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Cobalt Branch of C.I.M.M. Again An Active Body

Former Secretary is Now Honorary President; Accept Outside Members

The Cobalt branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, once among the most active in Canada, but allowed to lapse when the silver mining declined, has been reorganized and from the enthusiasm displayed at a meeting held on Thursday evening last, will again become a factor in the revived mining industry of the famous old silver camp.

The meeting was held in the community hall, Cobalt, and among those attending was Arthur A. Cole, who has spent many years in the camp, first as a mining engineer for the former T. & N.O. Railway and of later years manager of the Temiskaming Testing Laboratories.

Mr. Cole, who was secretary of the Cobalt branch in earlier years, turned over the records to the new executive and gave a brief resume of the activities when the camp was in its heyday. He was given an ovation by the meeting and made Honorary President of the branch.

A. D. Hellens was elected chairman of the branch, with M. C. Halstead as vice chairman. Both are actively engaged in mining in the Cobalt area. F. C. Sullivan of the Hoyle Mining Company, of Haileybury, was elected secretary-treasurer, and others named on the executive were Art Wilcox and Ralph Benner of Cobalt and C. W. Tyson and Chas. Cammell of Haileybury.

It was decided to invite Belleterre, Que., Matachewan and Gowganda mining men to become members, and it was also decided that anyone interested in mining, whether actively engaged in the industry or not, would be welcome to join the branch.

The next meeting will be held late this month, it was arranged, and would take the form of an oyster supper. Mr. Hellens told The Haileyburian that there are now 23 paid-up members, as a result of the meeting, and many more are expected.

HALLOWE'EN WAS QUIET AND NO DAMAGE DONE, POLICE CHIEF STATES

All local residents appeared to be on their good behavior on Halloween, and there was no damage and little or nothing for the regular police force, augmented by a few extra men, to do throughout the night, according to chief K. R. Watson. The department received only one call during the night and that had nothing to do with the celebration of the festival, he said Tuesday.

In some former years there had been considerable damage done in the way of what some people considered good, clean fun, the chief said, but for the past two observances of Halloween everything has gone off quietly. Apparently the old custom is dying out, with the more modern system of arranging parties for the children.

Much can be learned from others but nothing equals experience.

Wild Goose Falls Prey to Gun of Local Hunter

Frank Sullivan, out on Friday afternoon last in search of ducks, bagged a wild goose of the "blue" variety, down at Gillies Lake. This is the first goose to be shot in this vicinity for a long period and Mr. Sullivan said he also shot another one the same day, but it was a small specimen and could not be readily identified.

The bird, which was admired by a good many hunters and others, measured four feet and six inches from wing-tip to wing-tip and had an overall length of two feet and nine inches, according to H. E. Cawley who was appointed to take the measurements. It was not weighed, but would probably run to seven or eight pounds.

Hallowe'en Was Busy Week-End for Kinsmen Club

District Governor and Wife Welcomed; Treat North Cobalt Children

The Kinsmen Club of Lake Temiskaming celebrated the Hallowe'en week-end by having a ladies' night on October 29th and acting host to approximately 200 North Cobalt children on October 31st.

Mr. Monte Kaye, governor of District No. 8, and Mrs. Kaye, were the guests of honor at the party for the ladies. After an excellent meal at the Cobalt Community hall, a program of varied entertainment was enjoyed by all. A toast to the Ladies was proposed by Dan Hellens and Mrs. Lily Crutcher replied. Monte Kaye extended greetings from the executive of District No. 8 and the Matheson Club and gave a brief but interesting talk on Kinsman fellowship. He also presented the past president's pin to Lorne Umphrey and congratulated him on the progress the club had made under Lorne's exceptional leadership. Mrs. Don Gardner presented Mrs. Umphrey with flowers on behalf of the local Kinsmen Club.

Mrs. C. Neelands won the lucky ticket on the hockey draw. It was announced that the next draw would be made on November 21st, and prize would be two return tickets to Toronto, including berths, and also two tickets to the East-West rugby finals, in addition to tickets to the Boston-Maple Leafs game on Saturday, November 26th.

On Hallowe'en night, Rev. Jack Bingham and Dan Hellens, with other members of the club, joined forces with the North Cobalt Ladies' Aid, the school teachers and other organizations in entertaining the children of the North Cobalt area. Hallowe'en games were enjoyed by the youngsters, while the older children were taken on a scavenger hunt. The evening was concluded with games for all the children and by presenting of prizes, bags of candies, etc.

Members of the Rotary Club took six children to Kirkland Lake yesterday to attend a Crippled Children's clinic there.

Fall Meeting of T.E.A. Will Be Held Tomorrow

Teachers, Ratepayers and Trustees to Discuss Several School Problems

The fall meeting of the Temiskaming Educational Association has been set for tomorrow, Friday, at the Cobalt public school, a couple of weeks later than usual, as it was felt that many members in the rural areas would find it more convenient, with the most of the fall work completed. Previously the meeting had been held during the Thanksgiving week-end but the teachers, who form a large section of the Association also favored the later date as it did not interfere with the regular Thanksgiving holiday. Friday will be an off-day in the schools, the teachers holding sessions in connection with the meeting of the association. This takes the place of the former annual convention held each autumn.

The teachers' sessions will open at 9 a.m. and will continue through the noon hour and on to afternoon sessions, with some entertainment at lunch. A meeting of ratepayers, of whom the association is made up, will be held in the afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock with a conference on trustees' and ratepayers' problems, and the public meeting will open at eight in the evening. Topics for the ratepayers' meeting include the installation of Hydro in public schools, led by Harold Simpson of the New Liskeard Hydro office; improvement of school property, playground equipment for schools and the new regulations for the payment of Area Board members.

Miss Grace Morgan, B.A., B. Paed., of the North Bay Normal School, will be guest speaker at both the teachers' conference and the public meeting in the evening. All interested in the educational systems of the district are invited to attend.

Eric E. Smith of Cobalt, president of the association, will preside at the meeting, and the business will include the annual election of officers.

Street Sign Broken Off; Damage Seems Deliberate

One of the town's new street signs at the corner of Probyn street and the Lake Shore road was broken off last week-end and, in the opinion of police chief K. R. Watson, the damage was done deliberately. The post carrying the two signs was pulled from its moorings, the chief said, and one of the metal signs was broken off near where it was attached. There appeared to be no chance that the damage was done by an erring motorist, as the post was inside the walk and there was no sign of a car being driven against it. If the guilty party is discovered, punishment will follow, chief Watson said.

District Pioneer Dies in Hospital Here on Sunday

Mrs. E. J. Hermiston Came North Before Turn of Century; Mother Still Living

Mrs. Edward J. Hermiston, who came to this district in 1897, and has had her home in North Cobalt ever since, passed away in Misericordia Hospital here on Sunday morning last, October 30th. She had been ill for about six months and had spent the past month in the hospital. She was one of the few remaining pioneers who came to the North before the turn of the century and was a daughter of Mrs. C. Pelletier, the former Mrs. Peter Giroux, who is still living in Kirkland Lake, and has passed her 62nd birthday.

Mrs. Hermiston was born at Otter Lake, Que., on Christmas Day, 1870, and was a twin sister of Mr. Fred Giroux, who lives near North Cobalt. He recalled that when she came to the district she kept house for him when he had a farm where North Cobalt now stands and which was the first homestead to be taken up in the township of Bucke. She was married in that home by the late Dr. H. Robinson Codd, who was rector of St. Paul's Church, Haileybury, at that time.

She was a member of the Baptist Church and in her earlier years took an active interest in its councils and in the affairs of her community.

Surviving Mrs. Hermiston are her husband, her aged mother, and six sons. The sons are Leslie, North Cobalt; Peter, North Bay; Paul, Cobalt; Gordon, Manley and Noble, all of North Cobalt. The latter two are twins. Two other sons, Bert and Bruce, died some years ago. There are also three sisters, Mrs. W. J. Farrell, Kirkland Lake; Mrs. Ore. Clement, Buckingham, Que., and Mrs. James Crawford, in the Ottawa Valley; and three brothers, Fred Giroux, North Cobalt; Jas. Danford, Lake, Que., and Ephraim in Ottawa. Her father, the late Peter Giroux died in 1896 and is buried in the old Haileybury cemetery.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, in Haileybury Baptist Church and at the graveside in the old cemetery. Rev. J. W. Bingham, pastor of Cobalt and Haileybury churches, conducted the services in the presence of a large gathering of old friends and neighbors of the family, to whom is extended the sympathy of the whole community.

New Officer in Charge of Radio at Police H.Q.

Corporal Andrews Will Operate System; Official Opening Coming Soon

The provincial police radio system will be in operation in the near future, it was stated at headquarters this week by Sergeant V. T. Reed. An operator, Corporal A. S. Andrews, has arrived to take charge of this phase of the force's activities and a number of constables will be allotted to the operations when the system is in full swing. There are a few of cars to be fitted with part of the necessary apparatus, but this will be completed in a short time, the sergeant said. Corporal Andrews comes from Aurora.

The system is in use to some extent now, but awaits an official opening. It is expected that Commissioner J. H. Stringer will be up from Toronto to perform the opening ceremonies, but the date has not yet been set.

Corporal Andrews and some of the other newcomers to headquarters are finding it difficult to secure suitable living quarters. They have been trying to get houses, apartments or even a few rooms, as they are to become more or less permanent residents in the community.

Up to this week there has been no appointment of a district inspector to replace Inspector S. Oliver, who retired at the end of September.

Bishop L. Rheume Left Sunday on Trip to Rome

His Excellency Bishop Louis Rheume, head of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Timmins, which includes this section of Temiskaming, left on Sunday evening of the first stage of a journey that will take him to Rome. He is accompanied on the tour by Rev. Father Pelletier of Rouyn, Que., and they will be overseas for several weeks.

Members of the congregation of Holy Cross Church here were present at the station to bid bon voyage to His Excellency, and a girls' choir from St. Mary's Academy sang several selections while the gathering waited for the evening train.

Hope For Better Terms For Use of Skating Arena

Delegation Confers With Minister of National Defence at Ottawa Monday

Some modification of the proposed agreement between the town of Haileybury and the Department of National Defence, for the use of the arena at the Armories for skating and hockey, may be expected as a result of a conference held at Ottawa with the Minister, Hon. Brooke Claxton, by Councillor R. T. Trowhill and Dalton Dean, town solicitor. A meeting with the minister had been arranged by Walter Little, M.P., when the town council declined to sign the new agreement submitted by the department some weeks ago.

The delegation, introduced to the minister by Mr. Little, had a copy of the original agreement entered into between the government and the municipality when the arena portion of the Armories was built. This, together with the new agreement, was discussed at the conference and, according to Mr. Trowhill, the minister was sympathetic to the suggestions of the delegation. It is expected that a new agreement will result.

The main objection to the proposed arrangement was the fact that the town was required to do considerable work on the arena before it could be used. A new heating plant and plumbing for the dressing rooms were embodied in the contract and the town council felt that the expenditure necessary could hardly be justified when the building did not belong to the municipality.

Mr. Trowhill, who returned from Ottawa on Tuesday, emphasized the fact that no undertaking had been made by Hon. Mr. Claxton as to what his department would be willing to do towards fitting up the building. He also said that Mr. Little had done everything he could towards making the conference pleasant and satisfactory. Mr. Dean, who presented the legal side of the question for the municipality, has not yet returned home.

The number of people engaged in the telephone industry in Canada totals about 36,000.

A local youth was sentenced to 10 days in jail when he appeared before Magistrate Atkinson on Monday. He pleaded guilty to through a guard rail on the high-drunken driving after crashing way a mile south of Cobalt.

William Brydge Died Yesterday at Kirkland Lake

Former Local Resident World War I Veteran; Well Known in North

A former resident of Haileybury, veteran of World War I and a man well known in mining and hockey circles of the North country, William Henry Brydge, died at his home in Kirkland Lake yesterday morning, November 2nd, after an illness of several months. He was Northern Ontario representative for Donald Wire & Cable Company of Hamilton and was well known in the various centres where his business took him among the mines and other industries. Mr. Brydge was 51 last month.

Born in Renfrew, Mr. Brydge was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Brydge and came to the North in 1906 with his parents, who for many years had their home on Broadway street. He was educated in Haileybury and started work in the Union Bank, under the late George A. Bagshaw. When the first World War broke out he enlisted at the age of 17, went overseas and served with the old C.E.F. in Europe. On his return he went to Iroquois Falls, where he worked as an electrician for some years, and later moved to Kirkland Lake.

A hockey player of note in his earlier years, Mr. Brydge took a keen interest in affairs of the N.O.H.A. His first organized hockey was played under their banner with the Iroquois Falls Eskimos, where he played defence alongside H. (Phat) Wilson and with whom he later teamed up on Port Arthur Bearcats when they were winning Allan Cups. Bill later turned professional and was in the ranks of several pro. clubs, winding up with the New York Americans. After his retirement from active hockey he was rink and team manager of clubs in Kirkland Lake and later went to Northwestern Canada as office man for Caswell Construction Co. with whom he was associated until he took up the position he held until his illness.

Mr. Brydge is survived by his wife, the former Christina Spence of Iroquois Falls, and three daughters, Heather, Beryl and Betty, all at home. One brother, John A. Brydge of Haileybury, and a sister, Mrs. C. B. Hayes of Los Angeles, Cal., are the other survivors.

Funeral services will be held in St. Peter's Anglican Church, Kirkland Lake, at 2 p.m. tomorrow (Friday), and interment will be in Kirkland District cemetery.

A few snow flurries have occurred in the district during the past week, but the weather is still fairly mild.

WEEK'S WEATHER

Week ending Nov. 3rd, 1949	Max.	Min.
Thursday	49.2	27.2
Friday	59.6	44.6
Saturday	58.6	33.2
Sunday	60.6	39.0
Monday	30.8	20.6
Tuesday	38.0	15.4
Wednesday	40.2	23.0
Precipitation for week	.04"	
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