

South Porcupine Items of Interest

TISDALE COUNCIL NOW INAUGURATED MEMBERS SWORN

The first meeting of the Tisdale Council was held on Monday at 11 o'clock, a.m., as required by law. Reeve Dickson, and all of the members were present to take the oath of office. The following committees were appointed, Reeve Dickson being chairman of each:

Finance—Culbert and Black.
Fire and Light—Thompson and Culbert.
Police—Boyle and Thompson.
Public Works—Boyle and Black.
Appointments—W. H. Wilson, Sec. Treas.; John Gibbons, Assessor and Tax Collector; D. A. Roy, Chief of Police; J. D. McGregor, Constable and Fire Chief at Schumacher; W. G. Higham, Sanitary and Chimney Inspector; N. Charette, Foreman and Pound-keeper.

Mr. Walter Frisby, Sr., was appointed to membership of the Board of Health.

Oddfellows Install Officers for 1916

On Monday night at Oddfellows Hall, South Porcupine, the following brethren were installed to office for 1916, Bro. W. R. D. Sinclair and Bro. Ward, both of Cochrane, and Bros. Smith and Boyle of South Porcupine, acting as installing officers:

Bro. Hugh Boyle—J.P.G.
Bro. Cecil A. Culbert—N.G.
Bro. James W. Alexander—V.G.
Bro. W. H. Wilson—Fin.-Sec.
Bro. W. G. Higham—Treas.
Bro. Oscar Robinson—W.
Bro. H. M. Wilson—Gen.
Bro. L. W. Brown—R.S.N.G.
Bro. B. W. Frisby—L.S.N.G.
Bro. W. B. Millions—R.S.V.G.
Bro. James McCann—L.S.V.G.
Bro. Sol Sky—R.S.S.
Bro. H. Pottinger—L.S.S.
Bro. W. M. Shepherd—Chap.
Bro. Geo. R. Bartle—L.G.
Bro. H. H. Costain—O.G.

After installation a light lunch was served.

BOUQUETS FOR THE ADVANCE.

A subscriber writes, giving change of address, as follows:

"I have missed my copy of your valuable paper during the past few weeks, and feel that I have got absolutely out of touch with matters in the Porcupine Camp as a result."

Another writes:

"I want you to continue my paper as I would not be without 'The Porcupine Advance' for a single issue. I would also like you to place on your books, as regular subscribers, my New York office and Buffalo office. Congratulating you on the splendid paper you are getting out, etc."

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Southend Bowlers at New Liskeard

A team of South Porcupine bowlers visited New Liskeard on January 6th, and played against the Liskeard bowlers on Solomon's alleys, losing by a narrow margin. As will be seen by the scores below every man was in excellent form, both teams getting well over twenty-six hundred pins. Every player was in the five hundred class. As Porcupine was short a man Bill Hatch filled in, but this time "Bill" was the low man on the team with a score of 514. Cole spilled the timbers for the visitors for 556, and the "inevitable Sam Ritchie," with one pin less, was the top-notcher for the home team. Liskeard won out by the small margin of 19 pins, the result of a big lead in the first game.

South Porcupine				
McLeod	147	193	183	523
Spencer	183	189	164	536
Cole	188	152	206	556
Jemmett	171	153	191	515
Hatch	171	161	182	514
860 818 926 2644				
Liskeard				
Ritchie	177	182	196	555
Lapointe	175	168	191	534
Horne	185	157	181	523
Solomon	211	163	151	525
Woodward	199	148	179	526
947 818 898 2663				

The South Porcupine bowlers visited Haileybury and rolled the players there on the 7th, and on Saturday they paid a visit to the Cobalt Y. M. C. A. alleys, where they played a game with the locals in that town.

SOUTHEND WINS BOWLING MATCH WITH COBALT.

Freeman's turkey, in the last frame in the final string in Saturday night's bowling game between South Porcupine and Cobalt was practically responsible for the victory of the visitors over the local trundlers by the narrow margin of three pins. The Cobalters established a lead of 30 pins in the first spasm, and added 36 more in the second. They looked like easy winners until the seventh or eighth frame of the last game, when the visitors began to pull up. A strong finish by the gold miners, together with the "blowing" of a couple of spares in the last frame by Cobalt players, decided the issue. Hatch contributed 549 to the victors' grand total, and Barrett for the losers was high with 546. Following are the scores:

COBALT				
Barrett	191	206	149	546
Browning	198	170	138	506
McDonald	193	165	169	527
Shaw	159	167	177	503
Cameron	153	176	153	482
894 884 786 2564				
SOUTH PORCUPINE				
McLeod	166	155	161	482
Spence	150	152	178	480
Jemmett	178	181	161	520
Freeman	185	157	194	536
Hatch	185	203	161	549
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South Porcupine 3 pins up.

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TALKS ON SOLDIERING

(C. M. Piercy)

(Continued from Last Week)
In 1863 Lieutenant Targett and a party of six men of the regiment were acting as escort in charge of a prisoner to be tried by court martial. They were all slain by the Maoris in ambush one man only escaping to tell the tale and evoke a determination in the breasts of the gallant 57th to avenge the death of their comrade.

General Warre, the historian of the regiment thus describes the incident. On reaching the Waitira, the name of a small stream, the escort was suddenly fired upon by an ambuscade of thirty or forty rebel natives and the whole party were killed or wounded. Private F. Kelly, although wounded, escaped into the fern, subsequently joining the party under Lieutenant Bratton, which had been sent on the report of the murders being conveyed by a mounted orderly. An opportunity for revenge occurred on June 4th, in the attack and capture of the rebels "pah," when the regiment fought with marked courage and dash. Later in the same year occurred a severe encounter with the natives of Pontoko, where the British gained a complete victory over much superior numbers though the 57th suffered some loss. On the occasion of the storming of the Otapawa Pah, the 57th, numbering one hundred and thirty rank and file under Colonel Butler, again distinguished themselves though they had to mourn the death of Lieut.-Col. Hassard, who fell inside the pah while leading on his men. It would seem on this occasion as though the natives had been studying the "fas et ab hoste doceri" doctrine, for they kept perfectly quiet till our men were within thirty or forty yards, when they commenced a most severe and unusually well directed fire. Lieut.-Col. Hassard with a party of the regiment drove out the enemy on the left and then proceeded against those on the right. At the same moment the remainder of the 57th gallantly led by Lieut.-Col. Butler, reached the left angle of the work. The Maoris fought desperately for a time, but in vain, a portion of the palisading being cut down by Private Doakes of the 57th regiment, the troops entered the works and carried all before them. In addition to Lieut.-Col. Hassard the regiment lost two sergeants and five privates killed and many wounded. Amongst the killed was Private Doakes whose gallantry had been such as to have decided the commander to recommend him for the Victoria Cross.

The Regiment returned to England in 1866, remaining home till the Zulu war. They arrived in South Africa from Ceylon shortly before the battle of Ginglovo and suffered somewhat more than the other troops from the wet and cold in consequence of the greater change in climate. The 57th and the 91st were stationed at the face of the laager on which the Zulus after their repulse by the rifles hurled the whole force of their attack. How well that attack was repulsed is a matter of common know-

ledge now. From Ginglovo they proceeded with Lord Chelmsford to the relief of Colonel Pearson at Eshchove. When Sir Garnet Wolseley took the direction of affairs, the command of one of the columns was given to Colonel Clark of the 57th and that of the regiment devolved upon Major Tredennick. Later on the regiment was actively employed in the pursuit of Cetewayo, and in September returned to England. The following year, to quote from Col. Archer, many deserved honors were bestowed upon officers of the Corps, including Lord Gifford the pursuer of Cetewayo, for services in the Zulu war and the gallantry of Private Howard, who, with Lieutenant Torrens of the Scots Greys assisted in rescuing the crew of the brig Robert Brown, wrecked off the Pigeon House Fort, was publicly commended by the commander in chief.

One more episode in closing. On the occasion of fresh colors being presented to this regiment, the old ones were deposited in St. Paul's Cathedral under circumstances which provoked some remark. The following letter which appeared in the "Times" correctly represents the general feeling.

Sir:—Between one and two o'clock to-day was seen a small military detachment in uniform marching from Cannon Street to the Mansion House. A field officer, three other officers and about eight non-commissioned officers and men, were taking to their final resting place, in St. Paul's Cathedral, the old colors of the 57th regiment, the West Middlesex, the Die Haris. They were cordially received by the Lord Mayor and with equal cordiality at the Cathedral, where after a short and impressive ceremony the colors were placed on its walls. They are the colors of the Crimea and especially of Inkerman. They were accompanied on this their last march by the condition that "no expense was thereby to be entailed on the public." As this detachment of honor passed the Mansion House and along Cheapside, little did the rich and busy crowd think that the officers' private purses had saved the country the railway fare from Woolwich, and thus added to our economical, if not quite to our military credit. An influential paper of the time thus comments on the foregoing letter: It cannot fail to infuse into the breast of every Englishman who reads it a glow of pleasure. There is nothing like maintaining amongst our soldiery a sober enthusiasm for Queen and country and by our own feelings as we read of this triding but truly significant little incident we may judge of the sentiments which animated that small company of soldiers as they marched to the Cathedral—without parade, without ostentation; rather, indeed, sneaking than marching—to place the colors that waved at Inkerman in their final resting place. Every heart beat high with the thought that although the dear flag was being carried through the



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streets as a pauper corpse is trotted to the grave, the noblest principals of government were vindicated in an almost pathetic manner, "no expense was thereby entailed on the public." Doubtless when peace is declared and the troops come home, the gallant 57th will have added to their already glorious history. We, as Canadians, I am sure, wish let us hope that after this war there will not be any occasion which will call forth the just sarcasm that the smallness of the British authorities then merited.