The Kiwanians had a hard time digging up turkeys this year for their turkey shoot and are handing out chickens to the lucky winners of the first part of the shoot. Good crowds have been turning out for the shoot and good scores have been marked. Shooting left handed this editor hit the bull once almost dead centre and that's no malarky. Even the small fry are having fun and it all goes to the Kiwanis Club's Christmas basket fund. Hurry, Hurry and try your luck. Four shots for one quarter.

Power Consumption Box Score

Timmins	Daily Quota for November	76,000
Date	Kw. hrs. Used	Over Quota
Nov. 15-21	500,360	31,640
Schumacher	Daily Quota for November	8,200
Nov. 15-21	55,248	2,152
South Porcupine	Daily Quota for November	13,185
Nov. 15-21	88,760	3,535



Officers of the Timmins Kiwanis Club, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Division, and members of the Pembroke Kiwanis Club visited here to help celebrate the inauguration of Kiwanis in Timmins twenty-five years ago, the Pembroke Club sponsoring Timmins Club in 1923.

From left to right (seated) are: Timmins secretary W. H. Wilson; Lieutenant-Governor W. Beggs, New Liskeard; A. B. Hornwood and Oscar Landreau, of Pembroke Kiwanis. From left to right (standing): W. Boyd, president-elect of South Porcupine Club; president H. J. Quinn, Timmins; F. A. Woodbury, vice-president; G. H. Lemke, Pembroke; past president R. P. Kinkel; president E. B. Christiansen, Pembroke; Robt. Burns, G. R. Bromley, Pembroke. Advance Photo