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HEAVY LOSS FROM FIRE IN THE LAFLAMME BLOCK

Fire Sunday Afternoon Guts Brick Veneer Rooming House on Pine Street.

The rooming house on Pine street, opposite King's Amusement Parlors, commonly known as the Laflamme Block though now owned by Mr. Manion, was destroyed by fire on Sunday afternoon. The loss to Mr. Manion will be a serious one. The building and contents would easily total a value of \$10,000 or more and only about \$3000 insurance was carried.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought to be due to an overheated pipe. In any event the blaze started in the basement of the building. Roomers in the house attempted to extinguish the fire when it was discovered but were not able to do so. When they saw it was beyond their control they at once turned in an alarm by phone. The brigade made a record response, being at work on the scene within two minutes of the receipt of the alarm. Four lines of hose were at once playing on the fire, but on account of the headway secured by the fire and the type of the building the structure could not be saved. The firemen, however, were able to protect the frame buildings on either side, though the crowd that gathered were about sure that at least one and maybe both of them must go. The destroyed rooming house was a brick-veneer building with much of the inside construction of beaver board. Consequently it was a difficult fire to deal with. The firemen, however, worked particularly hard and effectively and their efforts were decidedly deserving of the highest praise. When they were called at about 4:50 p.m. the fire had considerable headway, the whole place apparently being on fire inside. The weather was severe, the thermometer registering ten below with a chilling wind blowing. One citizen who attempted to assist the firemen in their trying work was overcome by the smoke and had to be carried to the King Edward Cafe for medical attention. The fire brigade, however, stuck to their posts and did effective and creditable work. Any one of them suffered more real hardship and danger than the three U. S. balloonists. Drenched with water that freezes hard upon them, suffering from the cold and the piercing wind, working harder than men should work under the conditions and taking risks and facing dangers—all this the firemen look upon as part of their job and they do not say anything about it. Until late at night they were on the job, and even the hours through the evening to the next day saw some of them on guard to see that the smouldering fire should not break out again. The pressure was good, but as noticed in other fires during intense cold weather the water seemed to have much less extinguishing power than in milder weather, due no doubt to chemical action caused by the freezing weather.

The fire had gained such headway before the alarm was given that many of the roomers were unable to save their effects, thus suffering serious loss and inconvenience. The building and contents were destroyed. Mr. Manion, the proprietor, intends to rebuild in the spring and have an even more well-appointed place for roomers. Mr. Manion was away on his trip to the Junction when the fire occurred, not returning here until after all hopes of saving the building were gone. The train Sunday night was late and Mr. Manion came in on it to find his place with only the shell remaining.

ADVANCE WITH THE NEW YEAR

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Miss Florence Vary is visiting in Haileybury.

LADIES' NIGHT A SUCCESS AT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

Good Programme Furnished by Ladies The Men Provide and Serve The "Eats."

A rather unusual social evening and entertainment was enjoyed on Monday evening by the Caledonian Society of Timmins, when the whole musical and literary programme was provided by the ladies, with a lady in the chair, and the refreshments were provided and served throughout by the men of the Society.

The regular business session was held first, with President Lamb in the chair and between forty and fifty members present. The chief item of general interest was the decision to secure the use of the Oddfellows' Hall for future meetings. A vote of thanks was passed to the Presbyterian church management for the use of the basement for meetings in the past. The I.O.O.F. hall however, was thought to offer many advantages, including the use of a piano and the possibility of special social features after the business of meetings is transacted. To use the I.O.O.F. hall it will be necessary to change the nights of meeting, and Mr. J. K. Moore accordingly gave notice of a motion to be submitted at next meeting to change the nights of meeting from the first and third Mondays to the first and third Fridays of each month. Messrs. J. Massie and J. K. Moore were authorized to arrange for the securing of the I.O.O.F. hall.

After the business meeting Mrs. J. R. Todd was called to the chair and ably presided when an unusually pleasing programme was rendered. The programme included choruses, solos, instrumentals, readings,—all by the ladies. Not a man had a word to say except in applause of the excellent numbers, most of the items being enthusiastically encored. Miss Giffin's instrumental solo on the piano showed a talent that won very sincere applause. Mrs. J. W. Faithful, who also kindly played the accompaniments, brought very hearty applause with her piano solo, a medley of Scotch airs well rendered. Miss Hoggarth, Mrs. J. K. Moore and Mrs. M. B. Scott rendered solos that delighted the audience and all of them received very hearty and well-merited encores. Mrs. Haughland's reading, "The Haggis of Pte. McFee" was one of Service's best and it was very effectively given by Mrs. Haughland. Another very pleasing eulogical selection was that given by Miss McFee, whose imitation of the sermon of an old-time Scottish minister was a work of art.

After the programme a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Todd and the other ladies for the pleasing programme provided. Then followed the refreshments prepared and served by the men. Tea, cake, biscuits, etc., were served, and the "eats" were generally voted as of the best quality and lots of them. Mrs. Todd moved a vote of thanks for this part of the programme and the ladies gave very hearty approval. After the refreshments the Society had an impromptu "sing-song" of Scottish songs, with lots of Scottish music.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY TO OBSERVE BURNS NIGHT

Banquet and Social Evening and Programme in Masonic Hall Tuesday Evening.

The birthday of the great Scottish poet, Robert Burns, is to be duly observed by the Caledonian Society of Timmins. The event is to take the form of a banquet, with a literary and musical programme. Naturally, one of the chief items on the bill of fare will be the "Haggis." This has been ordered and will be on hand in all its steaming glory to gladden the hearts and the palates of the Scots on Tuesday evening of next week, Jan. 25th, in the Masonic Hall. The rest of the refreshments will be up to the high Caledonian standard. Then there is a pleasing array of toasts and responses befitting the occasion, with several speakers of prominence to take part. Musical and literary selections will be interspersed through the programme and the evening is expected to be a very happy one for all Scotsmen and Scotswomen.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Monday afternoon next, Jan. 24th and p.m.

HAILEYBURY-PORCUPINE OVERTIME GAME A TIE

Thirty Minutes Extra Play Leaves Final Score 4 to 4.

The game in the N.O.H.A. series Saturday night on Haileybury ice resulted in a tie score of 4 to 4. The game was on the rough side though not as desperate as reported here before the boys returned. It was a snappy game with individual work figuring. Haileybury had Speck and Bailey on their line-up and as usual put up their best game on their own ice. Burns, goal; Masterson, McParland, Austen, Jones and Carmichael were the others playing for Haileybury. The Porcupine team was the same as at Liskeard with Patsy Parker playing and Geo. Lake off. In the first period the score was 2 to 1; at the end of the second 3 to 2; and at the end of the third, 3 to 3. Haileybury got another in the first ten minutes of overtime but McGuire evened the score again and the rest of the overtime could not change the tie. A. Jewell, New Liskeard, was referee, and Bill Ross, Cobalt, judge of play.

JOINT INSTALLATION OF I.O.O.F. OFFICERS LAST NIGHT

Timmins Lodge, I.O.O.F., and Porcupine Lodge, South Porcupine, had a joint installation of officers last night in the Oddfellows Hall here. Owing to illness in his family D.D.G. M. Bro. Axler, of Cochrane, was unable to be present to officiate as Installing Officer as expected. Bro. W. H. Pritchard, P.D.D.G.M., very ably presided as Installing Officer. The following were the officers installed for Timmins Lodge:—

- I.P.G.—G. S. Drew.
- N.G.—G. S. Brough.
- V.G.—A. E. Prout.
- R.S.—W. G. Smith, P.G.
- F.S.—T. A. Skelly.
- Treas.—L. Halperin.
- Warden—J. H. Cross.
- Con.—J. Muskett.
- O.G.—W. A. Fields.
- I.G.—R. Richardson.
- R.S.N.G.—A. H. Cooke, P.G.
- L.S.N.G.—C. Swanson.
- R.S.V.G.—M. Daher.
- E.S.V.G.—A. J. Holland.
- R.S.S.—N. J. Leaman.
- L.S.S.—A. S. Urquhart.
- Chap.—A. J. Sheppard.

The following were the officers for Porcupine Lodge:—

- I.P.G.—F. L. Miller.
- N.G.—H. M. Wilson.
- V.G.—O. Robertson.
- Warden—J. F. Spitz.
- Con.—Stanley Ellis.
- Rec. Sec.—F. Whyte.
- Treas.—A. Tomkinson.
- Chap.—W. Armes.
- R.S.N.G.—H. H. Costain.
- L.S.N.G.—G. Train.
- R.S.V.G.—W. G. R. Woods.
- L.S.V.G.—O. Spiers.
- I.G.—Geo. Starling.
- O. G.—J. Boyle, P.D.D.G.M.
- R.S.S.—A. Hogg.
- L.S.S.—O. Orr.

After the installation a banquet was enjoyed, with a plentiful of good things to eat and a number of inspiring addresses, as well as several attractive literary and musical numbers. Also during the evening three Past Grand Jewels were presented. Porcupine Lodge presented a Past Grand Jewel to Bro. Miller, and Timmins Lodge presented Past Grand Jewels to Bro. J. Morrison and A. H. Cooke.

JANUARY THAW FORETOLD BY THE WEATHER SHARPS.

Just at the present time when the weather is particularly cold the weather sharps are forecasting a big January thaw sometime within the next few days. Some say it will be around the end of this week and some say it will be next week. Some hold the opinion that the January thaw this year will be early in April. Around Matheson and further south there is a belief that the January thaw is near at hand and that it will be a big thaw. At the moment of writing it doesn't feel a bit like it, but you never can tell in this fanny world—the North Land.

The game between the Mines and the Town on Friday evening was watched with much interest by a fair crowd. There was some good hockey, some not so good, and some not so bad. But the game was full of pep and interest. Rosie Levine and LaRamme did some starring for the town. W. G. Smith referred to the satisfaction of all. The score was 11 to 4 in favour of the Town, so the Mines team was nearly as much outclassed as Liskeard was by Porcupine Monday night.

ANNUAL BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET, JANUARY 27

Thursday of Next Week Set as the Date for Annual Event.

Thursday evening of next week, January 27th has been chosen as the date for the annual banquet of the Timmins Board of Trade. The event will be held in the Hotel Goldfields and a large attendance is expected. Tickets are being placed on sale and all good citizens will be welcomed to the banquet.

In addition to the banquet the gathering will constitute the annual meeting of the local Board of Trade. The officers of the Board will be elected for the year and other general business transacted before the banquet. At the banquet there will be toasts and responses by leading citizens of the Camp. It is probable also that some visitors of importance may be here for the event, the Executive now being in communication with certain men of prominence with the purpose of having them here for the occasion.

The annual banquet of the Timmins Board of Trade is always an event of special importance and well worthy of the large attendance it draws. Matters of interest to the town and district and helpful ideas for the community are always in evidence at these banquets and they have always proved very pleasant events as well as very helpful to the interests of the town.

ALL BUT COCHRANE SEEM AGAINST "ON TO BAY" STUNT

There seems to be a general feeling that the Proposal of the Ontario Government to start construction of the T. & N. O. Railway north of Cochrane at the present time as a means of alleviating the unemployment problem is a serious mistake. The belief is general that this extension should at least wait until several other more pressing works are attended to. The North Land Highway is generally considered as a much better public work to tackle both as a means of advancing the interests of the North Land and as a means of giving employment to any needy people there may be in the Province. While the general public seems to hold views along this line, the town of Cochrane is on record otherwise. The Cochrane Board of Trade is strong for the "On-to-the-Bay" proposition and anxious for the scarp of Mr. R. A. Melnis, president of the Associated Boards of Trade, because he has the temerity to differ from the Cochrane view of getting the extension started by hook or crook. Cochrane Board of Trade accuses Mr. Melnis of exceeding his authority by writing the Premier regarding the matter. A reading of the correspondence will show that the president of the Associated Boards did not exceed his authority. Even if he did not consult the rest of the Executive of the Associated Boards, as the Cochrane Board suggests, he was quite within his logical and sensible authority as president of the Associated Boards of Trade. If the Associated Boards of Trade as a body is to have any force or authority or command any general respect there must be a head that can express the opinion of the body on matters that have already been considered by the Association. The president, in this case, simply expressed an opinion that was timely and called-for and fully supported by the deliberations and decisions of the Associated Boards. Enquiry also will likely show that the President was actually voicing the opinion of all the members of the Executive with the exception of those from Cochrane. In any case, however, the President's action will meet with general approval throughout the North. Unless such action can be taken when the occasion demands, as it certainly did demand it in this case, then the Associated Boards of Trade has no possible scope for usefulness or service in this North Land. The new president is certainly giving the people some action and life and if supported will undoubtedly make the Associated Boards of Trade a power for usefulness. He should receive the heartiest co-operation and support.

There was an alarm of fire on Monday and the usual speedy response was made by the firemen. The services of the brigade were not required, however, the alarm being simply turned in as a matter of precaution. Stove pipes in Mr. L. S. Newton's home becoming disconnected, the alarm was given to avoid any possible danger of fire. No damage was caused by the occurrence.

PORCUPINE WINS FROM NEW LISKEARD 9 TO 1

Local Team Now Heads the League After Giving Liskeard The Surprise of Its Young Life.

To the surprise of some, but as expected by those who have been studying the teams and the games closely, Porcupine won from New Liskeard on the Liskeard ice in the N. O. H. A. series on Monday night the score being 9 to 1. This puts Porcupine at the head of the League so far. Since Liskeard has gained a name in hockey this is only the second time the Creamery boys have even been defeated on their own ice. The other time was when Sudbury defeated them, and the score that time was not nearly so decisive. Interest in the game was at the highest point in Timmins and a direct wire from the rink at Liskeard was installed to connect with Hamilton B. Wills & Co.'s office here so that a running report of the game could be received here. For the report the people who were unable to go to Liskeard are especially grateful to the H. B. Wills Co., the hockey club, and to Mr. A. E. Simms, the operator at the Liskeard end for the particularly talented and accommodating way in which he handled the work. To Messrs Riddell and Sharkman for their clever work thanks also are extended.

It would be difficult to improve much on the report sent over the wire and cheered as it was received at this end. The wire kept working as the game progressed and every move on the ice was recorded. In slightly abridged form the following is the report:—

The teams lined up as follows:—

Porcupine	New Liskeard
Worters..... goal	Britton
Lake..... defence	Epplet
Spring..... defence	Montgomery
Campbell..... right	Thompson
McGuire..... centre	Spence
McCurry..... left	Burns
Cox..... spares	Hogg
Brown..... spares	Grills
	spares ..Montgomery

Referee—A. Campbell. Judge of Play, A. Jewell.

Both team looking good on the ice. Worters is getting them all. Game on. Burns rushes, back checked by McGuire. McGuire made get away. Jess Spring rushes and scores. Montgomery rushes but fails. McCurry rushes but is stopped. Burns makes offside. Thompson passes to Montgomery. Monty blocked by Lake. McCurry nearly makes another goal. Thompson shot without avail. Jess gets 2 minutes for a trip. Lake 2 minutes. Spence and Monty make a nice combination but are blocked. McGuire away but checked by Burns. Thompson rushes but Campbell checks him. Campbell makes nice rush but is blocked. Campbell away again but Thompson blocks. Thompson to Spence but McGuire spoils that. McGuire is starting. Monty passes, McGuire blocks. McGuire makes wide shot.

Cox scores on rebound from Lake's shot. Epplet away, but Cox blocks him. Cox makes nice rush. Epplet gets two minutes. Monty offside. Porcupine going great, all the play at Liskeard end. Spence makes wild shot. Monty blocked by McGuire. Cox blocked Thompson. McGuire nearly scores again. Spence rushes, and Worters makes brilliant save. Campbell on, Cox off. Thompson passes to Burns, but blocked by Lake. Game going fast. New Liskeard can not get through Porcupine defence. Spence gets 2 minutes for tripping. Monty rushes and passes but the defence holds. Lake makes rush but shot is stopped. Liskeard net broke, game off few minutes. Epplet makes rushes, blocked by own man. McGuire shoots but Britton saves. Liskeard falling over themselves. Epplet goes from end to end but blocked by Lake. Thompson is getting his temper up; yarned by referee. McCurry passes to Campbell, blocked by Burns. Monty passes to Burns, who shoots wide. Worters makes a nice save. Cox rushes, shoots high. Referee warns Cox and Epplet. ("Off-sides" sprinkled through the despatches). Jess makes nice save from Spence. Campbell blocks Burns. Monty makes end-to-end rush but Cox blocks him. Worters broke his stick with a nice save. Spence shoots coming close. McGuire makes long shot, too wide. Monty rushes, Worters saves. Referee warns Spring. McCurry, 2 minutes for bodying Thompson. Spences passes to Thompson but Spring beats him to it. Timmins 2, Liskeard 0.

Second period—McCurry, Lake, McGuire playing brilliant hockey, Thompson, Epplet and Spence showing up well. Porcupine has best of game so far. Thompson shoots wild. Cox blocked by Burns. Epplet shoots wild from pass. Monty blocked by Lake who saves nice combination from Monty and Thompson. Worters saves from Spence. Burns gets 2 minutes. McCurry shoots wide. Hogg replaces Spence. Thompson's rush blocked by Spring. Worters makes clever save from Thompson. Lake blocks Epplet. Worters makes another nice save. McGuire and Campbell's combination saved by Britton. Referee warns Thompson. Thompson rushes and shoots wide. Two minutes for Lake for bodying. Spring blocks Burns. McCurry's nice rush blocked by Epplet. More combination from Campbell and McGuire. Monty blocked. Campbell rushes. McGuire blocks Epplet.—Porcupine playing them off their feet. Lake rushes, but Britton makes nice save. Spring rushes. Epplet blocked by Spring. Campbell shoots wide from McCurry's pass. Campbell, Lake, McCurry make rushes. Play furious now. McGuire scores. McCurry makes another one. Scramble at Porcupine. McGuire playing brilliant hockey. Worters makes wonderful stop when Thompson gets behind defence. Porcupine scores. Porcupine going at full speed. Epplet makes wide shot. Lake blocks rush of Burns. Campbell off, Brown on. McGuire scores. Play at Liskeard end, Liskeard getting furious. Lake and Jess are stone wall defence. McCurry and Epplet off for 2 minutes. McGuire scores. Worters makes nice save from Thompson. Porcupine shooting from all sides. McGuire best man on the ice. Monty rushes. McGuire gets by Liskeard defence but Britton saves. Worters saves from Thompson. Jess and Lake get by Liskeard defence, but Britton saves. Porcupine going great. Jess makes great rush. Monty rushes but Jess blocks him. Thompson knocked down. Liskeard getting furious again. McCurry passes to Spring. Timmins 6, New Liskeard 1.

UNION MINING COMPANY TO SINK SHAFT 500 FEET

Diamond Drilling Campaign Also Planned. Machinery to be Installed.

The Union Mining Corporation, whose property is in Whitesides Township, have big plans for the immediate development of the property. These plans include a programme of diamond drilling and other preliminary work. In addition, as noted some weeks ago, the Union Corporation is installing a mining plant, the machinery and supplies being transported to the property under the supervision of Mr. Alex Corrigan, of Schumacher.

Work is practically completed now on the building of offices, bunk houses, cook houses, boiler house, blacksmith shop, etc.

It is the intention to sink a shaft on the property to the 500-foot level, with stations to be made at every 100-feet. This work will be taken up at once, Mr. Hee, McQuarrie being in charge of the gang of men at these operations.

The Union Mining Corporation have a property that has attracted much general attention since the present interests started exploratory and development work. Reports from independent sources regarding the property are to the effect that it has every promise of developing into a mine of importance. The Corporation has ample finances and are apparently ready to go on and develop the property to a stage when it can be definitely known just what they have. The work so far has proved that each successive step seems but to emphasize the promise given by the step before. Many old-timers believe that this Whitesides property will develop into an important mining property.

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Third period—Burns shoots wide. Jess blocked by Spence. McCurry and Spring in turn shoot wide. Epplet rushes but is blocked. Spence shoots wide on pass from Monty. Worters makes a nice save. Britton saves from Lake. Spence blocked by Campbell. Britton saves from McGuire. Epplet shoots wild. Jess and McCurry in nice combination. Worters saves from Epplet. Both teams going at top speed. Worters saves from Burns and Spence and is knocked down. Game off for few minutes. Burns off for 4 minutes for hitting Worters. Thompson furious, makes pass at McCurry. Lake makes nice rush, Britton saves. Porcupine scores again. McCurry scores after end-to-end rush. Game going at top speed. Referee warns Spence. Jess blocked by Spence. Worters saves from Thompson's rush. Jess makes long shot, over the nets. Lake makes rush (Continued on page 4).