

## Negligence Charged by Jury in Miner's Death

Find That Allard Pearson Entered Sand Chute in Direct Contravention of Regulations and Instructions. Also, Recommend that Shifts Contact Each Other and Give Information on Conditions in Mine.

Recommending the inauguration of a system whereby no employees go on shift without contacting workmen coming off shift to ascertain working conditions, a coroner's jury here on Friday morning inquiring into the circumstances surrounding the death of Allard Pearson, miner employed at Hollinger Mine, who was suffocated in the collapse of a sand arch on the 950 foot level on the afternoon of December 9th, found that the deceased came to his death by accident. "We find that the deceased was negligent in entering the waste chute, contrary to safety rules and instructions issued to employees," the verdict added.

Chief Coroner E. R. Tucker, of Cochrane, presided at the hearing, witnesses being examined by E. B. Weir, mines inspector. The jury was composed of five miners and three other citizens.

William Roberts, shift boss at Hollinger, informed the inquiry that it was not made a practice at Hollinger for incoming and outgoing shifts to contact one another and exchange information regarding unexploded blasts, loose rock, etc.

Miners working in the same gang as the deceased, testified that Pearson had walked under the sand chute and suddenly they heard a thud of sand and rock falling. Rushing to the scene, the deceased was buried, his legs sticking out of the debris up to the knees. He was dead when the body was extricated about five minutes later. Medical examination disclosed that he had died from asphyxiation. The different witnesses all stated that they had been instructed that under no consideration should they go into a sand chute to ascertain the cause of any stoppages in the raise. The two methods authorized are the use of dynamite or going down the raise from the top with a safety belt.

Members of the jury were Mike Burke, T. A. Court, Aurelle Duval, Albert Drummond, Antoine Thiboutot, William Purdon, Keith Sterling and James Bennet.

## Children May Be Taught to Like Work About Home

London Free Press:—It is perhaps too much to expect the sons and daughters of to-day to find as much interest and entertainment in family tasks as members of earlier generations did. There are too many competing interests. But the girl who learns to cook and keep house and the boy who masters the intricacies of the family furnace or learns to shovel walks or mow lawns with speed and completeness, have learned lessons which are as valuable as any on their school curriculum. Perhaps parents have overlooked the possibilities of such homework. Children do not have to be drudges but they might actually learn to like work.

## School Concerts at Iroquois Falls Store

Mercantile Dept., Abitibi Co., Give Treat to Youngsters.

Iroquois Falls, Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special to The Advance)—The Abitibi Power and Paper Co. Ltd., Mercantile Department, which has a large departmental store situated at Iroquois Falls, undertook to entertain the school children of both Iroquois Falls and Ansonville. This children's anticipated festival was put on in the Iroquois Falls town hall on Wednesday, December 15th and 16th, the success of both shows being truly remarkable.

Notices were distributed to all residents, specifying that all school children and also children under fourteen years of age that did not attend school, together with their parents were cordially invited. As a result, the hall was filled to capacity, and the splendid discipline of the children demonstrated.

The splendid co-operation of the principals and staffs of Ansonville and Iroquois Falls schools, both public and separate, assisted in making this show so delightful.

Wednesday afternoon's entertainment was for the public school pupils of the two towns. Thursday afternoon's entertainment was especially put on for the separate school pupils of the two adjacent towns.

An outstanding feature of this show was the visiting of Santa Claus, who shook hands with each child individually, and remarked on their behaviour for the past year.

The programme was skillfully handled, many children showing their natural talent for concerts.

First item on the programme was a song titled "Baa Baa Baa," sung by a few of the kindergarten children. Other kindergarten children put on a small demonstration listed as "Who is coming on Christmas Night." This was well done, the small tots doing their utmost to carry out instructions as given prior to the party.

A Clapp Dance was done by pupils of Miss Elliott's room, and was most heartily applauded. Irene Ramanook did a lovely Ukrainian dance. A piano solo played by Louis Lafortune was greatly enjoyed by the audience. Following this was a folk dance, song titled "Not John! No!" and a recitation by Rupert Righton. Next was a dance by Mary Olorinoff and Victoria Elecko. Under the supervision of Miss Simpson, the following features were well put on; seven boys in a chorus sang, George Gregoroshchuk played the mandolin exceptionally well. A very nice dance was then put on by Sheena Black.

## DENIED REFUGE, DEVIL'S ISLAND FUGITIVES SAIL ON



Refused refuge at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, which rises in the background, these four fugitives from Devil's Island, French penal colony in French Guiana, about 1,000 miles behind, are pictured as they wearily started paddling flimsy tin-patched craft out to the open sea, bound presumably for Puerto Rico. The worn convicts, who landed at St. Thomas after a perilous 600-mile voyage from Trinidad hope to reach Haiti. The four, Raymond Vande, Francois Freau and Paul Renucci, Frenchmen, and Battistotti Giovanni, an Italian, were serving long terms, their crimes ranging from attacks on fascists to knifings.

In Miss Henderson's class, the following children displayed their talent, drawing great applause from the crowd:—Leonard Hicks gave a song. A chorus then sang "Silent Night." A Negro act, following the antics of Amos and Andy, thrilled the children, and drew hilarious laughter from the crowd.

Mr. Harkness was in charge of the act, titled, "Old Dobbin Retires." This was well displayed, and was quite humorous. This act necessitated two boys under the cover of a horse blanket, and led by a farmer. As the farmer directed his horse to do unbelievable performances, it was done, such as dancing, lying down and obeying every order without question. The children in the audience roared as the horse was put through the drill. This was followed by a song, sung by a chorus of girls.

On completion of the programme, the whole congregation sang, "Jingle Bells," and in the midst of hearty singing, Santa Claus entered by way of the fireplace situated on the stage. A few well chosen words by Santa went over well, and he then distributed an orange and a bag of candies to each attending child.

The children who participated in the performance were presented with a lovely gift, in appreciation of their work.

Santa Claus then departed, and all the boys and girls went home, being assured that their desires for Christmas would be fulfilled.

Thursday's programme, especially put on for the separate school pupils of both Iroquois Falls and Ansonville, was somewhat similar to the performance of Wednesday, excepting that the separate schools were in charge of their programme. This was reported as being also remarkable, and very interesting for the parents who were able to attend.

The teachers of these schools demonstrated without question their capabilities of handling and preparing such a delightful entertainment as was put on, and credit is deserved for the work that was necessary to rehearse and teach the children each their part. Following is the programme as it was held:—Iroquois Falls separate schools:—"Jingle Bells" and "Santa is Coming to Town," by Entire School.

Dance—by Myrtle Mousseau and Therese Mousseau.

Song—Marie Manion with Rita Manion at the piano.

"Solress de Quebec"—A group of 14 French pupils.

Dance—Marie Jeanne and Therese Seguin.

Piano solo—Rita Cloutier.

Song—Huguette Gauvin.

Guitar solo—Marcel Lambert.

"In Old Judea" and "Sleep Holy Babe"—A group of twenty-four class pupils.

Song—"Les Croques"—Mace Lambert.

Gerard Gauvin, Omer Gauthier, Alfred Gauthier, Gerard Proulx, George Gauthier.

Song—"Ch Holy Night"—June St. James, Barbara Devine, Lois Charron.

Recitation—Marguerite Proulx.

A chorus by French class—"Dou viens-tu Bergers?"

A group of Christmas carols—"Angels, We Have Heard on High," "Silent Night," "Adeste Fidelis"—by entire school.

The Ansonville separate school then put on their programme, which was equally enjoyed. Following is the programme:—

Song—"Let Fatit Sauvage"—Albert Reyold.

Musical—Maurice Langlais.

Song—"Le Petit Jesus"—Martha Lapraie.

Cowboy's Dream—Emmett O'Donnell and Maurice Spence.

Song—"Pan, Pan, Pan, Pan"—Jeanne Leclair and Rejean Durand.

Song—"Silent Night"—Rita Lavoie.

Song—"Annorciade Lachapelle."

Piano solo—Claire St. Denis.

Guitar duet—Rita French and Gergette Lavoie.

Song—"East Bound Train"—Vernon Russell.

Pot Pourri—Imelda St. Jean, Louis Robin, Therese Garneau.

Recitation—Rene Blais.

Song—Jean Labonte.

Song—"Les Chomeurs"—Yolande Henri and Eddy Henri.

Piano solo—Jacqueline Mongeon.

## Says Unemployed Not Fairly Treated

Objects to Premier's References to Those Out of Work.

Schumacher, Dec. 16th, 1937  
To the Editor of  
The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—The arraignment of Canada's unemployed by the estimable Mitchell Hepburn can not be allowed to go unchallenged.

The verbal beast by the premier of the province upon victims of the grim struggle for existence shows little comprehension of their direful predicament. When the depression hit Canada and other countries, thousands of able and willing workers were let go, and anyone ever remotely cognizant of world conditions must realize that industry never absorbed thousands when the so-called recovery ensued.

Many of these former workmen and thousands of youths who never had a job constitute Canada's unemployed.

Forced to live on inadequate food—stigmatized for accepting relief—the unemployed became Canada's forgotten men. Instead of putting these men to work at legitimate labour in public projects, the government of Canada helped them sink deeper in the mire—by doing absolutely nothing for their rehabilitation. Instead, a crust of bread was thrown them, and they have lingered in misery ever since.

It behooves some of our public men to shed their arrogance and realize that but for a helping hand along the way-side of their career they too might have landed into oblivion.

In my travels throughout Canada I have been struck by the fact that almost every derelict encountered possesses outstanding traits and abilities, that if encouraged and developed would make him a pillar of society.

Again I venture to assert that if the honorable Mitchell Hepburn was forced to subsist on the miserable rations of the unemployed, he too would soon be bereft of his indefatigable energy and fighting tenacity.

I have seen a dynamic broncho—a creature so strong no man could hold it—transformed into an abject and miserable nag in two weeks. The method utilized was the same that Canada's unemployed are undergoing—semi starvation.

Put all of Canada's unemployed to work—and most of the dissension and agitation will cease. Men who labour are seldom disturbers of the peace.

Instead of our condemning the slothfulness and uselessness of the victims of the grim struggle for existence—it would be far more appropriate for us to help them to rehabilitate themselves.

Yours truly,  
Marvin Sayers.

London Observer:—It is one of the tragedies of democracy that it requires an eternity of talk as prelude to a moment of action.

Recitation—Cecile Morin.

Song—Eileen O'Donnell.

Song—"Le Ble qui Leve"—Eva Pacico.

Cecile Charlebois, Constance Charlebois.

Song—"La Nuit"—Guy Denault.

Santa Claus having made arrangements to be a visitor to these concerts for both days, reappeared again on Thursday, to personally speak to all his good children. He again gave each attending child a nice big juicy orange and a large bag of candy. These children too, were assured that providing they would continue to be good boys and girls, would receive on Christmas night, what they had long looked forward to.

The entire crowd joined in singing, "O Canada," bringing to close one of the most enjoyable and interesting concerts ever held in Iroquois Falls.

A great vote of thanks is due to the Mercantile staff for their work in decorating and arranging for such a gigantic show, also for the gifts that were donated by the Mercantile for the children, also oranges and candy that were distributed around.

## Seventieth Christmas for the Province of Ontario

When the new Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario closed the recent brief session of the Legislature, he called attention to a fact not generally thought of—that this is the seventieth Christmas to be observed by Ontario as a province of the Dominion. The Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Albert Matthews, said in part:—

"May I recall that it is now exactly seventy years since your predecessors met to inaugurate, in December, 1867, the first Legislature of the newly constituted Province of Ontario. In his address at that time the Lieutenant-Governor pointed out that a new and important era was commencing in our political annals and that with wise direction, and the unlimited control of our own local affairs, the province could look forward to a future of development and prosperity. I think we all agree that forecast has been amply realized, and that our province has made steady progress. Differences of opinion must necessarily arise with respect to the various problems with which you are called upon to deal. They are of the essence of our democratic form of Government. But in promoting the real welfare of the province we are all united."

"As you go back to your respective constituencies, therefore, may I express the hope that you will do all in your power to promote among all classes of the community that fellowship and good feeling which the approach of Christmas inspires."

"I should like, in closing, to extend my personal greetings to you all for the Christmas season, and my good wishes for your happiness and prosperity in the coming year."

## Two Young Men Sentenced to Burwash for Robbery

Sudbury, Ont., Dec. 15.—(Special to The Advance)—Two years less one day at the Burwash Industrial Farm was the sentence imposed on Harry Williams, 20, and Cecil Squires, 24, both of Coniston, by Magistrate Willard Cooper, in Sudbury district police court this afternoon.

The two young men had pleaded guilty Tuesday to a charge of attempting to rob while armed the Coniston branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce on December 8.

Magistrate Cooper, in his remarks, said he felt the sentence was commensurate with the crime, considering the previous good characters of the men and the amateurishness of their attempted ho-dup.

He expressed the hope that the term imposed would be sufficient to act as a deterrent to similar crimes and to impress on Squires and Williams the seriousness of their wrong-doing.

## Cochrane Man Will be Charged with Wife-Beating

Cochrane, Dec. 19.—(Special to The Advance)—A charge of wife-beating faces Demitris Kovalenko, township of Fournier, as a result of severe injuries inflicted by him on his wife Monday night, necessitating her removal to Lady Minto hospital here. It is said she is suffering from internal injuries.

The man is slated to have returned home Monday night and finding a man whom he had sent to work for him asleep in the home, he set on his wife, striking her with his fists on the chest and face. It is alleged he kicked her in the abdomen.

A call was sent for provincial police who Tuesday brought the injured woman from her country home by a sleigh to hospital and arrested the man at the same time.

It is said the man had been drinking and that this is not the first occasion on which he has faced a similar charge.

Gore Bay Recorder:—Do you remember ever reading of two buggies colliding and killing all the passengers?

Ottawa Journal:—The only man who is ever fully satisfied with arbitration is the arbitrator.

## Geo. Young of the C.B.C. Heard at the Lions Club

Musical Director of Canadian Broadcasting Commission  
Recounts Some of His Experiences. Lions Club Meeting  
Hears of Success of Turkey Draw. Committee Reports  
\$500 Realized by This Feature

## London, England, Is Busy for Christmas

Carved Gargoyles Chipped  
From Parliament Buildings  
Sold for Gifts

London, England.—Christmas shopping in London's shops and markets promises to establish a record. Yet all the buying of presents is not confined to the shops.

Down in a sheltered corner in Westminster buy trade goes on every day. Carved gargoyles, stone Tudor roses, weather-worn heads of stone saints and kings are being bought as Christmas gifts.

They are bits of sandstone work being removed from the parliament buildings as unsafe—and not quite a century old. The department of works started the renovations six years ago. Sale of the stonework has gone on since then, but always increases around Christmas time.

The larger pieces, priced about \$25, are bought to give as garden ornaments, the smaller ones, some as low as \$1, frequently mounted on wood for use as paper weights, book ends or door stops. Americans outnumber the other nationalities as purchasers, but the souvenirs of the home of the Mother of Parliaments have been despatched to Canada, Australia, Sweden, South Africa and Ceylon. A Japanese purchased with glee the ugliest gargoyle of the lot.

Gypsies predict a lucky year ahead for England. They have been able to gather mistletoe unseasonably early in Dorset and say "Christmas kisses have been bestowed five weeks in advance, so witches are flinging away their broomsticks in disgust and cows will give more milk than ever next year." There prophecies are solemnly quoted by London newspapers.

Heard Early Carol:—Signs the holiday is not far off are the trees with twinkling lights outside shops on Oxford Street and the change in the programmes of the street singers who now render carols in preference to the latest song hits.

Schiaparelli borrowed considerably from Christmas for novel ideas that appeared at her mid-season showing in London. New necklines were held in place by clips shaped like a tiny angel's wings in colours of Christmas tree tinsel. Buttons were made like flat candlesticks complete with tiny tapers. The cerise pink—usually associated with caps out of crackers—tinted a whole

George Young, of the Canadian Broadcasting Commission staff, who directed the community-sing here on Wednesday night, was the guest speaker at this week's luncheon of the Lions Club.

Mr. Young presented an interesting picture of his work which has taken him from coast to coast, commencing in Vancouver and working eastward. In addition to many humorous incidents which the speaker related, he also led a sing-song for the Lions members which was much enjoyed.

Letters of appreciation were received from the Technical School, Timmins High and Vocational School and Schumacher Public School, for books on the history of the Porcupine presented to the school libraries.

Among the visitors for the occasion was Walter Rhenish, of Naybob Mine.

While final figures are not yet available it is estimated that the club will realize approximately \$500 on their recent turkey draw.

new clothes series from evening gowns to skiing woolies and was renamed "Shocking."

Little gifts are as much in demand as always. The favourite new novelties displayed at bazaars and in shops dealing in such trifles are brocade-covered match boxes for bedroom use. Both Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary have bought a number of these to send as just-a-little-more-than-a-card gifts.

Upholstery brocade is much in use not only for evening wraps and house coats of romantic design, but also for short jackets of the tunic blouse order. The refurbishing of the palaces has necessitated the weaving of fascinating old designs in the finest of silks. Though the use of these designs elsewhere is discouraged by custom, small pieces do become available and one West End actress appeared recently at a party in a gorgeous crimson damask tunic. She told her friends it was "just the same as the sofas in Marlborough House."

According to one arrival in London lately, there is to be a great revival of the "blouse and skirt" mode. Marcus Hellitzer, whose father introduced the blouse to America, has been visiting London, and though his factories turn out 220,000 blouses a year at present, he predicts a still greater demand for the useful garments, which he said were originally developed from men's shirts.

North Bay Nugget:—Having made another wrong guess on a little flyer in the market and finding himself again holding the bag, a friend of ours now calls it the stuck market.

## NEEDS A DIAGRAM



It's one of those things that goes better in a diagram than in type—but first the Duke of Windsor wed Mrs. Simpson, then Mr. Simpson wed Mary Kirk Raffray, and now, pictured here, is Jacques Raffray, New York broker, whose former wife married Simpson, and his new bride, the former Connie de Bower. The Raffray-de Bower nuptials were celebrated in New York.

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNER SAILS



Andre Mathieu eight-year-old pianist of Montreal, is shown as he sailed from New York City recently on the Normandie. Andre is the winner of a Quebec Provincial Government scholarship and will study in France.