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Successful Labor Day Event at Iroquois Falls

OVER 100 FROM TIMMINS ENJOY VISIT TO PAPER TOWN AND THROUGH BIG MILLS TO SAY NOTHING OF GOOD SPORTS

Over 100 people entrained at Timmins on Monday to take in the Big Day at Iroquois Falls, and from Schumacher, South Porcupine and every other town along the line came also a respectable quota. At Timmins the crowd before the ticket wicket so great, or the crowd behind the wicket so inadequate, that only a part of those taking the trip were able to buy tickets here. The train was ordered off while a crowd was still struggling to get near the wicket. "You should have been here by three in the morning," was all the comfort one trainman gave when the People's Railway ordered its train out and there was a general six-forty scramble to get on board with or without an excursion ticket,—chiefly without.

After the usual tiresome ride on the People's Railway to Porcupine Junction and the usual tiresome wait at that northern metropolitan junction point, and the usual tiresome trip from the Junction to the Falls, the crowd eventually arrived at the big Paper Town. Here, however, all discomforts and drawbacks were quickly forgotten in the hospitality of the people of Iroquois Falls. There were guides to meet the train and personally conduct the visitors through the big paper mill plant,—one of the largest on the continent. This tour was one of the special features of the very pleasant day. The guides took the visitors from one end of the big plant to the other and briefly but clearly explained the various processes through which the pulp goes from the log to the finished paper. The interest and courtesy shown by the guides and the intelligent description of the processes and the purposes of the various machines etc., are particularly worthy of note. The plant covers about 30 acres, employs over 800 men, and is one of the largest and most up-to-date on the continent.

Another attractive feature to the visitors was the town itself. Iroquois Falls is the handsomest and neatest town in the North Land to-day. There are about 250 houses, all attractive designs, with variety and individuality in their construction. As soon as a house is built, it is painted. All the houses have the waterworks, sewerage, bath, electric light, etc. There is a lawn and a good sized lot for each home. The streets are all macadamized or that work is in progress, and neat curbs set off all the roads. Good sidewalks throughout the town are another feature. The town is built on a plan that is artistic, shows pleasing variety, and yet has an eye for modern conveniences and comforts. The whole place has an air of cleanliness, comfort, prosperity and attractiveness. The town is a "company town," being owned by the Abitibi Power and Paper Co., and the houses are occupied by employees only. For the unmarried employees there are up-to-date bunk houses, reading rooms, baths, etc. A fine new school, and two new churches are in process of construction. "What stupendous progress!" exclaimed one man who last saw Iroquois Falls two years ago. There is only one store (the company's store) but it is large, modern and complete. There is a large town hall above the store. It is an odd fact that the only poor building in the town is the one occupied by the Post Office (a Government institution) and by the Bank. Another odd truth is that while there is practically every modern convenience in the town, Iroquois Falls is happy in being absolutely free from lawyers practising there.

For Labor Day the town was handsomely decorated with flags, bunting, etc. There were three fine arches over the roads that caused delighted comment especially when they sparkled forth after evening came, the electric lighting being particularly good.

The parade was another unusually good feature and one for which all concerned deserve the highest credit. It was perhaps the best ever held in the New North. There were fifteen floats in the procession and each one showed an originality, a skill and a workmanship that were deserving of the highest praise. These floats represented chiefly the different departments of the plant, such as the electrical department, the grinders department, the repair department, etc. Each was so well worked out and so clever in conception that it would be wrong to single any out for special

mention. In addition the staffs of different departments walked in the parade and the Red Cross, the boys, the girls, and other pleasing features were represented. The painters and decorators, in white, made an attractive unit. "We fix what the carpenters spoil," was one of the mottoes they carried. A number of individuals in masquerade costume added to the humor of the day. Another noteworthy feature of the parade was the number of unusually handsome horses in the line. The quality and appearance of the Iroquois horses would be difficult to equal in any other town of similar size. Two other items in the parade should not be passed unnoticed. One of these was a small log house very attractively built from Iroquois Falls logs. The other was a miniature house of unusually pleasing construction, and cleverly finished inside and out in exact duplicate of a regular-sized house of the same plan. Although this house was not more than twelve feet square it was equipped with stairs inside, a fire place, a bath tub, water system, etc., exactly true to details. It was elegantly finished and a work of skill and art. It was to advertise the homes of Iroquois Falls, and it must certainly be admitted to be a creditable and effective advertisement. The rear of the parade was brought up by a little black cow bearing the sign:—"This is No Bull! The show at the 'Y' is to be the best, etc." A man at the "Y" was paid \$2 for the loan of the cow. He wanted to get \$2 per hour instead, especially as a lady came out and milked the cow when the parade stopped on one of the streets. The result of the Hebraic demands was that he got hit in the jaw and there was a general excitement. This is no bull, either.

There was a splendid program of sports, including tennis, baseball, races, jumping, etc., etc. A picked team from the four Iroquois Falls teams played the Timmins baseball team in the afternoon, and the resulting game was an interesting and well-played one. Both teams played good ball and the score was kept close enough to make the result uncertain until near the end. Although the undertaker was on the field in his raincoat all through the game no one took the hint and killed the umpire. Instead, all enjoyed the game with its frequent good plays and its ups and downs. The Timmins team gave the home boys a run for their money. The score closed 6 to 3 in favor of Iroquois Falls.

A number from Cochrane also took in the day at the Falls, and several young ladies gathered in some money for the Lady Minto Hospital by "tagging" those on the train and at the Junction.

Among its other promises, Iroquois Falls has the nucleus of a band, and from the music furnished by a few on Labor Day without preparation or practice, it is likely the town will take up the idea of forming a band now for future events.

The accommodation given to the visitors at the hotels, etc., was of the very best. The rates were also reasonable, and particularly so in view of the fact that there was no other charge for admission or anything else for the day's pleasure, the town furnishing all this free for the pleasure of the citizens and to show outsiders what a good place Iroquois Falls is.

The Government moving picture man secured a number of good views despite the wet and cloudy weather which was the only damper on the day's complete success.

Friends in town have received very pretty and original cards announcing the marriage of Lance-Corporal Leo E. Schlemmuller, of the Canadian Forces, to Miss Cecily Harrison, an August 2nd, 1917. The announcements, which are in small folded form, are dated "West Lynn, Fenham Hall Drive, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England." Lance-Corporal Schlemmuller, who is with a C.E.F. Reserve Battalion, is stationed at Bramshott Camp. He was a ledger-keeper at the Imperial Bank at the time of enlistment and was well known and popular in the Camp here. His many friends here will extend congratulations and the best of wishes.

FIVE HUNDRED RETURNED SOLDIERS FOR NORTH LAND?

A writer in The Toronto Sunday World declares that over five hundred returned soldiers have already applied to be allowed to take up farms in the North Land under the generous terms offered by the Ontario Government. It will be a matter of great surprise in this part of the country that so many returned soldiers have shown this desire, as the general impression has been that the number expressing the intention to settle on North Land farms could be counted by tens rather than by hundreds. So far as The Advance understands there are about fifty settled, or about to be settled, at Kapuskasing, with less than another fifty in training for North Land Agriculture at Monteith. However, the people of the North Land generally will hope that the figure of five hundred is a correct one, for this would mean one of the greatest and best aids to the settlement of the North Land. No better grade of citizens could be desired than the brave, generous, public-spirited men who have risked their lives overseas for the Empire and humanity. They would make the ideal type of the ideal British settlement of the land. Commenting on the matter the writer in Toronto Sunday World contrasts the few thousands now back from the front with the hundreds of thousands yet to return at the war's close, and continues:—"The granting of five hundred applications means the settlement of forty thousand acres of land and that in itself is no small step toward the development of that country. If this movement continues to expand as it has done in the past the attention of all Canada will shortly be riveted upon the establishment of a great English-speaking settlement of that almost ideally productive country. In setting this scheme afoot upon lines so altogether likely of successful accomplishment the Government is doing splendidly by the returned men, and in doing their part towards making it a successful venture, the soldiers will be doing well by the rest of Canada, and particularly by this Province."

The "merry-go-round" at Moneta was repaired again and running once more after an unusual and exciting experience. Too heavy a load being carried, the cable snapped and the engine turned a somersault. Not being especially designed for turning handspins, like the engines in Ford cars and other cars used by past, present and future members of the police force, the "merry-go-round" engine busted itself. Hence, the necessity for repairs and the consequent close down of the merry-go-round for a few days.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

Recently the manager of the Newray, Mr. Charlebois, wired to Toronto:—"Struck it rich in crosscut on Newray at 985 feet from shaft on 400-foot level. Face five feet wide. Assay \$20 ton. Face still in quartz."

On what is generally known as the Anderson Farm, near Bourkes Station the vein has been stripped for over 300 feet and is said to be rich in free gold. Report has it that an offer of half a million dollars was recently made for this property, but those owning the claims refused this big price, as an evidence of the value they place on the property.

In reply to the circulars of certain outside brokerage firms and other interests, President F. L. Culver of the Temiskaming Mining Co. last week issued a lengthy statement showing the position of the Company both now and when the present management and directorate assumed control. This statement shows that after making many improvements, repairs, etc., there is a net profit of \$943,044.01 to show for a little over three years. In 1914 the available balance is given at \$116,304.80, with ore bins empty, no high-grade ore in sight and mills running at about half capacity. The present conditions are said to be: "ore bins full, mill running full capacity, between 8,000 and 10,000 tons of ore on timbers underground ready to be taken to the mill, and the plant efficient and in good repair." Dividends paid amount to \$534,348.81. The estimates do not include ore broken down or in place in the mine.

THE NORTH LAND WELL REPRESENTED AT THE FAIR

At the National Exhibition at Toronto North Land is well represented. A log cabin, built of North Land logs, is attracting much attention. It contains samples of the various grains and vegetables grown so well in this country. The samples of wheat, oats, barley and peas, especially the latter, are particularly good advertising for North Land agriculture. There is also an interesting exhibit of the pulp wood and lumber industries of this big land.

In the Ontario Bureau of Mines building, the Porcupine and Munro districts are well represented. There are samples of the rich gold from the Croesus and also samples from the Hollinger, McIntyre, Dome and other Porcupine mines,—all of these creating the greatest interest among the visitors to the Fair, according to the press reports. Rich samples of asbestos from Deloro also prove that the Porcupine has wealth in that mineral as well as in gold.

The Ontario Government is responsible for all this good advertising thus given, the great North Land, and this, together with the moving pictures now being taken of this country and to be shown elsewhere on the continent and in Europe, should do much to make the North Land better known to the outside world. And if the riches of this land are only understood and appreciated, there need be no worry as to development and progress, for the good things awaiting capital and enterprise will of themselves, when known, attract the money and the men necessary for settlement and development of the great rich North Land.

"DANCERS' PERIL" SHOWS ENTIRE RUSSIAN BALLET

The New Empire Theatre seems to be having a special run of specially new and attractive pictures these days. One of the latest offerings to be announced is the special for Friday and Saturday evening of this week, "Dancers' Peril." This novel picture features Alice Brady whose dancing on the screen will delight all, just as this gifted dancer pleased all when she appeared on the regular stage. The picture also shows the entire Russian Ballet, and from the spectacular standpoint it has many unusual features. The story running through the play is also as original as the picture. According to the press comments from the cities where "Dancers' Peril" has been shown, those who enjoy good motion pictures should not miss this event on Friday and Saturday.

Detailed Statement of Town Finances to be Published

FINANCE COMMITTEE TO SHOW HOW TAXES ARE SPENT. THE OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS.

The regular meeting of the Town Council was held on Tuesday of this week. From the standpoint of public interest, perhaps the most interesting item of the meeting was the discussion of the town finances. Eventually, on motion of Councillors Williams and Pierce, it was decided that the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Clerk draw up a financial statement showing in detail the uses to which the taxes are put, this statement to be presented to Council at the earliest possible moment, and then published in The Advance.

As A. Charboneau's name appeared both for property and income assessment the latter entry was struck off the assessment roll.

The Town Solicitor was instructed to draw up a by-law to regulate the speed of vehicles to 15 miles an hour in town, with a limit of 5 miles per hour at certain dangerous points, also for sounding horns and generally regulating traffic.

Following the agreement made at the time of his appointment, the salary of W. S. Macpherson, tax collector, was increased from \$100 to \$125 per month, to date from the commencement of his duties.

A request from Mr. Courtemanche for increased rent for the town offices

was refused owing to the town's financial condition.

Dr. McInnis emphasized the need for a padded cell for the care of insane persons here, there being no safe place otherwise to keep them here during such time as the town might be liable for their safety. "In view of the town's financial condition, the Council ought to be put in the padded cell if we bought one now," said Councillor Globe.

The basis of paying the Town Solicitor was changed from salary to that of paying for the services as occasion arose. This to take effect after Oct. 1st, but in the meantime the Town Solicitor is to complete the revision of the Town by-laws under the present plan.

On motion of Councillor Williams and Pierce, the fire team and driver are to be placed at the disposal of the Public Works Committee for work in the day time.

The matter of fire insurance also was again discussed, and it was again decided to write to the Insurance Underwriters asking them to send an inspector here to see conditions and the costly and efficient fire protection system, with a view to securing adequate reduction in insurance rates for Timmins at once.

SCHUMACHER MINE HAS BRIGHT PROSPECTS

Plant Improved, Vigorous Policy Planned, and Indications are Good.

The Schumacher Mine directors have issued a very interesting and hopeful letter to the shareholders. From this and other indications known to those acquainted with the Camp, at least one brokerage firm has issued a special letter to "boost" Schumacher stock in the interest of its clients. As previously pointed out in The Advance, the Schumacher Mine very shrewdly took advantage of the abnormal labor situation to momentarily drop production and make many needed alterations, improvements and extensions. Speaking of the success of this policy the letter to the shareholders says:—"In the interval the following improvements were carried out, namely: In the mine the track on the first three levels was taken up and re-laid to a standard gauge and the cars were likewise adjusted and repaired. The advantage of this one change can be easily understood when it is known that with the tracks and cars in their present condition a car can be trammed by one man, while formerly two men were necessary for each car. The drilling machines were all overhauled and put in good shape, and the underground was made ready for winter. In the Mill, the floors were cleaned, the tanks emptied and cleaned, and all valves precipitated. The Hardinge Mill was relined and thoroughly overhauled, and the pumps were repaired, the clarifier lowered to meet the requirements of a new flow sheet, new belts were put on to replace old worn ones, the old agitators were taken out and new ones installed, and the mechanisms of the old agitators were fixed to fit larger tanks which were installed in order to increase the capacity of the Mill. On the surface the steam lines were all taken up and relaid with proper drainage and protection from frost, which last improvement will mean a considerable saving of coal throughout the winter months. The Mill launder was cleaned, a new suction put on the lake pump and a new electric sub-station erected and fitted up and a new transformer and compressor installed. This last mentioned machinery addition will increase the drill capacity from 14 to 25, which means that a more aggressive development policy can now be carried on.

"The work on the new Mill addition is proceeding very satisfactorily and should be completed in a few weeks. Now that the first unit of the Mill has been completely overhauled and new tank capacity added, it is expected that 150 tons per day will be handled almost immediately, which will be increased to 180 tons as soon as the new tanks now in course of erection are completed. With the new compressor installed and our capacity

MUCH WORK DONE ON DAVIDSON MINE

Shaft Down 347 Feet. 15,000 Feet of Surface and Underground Work

According to a preliminary report just issued by the Davidson Gold Mines, 15,000 feet of surface and underground work has been done during the past nine months. The main shaft is now down 347 feet. About 2,000 feet of diamond drilling has been done. The directors express satisfaction with the results of the development work. A large tonnage of low-grade commercial ore is now in sight.

In the neighborhood of \$80,000 has been spent in development work. It was expected that the sale of 400,000 shares of treasury stock issued would cover the development work and provide funds for the continuing of same, but the increased cost of materials, labor, etc., makes further financing necessary for the continued and increased development work planned. Negotiations for the disposal of a block of the shares have been opened, but before it can be closed the shareholders are asked to agree to a further pooling of their shares until December 31st, 1917. The report of the directors says that the general condition of the concern is very satisfactory and promising.

brought up to 25 drills, this will enable us to block out a great deal of ore. When this is completed then all that remains for us to do will be to install one Hardinge Mill and one Tube Mill to bring your Mill up to 300 tons daily capacity, which will make your Mill the fourth largest in the Porcupine Camp.

"While our bullion production had been gradually increasing during the period just prior to closing down, our costs therewith were necessarily increasing and at the time we closed down we were forced to mine \$10 and \$12 ore in order to meet these high costs. Now with these additions and improvements hereinbefore mentioned, we can mill much lower grade ore and mill it at a profit, which means that your property can be mined and not stripped.

"From developments made by the Hollinger and McIntyre Companies, which adjoin your property, it is evident that values in this section of the Porcupine Camp continue to great depth, and your Directors have therefore decided upon an aggressive development program and intend to sink the present shaft from its present level of 600 feet to a depth of 1,000 feet, and also to sink number 4 shaft, which is some 1,400 feet east of the main shaft, to a depth of 400 feet. The known ore zone lying south of the present main shaft, which has never been developed underground, will also be developed."