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## FIRE PROTECTION WEEK STARTS OCT. 9 THIS YEAR

Annual Period Set Aside to Emphasize the Menace and Loss by Fire in Canada.

For several years past thoughtful people have been impressed and alarmed over the heavy losses incurred through fires in Canada. The greatest cause for alarm, perhaps, has been the apparent indifference of the people in general in view of the heavy loss in life and property suffered each year in Canada from fires most of which might have been avoided. Various bodies have sought to bring the question to public attention, and one of the methods adopted to focus public consideration on the matter has been the setting aside of a week to be known as Fire Protection Week. During this week fire prevention and fire protection problems are to be generally discussed and the public roused as much as possible to the very real danger of the fire fiend.

Fire Prevention Week, beginning on Sunday, Oct. 9th, and ending the following Saturday has been appointed by an order-in-council, and the proclamation is made through a special number of the Canada Gazette.

The proclamation calls attention to the fact that more than 300 persons in Canada annually lose their lives as a result of fire, in addition to which there is an irretrievable loss of money, labor, time and natural resources.

This imposes a burdensome tax upon industry and thrift and substantial adds to the cost of living. Furthermore, it is insisted that at least 800 per cent of the fires which occur are the result of inexcusable ignorance or neglect.

## TRAIN LEAVES OVER 20 AT PORQUIS THURSDAY NIGHT

Last Thursday evening some twenty passengers on their way home to Timmins had a bad fright at Porquis Junction when the train went by and left them standing on the platform. For a time they feared that they would have to spend the night at the Junction where there is no accommodation for any such crowd. There were several ladies in the party of passengers thus stranded at the Junction as well as two or three children. For a little while the outlook was very black, but Dr. Melanis and some others in the party kept at it until they were able to get Mr. Geo. Lee, Chairman of the T. & N. O. Commission, on the phone. The situation was explained to him, and eventually he gave the necessary orders to have the train return from Connaught and pick up the stranded passengers. When the train reached Porquis Junction again some of the passengers at first thought they had gone on to Timmins in record time, but one look around sent them back to their seats. The passengers left behind when the train drew out on its first start got safely abroad and the complete train then started once more for Timmins, reaching here safely in due course. Several of those attending the Liberal Convention at Englehart were among those left at Porquis Junction. The way the accident or incident occurred was thus:—The passengers were walking up and down the platform at Porquis Junction or whiling away the time in the station or lunch room there waiting for the train to start for Timmins. Conductor Murray says he called out "All aboard," but the passengers reply that they never heard him. Anyway the train was headed the wrong way, and though some got on, others stayed off, waiting till the train would go round the "y" and stop again at the platform. The train went down the "y" all right, and there were many passengers waiting on the platform to get on board as it came along. But the train sailed on right through, and there they were left at Porquis Junction. As usual when people are stranded at Porquis Junction there did not seem to be any accommodation for them. When Chairman Lee was roused from his bed, however, arrangements were made to have the train pick up the stranded passengers, this procedure being carried through without any serious loss to anybody.

## DOMINE DIVIDEND OF 25c. PAYABLE OCTOBER 20th.

The Dome Mines Company directors held a meeting in New York on Tuesday of last week and at this meeting the regular dividend of 25 cents per share was declared, said dividend to be payable on October 20th. to shareholders of record of September 30th.

## SUCCESSFUL RE-OPENING OF CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

Excellent Programme and Pleasant Social Evening Enjoyed by Scots Friday.

The re-opening meeting of the Caledonian Society of Timmins took place in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Friday with a large attendance, despite the very unfavourable weather, about fifty or sixty being present, and the evening, being a thoroughly enjoyable one. During the hot weather and the vacation season, the Society had discontinued its sessions, and the meeting Friday night was in the form of an At Home or Social Evening to re-open the regular gatherings for this fall and winter. The vice-president, Mr. D. Mackie, very capably presided, and after some routine business had been dealt with an excellent programme was enjoyed. The programme included:—very attractive piano solos by Miss Griffin; humorous songs by Mr. J. Cowan, putting the audience into happy humour; brief address by Mr. J. Macaulay; a reading in "Braid Scots," capably given by Mr. M. B. Scott, and being a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson; a well-rendered solo by Mr. J. Twaddle; a Scottish song by Miss McHugh that roused the audience to hearty joining in the chorus; a Scottish song by Miss Jean Roberts that delighted the crowd; a very pleasing rendition of "Annie Laurie," by Mrs. M. B. Scott, with Mrs. A. G. Mackay playing the accompaniment. A special feature of the evening was the singing of Mr. W. W. Bosworth, of Schumacher, whose wonderful voice with its power, range and training, was heard to advantage. Mr. Bosworth rendered Scottish and other songs and each selection by him merited the hearty encore it received. "Musical Chairs" was another feature of the evening's pleasure, while, of course, Scottish and other dances featured the evening's enjoyment. For the dances Miss Giffin, Mr. J. Cowan, and later in the evening, "Scotty" Wilson, played the piano with talent and effectiveness. Another feature was the serving of a tasty lunch which was much enjoyed and appreciated. The meeting concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The next meeting of the Caledonian Society will be held on Friday evening, Oct. 14th, at 8 p.m. sharp in the I.O.O.F. Hall. It is the annual meeting and the election of officers for the year will take place as well as other important business.

## NO PROTECTION HERE FOR STRUGGLING HOME INDUSTRY

Apparently all this talk about free trade and protecting home industries in only election stuff. At least it is not recognized in the Police Court when it comes to one of the struggling infant industries of Canada,—the making of home brew. Magistrate Tucker seems to give as little protection to this home enterprise as Magistrate Atkinson. On Thursday last Magistrate Tucker, who took the police court here again in the absence of Magistrate Atkinson, fined Geo. Simokotees \$200.00 and costs for illegally making intoxicating liquor. The police seized a quantity of mash, as well as some of the finished product. An odorous barrel was among the exhibits in the case. Some of the liquor seized is credited with having nearly as powerful a kick as Jimmy Twaddle when he's playing football against the Dome. At any rate that barrel would just about knock a man down. Five men were fined Thursday for being too overly inspired with the spirit of gladness and rejoicing. Magistrate Tucker says \$10.00 and costs, "far easier than the poor fellows can sober up. Another man, charged with being drunk, tried to put over an alien style of story on the new Magistrate. It cost that particular fellow \$20.00 and costs, the extra being for the trimmings. Differences of opinion or ideas between a local woman and a girl employed by her resulted in two cases. The girl sued for some twenty dollars in wages claimed to be due her, and the woman charged the girl with the theft of a ring, a brooch and some other small articles. The wages case was settled, however, by the payment of the amount claimed, and the charge against the girl was withdrawn.

## DOMINION ELECTION THE FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER

According to advices from Ottawa the Dominion Elections will be held the first week in December this year.

## NORTHERN MEMBER ON SECESSION PLATFORM

Toronto Paper Discusses the Attitude of Old Ontario to the Great North.

Mr. F. H. Keefer, M.P., for Kenora and Port Arthur, has announced himself as a straight Secession candidate. This announcement may give others in other parts of New Ontario a new idea of the right political attitude for the advantage of the North Land. It may not please the "Machines," but it should please and profit the North. Mr. Keefer says that with him the North Land will come first,—before any party or group. He is determined first of all to get a square deal for the North and to do this is going to forget all politics except the policies that are for the benefit of the North Land. In discussing the matter The Toronto Star has the following editorial that will be read with more than passing interest by all interested in the North Land and its progress:—

"It is significant of the weakness of the Meighan government and of the strength of secession sentiment in some parts of northern Ontario that Mr. F. H. Keefer, the government member for Port Arthur and Kenora, should decline to stand for re-election to the commons as a government candidate, and should advocate as his campaign policy separation from Ontario.

"The district that Mr. Keefer suggests should be formed into a new province extends from White River to the Manitoba boundary and from Lake Superior to James Bay. It has an area greater than that of Old Ontario. It has few cities, but is rich in mineral, timber, and fish.

"The great distance from this district to the centre of provincial administration at Toronto is a handicap to cordial relations. People up there feel themselves to be isolated from the rest of Canada, and are irritated by the indifference sometimes shown to their interests by government officials who are unfamiliar with local conditions. When northerners want anything they want it badly and want it in a hurry. They find it hard to understand the extent to which this part of the province is engrossed in other things. And, truth to tell, the procrastination of the province in dealing with matters that are of vital interest to New Ontario would test the patience of Job.

"It is the duty of the Drury government, and particularly of the lands and forests department the mines department, and the T. & N. O. commission, to overcome any reasonable sense of grievance cherished by those who reside in the Ontario hinterland. That is the best way to cope with secession sentiment. Mere denunciation does more harm than good.

"At heart, Old Ontario is proud of New Ontario. It believes the northland has a wonderful future. It has a feeling of good will towards its inhabitants. Forty years ago the province won the battle for possession of the region from the Lake of the Woods to Port Arthur, and it has no intention of letting go. A more intelligent policy in Toronto would have resulted in a much faster development of the wealth of the northland. A little more vigor on the part of the central authority and a continuance of patience and persistence on the part of the northerners should bring about an improvement and more cordial relations."

## PASTEURIZED MILK TO BE ON SALE IN TIMMINS

The matter of having an adequate supply of pure milk for the needs of the ever-growing town of Timmins has always been a problem here. Mr. T. F. King seems to have found an excellent solution. As will be noted from the advertisement elsewhere in this issue, Mr. King has made arrangements for the shipping to Timmins each day of a supply of pasteurized milk from the New Liskeard Govt. dairy. Citizens of Timmins may secure this pure milk at King's, or it will be delivered each day. This pasteurized milk is handled under ideal conditions, absolute cleanliness and sanitation being the rule all through. Pasteurized milk has such advantages from the standpoint of health, cleanliness and keeping qualities as to be of special importance here. The first supply of this pasteurized milk will reach Mr. King this (Wednesday) evening and the first deliveries will be made on Thursday morning, daily deliveries being the rule thereafter. Mr. N. McEachren has been secured to see to the deliveries, so that end of the service to the public is assured of all possible care and attention.

## ENGLISH TRAVELLER DROPS DEAD ON STREET

Sad and Sudden Death of Mr. H. Nathan, Representative of an English Cable Company.

On Tuesday about 12.30 noon a traveller was coming along Tamarack street carrying his sample grip in his hand, and just as he reached the corner of Tamarack street and Sixth avenue he collapsed on the walk. A young man nearby saw him fall down and at once went to his assistance. Dr. Moore was also hastily summoned, but the man had passed beyond human aid. Papers on the body identified the dead man as Mr. H. Nathan, representative of an English Cable company. His home apparently was in Manchester, England, and he was in this country representing the British firm, the company having Toronto headquarters for Canada. The deceased was registered at the Queen's Hotel, Timmins, for his visit to Timmins. He was between 50 and 55 years of age. Death was due to heart failure.

The company's office in Toronto was communicated with and a prompt reply by wire received to give every attention and consideration. The body has been embalmed and is being held here pending further instructions from Toronto.

Practically nothing is known here of the late Mr. Nathan it being his first trip here, and, of course, no particulars are known as to his personal affairs or family.

## LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION TO-MORROW

A convention of the Liberal-Conservative party will be held to-morrow (Thursday), Oct. 6th, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon at the Orange Hall, Englehart, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the riding of Temiskaming in the coming Dominion Election. Also, officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and organization made for the coming election.

A meeting of the Liberal-Conservatives of Timmins was called for Monday evening at the Town Hall to select delegates for the Convention to represent this town. However, due perhaps to insufficient advertising, there was a poor attendance only four or five being present. It is likely, however, that other arrangements will be made to secure a good representation from Timmins at this convention to-morrow.

A large number of names have been suggested as candidates, Messrs. Wes. Gordon, R. Shillington, Major Pullen and others being frequently mentioned. In the southern section of the riding, however, there is said to be a desire to have a man from the North as the Liberal-Conservative candidate this year. To-morrow, no doubt, will see the selection finally made, and the battle in progress then. The Liberals have already their candidate in the field; the Labour Party no doubt will run Mr. Angus McDonald, M.P., again; the Farmers may or may not have a man of their own. In a few weeks no doubt the situation will be much clearer, and much livelier, than it is at present.

## DEATH OF MAJOR THORNE AT TORONTO THIS WEEK

Major Stewart M. Thorne, M.C., Croix de Guerre, died this week at the home of his uncle Mr. A. E. Osler, Toronto. He was well-known in the North Land, having been manager of the Trethewey Mine at Cobalt at one time, and after returning from overseas being in the Dept. of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment for this district. Major Thorne had been suffering for many months past from heart trouble caused by exposure on active service overseas. He was 41 years of age, and the son of the late Horace Thorne, barrister, Toronto, and grandson of the late Canon H. B. Osler. The funeral took place to-day to St. John's cemetery, York Mills, Toronto.

## HOW ARE THESE GUYS GOING TO VOTE ANYHOW?

Fred says he can't vote for any Tory candidate because that would be voting for a Meighan Government. How mean!

Charlie says he is too democratic to vote for any "King" government.

And neither of them can vote for Labour, because that's too much like work.

The regular session of Division Court was held in Timmins last Thursday with the usual number of minor cases, chiefly collection of debts, etc.

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE T. & N. O. COMMISSIONERS

For the Love of Mike, Honorable Commissioners, Don't Cut This Part of the North Altogether From the Book of Remembrance.

Last week in referring to the "rumoured" changes in the T. & N. O. train service for this part of the North Land, The Advance suggested that the changes might not be so radical or injurious as reported, and that the people here having faith in the Chairman and Commission in their efforts to give the people the best possible service would be willing to give the new time table a trial, feeling sure that the Commission would keep in close touch with the situation and be ready to remedy the service if it proved inadequate.

Well, the trial is here, and it sure is some trial for this part of the North Land. After the excellent train service this summer the service drops back to worse than the bad war days. There is only one train from Toronto and passengers from that city actually have to change at Englehart, wait there a couple of hours and then get on the Continental to come as far as Porquis Junction. The trains, Nos. 46 and 47, formerly running through to Timmins under the new time table run no further than Englehart, though why they should run even that far if traffic has gone so completely to pot is a matter for wonder. It seems to be beyond question that the traffic to Timmins, Iroquois Falls and other points in this part of the North Land warrant some better arrangement than this present train service. The Commission is asked to give the question more than passing consideration.

It is in the matter of mail service, however, that the greatest injury to this part of the North results. Only one mail a day leaves here for southern and eastern centres, this single mail going on the train leaving here at 6.10 in the morning. From Saturday morning until Monday at 6.10 there are no mails for distant points. This is a serious handicap to local business interests, the mail coming here Fridays having necessarily to be delayed until Monday's train for answer. There is a local mail service, a closed bag mail, each week day on the 12.30 noon train for Schumacher, South Porcupine, Porcupine, Connaught, Iroquois Falls and Cochrane. This service is, of course, very useful, but it touches only a small portion of the business needs of the North Land. So far as the business centres of the south and east are concerned, this bright and growing Camp with all its business and activity has only one mail a day each way, the kind of service that is in keeping with the needs of rural places like Calabogie and Mount St. Patrick. The mails from Toronto arrive here at 7.15 p.m. and from Montreal at 11.20 p.m. The mail for Toronto and points south and east leave here at 6.10 a.m., and the local mail for the district at 12.30 p.m., the time of closing these mails being a half an hour earlier at the local post office.

The Porcupine Camp and Iroquois Falls are two of the few flourishing and progressive centres in the Province to-day. The business originating through these centres deserves a better service than that given by the present curtailed service on the T. & N. O. These centres are 500 miles from the nearest city. To keep up their chances for progress and development and for the convenience of the large number of people served it is necessary that good train service and mails should keep them in easy touch with the outside centres. Surely the T. & N. O. Commission can arrange a train service and a mail carriage that will serve the people better than the utterly inadequate service commenced this week. The people of the North will try anything once, but three days of this crippled and inconvenient service is more than too much. Your attention is beseeched Mr. Commissioners and Chairman. Give this part of the North Land half a square show, for the love of mud. The Powers-that-be have stolen even our Sundays and left us high and dry, particularly dry. If they won't allow us to get mail or to get out or in except semi-occasionally it will be too much. The Advance has confidence enough in Chairman Lee and the Commissioners to believe that they will be able to work out a service for this part of the North Land that will be a real service instead of a tantalization.

The Queen's Hotel, Timmins, has changed ownership, the new proprietor being Mr. Tong Loung who has taken over the business and is carrying it on as a first-class hotel.

## WHITE VS. TIMMINS CASE SETTLED LAST WEEK

Matter Arranged Out of Court. Town to Purchase Dwelling at Stated Figure.

The case of A. White vs. the Town of Timmins was finally settled last week at Haileybury. The case arose from the use of a dwelling north of the town as an isolation hospital. The Town had been dealing with a man whom it was believed was authorized to sell or rent the house, and when a hurry need for an isolation hospital for a smallpox case was encountered the Town made use of this dwelling. Mr. White on finding the house so used without his permission eventually entered suit against the Town. The Town made many efforts to settle the matter, but found this could not be done without apparently prejudicing its rights. The case came up for trial at the spring assizes at Haileybury this year, but Mr. White's title to the land on which the house stood not being established, certain technical questions arose as to the rights and liabilities of the various parties concerned. The case was laid over and came up again at the fall assizes in Haileybury last week. The parties, through their solicitors, got together and an arrangement was agreed upon. The court approved this agreement, Judge Sutherland dismissing the case without costs and ordering the moneys paid into court by the defendants (the Town of Timmins) to be returned. The Town of Timmins, on its part, is to pay Mr. White \$800.00 for the dwelling on receipt of release and bill of sale to the town. Mr. Gordon Gauthier appeared for Mr. White, and Mr. D. O'Sullivan for the Town.

## "SPECTACULAR SHOWINGS" AT GOLD CAMP DRUG STORES

In the half-page advertisement elsewhere in this issue Todd's Gold Camp Drug Stores are described as "Gold Mines for Good Buyers," and to continue the use of mining terms there are certainly some "spectacular showings" and "rich finds" for the buying public, as well as "high values," in Todd's 2-Package Sale, three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, Oct. 6th and 7th and 8th, at the stores at Schumacher and South Porcupine. As will be noted by the advertisement standard goods of high quality are offered at extraordinary values, in some cases less than half the usual value, and in all instances at figures much below the usual prices. In tobacco, etc., for instance, cigarettes, regularly 15c. a package, are offered for 15c. for 2 packages. Chocolates, regular 50c. per lb., for 75 cents for 2 lbs. is another special. Stationery at regular value of 35c. is reduced to two boxes for 50c. These are but samples at random of the values offered. It will pay all to read the advertisement elsewhere in this issue and then visit the Todd drug stores at Schumacher or South Porcupine and share in the unusual values offered.

## NIPISSING CONTINUING DRILLING ON ROCHESTER

Mr. R. B. Watson, manager of the Nipissing Mine, Cobalt, was in the Camp last week in connection with the diamond drilling work now in progress by that company on the Rochester property adjoining the Hollinger. Nothing is being given out in regard to the progress or results of the work on the Rochester, but the general opinion in the Camp is that it will prove favourable and that another important mining property is consequently likely to be in action in Timmins in the comparatively near future. There have been three drill holes put down to depth and two more are now in progress. The natural lack of official announcement at this time, of course, makes it impossible to give any definite forecast of what may follow the drilling operations. The Nipissing, as might be expected, is keeping its own counsel at this stage of the proceedings. But the location of the property and the number of drill holes being put down, together with other facts that may be known or deduced, suggest great possibilities to the man on the street who sees the possibilities for the opening at an early date of another promising property in this part of the Porcupine.

Word was received last week of the death of the five-year-old son of Mr. J. Bourke. The little lad passed away at the home of the family in Quebec. Mr. Bourke's many friends in this district will extend very sincere sympathy to him in his sad loss.