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## MEANS SHOULD BE USED TO PROTECT OTHER TOWNS

Associated Boards of Trade and Other Bodies Should Get Busy. Would Get Help From Toronto Business Men.

Every possible sympathy and assistance should be given to the fire sufferers throughout central Temiskaming. But the people of the North Land should not let the matter rest at that. Equally important with the caring for the sufferers from the destroyed area in the matter of preventing the recurrence of any such tragedies in the future. For years past other towns in the North have been attempting to have bush menaces removed from their borders. Timmins, for instance, has spent generously for fire protection within its own borders, but it literally took years of persistent pleading and urging to get any action from the Government in the matter of the removal of fire hazards beyond the jurisdiction of the municipality. Even then the Government's action was only a sort of half-way measure. To-day there is a possible menace to the life of the town and the safety of the people through the bush hazards to the south and south-west of the town. The new townships established adjacent to the town make a direct connection with the bush in some cases. The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board on at least one occasion showed contemptuous indifference to the question of possible bush fire menace from a proposed new township. Probably Timmins has spent more money and with better results than most of the other towns of the North Land in the matter of fire protection measures, but in effect the situation of practically all the towns is the same. They have worked and spent to lessen the fire danger, but the Government has shown an appalling indifference in the matter of seeing that the communities have some measure of protection outside their borders. The Government apparently prefer to spend much in relief funds rather than a moderate amount in preventative measures.

The present moment is the most opportune one for the North Land towns to agitate for adequate protective measures. Interest in the South is centered on the North Land and its problems and the people here can be assured of very sympathetic co-operation from the people in the rest of Ontario. Boards of Trade, Councils and other bodies should all get busy right away. As one reader of The Advance pointed out this week the Associated Boards of Trade have an outstanding opportunity for very helpful work for the North. This reader believes they should have moved before this, but better now than later still. The Toronto Board of Trade will give the sincerest and most intelligent co-operation. Such pressure should be brought to bear upon the Government that effective action will result. The money cost of clearing away the bush menaces around the towns of the North will not be as great as many seem to fear. But the cost should not be a consideration. The safety of lives and property should be the thought uppermost. The towns of the North Land should go after the Government persistently and insistently right now for the removal of all possible bush hazard. If enough pressure is brought to bear, the work will be done, and everybody will be surprised at the small cost, compared to the value of such protection. The Associated Boards of Trade should lead in this work.

The key to the situation rests with the Government. No one else can enforce the clearing away of the bush in areas adjacent to towns. It is up to the Government to devise means and methods and the representative bodies of the North Land can help in the way of suggestions. There should however, be immediate action.

## ORIENTALS HOLDING HOT DOG SUPPER FRIDAY NIGHT.

Kara Sanatorium, O.O.H.&P., otherwise the Orientals, have issued bright, sparkling invitations for a Moonfeast and Hot-Dog Party on Friday evening of this week, October 20th, in the I.O.O.F. Hall. There will be cribbage, euchre, smokes and a general happy time socially. Last winter these Orientals Moonfeasts won a big reputation as enjoyable social events and there is every reason to expect that they will be up to the same high standard of enjoyment this winter. The meeting Friday evening is an open one and all attending may confidently look for a thoroughly pleasant evening.

## SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF TRADE TO-MORROW

Matter of Fire Insurance Question to be taken Up. Also Relief Matters All Citizens Should Attend.

A special meeting of the Timmins Board of Trade is called for the Council Chamber to-morrow (Thursday) evening, October 19th, at 8 p.m. All members of the Board of Trade and all other citizens interested in the town should attend this important meeting. The special questions that will be before the meeting will include the matter of the attitude of the fire insurance companies regarding the North Land. Fire Relief questions will also be considered. Not only to the business men but to the citizens generally the matter of fire insurance is a very important one. Since the Haileybury fire several insurance companies have stopped writing business in the North Land, one or two have definitely withdrawn from the present and there is suggestion that others may raise the rates. Insurance rates are already high enough for Timmins is the general opinion here. This town has been a high risk in an insurance way. Previous to the Haileybury disaster Timmins was even in hopes of another reduction of insurance rates. The means and methods adopted by this town for the minimizing of fire risk, the good fire brigade and fire-fighting equipment, all these have placed Timmins in a better position as a fire risk than some other North Land towns. To discuss these matters and to develop ways and means to impress these points upon the insurance companies at this time will be one of the purposes of the Board of Trade meeting to-morrow ((Thursday) night.

## MR. H. W. HOOKER MARRIED AT LYNDEN, ONT., OCT. 10th.

His innumerable friends in the town and district will extend very sincere good wishes to Mr. H. W. Hooker on the occasion of his marriage last week. Official intimation of the happy event was given by the receipt here of the engraved announcements, which read: "Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Robb announce the marriage of their daughter, May Ursula, to Mr. Herbert W. Hooker, Tuesday, October 10th, 1922, Lynden, Ontario."

Mr. Hooker is expected back this week, but Mrs. Hooker will remain in the south for the present.

## BENEFIT DANCE TO-NIGHT FOR THE FIRE SUFFERERS.

A Benefit Dance is being given this (Wednesday) evening, under the auspices of the Timmins Red Cross, in aid of the Fire Sufferers. The event is being held in the New Empire Theatre basement, kindly donated for the occasion. Tickets are placed at the nominal rate of \$1.00 each, and as practically all the total receipts will go to the fire sufferers, there should be an unusually large attendance, because not only will the event be an attractive one but the cause is most deserving. The Elite Orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion.

## PLACE OF HONOR TO BE GIVEN FIRST MILL OF HOLLINGER.

The story appearing in several outside newspapers to the effect that a special memorial shaft was to be erected at the Hollinger Mine in honour of the late Ben. Hollinger, discoverer of the property that bears his name, does not seem to have more foundation than the usual run of stories appearing in these outside newspapers. No more striking memorial to any prospector or discoverer could be well imagined than the memorial that has been built to the late Ben Hollinger—the great thriving industrial concern that bears his name,—the gold mining plant that employs close to 2500 men and produces over 4100 tons average per day.

Perhaps the confusion of ideas in the outside newspapers has arisen from another idea planned by the Hollinger. This is the erection in a place of honour on the lawn in front of the Hollinger office of the very first mill used by the Hollinger Mine. This mill has been preserved through the years for its sentimental value, all offers for its purchase by new mines and others being refused. This mill will be given a place of honour on the Hollinger lawn, as a reminder of the small beginnings of the great Hollinger industry and the value placed by the directors and management on the men and equipment that gave such faithful and efficient service in the early days of the property.

## HOLLINGER PRODUCTION 115,769 TONS IN PERIOD

Average Tonnage 4135 per day. 2371 Men Employed.

The Hollinger continues its high production record, which is now well over the 4100 ton per day mark. For the 28-day period ending October 7th, the official figures show the production to have been 115,769 tons.

The daily average tonnage was 4135. The average number of men employed for the period was 2371, the latter being a striking indication of the growth of the industry as compared with previous years. In the earlier part of the year when from month to month the Hollinger maintained a production of over 3800 tons per day average, it was thought that a very high record had been made. Now the record has been increased to over 4100 tons per day and is being still held steady. The figures are proof of the efficiency with which the industry is being conducted as well as the wonderful richness of the mine.

## TIMMINS YOUNG MAN WINS FOUR CUPS AND TWO MEDALS

At the annual field day of Upper Canada College at Toronto last week, Mr. K. H. Auer made a practical clean sweep of the important trophies in the track events, winning four cups and two medals. The four cups won were for the mile, half-mile, quarter mile and relay events. One of the medals was for winning second place in the throwing the cricket ball event and the other medal for the 1000 yds. in the Sportsmen's Exhibition event. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Auer were in the city for the field day, and these pioneers of the Porcupine must have been delighted to see their son so ably represent Timmins at this important athletic meet. At the Football Club sports Day here on September 4th, this young athlete gave a striking exhibition of grace, stamina, head work and strength in the two-mile event, and all in Timmins are quite satisfied that in Hildreth Auer this town has an athlete who will in every way reflect the highest credit on his home town.

In the relay race, a novelty feature was introduced the event being known as a medley relay. The first man (K. H. Auer) ran a quarter mile, the second ran 220 yds, the third took 120 yds, and the fourth 100 yds.

## DEATH OF MR. S. OTISSE, A PIONEER OF THE NORTH.

At Toronto on Saturday, October 7th, there passed away one of the pioneer prospectors who helped to make the North Land, in the person of Mr. Sam Otisse who was widely known in mining and other circles. The late Mr. Otisse had been ill for several months and death was due to cancer. Mr. Otisse was about 55 years of age at the time of his death. The funeral took place at Toronto where his family resided. A widow and several children are left to mourn his loss.

The late S. Otisse was a useful and important member of the group of pioneer prospectors and mining men who helped to develop the mining industry of the North Land. He was for a good many years in the Schreiber district where he staked a number of claims. In 1906 he came to Cobalt in company with his brother, Ed., and F. Currie he staked many claims in this part of the North. The Otisse and Otisse-Currie claims at Elk Lake were sold for \$300,000.00. In 1916 or 1917 Mr. Otisse staked a number of claims in the Matachewan area, these now being under the control of the Matachewan Gold Mines. The late Mr. Otisse had a very important part in the opening and development of the Matachewan gold area. In the Pas section of Manitoba some three years ago Mr. Otisse did some staking on a rich strike that created a large amount of interest. He visited the Porcupine district on several occasions and was widely known in mining circles. Wherever known he was highly esteemed and his death generally will be considered as a serious loss to the North Land.

In addition to very generous contributions of clothing and supplies for the fire sufferers, Iroquois Falls last week subscribed between \$1200.00 and \$1500.00 in cash. The Abitibi Company donated some \$1500.00 worth of supplies, the people about equalled this, and the citizens of the Wye gave clothing and supplies to the extent of about \$500.00, making the total contribution of clothing and supplies of a value of about \$3,500.00.

## CONCERT SUNDAY NIGHT FOR FIRE SUFFERERS

Good Event for Good Cause in New Empire Theatre After Church Services.

Sunday evening after the church services a concert is to be given in the New Empire Theatre for the benefit of the fire sufferers. A collection will be taken up at the event for this purpose, and all should give as generously as possible. The concert will be well worth attending also for the excellence of the programme. In addition to vocal and instrumental numbers and other special features there will be selections by the Timmins Citizens' Band. The Mayor will occupy the chair and will do doubt give an idea of the great need at Haileybury and other points in the fire swept area. The event should be attended by all, and the collection should be as generous as Timmins has always shown itself to be in case of need.

## FIVE ARRESTS IN REGARD TO ALLEGED HIGH-GRADING.

Following investigations by Special Officer R. Allen five arrests were made last week in connection with alleged high-grading operations in this Camp. All the men arrested were employees of the Dome Mines, the accused being ordinary miners at that property. There is no official report of the extent of the operations in high-grade, but it is understood that several thousand dollars worth of ore is involved. One man, said to be the ringleader, was arrested as he stepped off the train at North Bay. He had a hand bag in his possession which contained gold ore that was estimated as worth \$600.00 by the North Bay officials. Apparently, if there was an organized plan for the taking of the ore and disposing of it illegally, this plan was upset before it was well started. A. Belanger, a miner, who had a ticket for Montreal, was the man arrested at North Bay. The others arrested are:—Walton Keller; Billy Koski, Alec. Polos and Edward Lash. All of them are in the South Porcupine jail and will be given a preliminary hearing to-morrow.

## CALEDONIAN SOCIETY HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Caledonian Society of Timmins was held in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Friday evening last with a large and representative attendance of members. The president, Mr. M. B. Scott, occupied the chair and several important items of business were dwelt with, including the election of officers for the ensuing year. On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. J. Nicolson, of Porcupine, for his kind invitation to the Society to spend Halloween as his guests at Golden City. Owing to the number who were unable to go, the invitation could not well be accepted at this time, but appreciation was given of the invitation and the hope expressed that on some other occasion the Society might be the guests of Mr. Nicolson.

The President spoke of the success of the past year, mentioning the wholehearted and harmonious way in which the executive and members had assisted in the carrying on the affairs. He looked for the Society to grow to still greater importance and success in the coming and following years. On motion of Mr. P. Macaulay a vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers for their good service.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President—G. A. Macdonald. Vice-President—P. Dougall. Secretary—C. G. Pirie. Treasurer—W. Coupar. Executive—A. Roberts, J. Geils, A. J. Downie, J. K. Moore, Jas. Cowan. The above with the Past President, Mr. M. B. Scott, will form the executive for the year.

Auditors—W. McHugh, Jr. and W. Mackie. Standard Bearer—W. H. Wilson. Piper—W. Bennett.

Mrs. D. Mackie and Mrs. A. Roberts very efficiently acted as scrutineers for the balloting in the election. It was decided to hold an old-time Halloween Party on October 27th, the next regular meeting, the details being left in the hands of the executive.

Under the very capable presidency of Mr. M. B. Scott, the Caledonian Society of Timmins had a very pleasant and successful year last season.

Sure, they're still playing golf here. One enthusiast went round six times during the last week-end.

## HAYDEN PREPARING FOR OPERATIONS AT DEPTH

Heavy Machinery for Deep-sinking to be Installed. Satisfied They Have a Mine in the Making.

Last week a party specially interested in the Hayden Mine visited the Camp and property, inspecting the Hayden both at surface and underground. They toured each level and were very pleased with the results shown in development to the present depth of 457 feet. The party was composed of:—Messrs. J. C. McCabe; William H. Orr, E. W. Summer, of Buffalo; W. H. Horton, J. S. Pierce, O. W. Summer, of Rochester, N.Y.

Plans are under way and will be announced later for further development and installation of new machinery. Heavy machinery for deep-sinking is under order. The new hoist is now on its way here. The boiler and cable are to be shipped this week. That the Hayden intends to go down with its development plans is proven by the fact that the cable is a 1500 ft. order.

The executive and management of the Hayden are satisfied they have a real mine in the making. Considerable work has been done at the property and the results fully justify the optimism of the management. No plans for a mill will be considered until the ore at depth is thoroughly tested out. It is for the work at depth that the new machinery is being installed, and as soon as the new equipment is installed an extended program of work at depth will be carried out.

## OFFICIAL VISIT HERE OF PRESIDENT OF REBEKAHS

Mrs. Martha Watts, of Peterborough, Ont. President of the Rebekahs of Ontario, will pay an official visit to the Timmins Lodge of the Rebekahs on Thursday evening of next week, Oct. 26th, at 8 p.m., in the I.O.O.F. Hall. All members of the Rebekahs in the town and district should note this important event, and all be on-hand to welcome and meet the President.

## NEW DRUG STORE BEING OPENED IN TIMMINS.

Mr. J. R. Todd, who has drug stores at Schumacher and South Porcupine, is this week opening another drug store in Timmins in the stand on 3rd Avenue formerly occupied by Mr. J. K. Moore. The store has been remodelled, with an attractive line of new fixtures added, and it will be as convenient and handsome a drug store as could be desired. The formal opening will be on Saturday of this week. In the meantime, large new stocks are being put in, and the premises generally taking on the appearance of an attractive modern drug store.

## DISTRICT NEEDS IMPROVED MAIL SYSTEM ON TRAINS.

The Dominion Government should take steps at once to inaugurate a much better system of mail service in this part of the North Land. If mail clerks cannot be installed on the trains to handle the mail, at least a more extended system of closed bag service might be used. At present the closed bag style of service does help out a little in regard to the larger towns to which it is applied. Thriving places along the line, however, have very inefficient service so far as nearby places are concerned. For example, a letter going from Timmins addressed to Hoyle, will be carried past its destination, on to the Cochrane mail clerks, from whom it is returned after all this unnecessary delay to its destination. The letter travels about three times the distance necessary and much delay is naturally caused in its delivery. The result is that though Timmins and Hoyle are only a few miles apart they are in as good mail communication as either is with such distant points as North Bay or Toronto. The Member for this riding would be doing his constituency a great service if he would take up the whole question of mail service for the North Land with the Post Office Department at Ottawa. And while he is at the matter he might endeavor to learn when a postmaster is to be regularly appointed for the Timmins post office.

The fine new brick hotel opposite the station is now nearing completion. It will be known as the Prince of Wales Hotel, and so should be popular, especially so as it will be in charge of those formerly conducting Fat's Cafe.

## PLANS FOR RE-BUILDING TOWN OF HAILEYBURY

County Buildings to be Re-Built. New Station Promised. Thirty Merchants To Re-Build. Re-Building of Cathedral Not Decided.

Plans for the re-building of Haileybury are already well under way. The Government intends to re-erect county buildings at Haileybury, including a new Court House and a Registry Office.

The T. & N. O. Commission has promised to build the "finest station on the line" at Haileybury.

Over thirty merchants have signified their intention to re-build. These include:—F. W. Hunt, the Liggett Drug Co., P. H. Jory, Norfolk & Rochester, A. J. Carson, J. J. Butler, J. Gold, J. W. Myles and other. The hotels are all to re-build, it is understood, all bigger and better than before.

The banks will build or secure re-build quarters.

The churches all intend to re-build. The Anglican Church authorities are contemplating the erection of a larger and better building than the one destroyed by fire.

The matter of re-building the R.C. Cathedral has not yet been definitely decided upon. Whether Haileybury will continue to be the centre of the diocese, it is said, will depend largely upon the extent of other reconstruction. New Liskeard is understood as making a strong bid for the new Cathedral and headquarters of the diocese, and it is rumored that Cochrane may also be considered. There is, however, nothing definite in the matter, but Haileybury people are strongly pressing for the retention of the County Town as the centre of the diocese.

Haileybury has extensive plans under way in the line of a re-building programme. Work is also in active progress in the erection of temporary quarters for many of the businesses of the town. Temporary residences are also being hastily erected, while more permanent quarters for business and residential purposes are under construction right now. Men were at work last week cleaning up the ruins and clearing the streets. The water service and street lighting were also put in shape for resuming.

## DELIGHTFUL CONCERT BY SCHROEDER PUPILS.

The Old Empire Theatre was filled to the doors last night for the concert by the pupils of the Schroeder Conservatory of Music. In every way the event may be set down as a success, and the audience was more than pleased with the high-class programme given. Every item on the long and varied programme was very capably given and reflected the highest credit on the pupils and the Conservatory of Music. The length of the programme made it impossible to allow encores, or every number would have been recalled. As it was, the audience on some occasions, notably after the outstanding violin selection by Master Burton Holland, were tempted to insist upon an encore. The Junior Orchestra was another special favorite while the Senior Orchestra's excellent work was specially appreciated. The audience was particularly enthusiastic over the evident musical talent of some of the younger pupils, all of whom made a decided hit both in the piano and violin selections. Mr. H. F. Schroeder, principal of the Conservatory of Music, presided for the event. The following was the programme,—each and every item being particularly well given and very pleasing to all lovers of good music:—

Selection by Senior Orchestra. Piano Solo by Lillian Robitaille. Violin Duet by Master Natheson and Miss Korman. Piano Solo by Jeanne Larcher. Violin Solo by Burton Holland. Cornet Solo by Mr. Louis Maltais. Selection by Junior Orchestra. Double Trio, Violin. Piano Solo by R. Johnson. Cornet solo by Mr. Orville Brown. Selection by Senior Orchestra. Piano Solo by Dorothy Porter. "God Save the King."

Coach Jack Marshall is getting his hockey lads into fine physical shape for the coming season. This week they have been playing basketball to get the right degree of responsiveness to their muscles, and the practices have been full of pleasure and healthfulness. The new coach believes he has a nice array of good material and that there will be lots of good fast hockey during the coming season so far as Timmins is concerned.