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Invalid Wine, Sloe Gin and Other Wines Cause Arrests

POLICE HAVE TEN CASES OF MEDICATED WINE, AND EIGHT CASES FOR THE MAGISTRATE. POLICE ASSERT THAT THE STUFF IS "BAD MEDICINE" AND AGAINST THE LAW.

Ten cases, marked "Powdered Sugar," but containing sloe gin and creme de menthe, are in the police station, as are also four unmarked barrels containing Invalid Port Wine, and eight men are out on bail, as a result of police raids Saturday evening. The police say that the Inspector personally warned all dealers here against handling this stuff. They point out that it was shipped in with a carload of fruit, and its real nature concealed by the packages, and that it was used for beverage purposes contrary to law.

The men accused of unlawfully trafficking in it, and particularly the agent who disposed of sixty barrels of the wine and 63 cases of the other goods, claim that it has less than the legal percentage of alcohol. The agreements made by the agent with the retailers are said to have contained a clause guaranteeing the buyers of the goods from loss by legal action against them, but in some of the agreements this clause seems to have been stroked out.

VISITORS SURPRISED BY NORTHLAND TOWNS

Financiers Impressed by the Up-to-date Conditions in the Porcupine District.

The recent visit to the Porcupine Gold Camp district of the financial men from Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, New York and other points as the guests of Mr. Mark Harris, has resulted in much publicity for the North Land. One feature that seemed to impress the visitors particularly was the up-to-date conditions prevailing in the North Land. Several of the city newspapers made special mention of this, The Mail and Empire summing up the case in these words:—

"To those who have thought of gold fields in Northern Ontario as a region where primitive conditions would be more apparent than anywhere else a visit to Porcupine cannot fail to be at once interesting, astonishing and inspiring. On every hand still may be found signs which betoken a mining camp. But the discomforts and crudities usually inseparable from such a region are almost entirely absent. Gone are all the distasteful elements of life in communities such as these as well as much of the picturesque glamor which formerly appertained to the Western mining camps. No longer is the "bad man" a factor; the dance hall with its objectionable concomitants is entirely absent. Instead, Porcupine, which must be accepted as a term to designate a reach of land perhaps eight miles square, involving a population of possibly ten thousand residents mainly in Timmins, Selmaeher and South Porcupine, is developing along lines usually associated with the decorous and somewhat prosaic routine obtaining in the older settled portions of Ontario. Here are communities possessing most of the essential features of a Toronto. Solidly built stores, containing attractive goods of almost every variety and character, line the main thoroughfares, the people are housed in neatly built and tastefully decorated cottages and bungalows (andor prevents one suggesting the presence of anything more pretentious), a water system backed by pressure of sufficient power is available for domestic and fire-fighting purposes, moving picture houses, concert halls, bowling alleys and billiard parlors afford means of recreation for those of both sexes, churches of various denominations and schools which carry the scholars to the point where they may matriculate into the universities, round out and mould the lives of those whom necessity or the promptings of ambition have driven far into the comparative wilds of Canada. Certainly this is not the kind of a picture that is conjured up when one attempts to visualize mining conditions as they exist to-day in Northern Ontario, and yet these sentences have sketched, necessarily in a fashion most inadequate, the circumstances which attend life in Porcupine as it was disclosed during the past week or so to a party of Toronto and New York brokers who, in conjunction with several newspaper men, were entertained by Messrs. Mark Harris and Company, of this city, on a trip to the Hollinger, the Dome, the McIntyre and the Newray mines.

"But if the towns themselves are a revelation to the visitor, not less so is the high state of development to be found in the surrounding mines and mills."

\$4758 FOR RELIEF OF FIRE SUFFERERS

A meeting of the South Porcupine Fire Relief Committee was held at the Council Chambers in the Town of Timmins on this date, meeting called to order at 10.30 a.m. Present: J. P. McLaughlin, Chairman, Dayton Ostrosser and H. N. Joy, also upon invitation Rev. J. S. Patterson.

Secretary stated that he had notified Messrs. Kaeding, Gauthier and Dickson of the meeting, but that the two former were out of the district and that Mr. Dickson was unable to attend on account of leaving on the noon train for Toronto.

Minutes of meeting of September 14th were read and adopted on motion of Mr. Ostrosser, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin. Secretary - Treasurer presented Financial Statement dated October 30th, showing full statement of all monies received and disbursed, with Auditor's certificate, copies of which had already been received by each member of the Committee, and also published in The Porcupine Advance and Herald. It was moved by Mr. Ostrosser, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, that the report be adopted: Carried. This meeting having been called at the instance of the Northern Fire Relief Committee of Toronto, the Secretary read a letter from the secretary, F. D. Tolchard, in reply to our communication of November 24th, and referring to the report of our Sub-Committee, Messrs. McLaughlin and Ostrosser, relative to further aid to those who had been burned out in the Timmins District and who had already received aid from our Committee. Referring to this matter the letter informed us:—

First: That the Toronto Committee had set aside the amount of our request, viz., \$4,758.00

Second: That this can only be used to assist settlers and working men who had lost their homes, and could not be used for tenants.

Third: That tenants might be assisted at a later date.

Fourth: That these payments cannot be made in cash, but accounts for building material already purchased, and not paid for by the purchaser, would be paid upon presentation to the Toronto office, duly endorsed as correct by the Porcupine Fire Relief Committee or by a Sub-Committee appointed by them.

Fifth: That in cases where building material had already been paid for, that a sum equal to the amount of sub-payment could be used for the purchase of household furniture, effects, or food supplies, and that these bills would also be paid by the Toronto Committee upon presentation, duly endorsed by this Committee.

TIMMINS FIREMEN RE-ORGANIZE AND ELECT OFFICERS

Only One Absentee From Enthusiastic Meeting Last Week to Meet New Chief

On Tuesday evening of last week there was a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting of the firemen to meet the new fire chief, Mr. R. P. Dey, and for other business. Every member of the volunteer brigade in town was present with one single exception. The men found the new chief to be the kind they feel safe in following, and with the full co-operation of Mr. E. Hill, who was unanimously elected captain, Timmins is promised an efficient, active, fire-fighting force. It seems to be only a matter of waiting for the completion of the new fire hall, and getting some good practice work-outs, for the Timmins fire brigade to prove itself one of the best. And there is not going to be much waiting for the new fire hall, to judge by the rapid progress being made in construction the past week or two.

The following were the officers elected by the firemen:—

- Captain—E. Hill.
- Lieutenant—H. J. Fitzpatrick.
- Secretary-Treas.—A. J. Luxton.
- First Hydrant Man—W. G. Smith.
- Second Hydrant Man—Leo, Mascioli.
- No. 1 Branch Man—P. Therault; Assistant—J. K. Moore.
- No. 2 Branch Man—P. Gauthier; Assistant—K. F. DeLong.
- Ladder Men—C. Harrington and J. Pearce.

COUNCIL CLEARING UP BUSINESS FOR THE YEAR

Adjourned Meeting of Town Council Taken up With Routine Work.

The adjourned meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chambers on Thursday, Dec. 7th, was largely occupied with clearing up routine business for the year. In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor C. G. Williams was voted to the chair. The Councillors congratulated him on the graceful way in which he did the honors of that post, and foretold the success that would attend him in a longer tenure of that position. The other Councillors present were Messrs. A. R. Globe, A. Brazeau, Dr. H. H. Moore, and J. P. McLaughlin.

Among the routine business attended to was the changing of the school debenture by-law from \$12,000 to \$35,000, to meet the revised requirements of the School Board for the new school building. The request of the new Fire Chief that some necessary repairs be made to his house was also considered. The Council were agreed that the house needed some attention, and on motion the Board of Works was authorized to expend up to \$100 for fixing the residence.

Another adjournment was made to Thursday, Dec. 14th at 4 p.m. to complete any other pressing matters that may arise between now and the statutory meeting on Dec. 15th.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

The Lally, Turnbull Township, is going to diamond drill.

Apex has started diamond drilling this week and work on the shaft is also under way.

Gold Reef, Township of Whitney, has been leased to Mr. T. G. Wright and associates. One or two small but rich veins have been opened up. The present leasers intend erecting a small mill to treat the ore.

Drilling and surface work is being done on Keora Mine in Whitney Township. It is rumored that they have made a strike of free gold. The company is controlled by U. S. A. mining men.

LIQUOR CASES MUST BE LABELLED AND BEAR SENDER'S NAME

To Take Parcels Not So Marked Is an Offence, Says Magistrate Atkinson. Some Points

In connection with a case before the court on Friday morning, Magistrate Atkinson pointed out that according to a Dominion statute, all liquor coming into this Province must be plainly labelled as such and must bear the name and address of the consignor who ships it. Any infraction of this section lays the offender liable to a fine of from \$50 to \$200, or six months' imprisonment or both. Anyone taking delivery of a package of liquor not plainly labelled to show contents and bearing the name and address of the shipper is also liable to the same penalties.

Magistrate Atkinson also pointed out that "clubbing together" for the purchase of a quantity of liquor also is against the law.

Another point emphasized was the fact that according to the law no liquor can be taken into a place where there is even one boarder. Where there are roomers, the law says that it shall be unlawful to have liquor if there are more than three such roomers in addition to the family, but any place supplying meals or accommodation to even one person for pay is considered as not used exclusively as a private dwelling. There may be a general opinion that the law allows liquor to be kept where there are three or less boarders, but this is not so, and these interested should note this point before it costs them heavily.

Undoubtedly there are many odd points about the present Temperance law, but the authorities all say they have neither intention nor desire to make it burdensome. The best way for those who desire to have liquor is to consult the authorities direct, and then follow the advice given. In practically every conviction registered here since the new law came into operation, the offenders were warned by the police before the offences were committed. They did not heed the warnings, however, and so were penalized. In the matter of liquor, it would be difficult to improve upon the advice given recently by Magistrate Atkinson: "Follow the advice of the police."

The D.Y.B. Club Weekly Report

The regular weekly meeting of the D. Y. B. Club was held at the Goldfields Hotel last evening, Miss Demerse presiding. On Thursday, Dec. 14th, the girls will meet at the home of Mrs. Ellis to pack their fifth consignment of comforts to be shipped to the front. The next meeting will be held at the Goldfields Hotel on Tuesday, Dec. 19th.

Work taken in:—4 pairs socks, 4 shirts.

Work given out:—Wool for 3 pairs socks, 3 shirts.

Miss W. K. Nunn, who has held the office of Treasurer of the D. Y. B. Club for the past year, resigned her position owing to her having accepted a position with Mr. E. M. Hobson at Coherane, Ont. Miss Nunn has been a very faithful officer and she will be greatly missed by everyone. At the same time all the members of the Club join in wishing her every success and prosperity in her new work at Coherane.

Mark Harris has issued a special bulletin for Newray—"the best mining stock I ever sponsored," he says.

The Thompson-Krist mines have contracts out for diamond drilling on their property.

The McKane mine, under option to the Beaver Consolidated, is said to have struck one of the richest veins in Kirkland Lake.

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Better Protection From Forest Fires For Timmins

HEAD OF THE NEW BRANCH DEPARTMENT VISITS THE CAMP TO STUDY CONDITIONS AND TO PLAN WAYS AND MEANS FOR ASSURING SAFETY TO LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Mr. E. J. Zavitz, head of the newly-created department of Provincial Fire Protection and Forest Conservation, visited the Camp on Monday, December 11th, and inspected the territory immediately surrounding South Porcupine, Selmaeher and Timmins.

Mr. Zavitz's visit was in response to the representation of the local committee which conferred with the Minister, as reported fully in last week's Advance.

The Advance feels that the entire Camp will appreciate the quick response the Minister has given to the petition of the committee, and believes that the Government is fully awake to the seriousness of the situation.

The time remaining before another fire season is much too short to accomplish all that should be done, but

with prompt aid from the Government, the worst features of the situation can be relieved.

We believe that Mr. Zavitz's visit will result in immediate action, as anyone as familiar as he is with the terrible loss of life caused by recent fires cannot but realize the danger to the congested populations of the camp in small clearings surrounded by highly inflammable slashings and fire-killed forests.

The situation in local towns is worse than it was along the T. & N.O. last summer, and the population much more congested and a correspondingly greater loss of life would result from a fire here.

Mr. Zavitz's trip indicates that the Government does not wish to be responsible for any share in a repetition of the horrors of 1911 and 1916.

MAGISTRATE KNOWS WHEN A SUIT IS A FIT

Prisoner's Story Was a Bad Fit, Because the Suit Was. And, of Course, Some Liquor Cases

"Radway's Ready Relief" is generally known as the "three R's," but the "three R's" in the police court Thursday were Ritari, Rousuwari and Ranti. Each of them faced charges of the theft of a suit of clothes and some gin, as well as the more fashionable charge of having liquor in an unauthorized place. On the liquor charge, Ranti, whose first name is Westy, was not convicted, but for the suit of clothes he was fitted with a three months' sentence in North Bay jail. Jack Ritari and Elmar Rousuwari, on the other hand, were dismissed on the theft charge, but were remanded until Thursday, December 14th, on the liquor charges.

Before ready relief can be brought to the story of the "Three R's," another case has to be brought in, with or without a permit. This other case is that of I. Nurminen, tailor. Mr. Nurminen recently had some gin released for delivery, Provincial Officer Allen understanding that it was to be kept in a private residence. Afterwards, the Provincial Officer learned that the liquor was in a tailor shop, and investigating this he arrested the tailor and fitted him into one of the town cells where he remained from Saturday until Monday, meantime, Nurminen's tailor shop was broken into and the remaining two bottles of gin stolen as well as a suit of clothes made for a man of the Porcupine district.

Chief Kraft was informed, and putting on his Sherlock Holmes boots, soon was on the track. First he picked up Ritari and Rousuwari, who had been sampling the same kind of a bottle. Searching their rooms under a warrant, he found nothing concerning the case, but he learned from the two about the other man. So, armed with warrants, the trip was made to South Porcupine. There a suit of clothes answering the right description was found in Ranti's room, but, alas! there was no gin. The suit of clothes did not seem to fit Ranti, but a pair of cuffs fitted him all right.

In the police court Thursday night Constable Sally told of finding the suit and the different stories told by the accused. Ranti's story to the court was that he had the suit made to his measure by a United States tailor.

"Try the suit on him," was Magistrate Atkinson's decree, a la Solomon.

The coat came down to his knees; it bagged at the back; the trousers were turned up about two inches at the bottoms. If a United States tailor made Ranti this suit to measure, President Wilson should write him a note of protest.

Nurminen identified the suit as his workmanship by certain linings, buttons, etc., and Friday morning another pair of trousers made with the suit were exhibited to the court and proved to be identical in cut, size, material, etc., with the ones found in Ranti's room. The Magistrate, accordingly, was convinced of the guilt of the accused and gave him the

PLEASANT AND SOCIABLE DANCE THURSDAY EVENING

Bachelors and Benedicts of the Porcupine District Enjoy Delightful Event.

About forty-five couples enjoyed a very pleasant and successful dance in the Masonic Hall on Thursday evening, when the Bachelors and Benedicts of the Porcupine District held one of the best dances of the season. The event was marked for the sociability and friendliness prevailing among all present, and no one attended who did not enjoy the evening. The music was noteworthy, including orchestral music by Mr. Martin, pianist, Mr. J. Colombo, violinist, and Mr. Munson, drums and traps; and later, Mr. and Mrs. Appel, on the piano and violin. Mr. B. J. Simmons, who was the originator of the event and who so successfully conducted it at the request of many of the young people of the district, is to be commended for carrying the dance to such a pleasant conclusion. Refreshments were served at midnight, and after more dancing the "gay trippers" wended their way homewards in the small hours of the morning.

Among those present were noted the following:—

Mr. and Mrs. Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Globe, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. Saneton, Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Galbraith, Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cummings.

Miss McGuire, Miss Blackwell, Miss Boyd, Miss DeLong, Miss Bain, Miss Miller, Miss Brown, Miss Parcell, Miss Lessard, Mrs. Wisdom, Mrs. J. W. Fogg, Miss McLaughlin, Mrs. F. M. See, Miss Lafferty, Misses Jemmett, Mrs. Gorman, Mrs. Peters, the Misses Peters, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Wilson, Miss Jamieson.

Messrs. Vary, Smith, Spence, Underhill, Irving, Levy, Loughrin, Bailey, C. Jemmett, J. Sheehan, K. DeLong, I. E. Dunn, McCoy, Samson, MacLeod, MacFarland, Devaney, Houston, Shepley, Johnson, Emery, R. Deringer, Kennedy, W. H. Oke, J. P. Taillon, E. Neal, Lawrence, J. Timmins, and H. Asseltine.

three months' sentence.

The only evidence against Ranti on the liquor charge was that he had told some fellows at the Finlanders' Hall that they could have a drink in another room, so this charge was dismissed.

J. V. Guilfoyle appeared for Ritari and Rousuwari. The theft charges against them were dismissed. On the charge of having liquor in a public place Rousuwari was remanded for a week. One witness swore that the accused alone gave him a drink. To produce evidence contra J. V. Guilfoyle, who appeared for Rousuwari, was granted a week's adjournment.

C. Majzotic, charged with having liquor in an unauthorized place, was remanded for a week. I. Nurminen, charged similarly, was similarly dealt with. Several other charges laid by Provincial Constable Allen were adjourned until Thursday, Dec. 14th.