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DISTRICT TEACHERS HOLD FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Hoggarth, Vice-President; Miss Mona Brown, Secretary. Interesting and Helpful Sessions

In sending an account of the first annual meeting of the North Temiskaming Teachers' Institute, held at Monteith in the college building of the Experimental Farm, Miss B. M. E. Shaw, of South Porcupine, who was appointed as official press reporter of the proceedings, refers to the purposes of the Convention. The Ontario Department of Education provides that in every Inspectorate two days shall be set aside for the meeting of the teachers for the interchange of thought, for the discussion of the best methods of teaching the subjects on the school curriculum, and for considering proposals to the Education Department for improvement in our present school system. Attendance at these conventions is compulsory for school teachers, and Miss Shaw suggests that it might be a good idea if the Department also made it compulsory for at least one member of each school board to attend so that the public might thus get a clearer insight into the value of such institutions.

The official report says that Mr. Pickering, of Iroquois Falls, occupied the chair and with the bracing liveliness of an energetic personality kept the ball of discussion rolling throughout the entire programme of the two days, being efficiently and gracefully assisted in his duties by Miss Mona Brown, of Timmins.

Among the resolutions prepared for presentation to the Department were:—ones relating to the need for a change in the present Primer and First Readers, with possible alteration of all readers; for amendment of the "Truancy Act"; for the stricter enforcement of the laws regarding attendance of children at and the censorship of malodorous and alleged comic moving picture plays; and regarding laws regulating the sale of cigarettes.

Interesting and helpful papers were given by Miss R. V. Scott, of the Dome Mines School; Miss Annie Scott, of Selma; and Miss Shaw, of South Porcupine; while discussions were ably led by Miss K. McDonald, of Iroquois Falls and Miss Mona Brown, of Timmins. Mrs. Colborne, of South Porcupine, also gave an interesting account of the last meeting of the Ontario Educational Association held at Toronto, to which she had been a delegate from the North Land.

Among the other speakers were Vm. Archdeacon Woodall, Mr. J. B. McDougall, Ph. D., of North Bay Normal School, and Inspector Pannister. The official report gives a very cleverly condensed resume of the addresses, but so many points were touched upon that there is not space here and now for even this abridged report.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Honorary President, Mr. J. B. McDougall, Ph. D., North Bay Normal School; President, Mr. Pickering, Iroquois Falls; Vice-President, Mr. Hoggarth, Timmins; Treasurer, Mr. Bannister; Librarian, Miss K. McDonald, Iroquois Falls; Secretary, Miss Mona Brown, Timmins Executive Committee, Mrs. Colborne, Miss Harvey (Cochrane), Miss Inglis (Timmins), Delegates to the Ontario Educational Association, Miss K. McDonald, M.A., Iroquois Falls, Miss Worral, Cochrane.

The report speaks in the highest terms of the hospitality of Monteith College and the host and hostess there.

ALL SHOULD CARRY THEIR MILITARY PAPERS.

At the police court last Thursday there was an indirect warning to the people in general regarding the carrying of the necessary military papers registration cards, etc. Officer Anderson, of the Dominion Police had three men before the Magistrate for not having their military papers. Celestino Langi and Giovanni Castelli were each fined \$10 and costs, while Antoni Comizzo who had not even a passport, was fined \$50 and costs by Magistrate Atkinson. Comizzo, on a charge laid by Constable Melnis, was also fined \$25 and costs for idleness. Comizzo is being held in military custody.

Chief Wilson charged Mike Petroski with illegally having beaver skins in his possession and Mike was assessed \$20 and costs. J. King for being drunk, was assessed \$17 and costs. J. Tovanski for not having a registration card, paid \$10 and costs.

MANY INFLUENZA CASES IN PORCUPINE CAMP

Two Hundred Cases and Fifteen Deaths at South End. Timmins Escapes Lightly.

South Porcupine during the past week has had fifteen deaths following the Influenza epidemic, and there are close to two hundred cases in South End now. The authorities there are doing all possible to cope with the epidemic. The big new public school has been turned into a hospital for "Flu" cases, and there are nearly 40 cases being treated there. The place is equipped in the most effective way as an hospital and despite the many difficulties of the situation the trouble is being well handled. There being no medical men in South End, Timmins doctors are about run to death between the cases there and their regular practice. The deaths at South End so far with one exception,—that of Mr. Geo. Keller, of the assay department of the Ankerite,—have all been Finlanders. In some cases the use of Hoffman's Drops has increased the danger from the disease, this and similar forms of intoxicating drugs having a tendency to lessen resisting power. These "Drops" have been unduly popular since the liquor has been stopped coming into the Camp. Another difficulty was the neglect of the patients to follow medical instructions. "They simply will not do as they are told," one worried medical man said. South End has closed all schools, churches, public places, etc.—everything but the necessary business houses,—and travel to and from South End is also stopped for the present. The authorities are doing all possible to remedy the situation, and are acting with energy and effectiveness. The usual wild stories as to the ravages of the disease are going the rounds, but while the situation is certainly a serious one, it is not so bad as reported, and the authorities have it now well in hand.

Timmins has practically escaped so far from any serious inroads of the disease. The sandy nature of the soil is believed by many to be the chief reason for this. Here the water does not lie around as a breeding place for germs, while in towns like South Porcupine and Iroquois Falls the clay soil, in a season like the present, holds standing water that makes a breeding place and a gathering place and a distributing centre for noxious microbes. As a precautionary measure, however, the local Board of Health has closed the postrooms, in addition to the churches, schools, theatre, etc. Ice cream parlors, bars, etc., are not yet closed, but the Board urges that no crowds be allowed to congregate in such places, or they will be closed for the public safety. There are probably a dozen cases of Influenza in town,—all but one or two being of a very mild type, and some practically recovered again. The authorities have made arrangements for hospital accommodation, one of the chief necessities in such an epidemic being the isolation of the patient to prevent the further spread of the disease. Other precautionary plans have also been made, and it is now really "up to the public." By following the instructions and suggestions of the local Board of Health practically all danger will be removed. There is no cause for alarm or excitement here. Timmins so far has escaped, and may continue in such good luck, if all will be careful. Read the suggestions given on the back page of this issue, and, above all, follow this motto:—"Be careful, but not over-fussy!"

The lumber camps up the river have suffered much from the epidemic. Last week one of the employees of the Mattagami Pulp Co. camp died from pneumonia, following an attack of the "Flu." A number from M. Boivin's camps are also ill with the trouble and under medical care.

At Iroquois Falls, there were seven deaths on Saturday and two more since then, but the worst now seems to be over there.

Cobalt, Haileybury, New Liskeard, Cochrane and other North Land towns seem to have only light attacks of the epidemic, though great precautions are being taken. In these places, as in Timmins, most of the cases come from outside places.

Discount all wild stories! Be cheerful! Be careful! Avoid crowds! Shun bad air. Breathe through your nose! And you will escape the "Flu" unless your time has come!

There are between 500 and 800 cases of Spanish Influenza reported in

MILK PRICES NEED REGULATION HERE.

The attention of the Canada Food Board is called to the milk selling situation in Timmins. Here prices range from 12½ cents a quart to 20 cents a quart, and one milkman is said to have promised that the price be 25 cents per quart soon so far as he is concerned. In Sudbury recently a large milk-selling company was condemned by the court for selling milk at 16 cents per quart, this figure being considered as in the nature of profiteering. It was pointed out then that the Canada Food Board required sellers of milk to keep within a certain specified rate of profit. Certainly, some of the milk sellers in Timmins keep within no range of profit; they go on principle of "all the trade will stand." Others, of course, show fairness and decency, and not taking advantage of the times to bleed the people. If 16 cents is considered too high a price per quart for milk in Sudbury, then 20 cents per quart, not to mention the proposed 25 cents per quart, is out of the question for Timmins. The authorities should take notice of the milk situation and see that no undue profiteering is allowed in this necessary article of food.

PORCUPINE BOYS AT WITLEY CAMP, SURREY

Pte. Arthur Studor Writes Interesting Letter Full of News and Wit.

From Witley Camp, Surrey, England, under date of September 22nd., Pte. Arthur Studor, No. 3110798, D. Co'y., Eighth Canadian Reserve Battalion, Witley Camp, Surrey, England, writes The Advance as follows:—I wish you would publish in your paper the following little news from the boys in this Camp formerly from the good old North Land. With sorrow we must say that our old friend, Pte. Pete Bardesson, has left us the other night to go and do his bit in France. He was the only Porcupine one on the draft that went then, but though "alone" as he was, he went away with the same old smile and cheerfulness. We have now to replace him our great friend, Pte. Paddy McCoy, the great North Land second puller. We also have Sergt. McGregor, formerly the Schumacher Consable.

Well, I was in the famous city called London. I had often heard of it but from my own experience, she's some burg. I visited the House of Parliament,—nearly as big as Mr. Chas. Pierce's store. I was in our Canadian Y.M.C.A. called the Beaver Hut. It's in the heart of the city. It's a real home for Canadian troops. When I got back to camp I met a few friends from Timmins,—Ptes. J. A. Leger, A. Desormeau, J. Miron, and all were in the very best of health.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

A 150-ton mill is to be erected soon on the Wright-Hargraves property at Kirkland Lake, and preparations to this end are already under way.

Work on the Patricia mine at Boston Creek continues to give good results, many of the recent samplings showing rich in free gold.

Mr. A. R. Whitman, the well-known mining geologist, formerly of Cobalt, but latterly of New York, has given up consulting practice to take up work as an instructor in war topography at Columbia University, in connection with the Students' Army Training Corps of the U.S. Army.

The recent settling of the legal disputes over the Tough-Oakes property seems to promise that Kirkland property an early resumption of work. About \$165,000 has been released for the treasury by the adjustment of the legal disputes, and this money is now in transit from England. When it arrives and everything is squared away, the Tough-Oakes may be expected to boom along again in fine fashion.

The "Gold Committee" of the Canadian Mining Institute has gotten into touch with the "Gold Producers' Committee," which has been formed in Great Britain, under the chair-

THESE JUDGES DID NOT HELP OUT THIS ALIEN.

The conviction of Magistrate Stoddard of Sudbury imposing a fine of \$2000 and costs, or two years less one day in prison, upon Paul Ubagy, an Austrian, for having seditious literature in his possession, was upheld last week by the Appellate Court at Toronto. The motion to upset the conviction was made for the Austrian by J. G. O'Donohue, of Toronto, the lawyer who defended Consowitch. Ubagy, the Austrian is now serving his time at Burwash Farm.

Magistrate Stoddard fined another alien \$200 and costs last week for having seditious literature in his possession. There were some extenuating circumstances in this case, so the fine was made light. Generally speaking, however, aliens need expect little mercy from loyal and thoughtful magistrates who rightly feel that they have given them warning and notice enough in all conscience.

PROVIDING HOSPITAL ROOM FOR FLU PATIENTS

Council Appoints Committee to Make Arrangements, Etc.

At the regular meeting of the Timmins Town Council on Monday afternoon, the chief item of business was the appointing of a Committee with power to secure and equip suitable accommodation for influenza cases only, making such financial arrangements with respect to all cases as are necessary. Mayor McLaughlin presided at the meeting and Councillors C. G. Williams, C. Pierce and Dr. Moore were present. The motion to appoint a Committee to arrange for the necessary hospital accommodation was made by Councillors Williams and Pierce, and named the Town Clerk and Councillors C. Pierce and Dr. Moore as the Committee. At first it was thought that the school might be used, as at South End, for hospital purposes during the Influenza epidemic, but later it was decided to take in preference buildings at the Hollinger Mine where cooking arrangements, etc., were available. There are practically no cases of Spanish Influenza in Timmins, except those coming in from outside points, but so many have come in from outside that it is necessary to provide further accommodation. Isolation of known cases is one of the best ways to prevent further spread of the disease, and so the providing of proper hospital accommodation for the treatment of Influenza cases is one of the best protections for the general public. The accommodation of the two hospitals here is already overtaxed, so the Council did well to provide for further hospital room elsewhere.

Among the other items of business dealt with by the Council was the passing of accounts. Mr. F. C. H. Simms was also formally appointed auditor for the year 1918.

TIMMINS ORGANIZES FOR VICTORY LOAN

Executive and Canvassing Committees Being Arranged.

Organization is now practically completed for the Victory Loan Campaign, to start on October 28th., for the Northern Temiskaming District. The total objective for this district is \$125,000.00, of which Timmins district aims at \$250,000.00.

The executive includes:—
Chairman:—C. G. Williams.
Vice Chairmen:—S. G. McCoubrey, Chas. O'Connell, Harry Oakes and J. A. Hough.
Divisional Organizer:—H. M. Macerae.

District Organizer:—G. C. Williams
Secretary W. S. Macpherson.

Honorary Executive:—A. F. Brigham, chairman; R. J. Ennis, F. K. Ebbitt, Dr. J. A. McInnis, J. P. McLaughlin, J. E. Boyle, C. O. Richardson, R. A. McInnis.

Publicity Committee:—D. A. Hoggarth, chairman; B. V. Harrison, B. E. Martin, C. Appel, G. A. Macdonald. Names and Special Subscription Committee:—R. J. Jemmett, chairman; D. W. O'Sullivan, J. P. McLaughlin.

The following are the Canvassing Districts and Team Members:—

1. Timmins, including Moneta, Rochester, Mattagami Heights, Waitain and Sandy Falls. Objective, \$40,000. Result last year \$60,200. E. S. Noble (captain), D. Mackie, F. C. H. Simms, J. E. Sullivan, Leo Mascioli.

2. Hollinger Mine. Objective, \$40,000. Result last year \$37,770. Office, W. E. McCoy; Mill, M. A. Williams; Mine, A. W. Young, R. T. Regnell; Surface, R. W. Robbins.

3. Town of Schumacher. Objective, \$10,000. Result last year, \$8050. J. B. Hutchison (captain), A. Feldman.

4. McIntyre Mine. Objective, \$20,000. 1917 result, \$27,600. Office, Jas. Shewan; Mine, R. Skavlem.

5. South Porcupine, including the Dome, Dome Lake, Dome Extension, Ankerite, West Dome, Davidson, Connaught, Hoyle, Barber's Bay, McIntosh Springs, Alexo, Premier-Langmuir Mine. Objective, \$20,000. Last year's result, \$59,000. E. G. Dickson (captain); H. Laidlaw, W. H. Reamsbottom, W. G. A. Wood.

6. Iroquois Falls. Objective, \$75,000. Result last year, \$59,500. S. G. McCoubrey (captain); Frank K. Ebbitt.

7. Matheson, including Belek, Monteith, Ramore, Seseikinika. Objective, \$15,000. Result last year, \$4000. J. A. Hough (captain), D. Johnson, R. W. Ormerod.

8. Kirkland Lake, including Swastika, Dane. Objective, \$20,000. Result last year, \$8900. Harry Oakes (captain), C. S. Richardson, W. H. M. Jones.

9. Boston Creek. Objective, \$10,000. Result last year, \$5000. Chas. O'Connell (captain), Stan. Bealand.

The organization is a strong one, the enthusiasm strong, and with the experience and knowledge at the work gained last year it is hoped to eclipse even last year's good record for this district. The watchword of all should be "Buy a Bond, and Boost," and then "Buy More Bonds, and keep on Boosting."

SOUTH PORCUPINE PATRIOTIC SOCIETY.

The following is the work done in September by South Porcupine Patriotic Society, as shown by the report of Mrs. J. Singleton, Secretary:—Mrs. Costain, 1 pair socks, 4 suits pyjamas; Mrs. Stevenson, 48 towels; Mrs. McCaffrey, 6 sheets; Mrs. Mason, 4 suits pyjamas; Mrs. Roy, 12 towels, 1 suit pyjamas; Mrs. Starr, 6 pair socks; Mrs. Carlson, 5 face cloths; Mrs. Johns, 5 face cloths; Miss Shaw, 1 pair socks; Mrs. Herman, 4 suits pyjamas, 1 pair of socks; Red Cross Sewing Bee, 46 sheets, 64 pillow slips, 22 towels; Mrs. Daker, 6 sheets, 2 pillow slips; Mrs. Burns, 12 pillow slips, 12 sheets, 12 towels; Mrs. Wright, 4 suits pyjamas; Mrs. Bolin, 12 pillow slips, 6 sheets; Mrs. Kaeding, 8 pair socks; Miss Anna Raymond, 12 towels.

Word reached here this week of the death, following an attack of Influenza, of Rev. Mr. Andrews, who left South Porcupine some months ago to join the colors. The death took place at the military training camp where Rev. Mr. Andrews was stationed previous to going overseas. The news of his death will be a great shock to his many friends in the Camp.

LARGEST FUNERAL EVER IN PORCUPINE CAMP

Geo. M. Dewar Laid to Rest With Masonic Honors Last Week.

The funeral of the late Geo. M. Dewar took place last Wednesday afternoon from his late residence, Third Avenue, Timmins, and was probably the most largely attended funeral ever held in the Porcupine Camp. There were over twenty-five automobiles in the cortege, as well as a large number of carriages, and many friends walking. The attendance, despite the weather and the prevailing illness in the Camp, was an evidence of the high esteem and popularity in which the late Geo. M. Dewar was held and the sincere sympathy felt for the bereaved family.

The funeral was conducted with full Masonic Honors, and the members of Porcupine Lodge, Golden Beaver Lodge and visiting brethren were present to the number of a hundred or more, wearing the emblematic badges of their Order. The Oddfellows' Lodge was also represented by a full attendance of the members of Porcupine and Timmins Lodge, all wearing sprays of evergreen, as a token that the memory of the departed brother would remain the same, though he had passed on. Previous to the Masonic service, Rev. Mr. Irwin, pastor of Byrnes Presbyterian church, conducted service at the house, and in brief but appropriate and comforting words referred to the life and death of the friend who had gone before.

The Masonic service was an impressive one, the beauty of its form and imagery appealing to all, while having its deeper significance for those within the Brotherhood. Bro. Geo. Murphy was Director of Ceremonies, and the services were conducted by Wor. Bro. C. G. Williams and Geo. R. Vary. The pallbearers were:—Bros. Wm. Richardson, R. T. Regnell, Geo. Lake, W. McHugh, J. Thomas and J. K. Moore,—two members each to represent Porcupine Lodge and Golden Beaver Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and Timmins Lodge, I.O.O.F., in both of which Orders the late Geo. M. Dewar was a popular and valued member.

There were beautiful emblematic wreaths from Golden Beaver Lodge, Porcupine Lodge, and the Timmins I.O.O.F. There was also a beautiful wreath of Scottish Heather from Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Moore, and the heather in this wreath, with striking appropriateness, came from Dunoon, the Scottish town where Geo. M. Dewar was born.

The only relative of the deceased in Canada,—a sister living in Toronto,—was unable on account of serious illness to come here for the funeral, not only being ill herself, but the whole family where she lives being confined with illness.

PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR TO HAVE ASSISTANT.

According to the report of the Teachers' Institute Meeting at Monteith last week, Temiskaming is to have an assistant Public School Inspector. Some months ago The Advance referred to the large territory covered by this district, the inconvenience of travel, and the consequent difficulty experienced by one public school inspector in attempting to care for all the schools in so wide an area of new country. The more conscientious the inspector, the greater the unjust burden imposed upon him, and as the general opinion is that Public School Inspector Bannister is most thorough, painstaking and faithful to his broad conceptions of duty, there will be general approval of the appointment of an assistant for this immense district. In referring to the appointment of an assistant inspector, the official report of the Teachers' Institute says:—"Our Inspector, Mr. Bannister, the real friend of every teacher and school section of this Inspectorate has found it necessary to hand over to an under-inspector part of his wide domain of North and South Temiskaming. He will, of course, supervising to a certain extent the schools above mentioned, but we shall miss sorely the personal touch." The schools of the Porcupine, Timmins, Nelly Lake and Cochrane districts will be chiefly affected by the change.

The Haileybury canvassers for the Victory Loan Campaign this year have decided to follow their plan of last year and donate all their commissions to the Temiskaming Children's Aid Society. Mr. D. L. Jemmett is the captain of the Haileybury Victory Loan Canvassing Team.