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FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT AT SCHUMACHER, JULY 1

Temiskaming Firemen Select Schumacher for Annual Big Day of Sports.

At the annual meeting of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association held at Cochrane on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, Schumacher was selected as the centre for the big annual Firemen's Tournament and Day of Sports. This event, held for many years past on July 1st, has been one of the outstanding big days of the North Land. Schumacher is out to make the 1922 event bigger and better than ever, and all who have noted the skill and thoroughness with which Schumacher people handle anything they take up, will be satisfied that the Temiskaming Firemen's Tournament for 1922 will be a successful and pleasing event. In addition it may be noted that in putting on this big day the Schumacher people may be assured of the very hearty co-operation and assistance of the Timmins Fire Chief and Brigade and the people in general in Timmins. July 1st, 1922, at Schumacher will be a big day.

At the annual meeting at Cochrane last week of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association, the following were the accredited delegates for the various brigades in the district:—

Timmins—Chief A. Borland and Deputy Chief W. G. Smith.

Schumacher—Chief Charles Juckes and G. Henderson.

South Porcupine—Max Smith, J. E. Boyle and Harry Wilson.

Iroquois Falls—T. H. Wilkes, President of the T.F.A., E. J. Skene, J. Rostello, P. J. Cannon, and Mayor Vanier.

The Wye—Chief Giguere.

Haileybury—T. J. Duncan.

New Liskeard—Chief Lever, R. W. Thompson, F. Thompson.

Englehart and Matheson had no representatives present and Cobalt has dropped from the Association, thus further putting the Silver Town off the map of the North Land.

After the opening prayer by Rev. Mr. Coulter, and the excellent presidential address by Mr. Wilkes, welcome was extended to the convention on behalf of the people of the town by Mayor Russell of Cochrane. Mr. Arthur Stevens, on behalf of Cochrane Board of Trade, also gave welcome to the delegates.

The next annual meeting of the Association will be held at Haileybury in February of next year.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—

President—Chief E. Carswell, Cochrane.

Vice-President—Max Smith, South Porcupine.

Secretary Treasurer—F. E. Thompson, New Liskeard.

Official judges were appointed from each town, Dr. McInnis, Mayor of Timmins, being the appointee for Timmins.

After the business of the convention the Cochrane Fire Brigade tendered the visiting firemen a banquet at the Paris Cafe, and once again the Cochrane people showed themselves princes in the matter of hospitality.

In addition to the firemen present there were a number of other guests of honour, including Chairman Geo. W. Lee and Commissioners McLaren and Martin of the T. & N. O. with their guests from Hamilton, Major Morris and Col. Hooper, Capt. Maxwell of the Laurentide Air Service, Mr. Ward of Grant Smith & Co., the contractors for the T. & N. O. extension, Major Mac Lang, M.P.P., and others. After Chief Carswell had welcomed the visitors, all sat down to a very sumptuous and satisfying repast, which was much appreciated. Then came an excellent toast list with many bright and pleasing speeches. Mr. Albert Taylor ably proposed the Temiskaming Firemen's Association and able responses were made by Chiefs Wilkes, Lever and Borland. "The North Country" was proposed by Bishop Anderson in a very interesting and eloquent speech, in which he commented on the development of the country since he arrived here some forty years ago. He also touched on the prospects of the new country to the north through which the new extension of the T. & N. O. will pass. Mayor Mac Lang, Mayor Taylor of New Liskeard, Mr. S. J. Dempsey, and Dr. Fraser, of Cochrane, ably replied to this toast. In replying to the toast of "The Railways" Chairman Geo. W. Lee of the T. & N. O. Commission made a very pleasing address. He explained that the T. & N. O. was bound by the rules of the Canadian Passenger Association in the matter of special trains and rates, but that

PORCUPINE V.N.T. LIKELY TO RE-OPEN IN SPRING

Application Has Been Made for Electric Power. Work Likely to Start Very Soon.

It is understood that the Porcupine V.N.T. has made application to the Northern Canada Power Co. for power for the mine, and the reply of the Power Co. is reported as to the effect that the necessary power will certainly be available for the V.N.T. in the early part of April.

There have been persistent rumors for many months past as to the re-opening of the V.N.T. Recently the explanation has generally been accepted to the effect that only the lack of assurance of power prevented the resumption of work at the V.N.T. With power assured, as it would appear to be now, there seems to be every reason to look forward to the re-opening of this promising mining property. It is likely that work will be commenced at a very early date getting the property in shape for the re-opening, the actual resumption of work very probably taking effect the beginning of April this year. In the meantime the chances are that work will be started at once on the de-watering of the underground workings where necessary, and getting the plant and buildings all ready for the re-opening. It is understood that the main shaft on the North Thompson part of the property will be continued to the 900-foot level. This shaft is now down 600 feet. Levels are to be opened at the 750 and 900-foot levels. Also there will be drifting operations in the big ore body at the 600-foot level. After this work is well under way further plans will be considered in regard to the mill. If results are as good as are now expected it is probable that the present mill will be remodelled and enlarged. In the meantime, however, some are suggesting a merger with the Northern Mines as to the advantage of the future of both properties. The Northern has a good mill, and both mines could be economically developed under a merger, the properties being adjacent. Of course, there is nothing official from either company as to this suggestion, and neither might consider. It is only an idea from the "man on the street," such men recognizing the economical advantage of mergers of adjoining properties.

ADD THIS TO THE REPORT OF THE BURNS BANQUET

Last week in the report of the Burns Anniversary Banquet, The Advance inadvertently omitted mention of two very pleasing items of the evening's programme. One of these items was the solo by Mr. James Cowan and the other the reading by Mrs. A. Haughland. Mr. Jas. Cowan sang "There was a Lad," in his usual pleasing way, the selection being given effectively and well. Mr. Haughland's reading was a chapter from "Wee MacGregor," giving a humorous account of an Old-time visit to the photographer's. This reading was well given and much appreciated by the gathering. In the hurry of the usual routine, reference was omitted in The Advance last week to these two items, but they were of such excellence as to be well worthy of special note. Accordingly readers should cut out this paragraph and add it to the report in last week's issue of the Burns Anniversary Banquet under the auspices of the Caledonian Society of Timmins.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Monday afternoon of next week, Feb. 13th at 4 p.m.

all possible would be done for the Firemen's Tournament event. Mr. W. E. G. Bishop in replying to the same toast quoted figures showing an increase of 400 per cent. in the produce billed out from towns along the C. N. R. in the Cochrane district. Mayor Vanier of Iroquois Falls in very pleasing way proposed the toast of "The Town of Cochrane," to which Mayor Russell of Cochrane made very suitable reply. Other speakers during the evening were Major Lang, Fred Thompson, Col. Hooper, ex-Mayor Ivey, Mr. A. Stevens, Mr. G. A. MeLeod, Mr. Ernest Poole, Mr. Otto Thorning, editor of The Northland Post, Cochrane, all of whom gave very bright and interesting addresses. All appear to be agreed that the convention and banquet were both entirely and completely successful in every way and the visitors one and all say that Cochrane's brand of hospitality is the very best.

529,883 TONS BROKEN ORE IN RESERVE AT HOLLINGER

Big Mine in Unusually Satisfactory Shape. Production Keeps at Record Figure.

The official figures for the production at the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines show that the high record is being consistently maintained. For the period ending Jan. 28th, 1922, the total production for the 28 days was 111,206 tons. The average daily production was 3972 tons. It will be noted that this is an increase over the previous months, and indicates that the big mine is more than maintaining the high production records attained as soon as sufficient power was available last year.

The annual report will be in the hands of the printers in a day or two and so will soon be published. Without anticipating the information in the report the official advice is that it will be very favourable and show a very successful year's progress.

Another very pleasing indication of the strong position of the Hollinger is the official information that at the end of the year there were 529,883 tons of broken ore in reserve. It is expected shortly to raise this reserve to 750,000 tons. This unusually large reserve of broken ore places the Hollinger in a very strong position. It assures the continuous progress of the industry, this noteworthy reserve practically making the mine accident-proof. Underground work has progressed right along very satisfactorily but the big ore reserve now built up makes assurance doubly sure. Production can go along surely, despite any minor happenings that under less favourable conditions might hamper production. The big stride of the big mine seems to be now positively assured.

GOOD START ON DRIVE FOR \$15,000 FOR NEW CHURCH

\$3,000 Collected in First Two Days, With Prospects Good for Success This Week.

The big drive to raise \$15,000 in six days for the new R. C. church here started on Monday morning this week and is progressing very satisfactorily. A big thermometer on the side of the Bank of Commerce building shows the progress of the campaign each day. Monday evening the thermometer climbed to \$1500, and last night it had doubled that amount. It is on the climb faster to-day and to-morrow will surely be better. To-day is pay day at the Big Mine and this fact will have an important bearing on the thermometer for the rest of the campaign. There is every confidence that the full amount will be raised this week as planned, and this, of course, will be a noteworthy indication of the generosity of the people of the parish. Up to the present the amounts collected from the Italian and Polish people in the congregation have not been included, these collections being now under way. The spirit of the collectors is very pleasing, all the captains and members of the teams vying with each other in their good work and the campaign being carried along with enthusiasm and energy.

The canvass has been confined to members of the church in the parish. "You are not canvassing your Protestant friends?" Father Theriault was asked. "Oh, no," he replied, "the appeal is made to the people of the church." "But," he added, "if anyone not canvassed should like to make a contribution, of course it would be very gratefully received and much appreciated."

SHOWING OF "ROYAL GARMENTS" AT HOLLINGER

An important announcement is made this week by the Hollinger Stores regarding a display to be shown at the Hollinger Stores on Monday and Tuesday of next week, Feb. 13th and 14th. On Monday and Tuesday Mr. A. S. Stapells, representing the McElroy Manufacturing Co., Ltd., of Toronto, makers of the noted "Royal Garments," will be at the Hollinger Stores and will have on display a complete range of silk, cloth and summer dresses of the most approved and up-to-date lines. The Royal Garments are famous for their quality and fashion in ladies' dresses, suits, etc., and the display on Monday and Tuesday will offer a noteworthy opportunity for those desiring high quality and exclusive designs in ladies dresses.

REPORTS POWER RIGHTS GRANTED ON ABITIBI

North Bay Paper Authority for Statement That Rights Granted to Hollinger.

In concluding an article on the Power Situation as it appears to that paper, The North Bay Nugget last Wednesday said:—

"In addition to the foregoing authentic information comes the unofficial report that the Hollinger Consolidated has finally secured rights to develop energy on the Abitibi River. This report is entirely without confirmation as yet."

This paragraph is published for what it may be worth, with the comment that the interests behind The Nugget seem to have been on the inside in the matter of the Power Question and the Government and so should be in a position to have early intimation of anything that may happen in this regard.

The Hollinger has made no announcement of any kind in regard to the matter.

Perhaps, The Nugget has "inside" dope. Time will tell. But if The Nugget should ever boastfully recall the idea that it foretold the actual granting of the power rights to the Hollinger Consolidated for necessary and desirable extension and expansion of this important industry, then the answer is that had some other newspapers in the North Land had their way the application would have received much more prompt and sympathetic attention last year.

DO YOU WANT TO SEE SOO OR SUDBURY PLAY FALLS

If So, Reserve Your Accommodation Now at Curtis' Drug Store.

It has been felt that a great many from Timmins and district will wish to see the game at Iroquois Falls when the Falls play the Sault or Sudbury for the championship of the Senior N.O.H.A. To accommodate these fans arrangements have been made and tickets may now be arranged for at Curtis' Drug Store. It is of course desired to have a special train for the occasion and to assure enough passengers to warrant this it is necessary that hockey fans who intend to see this big game should drop into the Curtis Store and make the necessary reservation and deposit. A number of tickets have been reserved by the Falls Rink management and these may be reserved by calling at the Curtis Store. It is absolutely necessary to find out how many are going so that a special train may be arranged for. Leave your name with the deposit of \$2.00 at the Curtis Drug Store. Do it now! First come, first served.

The game between the Falls as winner of the northern group and Sudbury or Sault Ste. Marie, the winners of the southern group, should be a hummer and one that no hockey fan will care to miss. See about your ticket at once. Call at Curtis' Drug Store.

SPECIAL MEETING OF DOME MINES ON FEBRUARY 11th.

There will be a special general meeting of the Dome Mines Company Ltd. held on Saturday, February 11th. This meeting is called for the shareholders to consider, and, if approved, ratify two by-laws recently passed by the directors. The one by-law is for the return of the capital stock to shareholders, the directors being authorized to pay out from time to time as they may see fit such sums as return of capital as may be deemed advisable. All such payments are to be made pro rata among all shareholders, and a due proportionate amount is to be set aside to provide in similar way for shares allotted but not issued, the latter to be paid as such shares are issued. The other by-law is complementary to the first one referred to. This second by-law empowers the directors to make application from time to time to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council of the Province of Ontario for supplementary letters patent decreasing the par value of the shares issued and allotted by the amounts that may be repaid on capital on each share. At present it is desired to reduce the capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$4,500,000, and authorize the repayment of \$476,067.00 to the shareholders, reducing the par value of the shares of the capital stock of the company from \$10.00 to \$9.00 per share.

TALENTED ORCHESTRAS DELIGHT CROWDED HOUSE

Hundreds Unable to Get Into New Empire Theatre for Sunday Evening's Concert.

The concert given in the New Empire Theatre Sunday evening, by the Schroeder Orchestras, under the auspices of the Porcupine Branch of the Navy League, Timmins, proved a very pronounced success in every way, and of the big crowd filling the theatre for the occasion a single one has yet to be found who was not completely delighted with the programme given. Before 8.15 the theatre was crowded to the doors and literally hundreds had to be turned away. No one able to gain admittance will deny that the programme furnished was worth the attendance or even a bigger turnout. It was without doubt one of the most outstanding musical programmes ever given here. The Schroeder Orchestras, the McIntyre Orchestra and the individual artists on the programme, each and all, delighted the big audience and won golden opinions. There are three Schroeder Orchestras, all unusually good, but as the Mayor wittily suggested the big Orchestra is the best because it includes the other two. This "District Orchestra," as it is called, made a decided hit. The Junior Orchestra was very good and the String Orchestra something very special. The McIntyre Orchestra were very heartily applauded for the number they rendered, and their excellent work deserved this token. Mr. Schroeder is assuredly deserving of the highest praise for his work in organizing and training these orchestras of his, and congratulation is coming to him for the talent displayed by these groups of clever musicians.

The programme for the evening included selections by the District Orchestra, the String Orchestra, the McIntyre Orchestra and the Junior Orchestra, all unusually well rendered and pleasing. Vocal solos by Mrs. Gilbert also featured the programme, and these well-rendered selections were much appreciated. Piano solos by little Miss L. Robitaille, a little lady of eight years of age, were very popular with the audience, the young lady showing very striking talent as a pianist. The Quartette was another very popular favorite, the selections by these four instrumentalists being enthusiastically received. Master Willie Shub made a fine impression as a violinist. This young boy displayed striking talent as a musician and his well-rendered selection proved not only the musical skill of the boy but the capable instruction he had received.

Dr. J. A. McInnis, Mayor of Timmins, presided. In introducing the programme he reviewed the aims and objects of the Navy League under whose auspices the concert was held. He also took occasion to voice the general appreciation for the remarkable talent of the orchestras and the other artists on the programme.

LAST N.O.H.A. GAME WITH FALLS HERE THIS EVENING

Porcupine Team Out to Win And Falls a Little Too Confident. Should be a Good Game.

The last Porcupine vs Iroquois Falls game in the N.O.H.A. senior schedule is to be played here this evening and the Porcupine team are out to win. They are out to win as a matter of principle and good sport, but also not to miss any chances. They still have a long chance to tie with the Falls, by Liskeard taking the two remaining games from the Falls. Anyhow, they intend to make the Falls travel some tonight.

It is understood that the Falls is not running a special to-night and other reports from the Falls indicate that they are either very confident or indifferent about this game. They'll find, however, that they must be earnest and anxious to win tonight, there being nothing given away in this league. It should be a lively game, with the chances good for Porcupine. Messrs. Montgomery and Gemmill will handle the game to-night.

BISHOP OF MOOSONEE TO BE HERE ON SUNDAY, FEB. 12

His Lordship, the Bishop of Moosonee, will pay his postponed visit to Timmins this week-end, and will preach in St. Matthew's Church at both services next Sunday Feb. 12th.

HARDSHIPS OF SETTLERS BEING INVESTIGATED

Governments Had Men in North Last Week Looking into Conditions.

Mr. D. McEachren, ex-Mayor of Cobalt, and Liberal candidate in the recent Dominion election in this riding, was in this part of the North last week, having accompanied the representatives of the Federal and Provincial Departments of Labour who were investigating the condition settlers have been facing owing to the peculiar situation in the pulpwood market. While busy at his campaign work during the recent election Mr. McEachren noted the undesirable circumstances into which many settlers along the Transcontinental had been thrust by the pulpwood situation, and during a recent visit to Ottawa he impressed the matter upon Premier King and Hon. Mr. Murdock, the Minister of Labour. The Government at Ottawa felt the situation was one coming more within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Government, and so took steps to secure the co-operation of the Provincial Administration. Apparently this co-operation has been secured, for representatives of the Dominion and Provincial Labour Departments last week visited the North to investigate. No official announcement, of course, has yet been made of the findings of these representatives. It does appear, however, that a large number of settlers have suffered from the pulpwood situation this winter and that for many of them conditions have been serious. As a rule, settlers depend very largely upon the bush work in the winter, and this year they have had little indeed to go upon in this line. Further, it may be said that the fact that many of them were unable to collect for work and wood supplied last winter makes their situation still harder. Last year The Advance earnestly directed the attention of the Ontario Government to the situation, and if something had been done then the brave settlers would have been spared much suffering. It takes more than the ordinary courage and optimism for a man to settle on the land in this far North and build up, under severe handicaps sometimes, a home and a farm for himself and his family. Such a man should be given every possible encouragement and assistance. If any man should have "special privileges" or be considered as "almost sacred," the pioneer settler is the man. But the Ontario Government apparently did not think so last year. It reserved its "special privileges" for the big fellows whom it seemed to consider as "almost sacred." Scores of settlers were pauperized and brought to want and scores of others were very seriously handicapped because one at least of the big concerns did not pay the accounts owing to settlers for wood and labour. Settlers gave their time and strength and their wood, and then could get nothing for it. When the Government was appealed to and asked to step in and secure justice for the settlers, Hon. Beniah Bowman, Minister of Lands and Forests, replied, including these words, "He (the Minister) sympathizes with the settlers who find difficulties confronting them in their dealings, but for the Crown to interject itself in a matter that relates to private interests of this kind would be unprecedented." Isn't the horror of Hon. Beniah at the thought of interfering in "private interests" almost akin to religious fervour. The gallant settlers may starve to death, but "private interests" must be protected. A settler who had assets and did not pay his debts would have to either pay up the debts or have the assets sold. Hon. Beniah Bowman was apparently too much in awe of big business to press for similar procedure to secure the money the settlers needed so badly. Surely, it was up to the Department of Lands and Forests to see that the settlers got a square deal and a chance for their lives. It may have been good policy to allow the company referred to the privilege of continuing in possession of their assets, despite the amounts owing the settlers, but in such a case surely the Government should have advanced the settlers at least a part of their hard earned money so that after all their work and hardship they would not be altogether "up against it." If Hon. Beniah had interfered a little more with "private interests" and Hon. Ramey a little less, it would have been a much better government. Thank you!

Now that the Governments have investigated the circumstances of the settlers along the C.N.R., it is to be hoped that very prompt action follows. The settlers should be given a fair show.