

South Porcupine Items of Interest

H. D. Blanchard, of Toronto, was a visitor in camp this week.

Geo. L. Chabot, Auditor of the ship of Tisdale, arrived in camp Friday.

and Mrs. McNeil left camp on Tuesday, January 19th, to spend a few days in Toronto.

A case pertaining to Wheeler's horse came up again on Saturday but was adjourned.

F. Shaw of Cobalt was a visitor in camp this week and registered at the King George Hotel.

J. S. McReamy of the Dome Mines was registered at the King George Hotel on Saturday, Jan. 22.

A. E. Davis, who is connected with the Bank of Commerce, was transferred last week from Timmins to the South Porcupine Branch.

The Orange Lodge are giving a dinner in the new Orange Hall, South Porcupine, some time in the near future. A date will be set later.

Some of the prospectors returning from Kowkash and Tashota, report that they see a very promising section. We will, no doubt, hear more of this new country in the spring.

J. Bartlett, Inspector, arrived in camp on Saturday, January 22nd, to conduct an inquest on Monday, regarding the accident at the Dome Mines on Friday evening.

F. W. Ratz has moved from the King George Hotel, his recent place of abode, and is at present staying with Mrs. Miller at the Dome Mines. We must admit there is something slow about Ratz.

The soft spell last week gave many of the South Enders a chance to get the sidewalks cleaned and it is hoped the present Council will have no difficulty to make with those who, so far, have done their bit.

The inquest that was started on Monday morning at ten a.m. was postponed until 2.30 in the afternoon on account of the jury having to go out to the mines to inspect the shaft in which the accident took place.

Mr. H. N. Joy, who has been laid up since his home in Toronto, for the past three or four weeks with a severe attack of erysipilis, is recovering and is expected back in camp within the next few days.

Anchor is in camp, and it is his intention to start some development work, shortly, on the Dome Extension. Many stockholders, who have inside information report that the stock will undoubtedly go to one dollar in a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeil have returned from their trip to Toronto, arriving in camp on Monday morning at one o'clock a.m. They came through from the Junction on the twelve o'clock freight, and as usual Sam Wheeler was there with the bus to meet them, and took them to their home at the Dome.

Mr. Paul Lohmer, the well known prospector, who has some claims in the Dome, has been missing for the past week and it is believed he has been drowned. Many of his friends have been trying to find some trace of him, but, up to the present time nothing has been seen or heard of him.

Mr. Tommie Burns reported the Tommy Burns claims, now the Excelsior Mining Co. in Shaw, are looking exceptionally well. According to some of the spectacular samples taken from the properties there is no doubt of the latter developing into a mine to compete with the big ones of the camp. The fact that it is being handled by trustworthy and experienced men makes it quite clear that it cannot help but be a success, as all it is hoped many more properties in this section.

A Grand Masquerade Ball, given by the South Porcupine Patriotic Society, was held at the King George Hotel, on Wednesday, January 19th, about seventy-five guests being present. Many gay costumes were worn by the ladies, and especially the Lalapallala Club, with their pretty red dresses and a large initial on the front of their waists, so that when the whole club stood in a straight line, the name Lalapallala could be easily read. An excellent lunch was served at midnight. The fox trot was a feature of the dance. Columbo's Orchestra furnished a special program of all the latest music for the occasion. Much credit is due to Lefty Farr for the way in which he handled the drums, and everybody in the place remarked about the great improvement in the music. The dance broke up at 2 a.m. The crowd seemed anxious to stay longer, but owing to the fact that the hotel was full of guests, the orchestra was obliged to play "Home Sweet Home."

Reeve E. G. Diekson, of Tisdale, is unfortunately laid up with LaGrippe.

The patrons of the Majestic Theatre should be very thankful to James Fera for his efforts in securing the very best of Motion Pictures for their approval. A serial called the Black Box is a big feature every Monday and Tuesday. Columbo and Scotty Wilson are another musical attraction.

Miss Edith Wilks, of South Porcupine, received a telegram from Hailybury, announcing very sad news regarding her mother, who, under the doctor's advice, was reported in good condition and at present, is very ill. Mrs. Wilks had a very hard fall, during the holidays, receiving injuries to the hip, which at the time were not thought very serious. It is reported she will have a specialist attend her at once.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT DOME MINES INQUIRY ORDERED

On Saturday morning, about three o'clock, a most unfortunate accident occurred at the Dome Mines, by which three men lost their lives—J. H. Smeltzer and Michael Cahill, both shift bosses, and a young Frenchman whose name has been ascertained to be J. Charell.

Accounts of the accident vary somewhat, but it seems certain that the men fell down the workings some sixty feet or more, with the rock, which had become dislodged. It is claimed that the men were fully aware of the danger surrounding them, notwithstanding which they ventured to what proved to be their immediate death.

J. H. Smeltzer, was of German extraction, born at Guelph, Ontario, about forty years ago. He was well known in the Camp, having lived for a time at the King George Hotel, with his wife, who came from Gravenhurst. Michael Cahill was also well known in camp, was about 40 years of age, and unmarried. J. Charell had a brother who was employed at the Tough-Oakes Mine at Kirkland Lake.

Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved wife, and it is understood that the Government Mine Inspector has already been on the scene, and no doubt a rigid investigation has been made into the cause of the accident.

South Porcupine Patriotic Society

Twenty-one ladies were present at the regular meeting of the South Porcupine Patriotic Society, held on January 20th.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Treasurer reported as follows: Proceeds of Dance \$25.00 Monthly subs. to date 72.50

Total \$97.50

Supply Secretary's report: Work taken in—12 doz. handkerchiefs; 40 pillow slips; 1 suit pyjamas; 2 shirts; 2 pairs socks; 60 bandages; 23 sponges.

Work given out.—7 pieces cheese-cloth; 4 webs cotton; 8 suits pyjamas; 2 shirts; 1 skein yarn; 14 balls knitting cotton.

The meeting was adjourned until January 27th.

Subscriptions.—C. A. Malcolm, \$1; W. D. Pearce, \$1; C. A. Culbert, \$1; Harry Wilson, 50c; Geo. Goad, \$1; D. Cattorello, 50c; Miss Starling, 50c; Mr. Wixon, 50c; Mrs. Graham, 50c; Mr. Buecovetsky, 50c; J. E. Cook, \$2; Joe Smith, \$3; J. Brown, 50c; J. H. Newell, \$1; W. B. Wilson, \$1; H. Warren, \$1; G. A. D. Murray, \$1; O. Hermon, 50c; Mr. Levinson, 50c; Sam Woo, 25c; Mr. Frumpkin, 25c; Mrs. Gray, \$1; Ed Gallia, \$1; Miss Gleason, \$2; S. Wheeler, \$2; Dalton Bros., \$1; Fred Leforest, \$1; W. Seeli, \$1; Stenson Bros., \$2; J. Gibbons, \$1; Porcupine Herald, \$1; Frisby Bros., \$2; C. B. Morgan, \$2; C. A. Hall, 25c; Harry Deacon, 50c; Wm. Jaacle, 50c; Ben Croskery, \$1; Lester Brown, \$1; M. Levine, 50c; Miss Nigh, 50c; C. Carr, 50c; Miss Strain, 50c; A. Stevenson, \$1; Geo. Moore, \$2; Dr. McLaren, \$1; Reamsbottom and Edwards, \$5; E. J. Rapsey, 50c; Chas. Jueckeh, 50c; O. Berry, 25c; B. Harrison, \$1; Mr. Johnston, 50c; Mr. Turner, \$1; E. L. Aulton, \$1; F. A. Maples, 50c; R. Vaughan, 50c; Mr. Blackwell, 50c; H. Richardson, 50c; W. M. Shepherd, \$1; Miss Skinner, 50c; Ralph Cosco, \$1; Hop Sing, 25c; E. G. Dickson, \$2; W. W. Wilson, \$1; Dr. Thomas, \$1; S. Sky, \$1; H. N. Joy, \$1; A. Tompkinson, 50c; Hugh Boyle, \$2; Bill Black, 50c; Mrs. W. E. Dunn, \$1; C. G. Jemmett, 50c; A. C. Brown, \$1; Mr. Cossette, \$1; A. McDonough, 25c; C. V. Gallagher, 50c; H. L. Gibson, \$2; D. Quinn, 50c.

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"John, where have you been?" (Silence).

"John, where have you been?" He turned to descend the steps.

"Are you going to answer my question?"

"Yes, my dear, I am. From my personal knowledge I can't give the desired information, 'n I'm going to ask the man that drives the hack."

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