

SOUTH PORCUPINE ITEMS OF INTEREST

Post Office Inspector A. Limoges, of North Bay was in town Wednesday registering at the King George.

Copies of The Advance may now be purchased from Mr. George Fairbairn and Mr. W. D. Pearce at the Drug Store.

Mr. A. L. Buckley arrived last Tuesday to take a position at the Imperial Bank made vacant through the departure of Mr. Sheppard.

Entries for the Dominion Day Sports, Riding and Driving Events and Baby Contest should be sent in to Secretary W. M. Whyte without delay.

Jack Easton made a capable chairman at the pre-election meeting last Saturday night, despite the heckling and controversy exhibited.

Congratulations to Doug. Briden of the Dome Mine, who received word last week that he was the father of a big bouncing son and heir born in Haileybury.

P. C. Ed. Carmichael is rapidly developing as a chauffeur and was seen on Wednesday night passing through town under tuition of E. Theriault with Mr. T. M. Wilson, J.P. and Chief Courtmanche of Timmins as willing subjects to be experimented upon. They all arrived home safely.

The athletic club, opened by George Watson on Golden Avenue under the superintendence of Professor J. Lovell is doing better than one would have anticipated and commendation is due to the promoter and instructor. All kinds of athletic apparatus is installed and during the afternoons quite a class of the younger element is being conducted in physical culture.

If you have not yet sent in your subscription to The Advance for the paper to be sent you by mail, no time should now be lost in making sure of this. It has been arranged for Mr. S. B. Ewing to call on residents of the South End and neighborhood in order to take the names of those wishing to continue taking the real newsy newspaper of the Porcupine camp. If you consider it worth while to keep posted on all the news placed before you in an interesting way and from the most reliable sources, hand your subscription to Mr. Ewing.

S. Kennedy Elected Tisdale Councillor

The contest for election of a Councillor for the Township of Tisdale took place last Monday when three candidates were in the running when the poll opened in the morning.

These were Messrs. S. Kennedy, Bissonnette and Strain but the last named at noon withdrew his name and allowed the contest to go ahead between the other two.

Both the remaining candidates and their supporters worked hard, polling booths being at Schumacher, Dome Mine and two at South End.

The result was declared about 6 o'clock Monday evening as follows:

KENNEDY 95
BISSONNETTE 59

Majority for Kennedy, 39

Before the retirement from the field of Mr. Strain some eleven votes had been polled in his favor. At every poll, according to the count, Mr. Kennedy obtained a majority.

July 1st Celebration Arrangements Made

The posters are out for the Big Dominion Day Celebration at South Porcupine and plans are all complete to make the function one huge success—if the weather only keeps fine.

A full programme was given in The Advance last week and will be adhered to as published. From about ten o'clock in the morning till later than that hour at night there will be something to interest everyone who visits the South End on the holiday.

There are valuable prizes promised for all events and additional entertainment will be added to the programme given last week by the presence of an excellent brass band.

Entries can be sent in to Mr. W. M. Whyte, the secretary of the proceedings or received on the day of the celebration.

As special excursion rates are applicable on the railroad on the holiday there is every reason for South End to anticipate a busy day and naturally those who have the welfare of the proceedings at heart are expected to display as much bunting as possible in order to give the town a proper holiday and festive appearance.

The results of the various competitions will be given fully in The Advance next week.

Messrs G. H. Perry, R. McDonald and Ben Croskery took in a trip to their claims in Delora last week end.

M. W. F. Stewart, the real estate agent of North Cobalt was registered at the Connaught this week.

Prizes for the sports on July 1st are being contributed to by the tradesmen of South End.

Mr. W. H. Harmer, of Cochrane, was a business visitor during the past two or three days staying at the King George.

Mr. J. E. Cooke left on Wednesday for Haileybury where he will attend the Division Court and if possible proceed to Toronto afterwards.

Master Lance Service, son of Mr. N. Service of the King George, arrived home last Saturday from St. Joseph's College, North Cobalt on his summer vacation.

The Marshall-Ecclesjone Cup for which the baseball Tournament is being played on Dominion Day is on exhibition in the office of Cook and Mitchell and a handsome trophy it is. At present the holders are South End who won it two years ago. Last Labor Day was so wet that no competition took place for the cup.

Rather conflicting are some of the remarks made by residents of town as to the quiet times and prospects. Many in business are looking for the return of good days and prosperity, but when they are sought for to put a hand to the wheel in bringing this about—postponement is their only reticent participation.

Now the election for a councillor for Tisdale is over it would be interesting to hear by phonograph record, if that had been possible, some of the speeches and other remarks at the mass meeting last Saturday night. But even a phonograph couldn't have included in its delivery the real feeling behind some of the comments and opinions.

Andy Black, the well known football enthusiast, left on the noon train last Monday for Haileybury to join the next contingent for active service. The fact of Andy not having left before with a contingent was not his fault as he tried hard but there were no vacancies. His success, if accomplished this time, will be the cause for hearty congratulations from his many friends and at the same time be a source of regret among the local football players who will lose a very ardent supporter.

SPECIAL BIG PANTS TO CONCEAL LIQUOR

Latest Scheme For Avoiding Interference by Police is Discovered

Every once in a while some novel scheme is devised by attempting evaders of the law to bring in liquor to the gold camp. Some of these often succeed in passing the vigilance of the police authorities for a time but in nine cases out of ten an extra chance is run by the delinquent with the inevitable result of confiscation.

The methods of utilizing gasoline cans, sauerkraut barrels, a length of hose pipe plugged carefully at each end, false busts made of tin, etc., have been exposed, but one of the latest to run the gauntlet and be caught was last week by Provincial Officer Carmichael.

It was while returning to the north country from taking a prisoner to North Bay that the officer's attention was attracted by the exceptionally large pair of pants a passenger was wearing. So wide were they and so far beyond even the most extreme peg tops that the officer decided to watch for developments. They came eventually on the way from Porcupine Junction when Carmichael challenged the man who turned out to be a German Pole named John Macko.

Examination resulted in the discovery that a number of cans of high wines were suspended inside the wide pants down the legs and so placed that no apparent discomfort was caused to the illicit carrier. The goods were taken—that is the liquor not the pants—and Macko summoned to appear in Police Court.

"I see, Mary, that in our city there is to be one policeman for every 512 inhabitants."

"Don't know and don't care about other people," was the maid's reply, "cos I've got mine already."

Her mistress believed her, for she had seen a Bluecoat in the kitchen after dinner several evenings lately.

PREVENTION OF BIG FOREST CONFLAGRATIONS

Has Resulted In Great Saving of Loss This Year Due to Fire Rangers

Ontario and Quebec have passed through a forest fire peril in the months of May and June with an immunity from serious loss, in striking contrast to the record of one year ago. The damage to standing timber in 1914 in nearly all parts of Canada was enormous. It was the worst year for forest destruction since 1910. This year, as if to compensate slightly for the destruction overwhelming other portions of the earth, Nature has combined with man to reduce the loss of timber resources through fire to what might be called moderate proportions.

Work of Fire Rangers.

In no recent year have fire rangers demonstrated their practical value with such persuasive results. In the old days, which refers to just ten or fewer years ago, a forest fire "took the bit in its teeth" and roared ahead until all inflammable material was exhausted or until rain or some natural barrier blocked its progress. The public attitude of the day took it for granted that forests leaped from the ground in much the same manner that water pours down the St. Lawrence, and that the burning of a hundred square miles of trees could not substantially affect the "inexhaustible" forests with which Canada was falsely credited. This Quixotic view of forest fires is not the view of to-day.

The efforts of the fire ranging and inspection systems undertaken by the Ontario and Quebec Governments have been responsible for much of the good results in holding down the forest devastation this year. The Canadian Governments, Provincial and Federal, spend in all about one million dollars a year, practically all of it in protection of the forests against fire. Limit holders spend another half million dollars on the same task.

Traced to Locomotives.

This year Ontario has employed as far as possible, settlers already residents of the North country who are familiar with the districts of their patrol. Quebec's arrangement is not the same, but in both cases the systems of inspection are thorough and the men are carefully instructed in the details of their business. To many, the most important preventive measure during the last several years has been the attention paid by the railway companies to fires along the rights of way. Under orders of the Railway Board the enormous destruction traced again and again to locomotives passing through timbered areas has been greatly minimized by the covering of all smokestacks with netting, the guarding of ashpens and other precautions. Special patrolmen, mounted on velocipedes or speeder machines, follow up the trains and extinguish fires before they get a chance to develop. This system is well worked out and is carefully superintended by the inspectors of the Board.

Systems of telephone lines have been built and are being increased yearly in recognition of the fact that speed in meeting the new fire is all essential. One or two rangers are often helpless to combat a fire of dangerous size. The telephone lines bring them into touch with other rangers, so that a body of men can be assembled at a given point with little delay. Look-out towers and other means of observation are being increased in number, so satisfactory have been the results of the early experiments. The rangers selected by these private associations are, naturally, qualified for their work and careful inspection has kept the system in easy running order.

Fire guards, trails and highways are being developed through the timber tract as much as resources will allow, not only to delay the sweep of fire, but to give the fire fighters ready access to the scene of danger. It is not pretended that these associations of limit holders have a complete system of forest protection after a year or so of existence. Only a beginning has been made, but the results have given such general satisfaction that annual expenditures have been gladly authorized. The great object is not to fight great conflagrations, but to nip these conflagrations in their incipient state, to save a hundred thousand pine trees by tramping out the fire in a few small cones.

Learning a Boy's Age.

While the agent was selling farm machinery at the house, the friend at the gate held his horse and a conversation took place with the small boy of the family.

With grave incredulity, he was saying: "Are you sure you are only nine years old? I think there must be some mistake."

The boy was positive, but to make sure: "Ma," he called, "Ain't I just nine years old?"

"Yes, son."

After a time he ventured, "Say, mister, what made you think I was more than nine years old?"

"Why," said the stranger, "I couldn't understand how you could get so dirty in nine years."

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