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## SUDDEN DEATH OF Mr. BERNARD P. McENANEY

Pioneer Who Made Fortune Here Passes Away in Toronto Last Week.

Lying in the middle of the floor, fully dressed, the body of Bernard P. McEnaney, owner of the McEnaney Gold Mines Limited, and well-known mining man of the Porcupine, was found in his suite of rooms at 125 1/2 Sherbourne street, Toronto, on Wednesday, by two officials of the Toronto General Trust Company when they called to see him on business. He was last seen alive on Sunday afternoon when some friends had visited him at his apartments. He had been in poor health for some time, being subject to bronchial trouble, the doctors having warned him also that he was in constant danger of bronchial hemorrhage. It is thought that Mr. McEnaney sustained a hemorrhage on Sunday evening after his friends left and that the attack was so sudden and so severe that he was unable to summon assistance.

Bernard P. McEnaney was born in Mount Forest, Ontario, in 1857. In early manhood he went to Michigan and was engaged there for several years in the copper mining industry. About nine years ago he came to the North Land as a miner and prospector. He missed the early days of Cobalt, but was one of the pioneers of the Lorraine and Porcupine Camps. He prospected through the two districts and had some excellent holdings. "Barney," as he was familiarly known here,—was a special friend of Benny Hollinger, Dickson and Millerion,—the stakers of the Hollinger and other noted Porcupine properties. He was in with them on several deals and after they had staked what is now the Porcupine Crown, he took over the property which was then called the McEnaney. Later he made a sensational sale of this property, securing \$100,000 in cash and a sixth interest in his share when the Porcupine Crown Company was formed. Mr. McEnaney recently had large interests in Kirkland Lake, Porcupine and other gold camps. His chief centre of interest for the past year or two was the property formerly known as the Hollinger Reserve. He took this over under his personal management and spent much money freely to "make a mine of it."

"Barney" McEnaney was one of the best known of the Porcupine's mining men, and he had hosts of friends here and in financial and other circles. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and a prominent Liberal. A widow and four sons and five daughters survive. The sons are:—Philip, Bernard, Edward and Ambrose, of Toronto; and the daughters are:—Mrs. Michael Pratt, Houghton, Mich.; Mrs. Stephen Hannon of Calgary; and the Misses, Elizabeth, Ella and Margaret, at home in Toronto.

## CURTIS DRUG COMPANY OPENING STORE HERE

Will be the Most Complete and Best Fitted in the North Country.

A new and up-to-date Drug Store, well appointed and modernly equipped is to be opened on or about May 1st, next to the New Empire Theatre, by the Curtis Drug Company. The Curtis Drug Company is well-known in the North Land, having won an enviable reputation by enterprise, fair dealing and creditable business methods in Haileybury and district. That the new firm will give Timmins a first-class new drug store and the best of service will be taken for granted by all who know the Curtis Company. It is the intention to make the new store the most complete and best fitted drug store in the North Country. Stocks will be new, large and complete in every way, service will be of the best, and the business methods used will show the Curtis enterprise and Curtis ability that will mean advantages for the public and benefit for the store.

The Herald and Mining News of The Pas, Manitoba, last week had the following:—"Charlie Cummings, Pete Davidson and George White, prospectors, went north on Wednesday morning to Mile 137, from which point they go north west to sample prospects. They are in the employ of H. M. Paul who represents London (Eng.) capitalists."

## HAD HAND BADLY CRUSHED BY PILEDRIVER

While at work repairing the septic tank at the Schumacher new school on Saturday Mr. Harry Rutledge, of the Hill, Clarke & Francis staff, met with a very painful accident. A pile-driver, operated by steam power, was being used and in the work a scaffold had been erected above where Mr. Rutledge was stationed guiding the hammer. The scaffolding gave way and in throwing out his hand to save himself, Mr. Rutledge was hit on the hand by the descending pile-driver. His left hand was badly crushed, the bones at the knuckles being fractured and the whole hand being generally smashed and bruised, the second and third fingers particularly bearing the brunt of the unwelcome attack. There were several feet of water in the tank, but in dropping down Mr. Rutledge fairly landed on a twelve-inch plank across the tank and so escaped the ducking.

## OVER \$400 FOR TOWN IN LIQUOR FINES

Town Police Catch Two Austrians Large Variety of Other Cases.

Magistrate Atkinson had a regular busy day for his regular court here on Thursday last, and the Town netted over \$400 from fines. John Austrosky, an Austrian, was fined \$200 and costs for illegally having liquor, and for the same offense a female of the same race, Mrs. Annie Mintianka, paid a similar fine. In the one case Constable Greer preferred the charge and in the other Chief Clark prosecuted. A Gagnon, charged by Constable Greer with being intoxicated in a public place, pleaded guilty and was let off with a \$10 fine as was also a young man charged by Constable Rayeroff with the same offense. Alick Gruekika, was charged by Chief Clark with being unlawfully in the recent Bolshevik mob that besieged the jail for Consvoith's sweet sake. The Russian denied the charge and swore he was home at the time. He brought two friends to swear to the same story. Constable Greer and Officer Allen both were certain they saw him in the parade, and they also told of the conflicting stories he had given as to working at the mine at the time. On consulting the mine records these stories were found to be untrue and he had a new tale for the court. The Magistrate, however, gave the Russian the benefit of the doubt. "If he is committing perjury lay a new charge for that," said the Magistrate, and the police nodded agreement. The charge of attempt bribery laid against J. Boland by Chief Clark was remanded for one week, as was also the Chief's cases against certain parents for allowing their children out at unseemly hours, the case against the New Empire Theatre for permitting unaccompanied children in the show at nights, and the case against a number of boys for stealing from the local Game Warden's camp and doing damage there.

## REPORT FOR MARCH OF PATRIOTIC CLUB

Nearly One-Fifth of Pledges Collected to Date.

The report of the Treasurer, J. P. Taillon, of the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club, as at March 30th, 1918, is as follows:—  
Total pledges, \$37,664.  
Receipts:—Balance in 1917 account, \$4,562.44; collections to date, \$6,584.64; total, \$11,147.08.  
Disbursements:—Timmins Red Cross \$800; Schumacher Red Cross, \$600; South Porcupine Patriotic Society, \$900; D.Y.B. Club, \$136.06; Sundry administration expenses, \$271.85; balance in bank in 1918 account, \$4176.73; balance in bank in 1917 account, \$4562.44; total, \$11,147.08.  
The report of the Treasurer, J. P. Taillon, for the Canadian Patriotic Fund, as at March 30th., 1918, is as follows:—  
Receipts:—Balance in bank, \$657.15; received from Treasurer, Ottawa, \$599; total, \$1256.15.  
Disbursements:—Paid to soldiers' wives during month, \$479.40; balance in bank, \$677.75; total, \$1157.15.

The Hollinger staff and friends are giving a Farewell Party to Mr. Harry Skavlen at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Auer, Mattagami Heights, tomorrow (Thursday) night.

## FIREMEN PREPARING FOR ANNUAL DANCE

Presentation to W. L. Deacon at Regular Meeting of Brigade.

At the regular meeting of the Timmins Volunteer Fire Brigade on Friday evening, there was a large attendance of members and an interesting session.

For the Annual Dance of the Firemen, Messrs. W. G. Smith, J. D. Maclean, J. K. Moore and A. Luxton were appointed a Committee to make the necessary plans and arrangements. This year's annual dance will be held on May 24th., and no doubt it will be a big, pleasant success, as is the way with events organized by the Firemen.

Another matter of general interest touched upon was the leaving of Mr. W. L. Deacon, who recently left the Hollinger staff to take a position with the T. & N.O. "Jimmie" starts at his new work as a railroadman to-day (Wednesday). He has been one of the most faithful and useful of the old Brigade, and the Fire Brigade presented him with a cheque and the following address:—

"It is with deep regret we learn of your departure from our midst, and we hope that wherever you may settle your thoughts may often wander back to days when you were an active member of Timmins Volunteer Fire Brigade. On behalf of the Volunteer Fire Brigade we ask you to accept this small cheque as a token of our esteem."—Alex. Borland, Chief.

The Haileybury Mining School was recently presented with a handsome show case for the exhibition of mineral specimens from the North Land. No town in Canada has a mining exhibit similar to that of Haileybury, and the new display case sets it off nicely. The show case is six feet long, valued at \$100, and is the gift of Mr. D. L. Jemmett, of the Northern Canada Supply Co., Cobalt.

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

Mining Engineer Byrce has made an inspection of the drifting operations from the Porcupine V.N.T. to the Thompson-Krist. It is stated that very encouraging results have been met with in this work.

Mr. J. P. Bickell, President of the McIntyre-Porcupine, came up to the North Land last week to inspect properties at Cobalt and in the Porcupine. He will visit the Newray before returning to Toronto and on his inspection and conclusions will likely depend the plans of development on that property under the McIntyre control.

The Thackeray Gold Mines Company has taken over a group of seven claims in Maisonville Township, not far from the Murray-Mogridge property. These seven claims were the property of Mr. Dan Smith, of Seseikinika, and Mr. Smith has now gone to Bourkes to oversee the work being started at once to investigate and develop the properties. Old-timers believe that the Bourkes section has the signs of a Camp in the future and the Smith claims are among the promising prospects.

Much activity is evident this spring in the West Shiningtree district. The Churchill, the Burke-Bullock, the Caswell and the Holden Company's properties are all getting ready for active work, supplies being taken in from Kowkash. As an evidence of the interest in the West Shiningtree district it may be noted that the Holbrook-Tour claims recently sold for \$35,000, with a substantial cash payment. The Wasapika is installing a small mining plant and is expected to be the first producer of the Camp. Other promising properties of the district are the Atlas, Kingsley, and Langtype groups of claims.

Prospectors and mining men generally are looking for an unusually active prospecting season this year. Fort Matachewan, Lightning River, Rickard, Bourkes, Doherty and Seseikinika are mentioned as the favorites at the moment and prospectors promise to make things hum in these districts this year. The older districts, however, are also likely to come in for special attention again, and there seems to be promise of renewed pros-

## JOIN IN THE GENERAL CLEAN-UP IN TOWN

Read and Heed the Warning Circular Issued This Week by Councillor Pierce.

This is Clean-up Time and all good citizens should join wholeheartedly in the Clean-up Movement, for health's sake, for the sake of tidiness and appearance, for the sake of protection from unnecessary fire risk, for the average citizen's sake and for the town's sake. A clean town means a healthy town, a safe town and a pleasant town for living in. Let each citizen do his part.

Councillor Chas. Pierce, Chairman of the Contingencies Committee of the Town Council, this week issued a circular to the citizens for their co-operation. Read and heed this circular. It is published elsewhere in this issue. For health's sake, for the town's sake, for your own sake, do your part to make Timmins the cleanest and neatest town in the North Land.

## SERG. PERCY DUNBAR EXCHANGED TO HOLLAND.

Among the prisoners exchanged and transferred to Holland recently was Sergt. Percy Dunbar, who enlisted at Haileybury in 1914. Sergt. Dunbar was among those gassed and taken prisoner by the Germans at St. Julien in April, 1915. He is a brother of Talbot Dunbar, formerly of Timmins and McIntosh Springs, now with the Royal Flying Corps, and of Howard C. Dunbar, the well-known lumber dealer of the North Land.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hicks, of Schumacher, left last week for New Liskeard where Mr. Hicks has a position with the Wabi Iron Works. They were among the best citizens of Schumacher and will be much missed in that town in patriotic and other circles.

peeling interest and activity. If the financial markets would loosen-up a little some unusual developments might well be looked for. As it is, the prospectors are doing their part and there will be many genuine good things waiting for the time when freer courage and enterprise return to the men with the money.

The official Government statement of the mineral production of Quebec will have a special interest for those in the Porcupine who have paid special attention to the asbestos finds in this district. According to output and value, Quebec's chief mineral production is asbestos. The province had a total mineral production in 1917 worth \$16,051,188, and of this, asbestos accounted for over \$7,198,000. In 1917 there was a production of 137,342 tons, as against 133,332 tons in 1916, while the value of asbestos increased from \$38.87 in 1916 to an average of \$52.45 in 1917. The average price in 1913 was \$28.04. During 1917 Quebec mined 2,634,210 tons of asbestos-bearing rock to make its production of 137,242 tons of asbestos. Proportionately, the Deloro asbestos-bearing rock is much higher grade than the Quebec average.

The annual report of the Dome Lake Mining and Milling Co. just issued shows that an average of about 45 tons of ore per day was treated during the year past. The average grade of the ore was \$4.16, with an average recovery of \$2.75 per ton. Costs amounted to \$8.14 per ton. The operating loss for the year was \$88,478. The ore reserves are estimated at only \$17,492, with further probable ore of \$49,000 more. This does not make encouraging reading, but better prospects are suggested for the future by the fact that the present management by frankness, capability and effort is doing much to right conditions and put the mine on a sound footing. Also the enlarged capacity of the mill, with the probability of custom work and its profit, and the results shown by diamond drilling that indicated good bodies of commercial ore,—these facts make the brighter side to the picture and suggest improved prospects for the future.

## MAJOR BATTERSBY KILLED IN ACTION.

Just after The Advance went to press last week the sad news was received that Major William Falkener Battersby had been killed in action in France on March 25th. Major Battersby was formerly a popular and esteemed member of the Dome Mines staff, and enlisted with the Borden Battery when recruits were being accepted here for that unit. He won the Military Cross overseas, and at the time of his death in action he was Major in the First Motor Machine Gun Brigade, C.T.F. The late Major Battersby was a son of Mrs. A. C. Battersby, of Brantford, and was 38 years of age.

## PULPWOOD QUESTION SHOULD BE DEALT WITH

Settlers Seriously Injured by Injustice of Pulp Wood Buyers.

The Advance some time ago called attention to the serious situation arising from the methods used by some pulp wood dealers doing business in this district. These dealers came in from outside and bought up large quantities of pulp wood from the settlers. Apparently, they offered higher prices or better terms to secure the pulp from the bids of local buyers, and as often happens in such cases the better terms prove to be the worst possible in practise. Settlers brought out their pulpwood and delivered it at the station, or had it cut in the bush ready for delivery, but the cheques promised on delivery have failed to materialize. Many of the settlers depend very materially on the proceeds of the winter pulp wood sales to carry them through the year on the farm, and consequently those who have been tied up by the faith-breaking dealers are in a serious plight financially. The Advance suggested some weeks ago that the Government deal with the matter, but up to date nothing has been done. The Government is not supposed to be backward in spending money or effort to attract settlers here to this land, and surely no expense or trouble should be spared to save them from disaster when they settle in this country. In the last issue of The Northland Post the matter is referred to in a paragraph reading:—"Mr. Jas Rowlandson, of Porcupine Junction, was in town on Monday in connection with the pulp wood situation which is causing considerable trouble all along the line, owing to the settlers being unable to get paid. Mr. Rowlandson denounced the prevailing conditions in strong terms and considered it high time that the Government should step in and make an exhaustive enquiry into the whole situation, in the interests of the settlers."

No doubt one of the difficulties in the way of speedy attention to this matter by the Ontario Government is the fact that this riding has at present no representative at Toronto to directly bring the question forcibly to the notice of the Government. The sitting member for the riding is overseas, and so on such occasions as this the riding feels the need for a man in Toronto. In other such cases the good services of Capt. Tom Magladery have been requisitioned. Capt. Magladery is always willing and able to lend a neighborly hand, and in this case, perhaps, his good offices could be secured to get a fair deal for the settlers. It is a very serious matter for them, and the Government should stretch a half a dozen points to see that this pulp wood tangle is straightened out and that measures are taken to guard against a recurrence of such a hurtful situation.

## AUSTRIAN JAILBREAKER ESCAPES FOR THIRD TIME.

Joe Cress, the Austrian who escaped from New Liskeard jail some days ago, and was re-captured at Doherty, made another escape on Monday. He was being taken down to North Bay by Chief Waters, of New Liskeard, and the Chief left him for a minute with two of the Military Police. Joe asked the Military Police if he could get a drink, being given permission one of the police accompanied him to the drinking tank in the car. As they came near the door the Austrian suddenly jumped away and sprang from the train as it was coming into the "Y" at North Bay. Search was at once made for him, but he made good his escape in the darkness. The country is being combed to secure him. Joe is supposed to be an escaped prisoner from Mimico and is also charged with several other crimes.

## FAMOUS RECRUITER NOW IN NORTH LAND

Capt. Joe Lawson and Sergt. Anderson in Timmins Last Week, for Engineers.

Capt. Joe Lawson, now stationed at Sudbury, but who won fame in the earlier days of the war as an expert recruiting officer, was in Timmins in Company with Sergt. Anderson last week, looking over the ground here in connection with recruiting work for the Canadian Engineers and Railway Construction Corps. Capt. Joe is recognized as one of the ablest and most successful recruiting officers in Canada. In Toronto and throughout a number of adjacent counties he made recruiting tours that were no less than wonderful in their effects and results. He spoke on street corners, in halls, in churches, factories, ballrooms, bars,—anywhere,—and his appeals were right to the head and the heart. He got the men. He won the championship cup given in Toronto for recruiting work. "I'll always prize that trophy," says Capt. Joe. His recruiting speeches were gems,—bright, pointed, sparkling, attractive, valuable. He won men by reason. He took it for granted that every other man was a man, too, and only the few disappointed him. "Come on, now, try lad!" was his word. He went overseas with the Beavers (the 204th Battalion) but could get no further than England. Even his eloquence could not convince the doctors long enough to let him cross to France. "You have a son there," the doctors said, "and you are over 50 years of age,—over 50!"

Capt. Joe Lawson is now in the North Land to secure recruits for the Canadian Engineers and the Railway Construction Corps. Tradesmen and mechanics of all kinds are desired and the Captain is hopeful of getting many recruits here. During his visit he met many prospects here and will likely send an officer here to take care of the field. He and his assistants are working in conjunction with the Dominion Police, and recruits and defaulters alike are sought.

During their visit Capt. Joe Lawson and Sergt. Anderson were taken through the McIntyre mine. They enjoyed the unusual experience very much, and express their gratitude to Mr. R. J. Ennis and Mr. Tolman for their kindness in regard to this mine tour.

Sergt. Anderson signed up with the British Mission on its tour through the United States cities.

Capt. Lawson returned at the end of the week to Sudbury, but will likely return here shortly for active recruiting work. He has now an officer at Cobalt.

## IN PREPARATION FOR THE LONG DRY TIME.

Some tall stories are told as to the startling amounts of liquor shipped in to the Porcupine during the past few weeks, in preparation for the big, long dry time ushered in by law on April 1st. Quite naturally, some of these stories are not even related by marriage to the truth. The yarns about carloads of booze coming in here may well be taken with a pillar of salt, while too much credence should not be placed on the suggestion that every second house is a live warehouse for the storing of two or three hundred kegs of intoxicants. The measure of real truth, however, is interesting enough without any stretching. The sleighload of liquor seized by the police a couple of weeks ago is a sample. Another is the case of a local citizen who purchased 12 cases, valued at \$300, to be delivered here the last week in March. Still another citizen bought no less than 21 cases in the past few weeks. Such citizens are rare to have heaps of friends, so long as the liquor lasts. But the Porcupine is not any worse in this respect than other parts of the country. Six million dollars' worth of liquor was shipped from Montreal last month for Ontario points. Barrels and half barrels were common shipments at values from \$150 to \$300. One farmer in Eastern Ontario actually mortgaged his farm for \$3,000, and spent the proceeds buying booze. Now, the license inspector is spending all his time watching that farmer. So are some other people. It is a funny world, sometimes.

Before Justice of the Peace Montgomery last week, J. O. O'Connor pleaded guilty to a charge of keeping a gaming house and was fined \$50 and costs.