

News Notes of the North

Paragraphs Pertaining to Happenings of Interest During the Past Week

Robbery at New Liskeard

Early on Sunday morning Mrs. Helmer, residing in the apartments adjoining the Anderson store, heard a crash of glass. She went to the window, after waking her husband, and in a short time more glass was heard to break and a man emerged through the side window of the Anderson store. They were unable to identify him in the dark, but later investigation indicated that the thief had gotten away with at least one watch and a sum of money. Just what other articles were stolen has not been ascertained by the proprietor.—New Liskeard Speaker.

Scarlet Fever Epidemic

Every effort is being made by medical authorities of the town to check the spread of an epidemic of scarlet fever which has shown signs of growth in Timmins during the past few days.

The first case of the dread disease was reported to the medical health officer a few days ago and a quarantine was immediately put on the family of the patient. And since that time three additional cases have developed and are said to be causing the doctors of the town considerable concern.—Timmins Press.

Plan New Gymnasium

For years the people of Smooth Rock Falls have wanted a gymnasium, but no possible quarters were available. About a month or so ago the boys asked the local management for the use of the cookery for this purpose. Our local manager, Mr. Cleminson took the matter up with the company and got their consent to go ahead. Since it was found necessary to remodel practically the whole building, the very kindly donated \$2,500 for this work. When it is finished the building will have a gymnasium, badminton court, reading and rest room, dance floor and a bowling alley. Wash rooms with showers are also being installed. A canteen will be opened as soon as possible.—Kapusking Tribune.

Complete Mining Deal

There was a meeting yesterday of the Wood-Porcupine Syndicate and the members of the syndicate passed a resolution selling the Wood-Porcupine property, lands, buildings, mineral rights and all assets to the Wilwood Gold Mines. After that a deal was ratified with Ernest H. Watt of Watt and Watt, stock brokers, Toronto, selling him 1,600,000 shares of treasury stock of the company for the sum of \$520,000 on an option basis, the option to expire in July, 1939. This sale of stock leaves 200,000 shares in the treasury.—Porcupine Advance.

Exonerate Police Chief

Complete exoneration of Chief Ralph Paul and members of the Timmins police force was contained in a resolution passed by the town council at a regular meeting held yesterday. The council agreed to rid the chief constable of all blame in connection with the charges tried at the police inquiry as a result of the very careful consideration which had been given to the report received from Judge Caron.—Timmins Press.

The Dionne Christmas

Like dwelling the world over Dafeo Hospital rang with shouts of childish glee Christmas Day when—as in thousands of other homes—a jolly family reunion was the order of the day.

But there was nothing ordinary about that gathering.

For the first time, the entire family of Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne were united for a gala celebration. For the first time five months old Oliva, Jr. met the quintuplets.—North Bay Nugget.

No Rush That Day

The only Government office open in Sudbury on Christmas Day did less than one dollar's worth of business.

It was learned from an authentic source today that the Sudbury post office, which remained open all day following a regulation passed at Ottawa, sold one money order on which a 15-cent commis-

sion was received and eight persons went to the post office to buy postage stamps.

All wickets were open all day and the letter carriers and other postal employees were on duty while the general public participated in Yuletide festivities.—Sudbury Star.

Praise for School Board

A fitting tribute to the year's work, came out as an item of business at the closing meeting of the public school board Monday evening when a report from J. M. Kaine, inspector for the district was read. A volume of routine business was wound up.

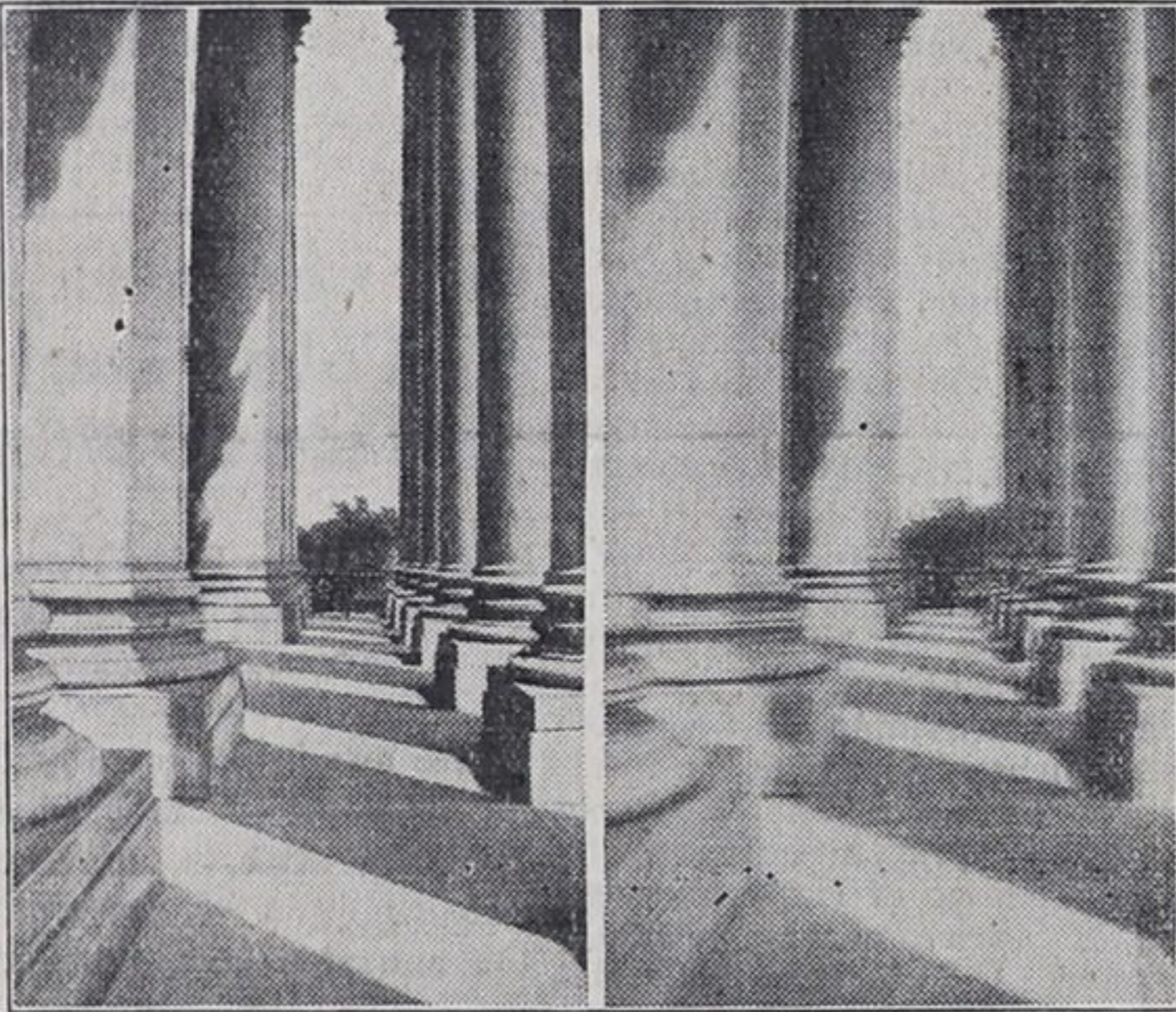
The report had warm praise for the conditions of the four schools under the board's administration and there was also a tribute to the board for its work.—Kirkland Lake Northern News.

Council Gives Up

Hagar Township, near Sudbury is without a municipal council or any prospect for one for the coming year. The members of the 1936 board handed in their resignations previous to the nomination meeting called for Monday, December 28th, and the ratepayers present declined to nominate any candidates for 1937. There has been an agitation for dissolution of the municipality, and it is taken that the action of the citizens is a further endorsement of this. It seems likely that the township will be placed with the unorganized sections.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

Snapshotting and Sharpshooting



Here we see how a sharp picture was spoiled because the snapshotter tripped the shutter release violently.

HAVE you ever watched a sharpshooter in the act of pulling the trigger of his gun? If you have, you will agree that there would be little excuse for blurred pictures, if the snapshotter, in pushing the shutter release of his camera, would emulate the sharpshooter's technique.

When the sharpshooter gets a bead on the bull's-eye he does not pull the trigger with a jerk. He exerts a slow, steady pressure. The reason is that, if he does not pull the trigger in this fashion, his aim will be jerked off the bull's-eye. He probably will hit the target somewhere, but not ring the bell for a perfect shot. So, with a camera, violent pressure on the shutter release jerks the camera and spoils the shot. There will be a picture on the film all right, but not with the sharp outlines that make a perfect snapshot, because a camera in motion while the lens is open is like a machine-gun sweeping its fire across the whole target. The result is blur. Just as the sharpshooter practices pulling the trigger, it is a good thing for the snapshotter to practice pressing the shutter release.

The longer the exposure time the more important it is that the camera be stationary. An exposure of one twenty-fifth of a second seems to most of us such an infinitesimally brief instant that it is difficult to imagine that any motion of the camera could make any difference, but that is a long time in terms of the speed at which light travels. Some persons can successfully hold a camera still for an exposure of 1/10 second, but they are taking a chance every time. For this exposure or any longer one a tripod or other firm support should always be used.

Another thing the sharpshooter does is to use the right grip on his gun, the one best enabling him to hold the gun steady as he pulls the trigger. So, in shooting with a camera, find the grip that is surest (the manual that came with the camera will tell you) and practice it so that it will become a habit.

In other words, brother snapshotter, follow the technique of the sharpshooter, if you want to hit the pictorial bull's-eye every time. Sharpshooting, sharp pictures!

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Stole Christmas Tree

Christmas tree thieves are yearly becoming bolder, but those who stole the lighted tree from the verandah of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cummings, 176 Copeland St. set a new high for audacity and

despicability.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings and family were seated in their living room Christmas eve. The blind of their front window was up, and they noticed the lights of their tree moving and flickering

Mr. Cummings rushed out, but the tree was gone and not a soul was to be seen. Police were called and responded at once, but a diligent search of the vicinity revealed no tree. It was slick and a mean bit of theft.—North Bay Nugget.

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