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WARRANTED FAITH

That a brightening up of existing conditions for the Porcupine gold district business sections is certain to be seen before very long may be taken as the opinion of prominent men who have seen mining camps born, flourish and prosper and on the other hand meteoric inaugurations, a boom to its utmost limit and then the absolute stagnation followed by the usual result of no reliable foundation—extinction.

Despite adverse criticism and woe predictions regarding those who ventured to invest heavily in Porcupine the camp is surely maintaining its hold on the position which it secured before the careful scrutiny of those experienced men referred to.

In asserting, therefore, that the business element will not suffer in the end one might really claim to be simply detailing what is already being slowly brought about as the very men who are heavily financially interested in the camp are those who could make a clearance if they desired but honestly believe that only a temporary lull has passed over the north country and before very long conditions will prove true confidence was not misplaced.

It is thought by many—and probably fairly correctly—that the Presidential campaign of the States when concluded will directly affect Porcupine beneficially because a loosening up of considerable American capital will be seen and, with the profits which have before now been given forth of the actual goods possessed by this district, an impetus will naturally follow for the general business men.

The scheme suggested in The Advance last week to adopt either a half holiday each week or early closing two or three nights in a week materialized much quicker than might have been first anticipated. That benefit will result from this action cannot be gainsaid and it is worthy of note to remember it was the bigger business establishments which combined and brought about the early closing.

A suggestion made at different times in the south end is that the names of different streets, or avenues, as in some cases, might be placed on buildings commencing them. No doubt it would be a valuable acquisition in several ways, but it is one of those improvements which are not so very pressing during a period when the Township of Tisdale are striving hard to increase their exchequer for other more desirable facilities.

That a Scotchman may generally be found where the "bawbies" may be picked up pretty freely—and stuck to tenaciously—has always been recognized as a foregone conclusion. Perhaps this accounts for the fact of quite a number being in and around the Porcupine camps and should augur well for the future. At any rate one or two of the banks are well "Scotched," if the coined phrase will be admitted, for several newcomers to official positions are typical "Sandies," as their dialect soon intimates.

If there was one chief topic of conversation in the different townships of the Porcupine district during the past few days, apart from mining—it was the weather. The much abused Clerk of the Weather, if he existed materially instead of fictitiously, would certainly hear some varied expressions as to his temperament because of the sudden change to extreme cold following upon repeated downpours of rain. Well, well, there is one consoling feature about it all—sickness is really very limited and that is a great deal to be thankful for, although of course not just what the various medical practitioners might agree with.

There are rumors and hints circulating in the south end of the gold camp just now indicating that steps have been taken to endeavor to obtain a civic investigation which for months has been discussed but never carried into effect. The necessity or otherwise for such a step is for those in a proper authoritative position to decide. In the preparations and the carrying out of such a project, however, it should always be remembered that in dealing with affairs of a municipal nature at such a stage as in Tisdale not a small amount of broad mindedness is most essential, and if improvements can be secured to the benefit of the district generally by a display of co-operation instead of opposition and objection then by all means let it be co-operation good and strong.

The increases in the fees for licenses by the Tisdale Council appears to have touched very tender places in some cases and it has been claimed that quite a few who previously carried on business requiring a license intend to give up altogether and in some instances leave camp. Naturally many expressions of discontent were to be heard; but when the mat-

ter is reduced to a real basis it simply means that there was a multiplicity of certain lines of business for the demand and by the closing up of one or two here and there it will probably mean the carrying out of the old saying, "it's an ill wind," etc., and result beneficially for those who do stick.

Referring to the recent visit of Provincial Inspector Rogers to the north country it is very gratifying to learn just what his opinion was on the outlook. He is reported to have given the following statement for publication: "I am indeed satisfied with the way law and order are being kept in the northern part of the province. I think the days of lawlessness in this part of the country have disappeared for good. A few years ago we had our hands full looking after reckless smashing of the laws, but with keeping a strict watch on the offenders we have just about completely banished the worst class of crime. I am more than satisfied with the manner in which my assistants have performed their duty." The announcement speaks for itself and therefore further comment is surely unnecessary.

**OF IMPORTANCE
TO SUBSCRIBERS**

WITH THIS, THE TWELFTH, NUMBER OF "THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE," THE PROPRIETOR BEGS TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THOSE WHO SUBSCRIBED TO THE EARLY NUMBERS OF THE LATE "PORCUPINE PRESS" AND HAVE BEEN RECEIVING "THE ADVANCE," TO THE FACT THAT FROM NEXT WEEK ONWARD IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO RENEW SUBSCRIPTIONS IF IT IS DESIRED TO CONTINUE ON "THE LIST OF "THE ADVANCE."

THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT THERE ARE QUITE A LARGE NUMBER WHO HAVE BEEN EXTENDED MORE THAN THE PRIVILEGE TO WHICH THEY WERE ENTITLED ON THE EXPIRATION OF "THE PRESS" THROUGH "THE ADVANCE" BEING FORWARDED TO MAKE UP THE PERIOD OF THEIR SUBSCRIPTION FROM THE OUTSET.

WILL READERS, THEREFORE, KINDLY NOTIFY "THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE," SOUTH PORCUPINE, ONTARIO, CANADA, IF THEY WISH THE PAPER TO BE CONTINUED AND REMIT THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE AT THE SAME TIME? IN THE UNITED STATES THE AMOUNT IS \$3.00 PER ANNUM, AND IN CANADA \$2.00 PER ANNUM, PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IS NECESSARY IN THIS MATTER, IF IT IS DESIRED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE DOINGS OF THE PORCUPINE GOLD FIELD THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE ONLY NEWSPAPER PRINTED IN THE CAMP. NO NOTIFICATION WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS WILL RESULT IN THE CESSATION OF THE DELIVERY OF THE PAPER.

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One of the best known mining men in Haileybury says that the people of the south throughout Toronto and Montreal and even New York and Philadelphia are on tiptoes concerning the north country mining outlook and that this awakened interest is sure to be felt here at an early date. Capital, which has been tied up securely for months, is beginning to look to this part of the world for investment and that it will not be long before the reign of hard times for the mining camps will be over and trading on a large scale will take place. This was sincerely prophesied by a man who would never make such a statement were he not backed up by absolute knowledge of the conditions, and it is to be hoped that this move will not delay much longer.

**Southend Players
More Enthusiastic**

The South Porcupine baseball enthusiasts turned out to practice each evening this week in larger numbers than has yet been the case since the inauguration of the club. This is gratifying to the promoters and the form which is being shown is certainly encouraging. The ball grounds are in excellent shape and by July 1st everything should be top notch for the big celebration to be carried out.

**Hollinger
New Stock**

Monday is the last day on which application will be received for the allotment of new stock by Hollinger Gold Mines, Ltd. Shareholders were given the right about three weeks ago of subscribing for their ratio of the new issue of 50,000 shares, the ratio being one new for three shares of old, and the price \$10 a share. The directors of the company, it is announced, will take up any stock not subscribed for by the shareholders.



At the Rex house of pictures and vaudeville the Sherlock Quartette of Toronto attracted a very large audience last Friday and the program submitted was highly enjoyable. During the week in addition to the usual high standard picture program the Ahearn Brothers are contributing some very clever dancing turns, their efforts being greeted with deserving applause on each appearance.

Furniture Sale

To those who are desirous of obtaining household furniture and other articles for an hotel or home it will be interesting to note that a reduction sale is announced of the contents of the Murphy House at Porcupine. The opportunity is one seldom offered to purchase staple goods at low prices and of excellent quality. The sale is one without reserve and is now taking place on the premises at the corner of Queen and First streets, Porcupine.

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**FATAL WRECK ON
MIDLAND RAILWAY**

Victim Killed Instantly---Broken
Neck the Cause---Three
Others Seriously Hurt

An accident attended with fatal results occurred on the Cobocok branch of the Midland Railway at about 8 o'clock on Saturday night. The 6.35 passenger train in charge of Conductor Mercer left Lindsay twenty minutes late, followed twenty minutes after by a double-header train of cars in charge of Conductor Roach and bound for Midland. It is stated both trains were being run on the block system. The first train having reached Grass Hill, a station twelve miles from Lindsay, was standing on the main line track when the double-header came rushing along. On seeing the danger ahead the engineer whistled "on brakes," which were promptly applied, but too late to avert a collision. The freight crashed into the rear car of the passenger with terrible compact. This car was occupied by Reeve Steele of Eldon, Warden of the county of Victoria, and Benjamin Stairs, Clerk of the same township. When the crash came these two men, with rare presence of mind, threw themselves on the floor of the car and escaped the flying splinters and other portions of the wreck.

The next car contained some fourteen or fifteen passengers and was completely telescoped, and in this car was Mrs. Garfield Babcock, daughter of George Calvert of Lindsay, who was thrown violently forward and instantly killed, her neck being broken. This lady, leaving her two children at Lindsay, was on her way to Orillia to spend Sunday with her husband, Mr. Garfield Babcock, employed with the Tudhope Company.

Mrs. C. A. Plank, sister-in-law of Mr. C. E. Weeks of the Victoria Loan Company, was also in this car and was pinned down beside the body of Mrs. Babcock. She was extricated about fifteen minutes after the accident, when it was found that she was suffering from a broken arm, both legs injured, and internal injuries and shock.

James Back of Bexley was another sufferer, having a leg broken and being badly shaken up. Joseph Lytle of Victoria Road had his back severely injured. Those who escaped as well as the train crew did everything in their

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power to alleviate the sufferings of others. Drs. Blanchard of Lindsay and Mickay of Lorneville were taken to the scene by a special train made up in Lindsay. Mrs. Plank was taken to her home in Lorneville in a very serious condition, the others being taken to their homes by train. The special train returned to Lindsay at 1.30, bringing the body of Mrs. Babcock. Dr. Blanchard of Lindsay has called an inquest to be held at Lindsay on Monday at 10 o'clock.

A singular feature of the accident was that not a single truck left the track, although the cars were telescoped.

Mr. C. Williams of Cobalt was a visitor in camp last week end and took in the meeting of the local branch of the Mining Institute.

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NOTICE

The Court of Revision for the Township of Tisdale, to hear appeals against the assessment, will be held in Wilson's Hall Tuesday, June 18th, at 1 p.m.

W. M. WHYTE,
Clerk.