



A civic greeting and reception on behalf of the citizens of Timmins was given the French Ambassador, Francisque Gay, on the steps of the Town Hall after his arrival here Friday afternoon. His Excellency is shown replying to the welcome extended him and Madame Gay by Karl Eyre, Mayor of Timmins. Pictured above is the charming Madame Gay, His Excellency, and Urban Aubrey, town councillor. Advance Photo

George Leck Leaves To Study For United Church Ministry

The congregation of the Trinity United Church, Schumacher, Sunday morning had the opportunity of benefiting through the leadership of one of our own workers Mr. George Leck. As a recording steward for the official board, general superintendent of the Sunday School, and mentor of the Trail Rangers group up to the present time as well as being a former president of the Young Adults Club, Mr. G. Leck has given unsparingly of time and energy. Acting upon strong conviction he sought admission and has been accepted for full time church work as lay supply on one of our home Mission fields, with a view to the ordained ministry on completion of required practical and academic work. As he sets out upon this high enterprise Mr. Leck will leave behind a splendid record and he will be followed by kind thought and earnest prayers for his success.

Rotarians Continue Work On Polyo Chapter

Visitors to the regular meeting of the Rotary Club were Ray Schlichter, Kitchener Rotary Club. Dr. Wm. Taylor, chairman of the newly formed Chapter of the Piliomyelitis Foundation reported that were underway to contact all service Clubs and other organizations of the district regarding this work. Paul Hansen reported that the Rotary road would be erected for the next meeting. The Rotarians were favoured with a film "All American Soap Derby" shown by Tim DeVillano and sponsored by General Motors Ltd. and distributed by the T. C. A. C. The film outlined the preparations for the derby and the building of the speed-wagons which must conform to specification regarding length. Eliminations are held throughout U. S. Canada and the Yukon and finals are held in Akron, Ohio. The T. C. A. C. will be running a soap derby here late in the summer or late fall.

French Ambassador, Wife Impressed By Timmins

His Excellency Francisque Gay, the French Ambassador to Canada and his wife Mme Gay visited Timmins on their tour of Canada prior to their return to France next week. They were entertained jointly by the Town of Timmins and the Club Richelieu at a banquet in the Rainbow Room of the Goldfields Hotel on Tuesday evening. Mayor Karl Eyre welcomed and introduced the Ambassador in English and Leo Lalonde of the Club Richelieu in French. "Before returning to France," said the ambassador, "I wanted to go around Canada in order to thank personally the Canadian people for the marvelous effort they had given in order to save democracy. Without the help of North America, France was lost and that is why we are so grateful to this country. On the other hand I wanted to give a picture of France as it stands now. France has been deeply wounded by the war. Before the conflict France had 26,000 miles of railway and when the enemy retired after the occupation she was left with 11,000 miles of railway. Her navy, which had been her pride was reduced from 2 millions to 700,000 tons. The industry as a whole was destroyed, more than 460,000 homes were ruined and the amount of debris left after the occupation might be compared to the amount of dirt removed in the digging of the Panama canal. This is a very brief picture of the destruction which faced France after the war. We were forced to impose on the French people a very austere program which they accepted above all expectation. In the very short years of recovery France has become the first producing country of Europe in the coal industry. Before the war France was producing 6 million tons of steel a year, now it has reached an all time record of 8 million and is planning to obtain in 1952 an outlet of 11 million. The navy has been restored and our production of electricity is the best in Europe. Facing all these facts I want you to have faith in the French people. Your help and your friendship was not given in vain. Before the war our population was decreasing and that was our greatest worry. Our soldiers have come back from concentration camps they have built new homes and last year our population had an increase of 348,000. Since the war we have replaced the one million soldiers lost on the front." In closing the Ambassador praised the wealth of Canada. He said that (Continued on Page Eight)

Kiwanis Outlined Major Activities Of T.C.A.C.

In his address as guest speaker on Monday at the weekly Kiwanis luncheon at the Empire hotel, R. E. ("Bim") Sturgeon, director of recreation in Timmins, made it plain that the work of the Timmins Community Activities Committee intended to uphold mental and moral health as well as material and physical well-being. He also emphasized the fact that T.C.A.C. work was not confined to children, as some thought. Important as youth service might be, it was only one phase of T.C.A.C. activities.

There are about twenty-five major activities in T.C.A.C. work, the guest speaker told the club. These include playgrounds, beaches, hockey, baseball, skating, swimming, softball, lawn bowling, tennis, basketball, track and field events, film service, weaving, pottery, music appreciation, art classes, drama, parent education and many other helpful activities.

There were four playgrounds in town three of them being little more than sand lots, but the Hollinger playground was an ideal one. None of the playgrounds, however, had proper conveniences and facilities. Courses were now under way for the training of supervisors for the playgrounds.

There were two beaches in town, the guest speaker said, though it was felt that the Mattagami River one was dangerous. Yet some 30,000 individuals had used the Mattagami River beach facilities last year. All that could be done until this year was to keep a supervisor at Mattagami as a protection against the danger of drowning accidents. This year, though, it was intended to have a second supervisor at this beach, with a regular programme as has been the case with the other beach at Gillies Lake.

Last year 77,000 enjoyed the facilities at Gillies Lake, and this beach should prove of increasing value. The director of recreation detailed improvements extensions in the service for Gillies Lake.

Special mention was made by the guest speaker of the art groups in town, and also other lines of activities were developing. The art groups now were practically self-supporting, and the exhibition here were unusually creditable. "It is amazing the amount of talent that has been discovered in so many lines," the guest speaker said.

Local 100 Secure Bargaining Agency For Two Mines

A vote was carried out at the Preston East Dome Mines Ltd. and the Coniarum Mines Ltd., to decide which union would be the bargaining agency for the men represented. In both cases, it was learned, that the Porcupine Mine Workers Union Local 100, C. C. L., received an overwhelming majority. At the Preston 259 votes were cast for the Porcupine Mine Workers Union and 81 for the Mine Mill Local 241, and the Coniarum Mines the vote was 183 for the Local 100 and 23 for Local 241.

To represent the men as a bargaining agency any union must have 51% of the votes. This gives Local 100 the right to represent the men on both counts. The Companies where the vote was carried out have seven clear days in which to register protest if so desired. It is expected however that the mines will agree to the decision made in the voting.

The Labour Relations Board have ordered that a vote in three mines Aunor, Halnor and the Paymaster Mines be carried out. Arrangements are being made to set the day for the vote.

Matches, Children Dangerous Pair Warns Fire Chief

"In the past two weeks no less than three calls made by the fire department have been the result of children playing with matches," said Fire Chief Stanley. "I think it is high time the parents were much more careful where they store their matches. They should be well hidden and out of reach of the children as they do not realize the danger of matches. It is the duty of every parent to see that their children are properly warned."

The latest fire caused by children playing with matches was on Tuesday evening when a garage and a 1934 Chevrolet car were completely destroyed at 55 Laurier avenue.

The cold weather of the past two weeks kept the firemen busy answering calls for chimney fires and hot pipes. Three days last week, Thursday to Sunday no fires were reported to the department.

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Next Supervisors Class Commences June 3rd

The next session of the Playground Supervisors Course will commence on the 3rd and 4th of June at 7 p.m. in the Central School. Miss Jean Smith will teach children's Theatre and Mr. Don Clark will teach games and athletics.

Approximately seventeen attended the opening classes of the course. Mr. R. E. Sturgeon, director of the T.C.A.C. announced that anyone in the Porcupine District interested in this type of work is encouraged to attend these classes.

Retail Merchants Protest Chip Wagons Parking By-law

Two letters were received from the Timmins Retail Merchants Association. The first was on the Chip Wagons and the other was on the Parking By-law.

In the letter regarding the Chip Wagons the Association complained that they created an offensive odor in the stores and the refuse of paper cups and fallen chips clutter up the streets.

The council in part agreed with the complaint and the clerk read a letter from the City of Ottawa explaining their method of ridding the city of the Chip Wagon nuisance.

The letter regarding the parking came in for considerable discussion as the Retail Merchants protested the 1/2 hour parking by-law. Councillor Bartleman favoured the merchants bringing in a petition to have the parking by-law changed. It was finally agreed by the council to hold a meeting with the Retail Merchants and discuss the parking by-law.

Town Council Appoints Local Weed Inspector

On the recommendation of the Timmins Horticultural Society, the Town Council appointed Mr. Bill Harrower as the Weed Inspector for the Town. It was passed that in a resolution by the council that he be paid the sum of \$50.00 per annum for his services.



ST. LAURENT'S COURTESY: Canada's popular Prime Minister, the right hon. Louis St. Laurent, was not only mobbed by hundreds of people on his arrival in Timmins recently but youngsters and oldsters alike begged for his autograph. Shown above is the distinguished minister signing his name for an admirer while Karl Eyre, Mayor of Timmins, and the Liberal candidate in the June 27th, election looks smilingly on. Throughout it all Mr. St. Laurent's smile and courtesy never wavered. Advance Photo

St. Laurent and Coldwell Review the Gold Question

"It is a pleasure to be in Timmins as guest of the Mayor. The pleasure is all the greater because I am confident you intend to send Mayor Eyre to Ottawa to sit with me on the government side of the House of Commons after the 27th of June," said the Prime Minister.

"The new constituency - - formerly part of Cochrane, represented since 1926 with great distinction by my friend, Joe Bradette - - who set a high standard for Mr. Eyre to live up to when he comes to Ottawa to join Mr. Bradette who will again be Member for Cochrane.

It has been tremendously interesting to spend two days in this gold belt of Ontario and Quebec and to see these flourishing towns and cities you have created out of the wilderness and I have noticed the variety of your climate - - I have the opportunity as Prime Minister to tell you how much all Canada owed to you for producing so much of the wealth which enables all of us to pay for many of the imports we need in Canada to keep up our production and our high standard of living.

I know that a systematic effort has been made in recent years to convince you that the Liberal party is not friendly to the gold mining industry. I want therefore to say a special word about what the attitude of the government at Ottawa to the gold mining industry really has been. And I am going to refer to deeds and not mere words. The government has always recognized the great importance of the production of gold as an element in helping Canada to maintain our balance of trade with the United States.

The industry enjoys one advantage that no other industry has - - and that is an assured market for its total production. But it also has one disadvantage and that is that the price a which gold can be sold is fixed and can only be changed if we are prepared to change the value of the Canadian dollar in relation to the United States dollar.

Now the government realized that the combined effect of the restoration of the Canadian dollar to par coupled with the rising costs of production in 1946 and 1947 created a serious situation for marginal and high cost mines at the very time when it was important to the whole economy to keep up the production of gold. We were also aware that the closing of mines would be a threat to the existence of many Canadian communities which had been built up around the mines. To meet that situation, the government recommended and Parliament approved the Emergency Gold Mining Act. That legislation has been of substantial assistance to mines which could not otherwise have been kept in operation. Up to the middle of this month, 88 mines had received assistance under this law. The assistance payable for the year 1948 amounts to nearly nine hundred and one half million dollars. (Continued on Page Seven)

Mr. Coldwell on the Gold Question The Palace Theatre on Sunday afternoon found approximately nine hundred people on hand to hear Mr. M. J. Coldwell the C.C.F. national leader speak in support of the local candidate Mr. Leo P. Lalonde, and on the policies of his party and its benefit to the people of Canada when they are elected to power.

The chairman of the meeting was Mr. Tom McNeil a staunch supporter of the working men and the trade union movement. Mr. McNeil introduced Leo P. Lalonde who spoke briefly on the Old Age Pensions, the better housing and the free gold market. "The free gold market is no good for the working man, but is good only for the big producer and not very long even for him," he said, "and is only an election promise of the Conservatives."

Mr. St. Laurent has said the C.C.F. are liberals in a hurry, but I say, "the Liberals are slow Conservatives". Mr. Wm. Grummett C.C.F. member of the Provincial Government for the District of North Cochrane, introduced Mr. M. J. Coldwell with a short summary of his life and his political career with the C.C.F. Party.

"I was in this town of Timmins just two years ago making an appeal for votes for a local candidate and I am back again," said Coldwell. I have a very high respect for Mr. Lalonde, for his ability and for his knowledge

generally. We have met on numerous occasions and I know you will give him your support at the polls on June 27th."

"Now I would like to touch on the policies and programmes of the political parties. The election programmes of the old line parties are drawn up to get votes and for no other purpose. A few people with big interests decide what is to be said and what the people are to do. This is not so in the C.C.F. Party. The programme for our party are laid down at the National Convention and I who am one of their spokesmen believe and agree with it."

Here Mr. Coldwell dealt in detail with the gold question explaining the C.C.F. policy. The text of which was issued to the papers represented so that he could not be misquoted on this point. The text is printed elsewhere on this page along with that of Mr. St. Laurent's statement which was made last Tuesday night on the occasion of his visit to Timmins.

Mr. Coldwell then proceeded to review the accomplishments of the Liberal Government as against their promises made in the 1945 election which they had not lived up to. The Liberal Government has been operating in the interest of big business and from pressure of the opposition party. That is why they removed the price ceilings, and the excess profits tax. The Liberals announced a National (Continued on Page Eight)



In his address here Sunday afternoon Mr. M. J. Coldwell, National Leader of the CCF Party spoke on what he and his party proposed doing in relation to gold mining, and outlined his policy on national health program, old age pensions and housing if his party were elected to government in the June 27th election. Here Mr. Coldwell is seen with dapper Leo Lalonde, local candidate for CCF honors, following his address at the Palace Theatre. Advance Photo