

Hollinger Minimum Wage For Underground Men \$4

BIG MINE POSTED NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT ON SATURDAY. LABOR SITUATION GRADUALLY CLEARING UP, WITH GOOD PROSPECTS AHEAD.

The labor situation in the Porcupine is gradually clearing up, and all danger of further serious difficulty is now believed to be removed. The biggest mines in the Camp have made wage increases that seem to meet the needs and generally satisfy the men. The McIntyre and Dome as noted last week gave a straight raise of 50c per day, and the Porcupine Crown and V. N. T. expected to make arrangements satisfactory to all concerned. Since then the Hollinger has talked the wage question over with some of its employees and on Saturday notices were posted informing employees that the minimum wage for underground would henceforth be \$4.00 per day. The Hollinger's chief need at present is for "muckers," and at \$4 per day it is not likely that there will be any difficulty in securing a full staff. Of course, some of the machine men do not like the new arrangement as it is intended to dispense with their helpers, leaving them to do their work without the assistants. However, as many of the machine men are now working under contracts, and so are not affected by the change, no difficulty is expected on this score. Also, it may be noted that in other camps machine helpers are not usual-

ly supplied, nor do the men under contract employ them.

The Hollinger underground minimum wage includes "muckers" at \$4.00 per day, though this is 50c per day more than asked for this class of labor by the Union schedule. The Hollinger, however, felt that if machine men could not live on less than \$4.00 per day, the high cost of living would press equally hard on the "muckers", so the general rate of \$4.00 was made.

In making the new rates, none of the mines considered the recognition of the Union, dealing only with their own employees. The Union on its part did not press "recognition" at this time. As in the case of some of the other mines, bonuses were also dropped under the new scale by the Hollinger.

The effect of the Hollinger announcement on Saturday was to give a renewed cheerfulness and active helpfulness to the Camp. Several business men ventured the opinion that they could already see the good effect on business through the public confidence that all difficulties were near an ending, and that renewed and increased activity was coming to the Camp.

HUGH McEACHEN SENDS FLOWERS FROM VIMY RIDGE

In Letter to Mr. Peter Chapman Former Porcupine Man Writes Much of Interest.

Enclosed in a letter to Mr. Peter Chapman of Timmins, Pte. H. J. McEachen, formerly foreman on the Government Roads here under Mr. Alex Stirling, has sent some flowers picked on Vimy Ridge. The letter reads as follows:—

France, May 28th, 1917

Mr. Peter Chapman, Timmins.
Dear Pete:—Just a short line to let you know I am still in the land of the living. Jack McLellan and Bill Oglvie were both wounded, but not seriously. Bill will soon be back to his regiment. Dobbs is still sticking it out, though not so fat.

We have been enjoying real summer for about six weeks, and crops are doing splendidly. Fall wheat is headed out in some places, and the contrast between the green fields behind the lines and the churned-up ground of the front line is very marked.

The old war still goes on and Fritz is still sticking it out. It is wonderful how he stands up to our artillery, as we are hammering away at him night and day and you would think nothing living could go through it.

If the little shack is rented send me some money each month. We only get three dollars every fifteen days and when we buy a beer and a feed of eggs it is all gone. As Canadian money is good in the Y.M.C.A., simply put the bill in the letter and register it, as that way is more convenient than running around the country here looking for a post office.

When I come out of the trenches I will drop you a line again. I got your box some time ago, with the tobacco and socks, and asked Dobbs to acknowledge the receipt of it. Thanks very much.

Hoping to hear from you soon and kindest regards to Mrs. Chapman, I am, yours sincerely,

Hugh McEachen,
P.S.—The enclosed flowers are

BODY OF D. M. HENNESSY WAS FOUND LAST WEEK

Prominent Lumberman Meets Death While on Canoeing Trip.

The body of Mr. D. M. Hennessy, well-known as one of the outside staff of the Abitibi Power & Paper Co., was found late Thursday afternoon last in the rapids just a short distance below Couchiching Falls, according to despatches from Haileybury. His death will be widely regretted throughout the North Land where he was well known and much esteemed.

A week or two ago Mr. Hennessy and a friend started away on a canoe trip. Later, the paddles of the canoe were found, and as no word was heard from the men, alarm was felt, and this alarm increased as the days went by, despite the knowledge that Mr. Hennessy knew the rivers and lakes of the country better than most men and was an expert in a canoe. He had been missing since about the 19th or 20th inst., and on the discovery of paddles belonging to the missing man, search parties became convinced that an accident had indeed occurred. How and exactly when the accident occurred will probably never be known.

Mr. Hennessy had resided in Haileybury for quite a number of years. In 1912 he was a member of the Town Council. He was one of the most widely known lumbermen in North-western Ontario, and was engaged at his work as woods foreman of the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Co., when drowned. He leaves a wife and family of five, the eldest of whom is 23 years of age. The remains were taken to Haileybury for interment.

All members of the Timmins Red Cross are earnestly requested to be present next Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Red Cross rooms.

from the Ridge.
As noted in The Advance recently Pte. McEachen was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field.

Timmins Firemen Win All The Best Prizes at Cobalt

LOCAL BRIGADE CAPTURES SILVER CUP AND \$100 IN CASE JACK MACLEAN FIRST AND PHIL THERRIAULT SECOND IN 100-YDS RACE. CHIEF BORLAND THIRD IN CHIEF'S RACE. GREAT RECEPTION FOR BOYS ON RETURN HERE.

Timmins Fire Brigade made a noteworthy showing at the big meet of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association at Cobalt on Monday. As had been foretold by some, and hoped by many, Chief Borland and his efficient staff brought home the honors of the day and won the best prizes in competition with the old-established brigades of the North Land.

First of all the Timmins brigade won the Silver Cup given in competition by the Association to the best brigade, together with \$100 in cash. Next Jack MacLean, Assistant Chief, won the 100-yds race, while Phil Therriault took second place in the same event. The tug-of-war was also won against the field by Timmins, though the local men were, perhaps, the lightest in average weight on the grounds. To complete the story of winnings, Chief Borland went in the Chief's Race against all the younger men of the district, some of whom were not old enough to go to school when he was working at the fireman's job first, and the Timmins Chief won third place with all the handicaps against him.

The boys from Timmins won the Wagon Race in 71 seconds, which was looked upon as very fast time. Haileybury took 1 minute, 28 seconds, and Cobalt used a minute and a half. The Timmins brigade, however, had previously beaten their time at the meeting in Cobalt by the time made for this event in the practices here last week. On one of the latter occasions they made the record time of 55 seconds.

The local brigade lost the ladder race on account of the handicap suffered through a change in the rules. The boys had practised here with a dry hose, the water being turned on when they were "ready to shoot,"—just as would be the method in real fire-fighting, as a usual rule. At the meet, the rules in force called for the water to be turned on first and the ladder mounted with the full hose.

The necessary delay in the boys getting accustomed to this new plan was just sufficient to lose enough seconds to lose them their place in this feature.

About 100 went down from here to Cobalt for July 2nd, and all report a good day. A record crowd turned out for the Big Day in Cobalt, despite the fact that the weather was not of the most attractive. The day's program included an automobile parade, sports and speeches, together with an interesting exhibition by the Boy Scouts.

The Silver Cup won this year by Timmins will be here to-day and if the local firemen can win it for the next two years it will be here for good.

On the return of Chief Borland and his men on Tuesday evening, a big crowd met with enthusiasm and cheers at the station. A procession, with the Timmins Band at the head, accompanied them to the fire hall, the Chief and brigade being taken down in autos. The fire bell announced the victory and the crowd cheered again and again. In a neat speech before the fire hall, Chief Borland thanked the citizens for their appreciation and support, and told the crowd how proud he was of the firemen. Timmins, he said, had a bunch of firemen that equalled anything in the North Land for efficiency. On Monday they had shown what they could do, when they went up against the old-timers in the game. There was only one team of which they need have any fear, and that was New Liskeard. He promised that with the co-operation of the Union men and others he was going to plan for a big day here on Labor Day, when the people of Timmins would have an opportunity of seeing just what the boys here could do. New Liskeard had promised to co-operate on this day.

After a number of excellent selections by the band, the gathering broke up with hearty cheers for the Chief and the Fire Brigade.

BIG EVENT HERE IN AID OF FRENCH RED CROSS WORK

Local Society Giving Grand Fete and Euchre in Timmins Rink, July 13th.

Last week the local officers of the Red Cross Society received a letter from Mr. Noel Marshall of the Canadian Red Cross Society referring to the urgent appeal of the London Committee of the French Red Cross for funds to carry on their good work in the different war spheres of the world. The funds will be used to aid in the caring for the sick and wounded French soldiers and sailors all over the world and to help the French prisoners of war. Nothing more need be said, surely, to emphasize the worthiness of the cause. The necessity of the case is also very evident. When the appeal was made to the Canadian Red Cross that Society promptly decided that every help must be given to the French Red Cross. The French soldiers have shown themselves so brave, so self-sacrificing, so devoted to duty and the right that Canada felt it must be generous indeed, so Saturday, July 14th, will be observed as a special "Tag Day" or "Flag Day," by every Red Cross branch in Canada, and Mr. Marshall's letter was to ask the Timmins branch to do something along this line.

On account of the agreement made at the time of the organization of the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club, only the one general appeal for funds is approved in this district, and the canvassing for money for patriotic purposes, the selling of tickets or similar plans at other times is discontinued. The ladies of the local Red Cross, however, felt that it would not be right to allow the appeal to go unnoticed or without response from Timmins. Accordingly at a meeting on Tuesday plans were made for a way to raise special funds for the French Red Cross Day. Eventually it was decided to hold a Grand Fete and Euchre in the Skating Rink on Friday, July 13th. There will be sports, games, music, and a general Big Night, at which all may both enjoy a delightful evening and know that the funds are going to a very deserving cause that needs the money now. This is the first appeal of the French Red Cross, and it should receive an unusually generous response. The fact that there will be no ordinary canvassing to sell tickets should only urge the public in general to take such an interest that there will be unusual success without the usual canvass. All should co-operate in making Friday, July 13th, a great success, so that a fitting contribution may be made to the Red Cross Funds for the brave French soldiers and sailors.

SCHUMACHER YOUNG LADY WINS HONORS AT ALMA COLLEGE

Miss Annie Kent Takes Diploma, With Honors, and Wins Prize For Commercial Work.

Miss Annie Kent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kent, of Schumacher, has passed her final examinations at Alma College, St. Thomas, with credit and distinction indeed, and well deserves the congratulations that will be given her on her success by her many friends in the district. Miss Kent won her diploma, taking first-class honors in shorthand subjects and second-class honors in Book-keeping subjects. In addition, she took the prize in Commercial Work. This latter was a beautiful bound volume of E. Pauline Johnson's book of poems, "Flint and Feathers," including some of the latest and best work of this gifted Canadian poetess. This year, on account of the war, Alma College gave no medals. Had the usual medals been awarded Miss Kent would have been an Alma College Medallist—a distinction only won by merit. By her high standing in the passing of the tests, however, Miss Kent has the same rank as a medallist of past years.

PORCUPINE MINES PAID \$10,100,514

The annual report of the Canadian Bureau of Mines recently issued shows that in 1913 Ontario produced over 40 per cent. of the entire mineral production of the Dominion. In 1914 the percentage was over 41 per cent. In 1915 it was still greater,—nearly 45 per cent. The figures for 1916 are not included, but they will show an increase. Ontario's place is better understood by quoting the fact that British Columbia ranks second with 20 per cent. of the Dominion's mineral production. A little speeding up in production would give Ontario a mineral production equal to all the rest of the Dominion combined.

In Ontario's mineral production, of course, Northern Ontario leads the various sections of the Province. As an evidence of this, it is not out of place to quote the statistics for dividends in the North Land. Dividends paid by companies in the district of Temiskaming to March 31 of this year totalled \$79,329,890.19, of which Cobalt is the leader, accounting for \$68,838,260. Porcupine next with \$10,100,514, and Kirkland Lake, which is the youngest of the camps, third with \$391,125.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

Several days ago, work was discontinued on the Colossus property in Munro Township, according to men employed there, who last week were singing the beautiful old hymn, "Meekly wait, and murmur not."

The shaft at the Porcupine Penn is now down about thirty feet. Out of 15 assays taken, gold was only missing in one, the other assays running to \$16.20 in gold to the ton.

Mr. W. F. Jhan has resigned as mill superintendent of the Tough-Oakes in Kirkland Lake to join the United States Engineers battalion. He is being succeeded by Mr. A. H. Swanson, formerly of the McIntyre.

Diamond Drilling operations at the North Davidson are proceeding with very satisfactory results. Application has been made for the listing of the North Davidson on the New York curb market.

Another promising locality in the opinion of prospectors who are old at the game is that section known as "east of Bourkes." Some very encouraging reports come from this district from old-timers who have gone in there this summer.

Mount Sinclair, in the Sudbury Mining District, is claimed by one of the old prospectors in the Porcupine to be a coming gold camp. There is fine gold in the locality he says. Another old timer quotes Mount Sinclair as rich in high-grade asbestos. In regard to the gold prospects, the latter old-timer says that northwest of Mount Sinclair in the Moose Lake district there is the finest gold formation in Canada, but for some reason or another properties there have always "fizzled out." Two years ago at Mount Sinclair J. Jones who has five claims staked there got three ore assays running \$18, \$27, and \$64 to the ton, respectively. The formation is schist-porphry contact, and there is a regular network of veins.

The Aurum property, adjoining the famous Croesus, will be diamond-drilled on an extensive plan in the near future according to present intentions.

A firm of stock-brokers advertising a West Shiningtree property quotes a mining engineer as saying that "you can find more free gold in West Shiningtree in five hours than in Porcupine in five days." Perhaps, that is true. But if you want to stay more than five hours in the gold mining game in Canada you cannot afford to scorn Porcupine.

Fort Matachewan district, on the Montreal River, continues to attract prospectors, who are braving one of the worst seasons in the history of the North Land for black flies to investigate the country, where a number of good claims are said to be proving up with much promise. Free gold is said to have been found in pleasing quantities in a big dyke on the Otisse claims. The rock along the surface of this dyke is panning out well, it is said.

In Fripp Township recently, John Jones, one of the Porcupine's old-time prospectors, took out some wonderful samples from what are generally known as the Stanley Martin claims. These samples run 37 per cent copper and \$32 to the ton in gold, and they are not "picked from a pocket" samples either, but just fair averages as they come. The Stanley Martin Claims were staked before the Porcupine was discovered. Stanley Martin was in partnership in the matter with Joe Moore, the Indian prospector, and they located these claims in 1907. Martin went to the front with the Princess Pats., and was killed. He had intended that his partner should have the claims in such a case, but on account of some formality in the registering it is not known now whether Mr. Moore has a clear title or not, or whether the claims have lapsed, and so are open to the last staker.

PAUL WAS THE FIRST GREAT PROTESTANT

So Says Rev. J. Macdonald in Stirring Sermon to the Timmins Orangemen.

There were about forty or fifty members of Timmins L.O.L. in the annual church parade to the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening. Rev. J. Macdonald, pastor of the church, cordially welcomed the Order to the church, recalling that the first sermon he had ever preached to a fraternal body had been to a branch of the L.O.L. The church was decorated with flags,—Union Jacks and the Canadian ensign.

Rev. Mr. Macdonald chose his text from Paul's Epistle to the Galatians. Paul, he said, was the first great Protestant. He had boldly protested against Peter's assumption of infallibility, and had made the first great fight for liberty of worship and of conscience. Some people sought to suggest that it was not right to offend other good people by taking a decided stand against them, but the preacher pointed out that freedom and justice and right and the truth must be maintained at all costs,—even at that of offending other good people. He quoted the stand of Paul to prove the truth of this point.

Rev. Mr. Macdonald commended the Orangemen because he believed the Order upheld morality, fraternity, one school and one language, and loyalty to the Empire. Their defense of the "open bible" was particularly referred to, and he asked the members to do more than keep the Good Book open,—to read it, and to heed it. He touched on the fraternal side of the Order, showing how this brotherliness and its accompanying care for the widow and the fatherless was good. The Order's loyalty to the Empire, and the liberty and right for which that Empire stood, was also worthy of praise.

Touching on the matter of one school and one language, Rev. Mr. Macdonald left no doubt as to where he stood. He boldly gave his views to the effect that Separate schools

and the dual language idea in Canada should be dropped. He said the people of the Catholic church did not really wish to continue and extend either the Separate schools or the double language; it was the priesthood that imposed them on the people. The preacher quoted from the writings of Victor Hugo, the great French writer, to show that while the Catholic Church claimed to desire the right to educate the people its purpose in practice seemed to be not to instruct. Mr. Macdonald thought there was more illiteracy in Quebec than in any other Province in Canada, and this illiteracy also prevailed in all other countries where the education was in the full control of the Catholic Church. The present situation in Quebec was also referred to by the preacher, with the opinion that again it was not the people who were to be blamed, but the wrongful use of authority and the lack of proper education nationally.

In closing, Rev. Mr. Macdonald pointed out that the principles of the Orange Order were good,—liberty of conscience for all being a chief foundation stone,—and he besought the members to be true to their high principles and to keep ever in mind their duties to religion and to their fellow men.

ATTRACTIONS AT THE NEW EMPIRE THEATRE

McQuinn and "the Man That Sings to Beat the Band" Friday and Saturday.

For Friday and Saturday evenings this week and for Saturday afternoon matinee, the New Empire Theatre is presenting the McQuinn Twins,—Kathleen and Jeanette,—in "The Dance of the Artic," introducing a number of unusual ideas of entertainment. Special scenery of an out-of-the-ordinary type is also promised. Then, McQuinn, "the man who sings to beat the band," will be there with the singing moving pictures. Other pictures of superior merit are also on the boards, and the show promises to be better than the ordinary even at the New Empire.