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## INQUEST RE DEATH OF DALTON BOOMER

### Jury Returns Verdict of Accidental Death, and Makes Recommendations.

A coroner's inquest was held in the police station here on Friday afternoon to enquire into the death of Dalton Boomer, who was so seriously injured last week in the Jupiter shaft of the McIntyre mine that he died a few hours after the accident. Dr. Meniel was the coroner conducting the inquest, and Mr. Collins, mine inspector, was present at the inquiry. The following jury was empanelled:—T. F. King, Wm. Ledne, P. Bardesson, E. Scheller, A. Saunders, James Ferro, and Geo. Preston. Mr. King was chosen as foreman. The jury first viewed the body and then heard the evidence.

Dr. Mutterer told of the late Dalton Boomer being brought to his office. He found that his skull was fractured. At first he was conscious, but he was troubled with vomiting, etc. Dr. Oton was called in in consultation, and Dr. Mutterer outlined the treatment followed. The deceased was brought first to Dr. Mutterer about twenty minutes to two. It was found necessary to operate, but the injuries to the skull were so serious that he died in the early evening.

In commenting on the matter, the coroner said that he thought the treatment given and the methods used could not be better for the case, and that all had been done that could be done by medical skill.

R. Cooper, shift boss at the McIntyre, explained that the shaft in which the accident occurred was being sunk by contract. The plan followed was to drill, blast and then muck. There were no regular muckers. The block of wood that hit the deceased did not break the skin. His idea was that it must have fallen from behind the lagging, probably jarred loose when the hoist bucket struck the stop-block.

Dan McKinnon, a partner of the deceased, told how he was on one side of the bucket and Boomer on the other. The bucket was coming down; he heard a noise; looked up and saw the block descending. The block of wood hit the deceased. He had no idea where it came from.

Geo. Stingle's evidence was important. He gave as his opinion that the block of wood came from behind the lagging and that it had been jarred loose when the bucket hit the stop-block. He had looked and there was a place on the second set where the block might have come from. He did not think it could have come from any place else.

Other witnesses gave similar testimony, and the jury asked many questions. There seemed to be a general opinion among the witnesses that no carelessness was shown in this shaft. Witnesses told how the falling of pieces of rock, etc., was guarded against after each blasting, and the other methods used to ensure safety. The evidence seemed to show that the block of wood fell from behind the lagging at the second plates. As the work was all done under contract by the deceased and his partners it would be difficult to apportion blame if anyone were to blame.

After retiring for a brief time the jury returned with a verdict of accidental death, and with no suggestion of blame to anyone. The verdict suggested that the deceased came to his death by being hit on the head by a falling block of wood that had fractured his skull. The jury recommended that the greatest carefulness should be exercised at all times in the mines to prevent such accidents.

There is general regret at the untimely death of Dalton Boomer, who was well-known and popular in the Camp. A wife and children are left to mourn his loss.

The funeral took place on Sunday to South Porcupine cemetery and was largely attended. It was under the auspices of the Miners' Union of which the deceased was a valued member.

## WOMEN OF TIMMINS TO MEET SEPTEMBER 7th.

The Women of Timmins will meet in the New Empire Theatre on Friday afternoon, September 7th, at 3 o'clock. The delegates to the Food Convention will give their report. Time will be allowed for discussion of different means of economy and thrift. All the women of Timmins are earnestly urged to attend this meeting and help make it a useful success.

## A BRIGHT NEW PAPER IN A BRIGHT NEW TOWN

For originality, enterprise and real wholesome hustle, few towns in the North Land can equal the bright burg of Iroquois Falls,—the town that makes the paper, and then does things to "get its name into the paper." One of the latest evidences of the "pep" and "push" of Iroquois Falls is the issuing of a bright little paper all its own. Number 1, volume 1, came out last week, and was bright, interesting and informative from the first column to the last. It is styled "The Broke Hustler," and there is interest not only in the oddity but in the origin of its name. As the little paper itself explains editorially, "The Broke Hustler" is a paper mill term. "The broke hustler is a lively chap," says The Broke Hustler. "He is here, there and everywhere in the machine room. He gathers up the big, crackling sheets; the little snappy bits, and the solid, heavy but valuable lumps. All these he hustles down to the beaters. There they are worked up and sent back to the big, hot dryers to take their place in the web." The Broke Hustler explains that it hopes to be lively, too, as a newspaper, that it wants to gather up the big items about achievements, the snappy little bits of news, and solid, valuable information. "It plans to hustle these to the presses where they will be worked up and sent back to the big round of our community life and woven into the web of its development." In its first issue The Broke Hustler brightly gives evidence that these plans will be helpfully carried out. The Broke Hustler is a four-page, 3-column paper at present. It is owned and published by the Abitibi Power & Paper Co. Thos. A. McDonald, supervisor of the employment department, is the editor, and S. G. McCoubrey, chief of the office staff at the Falls, is the business manager.

## "PETE," THE STAR ACTOR IN THRILLING DRAMA

### Wonderful Motion Picture at New Empire This Week.

The New Empire Theatre has secured for Friday and Saturday of this week the biggest "thriller" in modern motion pictures, "The Masque of Life,"—as remarkable for its spectacular scenes as for the exciting story running through the play. A tremendous circus building in flames with the wild animals escaping—that is one of the scenes. A ballet spectacle, scenes of pageantry,—these are others. The drama itself is the story of a prince in love with a circus girl, but forced to marry a princess. He next sees his real love when she climbs a 360-foot chimney to rescue his son from an infuriated monkey—"Pete,"—one of the star actors in the play. "The Masque of Life" has drawn crowded houses in the cities, and is generally spoken of by the press as one of the greatest motion pictures of the day.

## MCINTYRE DECLARES REGULAR DIVIDEND

### Another 5 per cent. Payable on September the 29th.

The McIntyre-Porcupine Mines Ltd. now holds the distinction of being the only dividend-paying mine in the Porcupine at the present time, though some others are earning dividends, but to offset the unusual conditions are conserving their resources. The McIntyre, however, has been more than earning its dividend requirements and is in a generally satisfactory financial and general condition. Last week announcement was made by the directors that the quarterly dividend would be paid on Sept. 29th at the rate of 5 per cent. as formerly.

## CHAMBERLAIN TOWNSHIP PUBLISHES HONOR ROLL

A rather unusual but pleasing innovation is noticed this year in the Voters' List of the Township of Chamberlain, District of Temiskaming. At the end of the Voters' List proper there is published an "Honor Roll," containing the names of those from Chamberlain Township who left there to serve King and Humanity in the great battle overseas. In this Honor Roll there are seventeen names,—a proud record in view of the fact that there are only 140 other names on the whole voters' list.

## IROQUOIS FALLS TO HOLD ANOTHER BIG DAY

### Big Program for Labor Day Celebration on Sept. 3rd.

Iroquois Falls is probably the "liveliest and liveliest" town in the North Land. Just as an evidence of this the Big Paper Town is putting on a big Labor Day Celebration on Monday next. Those who enjoyed the Dominion Day event at Iroquois will know what to expect in the line of a good program, but the promoters promise the Labor Day event will be even better than any former program. The program issued this week seems to uphold this.

On the arrival of the morning train visitors will be taken on a tour through the big mills,—this alone being "worth more than the day's cost to visitors." Suitable guides will be on hand to conduct parties around the town and plant. Tennis tournament will commence at 9.30, matches being arranged for all. It is expected that outside players will be on hand to participate in the games.

There will be two games of baseball morning and afternoon, starting at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Timmins Team is expected for the afternoon game.

In Field Sports the program is classed as "the biggest ever," including races, jumps, tug-of-war, pillow contest, etc., etc.

Starting sharp at 1.30 p.m., there will be a monster parade, with special bands, etc.

There will be prizes for each event of the day.

In the evening there will be a Dance in the public hall, commencing at 9 p.m. Good music and refreshments.

There will be special rates at the Hotel for the day.

## NEW LISKEARD CREAMERY'S FIRST YIELD—300 POUNDS

Some ten days ago the new creamery at New Liskeard produced its first make of butter,—a yield of 300 pounds that sold for 42 cents a pound. This creamery, which was erected by the Ontario Government, has a capacity of 3000 pounds, and it is looked upon as one of the factors that will assist in developing the dairy industry in the North Land. In conjunction with the creamery, the Government is planning the further shipment of cows to the North Land, to be sold to the farmers at cost. As another evidence of the Ontario Government's interest in North Land agriculture and allied branches, it may be noted that at the New Liskeard demonstration farm a tractor has been installed, and this will be loaned to farmers in the district who desire to increase the acreage under cultivation.

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

The Buff-Munro reports some high gold values at twenty foot on the No. 1 vein.

There is a renewal of interest among the old-timers in the Gold Ridge and other properties on the same side of the lake.

An application has been granted to Toronto interests to permit the draining of Muskoka Lake for the purpose of recovering potash and other minerals there.

Machinery is now being installed at the Anchorite in Deloro. A three compartment shaft will be driven to a depth of 500 feet, and lateral work also carried on. The property has given good promise from the diamond drilling carried on.

Mining operations were resumed at the Schumacher last week, and the mill is running this week. The prospects for the Schumacher are said to be unusually good now, and it is expected that it will prove one of the best small mines in the North. During the past few weeks while operations were suspended opportunity was taken for making repairs, extensions, etc., to the plant, and the new mill is nearing completion. It is expected that when the new mill gets running this fall production will be about \$2,000 a day in good grade ore.

## TISDALE TOWNSHIP HAS DEBENTURE MONEY NOW

### New Tax Collector Appointed. Other Township Council Business.

At the last regular meeting of the Tisdale Township Council, the Finance Committee reported that the cheque for the debentures had been received, and relations with the Bank were again on a satisfactory basis. Oh, happy Tisdale!

Applications were received from M. Smith and W. M. Whyte for the position of tax collector for 1917. Mr. Whyte was appointed.

The Public Works Committee reported that progress was being made on all works, gravel having been laid to finish the hill on the Bickford Townsite. Foreman Ryan was instructed to finish the road in to the Whelpdale Vet in the same manner as the road to the Gold Ridge property. Inspector Charette reported that the new scavenging contractor for the east district had commenced work.

Aid was asked for Mr. Dumencik, who lost his eyesight in an accident at the North Dome some four years ago, and who had not recovered compensation. The matter was laid over till next meeting.

It was decided to issue the municipal pay cheques hereafter on the 5th and 20th, instead of the 1st and 16th. Mine paymasters will be given a 3 per cent. commission for collecting 1917 poll tax.

## HAILEYBURY'S PART IN THE GREAT WAR

The North Land has taken a noteworthy part in every patriotic activity during the war. The Porcupine Roll of Honor published in past weeks in The Advance is one proof of this. Another interesting proof is given by The Haileyburian, which tabulates the figures of Haileyburians killed in action, wounded, prisoners of war, etc. The Haileyburian says:—"Haileybury, Can., has also done her part in the great war, and in comparison with the population of the older town in England has a very good record. Our boys have not been in the battle line long enough to win so many laurels, many have laid themselves down to sleep the long sleep amid the poppies of France and Flanders. Up to date from a population of 3000 souls, among whom were probably 400 fit for active service, about 350 officers and men have enlisted, a very creditable showing for a town but ten or twelve years of age. There have been killed in action 23; died of wounds 2; wounded 26; prisoners of war 4; deceased 1.

War Honors are necessarily few as our boys have not been in the trenches as long as their English cousins. Haileybury has 1 D.C.M. and 1 Medaille Militaire.

## SOME OF THE FORESTRY DRAFT HAD MEASLES

In a very interesting letter from Lance-Corporal W. M. Widdifield, 2-251,123, Smith's Lawn, Sunningdale, Berkshire, England, C.F.C., the information is given that some of Major Gordon's Forestry Draft from here have had the measles. "That hospital stuff is not too bad," writes Lance-Corporal Widdifield, "as far as the manner in which they treated us is concerned, but the measles are not to be recommended from a sensational point of view. For mine,—I would rather go fishing. When it was discovered that I had measles, Neil, Sampson, Irving, Smith, Molkenont, Readford and King were quarantined, and the day they were supposed to be released Molkenont got them, and they had to spend another fourteen days there. Molkenont is still in the hospital at Aldershot."

When the boys were quarantined, Major Gordon had to leave for France with most of the boys from the North, so the bunch is split up. Captain Gordon is still here, says Lance-Corporal Widdifield, "but is leaving soon for France with a draft, and we will not be with him. However, we expect to go over soon if we are unable to transfer into a fighting unit from here."

The boys had a pleasant trip overseas, none of those from the North being seasick. "The first thing that impressed us as being particularly peculiar was the funny little locomotives and railway coaches," says the letter. "The boys nicknamed the engines, 'Ford,' but it was surprising how those little Fords were capable of pulling a train, how quickly they developed speed, and how fast they travelled. Smith's Lawn is said to be the best camp in England, but the letter calls it a "Hum-dinger for mud."

## AIR SERVICE ONE OF THE MOST HELPFUL BRANCHES

Three more of the fine young men of Timmins have joined the Air Service branch. Within the last few days Messrs. R. McLean, H. W. Hooker and Walter Muirhead have received notice that their applications have been accepted, and the transportation papers, etc., have been forwarded for them to go to Toronto to join the Royal Flying Corps. They will likely leave on Monday of next week, and it may be that some others from here may accompany them.

The air service is one of the most helpful branches of war work, and men are needed for this department. It is only necessary to read the despatches to realize what an effective part the air service is playing in this war. Men are required for officer pilots and for equipment officers for this service, and there is good opportunity for young men with good education especially those with some mechanical knowledge. To assist in the securing of suitable men the Aero Club of Canada is organizing local committees throughout the towns and cities of the country. G. A. Macdonald, editor of The Advance, is the chairman of the local committee, and will be glad to give any particulars desired to any young man interested.

## U.S. SMELTING CO. TAKE OPTION ON NEWRAY MINE

A sixty-day option has been taken on the Newray mine by the U. S. Smelting Company. The big U. S. Co. will take over operations on the property during that time and should developments prove satisfactory the option will be extended for two years. The option holders will take stock in the Newray for all the money expended, and a two-thirds interest may ultimately be secured at a price of \$1,000,000. The Company's engineers favorably reported on the property on first examination, and the option is likely to prove a big thing for the Newray, the district, and all others concerned.

## CAPT. ERNEST HOLLAND AMONG THE GASSED

Official announcement has been made that Capt. Ernest Holland is among those suffering from a German gas attack in the recent battles on the Canadian front. He is reported as in the hospital but recovering from the effects of the gas. He is one of the best known of the North Land's old-timers. He went overseas with the Borden Battery in 1914, was wounded at Vimy Ridge, won the Military Cross and was granted a captaincy for distinguished conduct in the field. His old home is in Ottawa.

## MOVING PICTURES OF TIMMINS TO BE TAKEN

### Provincial Government Man Writes That He is Coming Labor Day.

Mayor McLaughlin this week received the following letter which explains itself:—

New Liskeard, Aug. 25, 17.  
Dear Sir:—I beg to advise you that I am in this country making Moving Pictures for the Provincial Government. These pictures are designed to advertise the North Land on the outside. I have been informed that Timmins will have public exercises on Labor Day, and I have arranged to be present in order to make a moving picture of the events, and I assure you that I will show them in the best manner possible. I am particularly anxious to show some public events at Timmins, as I have already secured excellent pictures of public events at Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard. I feel quite sure from what I have heard of Timmins that it will make as good a showing as any I have secured to date. Thanking you for your attention, I beg to remain,  
Very truly yours,  
M. J. SHELS.

In replying, the Mayor noted the fact that the big celebration and day of sports planned for Timmins on Labor Day had not been proceeded with, as the necessary interest and co-operation had not been roused early enough to make such an event an assured success. The reply, however, urges the Government Moving Picture man to come here in any case, as the visit will be well repaid in interesting incidents and views. A Moving Picture man can secure pictures here that would be difficult to excel for interest, information and attractiveness. Such views would give people down south a correct idea of what is already here in actuality and what may be here in prospect. For instance views of the Hollinger mine by day and night, pictures of the men coming "off shift" at the big mine, scenes in and around the Hollinger, the McIntyre, the Porcupine Crown, and other mines near here, glimpses of the Mattagami showing the many craft on the river, including, perhaps, the Steamer Agnes, with an excursion party, a panorama of the big stores and public buildings of the town, including the \$40,000 brick school, the new depot, the churches, the big rink, the Empire Theatre, etc.—these would be views well worth taking, and would give the people outside a better conception of what this country is and what it has than any views of public events or demonstrations. In addition, the Timmins Band, resident in their new uniforms, would make another good picture. Also, the splendid fire brigade could be shown in action, and perhaps a picture like this might help a little in bringing down the insurance rates. "If the Moving Picture Man wants a crowd," says the Mayor, "it will be easy to provide that by simply ringing the fire bell. That will bring out hundreds in a few minutes." The mines, the lumber camps, and the farms along the river, will provide material for many films that will give outsiders some idea of what's what in and around Timmins. Many will look upon the expected visit of the moving picture expert as another reason for regretting that Timmins did not proceed with its Labor Day event, but it is no use regretting things. The best way is to make the best of things as they are, and to hope that the Government Moving Picture man will make his visit here next Monday, that it will be a fine day for the work, and that many good views will be obtained to truly represent Timmins and district to the outside world.

## LAND CLEARED AND CHURCH BUILT IN SIX WEEKS

In the early part of July this year there was a plot of land at Porquis Junction covered with stumps, etc. On the 19th of this month the land was cleared and an attractive appearing and well-constructed little church was being dedicated by Rev. F. L. Brown, of Orillia, Superintendent of Missions. Surely, it is true that summer time in the North Land is a period of rapid growth. Rev. A. W. Strapp is the pastor of the new church and his untiring zeal and effort had much to do with the speedy construction of the building. The church is another of the new numerous "United Churches," in the North Land,—evidences of a practical type of "Church Union," so much talked about at times in more southerly places.