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Efforts.

Since its organization here some months ago, the Timmins Branch of the Children's Aid Society has done much good work. Owing to the nature of the work, too much publicity can not be given to the details. Through the efforts of the Timmins C.A.S. many children have been given a fair chance for the better things of life and many homes in the vicinity have been improved. Several cases where children needed medical or surgical treatment have been attended to, and other help along these lines is planned. The work needs and deserves the whole-hearted support of all and will assuredly receive this support when the purposes and methods of the C.A.S. are fully understood. In the first place it may not be out of place to mention what the Children's Aid IS NOT! It is not an organization for "taking children away from their homes." Many people thoughtlessly accept this idea of the work, but it is far indeed from the truth. The whole purpose of the C.A.S. is to have each and every child in its own home and have that home of the best possible type so that the child's chances are the best for developing into good citizenship. The C.A.S. does not believe in institutions for children. Its idea is that a "home" is necessary for each child and that the nation and humanity alike owe the child that home. If the home where a child may happen to be proves immoral or evil in its influences, then the C.A.S. effort is to have that home improved. Only when improvement seems impossible is there thought of taking away the child, and then only to place the youngster in a foster home where care and thought and kindness and a chance for the better things of life will be available. Also, the C.A.S. IS NOT a society of interfering folk who like to meddle with the affairs of others. The work of the C.A.S. is to see that every child has a fair chance in life, and work to that end is surely neither meddlesome nor objectionable. Instead, it is genuine patriotic work. In the children lie the hope of the nation, and to see that every child has a chance for the better things of life is surely the best type of patriotic endeavor. That is the work of the C.A.S.

Mr. J. J. Kelso, now the head of the Children's Aid Societies in Ontario, was a reporter on The Toronto Globe some twenty-five years ago. He was delegated by The Globe to write a series of articles on slum conditions, etc., in the city. The plight of so many children, poorly nourished, lacking education, often neglected and abused, and with practically no chance for the better things of life—the plight of these inoffending children made special appeal to Mr. Kelso. He thought they should have a chance in life. He felt very deeply that it would pay the people of Ontario to see that these children had a fair chance, pay from the economical standpoint as well as from the humanitarian, and above all that it would pay from the viewpoint of good citizenship. Children growing up neglected physically, morally and mentally, become eventually a burden and a menace to the state. From Mr. Kelso's earnest efforts to do something to right conditions there grew the beginning of the Children's Aid Society of Ontario. This society may be briefly summed up as a society whose purpose is to see that every child has a fair chance in life,—that every child gets an opportunity for a fair education, for proper environment and for decent physical and moral care. This is the work of the Timmins Branch of the Children's Aid Society. Is there a single good citizen who can find fault with such a work?

**FIRE DESTROYED STORE AT  
BARBER'S BAY ON FRIDAY**

At an early hour on Friday morning last fire destroyed a store owned by a Russian at Barber's Bay. The origin of the fire is not known as yet. The fire had a good headway before an alarm was made, and even after it was noticed little could be done to stop the progress of the fire as Barber's Bay naturally has no very extended fire-fighting equipment or brigade. The Russian who owned the store was asleep inside when the fire was discovered, and a window had to be smashed to reach him and drag him to safety. The building and contents were practically all destroyed, the loss running into the thousands of dollars.

Among the fall fairs to be held this month in the North Land the following may be mentioned:—New Liskeard, Sept. 20th, and 21st; Cochrane, Sept. 29th and 30th; Englehart, Sept. 15th, and 16th; Charlton, Sept. 13th., and 14th.

**LARGE NUMBER OF CASES  
AT POLICE COURT LAST WEEK**

Thursday was a more than usually busy day at the police court in Timmins and Magistrate Atkinson did not have any spare time during his visit to this camp last week. Indeed the court at South Porcupine took up so much time that it was found necessary to continue the session until the "wee sma' oors" of Friday morning. A great number of the cases were charges of immorality against certain women and men in South Porcupine, Schumacher, Moneta and Matagami. These cases of keeping or frequenting disorderly houses were brought forward through the work of a couple of "special agents" known more familiarly as "spotters." These two gentlemen were understood to be set to work by Chief McInnis of South Porcupine to clean up the blind pigs, etc. They had a long list of charges of the breaking of the O.T.A., all right, all right, but in addition they were ready with information in regard to the disorderly houses. Following the activities of these two "specials" raids were made last week by the police and a number of arrests made and charges laid both for illegal liquor handling and for breaches of morality. Mr. Bull, the well-known barrister of North Bay, was in the camp to appear for some of the defendants while nearly every barrister hereabouts had a case or two one way or another in connection with the activities of these "special" fellows. Mr. Bull laid special emphasis on the way in which the "specials" secured their evidence in the disorderly houses cases. They admitted that while making appointments they did not go back and had no intention of going back. Mr. Bull's contention was that in such a case the charges could not be sustained. All the cases were adjourned for a week to allow of authorities being consulted on the points at issue. In the meantime the accused men and women are out on bail. It will be noted that none of these cases were from Timmins, the "specials" only finding wickedness in nearby places.

The police court proceedings here, apart from the cases for which the "specials" were responsible had much of special interest. There were four men fined for gambling in a public place, the fine being \$4.00 each and costs. Two drunken drunks were each fined \$20.00 and costs while an intoxicated drunk escaped with \$10.00 and costs. A local citizen for not observing the town by-law regarding lights on his car paid \$2.00 and costs. Mary Klem had charged her husband, Joe Klem, with assaulting her, but Mary hadn't the heart to press the charge. Perhaps the police told Mary to knock the block off Joe if he bothered her any. In any case Mary withdrew the charge and everything is pleasant and delightful in the Klem domicile.

Mr. J. K. Moore faced two charges of breach of the O.T.A., both being connected with the sale of "Vital Tonic," which the police claimed had been sold for beverage purposes while containing over 20 per cent. alcohol. In the first case, a man swore to buying the wine or tonic and later being arrested for being intoxicated, the police preserving part of the bottle as evidence. On this charge Mr. Moore was fined \$200.00 and costs. It is understood he will appeal the case. The second charge was dismissed, the evidence of the chief witness being flatly contradicted throughout by Mr. Moore and the Magistrate in summing up saying that, lacking outside corroboration he must take the word of Mr. Moore as a reputable business man against that of the other witness who was under sentence for a criminal offence.

**MAN AND TWO WOMEN SENT  
FOR TRIAL FOR ASSAULT**

Before Magistrate Atkinson on Thursday, Vasal Greika, Mrs. Vasal Gulka and Mrs. Dumka Donayuek appeared for preliminary trial on a charge of assaulting Annie Mintivski. The assault took place on Aug. 27th, and the case had been adjourned until last Thursday on account of the fact that the victim of the assault was too seriously injured to appear previously in court. On Thursday the injured woman had to be carried into the court, the results of the injuries received making it impossible for her to walk. The evidence suggested that she had been hit on the head, body and limbs with sticks of wood and rather badly battered up. A twelve-year-old lad in court said that he had hit the woman, knocking her down, and that after this some of the others struck her with sticks of wood, clubs or stones. The police case, however, is based on the theory that it was not twelve-year-olds that caused the serious injuries suffered. The woman was on her way home when set upon, and the cause for the assault is not clear, except in so far as it is evident that some one did not altogether wish the lady well. The accused man and two women were committed for trial before the Judge.

**DEATH OF FORMER FIRE  
CHIEF H. GREEN OF COBALT**

Many in Timmins who were acquainted with Mr. Harry Green, former fire chief of Cobalt, learned with sincere regret of his death at the home of his sister in Toronto last week. The late Harry Green was a well-known figure in the North Land, being among the pioneers of the Silver Town. In the early days of Cobalt he was connected with the Volunteer Fire Brigade there. He was appointed Fire Chief at Cobalt in 1913, and held that position for a few months, later becoming assistant to Chief Borland there. He enlisted for overseas service in 1915, going over with the 159th. He was awarded the Military Medal for service at the front. While overseas he contracted an affection to the heart which caused him considerable trouble after the war was over. Returning to Canada he again became Chief of the Cobalt Fire Brigade but heart trouble forced his resignation and some months ago he found it necessary to go to Toronto for treatment. On Thursday last he passed away in the city, death being due to the heart trouble referred to. He was very popular in Cobalt and wherever known elsewhere in the North Land. For several years he conducted a billiard parlor and cigar store in Cobalt. Among the floral tributes sent to Toronto were beautiful wreaths from the Cobalt brigade and a floral token also from the Timmins Fire Brigade.

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