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## Big Annual Dog Team Race Won by Cousineau's Team

MADE THE FOURTEEN MILE COURSE IN 1 HOUR, 18 MINUTES, 35 SECONDS. EXCITING EVENT ON SATURDAY. ALL CONTESTANTS DID WELL.

About five hundred people were gathered on Pine street on Saturday afternoon to watch the start of the annual Dog Team Race for the A. R. Globe Shield and other prizes, and as there was no collection or tag sale or anything else to distract attention, all interest was centered upon the exciting event. This doing away with collections, "tag days," and like features at such events is one of the good results of the organization of the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club which is now gathering all funds necessary for Patriotic purposes by the one yearly

appeal. On Saturday, then, there was nothing to keep attention from being centered on the race, and from start to finish the interest was fully kept up, few leaving their places from the time the first team started until the last team came back.

One of the pleasing features of the afternoon was the well kept bulletin board looked after by Mr. K. F. DeLong and his staff. This board was generally admitted by those who know to be one of the best running records ever given of a dog team race in progress.

Name	Start	Por. Cr.	Dome L.	Dome	So. Por.	Schu.	Finish	Time
Brisson	3.00	3.06	3.38	3.44	3.57	4.30:30	4.39:01	1.39:01
Larocque	3.03	3.08:30	3.37	3.42	3.53	4.20:30	4.28:10	1.25:10
Wallingford	3.06	3.12:30	3.46	3.53:12	4.05:30	4.33:15	4.41	1.35
Martin	3.09	3.18:30	3.43	3.49	4.00	4.28	4.36:35	1.27:35
Darling	3.12	3.16	3.46	3.53	4.06	4.34:15	4.42:50	1.30:50
Sullivan	3.15	3.19	3.52	3.59:30	4.15:45	5.14:30	5.26:50	2.11:50
Girard	3.18	3.24:30	4.09	4.17:30	4.33	5.14:30	5.23:51	2.05:51
Cousineau	3.21	3.24:30	3.55	4.01	4.10:30	4.32:30	4.39:35	1.18:35
Newton	3.24	3.33	4.19	4.28	4.37:30	5.06:55	5.13:03	1.49:03
Bissonette	3.27	3.32:15	4.06:30	4.11:30	4.20:30	4.51	4.57:30	1.30:30

ent, and in the drawing of numbers on Friday, these teams were to start as follows:—No. 1, Joe Brisson; No. 2,—O. Larocque; No. 3, F. M. Wallingford; No. 4,—W. Martin, Schumacher; No. 5,—Harry V. Darling; No. 6,—P. Sullivan, Dome Mines; No. 7,—Ed. Girard; No. 8,—Geo. Cousineau; No. 9,—L. S. Newton;

No. 10,—B. Bissonette. Although many other favorites were backed by the crowd, Geo. Cousineau's team was the winner in record time, though not to the surprise of many knowing ones. The official times of finish were as follows:—Cousineau, 1 hour, 18 minutes, 35 seconds, (Continued on page 5)

## HOLLINGER DIVIDEND EVERY EIGHT WEEKS

Rate Remains at One per cent. But Period Extended at Annual Meeting of Shareholders

The chief items of general public interest in regard to the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Limited, held at Montreal last week, were the extending of the dividend period from four weeks to eight weeks and the adding of Mr. J. R. Timmins to the Board of Directors.

By the plan of extending the dividend period, the present rate of 1 per cent. will be paid on the stock, but instead of the dividends being payable every four weeks, they will for a time be payable every eight weeks. This has the effect of cutting the actual dividends paid to half what has been paid, but the arrangement is only to last until the market for labor and materials improve.

"We are firmly convinced that we have a great mine and can expect great things from it. We have more at stake than the generality of small shareholders, whose interests we are charged to protect. Without reserve we can promise you that with a little patience and your support, you will be amply rewarded in the future." This was part of what Mr. N. A. Timmins, the President, said in touching on the matter. He made it clear that the cut in the dividend was only temporary, the mine being without question rich in gold far beyond the estimates.

Manager Robbins made the announcement that since the issuing of the annual report development work at the mine had been pushed forward adding very materially to the ore reserves during the past six weeks. This work could not be carried on to the same extent when the effort had to be centred on meeting immediate dividends.

He stated further:—The mine has answered every call when we had the men to work it. For the first two weeks in September last we produced at the rate of \$500,000 per month,

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but during the Christmas holidays a large number of men left, and since then it was impossible to get together a full working force.

"Another factor in the decreasing tonnage was the lack of flint pebbles imported from France, Denmark and Belgium. To overcome this difficulty it is necessary to use hard pieces of ore which are not efficient.

"Through contracting considerably ahead of time we have ten cars of the flint pebbles between New York and Timmins, but this freight is being held up owing to an embargo by the C.P.R. and G.T.R."

Mr. Robbins also stated that the foundations for the new buildings had been completed, all the machinery was installed that had been received and all the tanks required were erected.

More machinery, he said, was coming to complete the new plant, but the railway embargo was holding up shipments. Already \$600,000 had been expended on the plant, and it would take from \$200,000 to \$250,000 to complete it.

This was over the original estimate but was due to the continued advance in the price of machinery which the general manager stated was selling at prices the like of which he had never experienced. In this connection he pointed out that the mine had on hand \$120,000 of chemicals, some of which were worth three to three and a half times what they were carried at on the books, while the mine had been particularly fortunate in having a good supply of tool steel and drill steel, which had advanced in price in a phenomenal manner.

The former board of directors was re-elected, including General Manager Robbins, while another name was added to the list of directors, that of Mr. J. R. Timmins. The former officers were also re-elected.

The new director, Mr. Jules Timmins, is familiar with the property, and has been mine secretary, in which capacity he has shown an interest and ability that have commended him to the board and the management, and this fact, together with the desirability of having another resident director, gave his appointment the unanimous endorsement of the shareholders.

In the change of the dividend period to eight weeks instead of four there was a similar agreement among the shareholders.

Mrs. D. Deacon left last week for a couple of weeks' vacation at Cobalt and Haileybury.

## FREE SLEIGH RIDE FOR 700 CHILDREN

Mr. H. Mulheron is Planning for Annual Treat for All School Children for March 16

Mr. H. Mulheron is busy planning and perfecting details for the big contract he generally assumes each year,—the giving of a regular winter treat to all the school children of Timmins. This year the event is to take place on Friday, March 16th. First of all there will be a sleigh ride the sleighs leaving the Goldfields Hotel at 1.30 p.m., and EVERY child in all the 700 at the Public and Separate schools here may know that there is a place for him or her, and a welcome. Thirty or forty teams will be necessary for the afternoon but Mr. Mulheron is providing for all that. A number of other generous citizens have volunteered to give their teams and sleighs free, and the balance of the accommodation necessary will be hired by Mr. Mulheron. "What will you do, if you can't find enough teams in town?" Mr. Mulheron was asked. "Then I'll get them in South End, or Cobalt, or some place. But I'll get them!" he replied.

After returning from the pleasant sleigh ride the children will be treated to another delightful time at about 3.30 at the New Empire Theatre, where, thanks to the kindness of the management, there will be a fine run of pictures—all free for the kiddies for that day. Of course, comic ones will be plenty, so the youngsters can bring their laughs with them. This annual treat for the youngsters is one so kindly and original in its scope that it seems to be specially worthy of note.

## TRAIN SERVICE BACK AGAIN BY JUNE 1st

Chairman Englehart Says Present Service is Only Temporary

In a kindly letter to the Town this week, Chairman Englehart thanks the Council for the sympathetic stand taken in regard to the change in train service on the T. & N.O. He says that the world conditions forced the change recently made, but he gives assurance that the change is only temporary,—for a month or two. He trusts that the conditions will permit the reverting to the former service in a comparatively short time and holds out hopes that the former train accommodation will again be in force at least by June 1st.

## Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

It is expected that the electric hoist will be in operation this week at the McIntyre Extension.

The new compressor is now on the property at the North Thompson, and it is expected to be in operation in about four weeks.

The Hayden Gold Mines are now down to the 400-foot level and are drifting and crosscutting on the 300-foot level with very pleasing results. On Tuesday of last week they ran into a very large ore body that looks "one of the best yet."

An offer of 50 cents per share for 100,000 shares of the Kirkland Lake stock is said to have been turned down since the offer to the Temiskaming shareholders was withdrawn. Apparently the Kirkland Lake stock is in some demand.

Within a little more than a year about 2,000 feet of underground work has been done on the Kirkland Lake Gold Mines property. The main shaft is now down over 475 feet and about 1500 feet of lateral work has been done. Sixty men are employed on the property, which is equipped with two compressors.

It is reported that the Davidson Gold Mines, Limited, have received an attractive offer for a large block of stock, the share price to be considerably above the present market rate. The Company has not, however, accepted the offer as the present control intends to hold all its present interest in these mines.

## FAREWELL PARTY TO THE MISSES DEMERS

D.Y.B. Club Present Retiring President With Gold Cross and Chain

A most pleasant evening was enjoyed by the members of the D.Y.B. Club at the home of Mrs. Ellis last evening, Miss Demers presiding. The meeting also took the form of a farewell to both Louise Demers, who has held the office of President since the organization of the Club, and her sister, Laura. Both girls are leaving Timmins to enter the Providence Hospital in Haileybury, where they will train for nurses. In view of Miss Demers resigning her position as President, the question of a new President arose, and after some debate the following elections were made:—Miss J. Muirhead, President, succeeding Miss Demers; Miss M. Burke, Treasurer, succeeding Miss Muirhead. After the regular business meeting adjourned Mrs. Ellis presented Miss Demers with a dainty gold cross and chain, assisted by the Secretary, who read the following address:—

Dear Miss Demers:—On behalf of the members of the D.Y.B. Club, I wish to express to you our deep regret at your resigning your office as President of our Club. You have indeed been a most worthy President and we shall miss you very much, not only as an officer but as a friend and general "Good Scout" to each and every one of us. We all feel that you will not easily be replaced, at the same time we are pleased to hear of your endeavour to "better yourself" and sincerely trust that you will meet with every success in your new undertaking. As a little remembrance of the Timmins D.Y.B. Club, we ask you to accept this slight token of our esteem and appreciation of your interest and help with our work ever since the organization of the Club.

Very sincerely yours,  
The officers and members of the D.Y.B. Club."

Miss Demers responded warmly, thanking the girls as only she could have done, at the same time pointing out to the girls the kindness and interest both Mrs. Mulheron and Mrs. Ellis have taken in the girls, and advising all the D.Y.B.'s to do their best and work real hard in co-operation with them in their good work of providing comforts for the Canadian boys in the trenches. After the singing of the National anthem, the girls gave three cheers for good luck and success to attend the departing members in all their efforts.

## Government Measure for Forest Fire Protection

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT MEASURE PROVIDES FOR CHIEF RANGER, PERMIT SYSTEM, ETC. METHOD OF SECURING CLEARANCE NEAR TOWNS.

There will be some disappointment regarding the measure put through the Provincial Legislature last week for the providing of better protection to the settlers of the North Land from the menace of forest fires. When the delegates from this district interviewed the Government last year at Toronto they were given to understand that their recommendations would be accepted, practically without change. The men from the North Land knew the pressing needs, and they thought they ought to know something of the best way to fight the great menace to life and property. As the Government suggested that there would be no difficulty in providing the necessary money, the delegates would be justified in feeling that their mission had been accomplished. Chief among the recommendations of the Committee from this district was the following:— "We would suggest that the areas immediately surrounding the settled districts, as shown on plans submitted, be immediately cleared and seeded, and that the timber be cleared off adjoining lots when said timber is a menace to the different communities." The expense incurred in this desirable procedure, the Committee suggested, could be defrayed by using a portion of the mines revenue tax and timber limit dues now going to the Government. It is also necessary to remember that the Committee emphasized the "DO IT NOW!" idea, so as to provide against a repetition in 1917 of the tragedies of previous years. The new Government act, however, does not seem to promise any speedy measure of protection along the line indicated, and while the appointment of a Chief Forester and some of the other features of the Bill may meet with approval, the measure is not exactly what was expected or desired. However, it may work out to the general advantage. Everyone should hope so at least, and in the meantime the Government can surely excuse any dissatisfaction of the people here by simply remembering that all in the North Land not only have their properties and their convenience but their very lives literally at stake in the matter.

In moving the first reading of his Forest Protection Bill last week, Hon. Mr. Ferguson, Minister of Lands Forests and Mines, said that a Provincial Forester is to be appointed in direct charge of the work. The areas of New Ontario are to be divided into three districts with a supervisor in charge of each one, and under

him a fire chief with a staff of fire rangers. The Provincial Forester will be given power to control permits for burning slash, etc., and will have authority to step in and clear away timber and slash that may be a menace to settlements, etc. The Toronto News gives the following summary of the Bill:—"The Lands Forests and Mines Department will take entire charge of fire prevention instead of timber operators and licensees doing a share of the work as in the past. Instead they will pay a portion of the cost of patrol and prevention. In specified districts close seasons from April 15th to September 30th will be established under which fires may not be started except in accordance with the regulations, and a penalty of \$100 is provided for infringements of the Act. Provision is to be made for the clearing away of all debris from timber and pulp operations. Safety appliances are to be provided for locomotive traction and stationery engines. Draconic powers are given to the Provincial Forester. If he finds that areas are not properly cleared in regard to fire hazard, he can compel the owner to clear under his direction or do the clearing himself and charge the owner with the cost. He has the further power in the case of complaint from municipalities of timber owners or licensees permitting the establishment of dangerous conditions of compelling the danger to be removed at the cost of the individuals or company responsible."

Messrs. C. M. Bowman, of West Bruce, G. C. Hardman of West Ottawa and Z. Mageau, of West Ottawa, found fault with the bill, chiefly because they feared "patronage" evils. Hon. Mr. Ferguson disavowed all thought of this evil, saying that 30 of the present 56 employees in the Forests branch were appointees of the old Government.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson pointed out that the recent big development in the North Land had naturally increased the danger of the fire menace. The Government, however, he claimed was making an honest effort to overcome the difficulties. Speaking of lumbering operations he said:—"Our effort has been to have lumbering operations carried on in such a way as to make our forests a source of perpetual revenue, to make them the solid foundation of the industrial life of the northern part of the province," he declared. In addition, the Government was proceeding with the object of having all Ontario's pulp manufactured into paper in the province.

## MR. F. HILL THE NEW DIVISION COURT CLERK

Former Timmins Assessor and Tax Collector Succeeds Mr. G. A. D. Murray

Last week Mr. Ernest Hill, of Timmins, received official notice of his appointment as Division Court Clerk of the Fifth Division Court of the District of Temiskaming, to succeed Mr. G. A. D. Murray, who recently resigned. Mr. Murray has gone to Winnipeg to reside.

Mr. Hill has been a resident of the North Land since 1910, and for several years past has lived in Timmins. In addition to his active connection with the Fire Brigade, part of the time as Acting Chief, he has filled the important positions of assessor and Tax Collector for the Town of Timmins, as well as collecting the water rates here. He took over the duties of his new office last week, and his many friends will both wish and expect that he will meet with unqualified success in the new venture. At present Mr. Hill is living in Timmins, and going over daily to the office of the Division Court in South Porcupine, but whether the office will remain where it is or be transferred to Timmins, is not yet officially announced.

The Right Rev. J. G. Anderson, D. D., Bishop of Moosonee, will be at St. Matthew's church, Timmins, for the Confirmation services on Sunday evening, April 1st.

## BIG DAY OF SPORTS FOR FIRST OF JULY

A Water Carnival at the River and Other Big Events Promised

Plans are already being made for another big event in Timmins on Dominion Day, July 1st, and the intention is to make the day the biggest and best of its kind ever held in the North Land. July 1st, this year is the fiftieth anniversary of the Confederation of Canada.

Among the special events for which plans are now being made is a big water carnival at the Mattagami River. This will include a "double" canoe race, tub races, log rolling contest, swimming contests, etc. For the canoe race (with two in the canoe), The Advance understands that one of the most prominent citizens of the town will give a cup for annual competition.

There will also be a morning of baseball on the First, and in the afternoon many athletic and sporting events of particular interest. It may be noted in passing that it is not intended to use the event for collecting purposes for patriotic funds as has often been done on such occasions. The Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club is looking after all the collecting for patriotic funds, and one of its beneficial effects is to free the public from the inconvenience of the multiplicity of collections on all special occasions.

Mrs. J. R. Todd is visiting her sister in Toronto.