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TIMMINS NOW READY FOR BIG BASEBALL SEASON

Enthusiastic Meeting Monday Night Also Prepares for District League.

There was a large and representative meeting of baseball enthusiasts on Monday evening to discuss preparations for the sport in town this summer. President Borland of the Timmings Baseball Club had called the meeting for the Fire Hall, but before eight o'clock it was found that the hall was too small for the crowd and adjournment was made to the Council Chambers. Letters were read from Cochrane and Iroquois Falls regarding a District Baseball League, and it was decided to follow the suggestion that a meeting be held in Iroquois Falls at an early date to agree about the matter. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Cochrane and Iroquois Falls to arrange a date for meeting, etc.

The matter of a Town League was then taken up. It was generally agreed that the Hollinger would have a team for the Town League. "The Firemen will have a team," said Fire Chief Borland. "And I guess the Town will have a team too," said Mr. C. M. Auer. Then it was thought that Schumacher also might come in this league. Eventually on motion the following executive was elected to act in all matters with the President—Messrs. W. E. McCoy, Chas. Sheehan, Geo. Lake and C. M. Auer. This executive is to speed up matters regarding membership in the Timmings Baseball Club, give a report on the grounds, find out the probable players available this year for the different town teams, see about the matter of a district league, and attend to all other questions regarding a busy baseball season for Timmings this year.

After a discussion on affairs in general it was decided to have another meeting of the Club next Monday night in the Fire Hall at 8 p.m. In the meantime the matter of securing heaps of members, etc., is to be pushed along. A number of those present took out tickets to sell, and all baseball enthusiasts should show their interest in the sport and give their support by buying a ticket at the first opportunity. The tickets for membership are only \$2.00, and they may be secured from any of the ticket sellers or from the Secretary H. W. Hooker.

HAS TIMMINS GROWN? WELL, JUST READ THIS!

An interesting sidelight on the wonderful growth of the Town of Timmings is given by the difference in the annual sleighing parties given by Mr. H. Mulheron to the school children of the town. In 1913 Mr. Mulheron decided that it would be a nice thing to treat the children going to school here to a sleigh-ride party. That year a single cutter and a double-seated rig accommodated all the children going to school here at that time. The school was then in the building on Third Avenue afterwards occupied by Preston's Wholesale. Miss K. Powers was the teacher. The sleighing party for the school children became an annual feature. But what a difference in the accommodation necessary. Last year it took 32 big sleighs to accommodate the school children, there being over 700 children enjoying Mr. Mulheron's hospitality.

EASTER MUSIC AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Easter Morning at the Timmings Presbyterian Church there will be the following special music:

Solo—"Calvary,"—by Mrs. J. K. Moore.
Solo—"There is a Green Hill Far Away,"—by Mr. Dodge.
For Easter Evening the special music includes:
Solo by Mrs. J. R. Todd—"Father in Heaven,"—from Handel's "Largo."
Choir—"Seek Ye the Lord."
Duet—"Love Divine all Love Excelling,"—by Mrs. J. K. Moore and Mr. Dodge.

There will be Communion Service on Sunday morning at the regular hour.

On Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock there will be preparatory services at which Rev. W. J. Armes of South Porcupine, will assist.

Mr. E. H. Hill returned this week from Haileybury where his little girl recently underwent a minor operation. All will be pleased to know that the little girl is now making very satisfactory progress to complete recovery.

MEN WANTED FOR THE N.W. MOUNTED POLICE

Local Employment Superintendent Garner Suggests Service for Returned Men and Others.

Lieut. Garner, the superintendent in charge of the Government Employment Bureau recently opened, opposite the Goldfields, has received from the Trades and Labor Branch of the Ontario Department of Public Works, a letter regarding openings for over 500 men in the Royal North West Mounted Police. The fame of the R.N.W.P. is world wide, and Lieut. Garner rightly thinks that the vacancies will be of special interest to many returned soldiers here and to others. There are 535 men now required for the R.N.W.P. force. The classes of men particularly desired are single men between the ages of 18 and 40, or ex-members of the R.N.W.P. Also returned soldiers from mounted units would be desirable applicants. To any returned soldier or other man interested Lieut. Garner will be pleased to give all information and all particulars of the requirements, etc.

The Timmings Branch of the Employment Bureau has been opened only a few days, but it has already done much useful work for returned soldiers and others. Lieut. Garner reports everything as running along smoothly, and is anxious to make the office as helpful as possible to all.

LIBERTY LEAGUE BEING FORMED IN TIMMINS

To Fight Prohibition Laws and Other Things Considered as Encroachments.

Mr. James Hylands, of Cobalt, who organized the Cobalt Citizens' Liberty League, is in the Camp organizing a branch here. "I have received the heartiest support and encouragement in the Porcupine," says Mr. Hylands. It is the intention to form the Liberty Leagues all over Canada. "The Dominion and Provincial Legislatures are continually passing Prohibition Acts, all directed against the rightful and just liberty of the citizen," says Mr. Hylands, "and it is high time that we organize and fight for our rights, just as the extremists are organized to fight for their favorite fads that deprive the ordinary decent citizen of his personal rights and freedom." At present the chief purpose of the Liberty League is to oppose what is considered oppressive legislation along temperance lines. "If the ordinary man will only take an interest and join in the organization for the preservation of personal liberty, freedom will remain in this country; but otherwise it goes altogether," says Mr. Hylands.

Mr. W. S. Macpherson has been appointed district secretary of the Citizens' Liberty League, and a public meeting for discussion and to perfect organization in Timmings and district will be held in the course of a week or two.

According to the last issue of "Conservation," the Abitibi Power & Paper Co. intends to begin a re-forestation programme this year and has asked for the co-operation of the Commission of Conservation in this work. Other pulpwood companies have taken up similar policies and some interesting facts have been discovered. It has been decided that it will take from 50 to 100 years for spruce and balsam to grow to merchantable size on cut-over lands, whereas lumbermen generally have figured on about 30 years. Another fact disclosed is that where the pulpwood species are cut down the new growth is predominately hardwood. This latter fact, vouchered for by the Commission of Conservation, would seem to upset Mr. M. Boivin's theory regarding pulpwood land being unsuitable for agricultural purposes, his idea being that the softer woods grew on land that would not sustain the other type of timber. "You can judge land by the kind of timber growing on it," Mr. Boivin once told the Board of Trade. But how can land be judged thus if it grows both kinds, or all kinds of timber?

Timmings L.O.L. are giving a dance in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening, April 25th. Colombo's Orchestra will furnish the music and a pleasant evening is assured for all attending.

BEGINNINGS OF A BLAZE AT VALVE HOUSE SUNDAY

On Sunday afternoon between four and five o'clock fire was discovered on the roof of the valve house just behind the fire hall, and in front of the water tank. A man passing on the road by the side of the fire hall noticed smoke coming from the roof of the valve house and notified the fire chief who investigated at once, and found the beginnings of a nice little blaze on the roof. Investigation showed that the fire had started from an acetylene torch used in the work now under way of remodelling the water tank. The prompt and proper use of the chemical extinguishers soon put the fire out,—put it out, indeed, before it had a chance to get rightly started. Practically no damage was done, but the damage that might have occurred from a real fire in such a place emphasizes the usefulness of the Fire Dept here. The destruction of the valve house would mean the disarrangement of the whole water service of the town, with the consequences that might follow from such a misfortune as that. The incident also points the moral that all buildings in connection with the water supply and the fire department should be of fire-proof construction. There seems to be something funny to most people in the idea of the fire hall or adjacent buildings being burned by fire, but in a case of that kind of a fire the matter would be far indeed from a joke.

Pte. Robt. Carmichael, one of the popular old-timers of the Camp, returned from overseas last week, and is being warmly welcomed home by his many friends here. He went overseas with the Forestry Corps recruited in the North Land by Lieut. Gordon.

PAS MINING CAMP NOT MUCH FOR PROHIBITION

Recently The Pas Herald took a straw vote among its readers in the Manitoba mining town regarding the liquor license question. Each ballot was signed by the voter and there was no duplication of votes. There were 157 votes cast. Of these, 123 voted straight for light wines and beers to be sold, 31 wanted the old license system back again, and only 3 voters were in favor of prohibition. Several of the voters took opportunity to advocate the sale of light wines and beers in grocery stores and the sale of alcohol in drug stores. Some others wanted the law so that any boy who cared to do so might sell light wines and beers. Many others suggested that only hotels and restaurants should have the privilege of handling light wines and beers. There was apparently almost a total vote against the idea of prohibition.

SPECIAL EASTER MUSIC AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

The following special music will be sung in St. Matthew's Church on Easter Day:—
Morning.—Hymns 171, 157, 161.
Easter Anthem—Humphreys.
Psalm 2, 111.
Te Deum—Jackson, in F.
Jubilate—Hayes, in F.
Kyrie—Plummer.
Gloria tibi—Plummer.
Sanctus—Plummer.
Gloria in Excelsis—Plummer.
Evening.—Hymns 157, 164, 166 and 592.
Psalm—113, 114.
Magnificat—Tours, in F.
Nunc Dimittis—Tours, in F.
Anthem—"Christ is Risen,"—Mauder.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

Work from the Dome is now beginning to cut the Dome Extension ore body. The crosscut from the Dome is now in about 160 feet on the Dome Extension property.

Reports are about to the effect that the Beaver Company of Cobalt have been offered one million dollars for the Kirkland Lake Gold Mines Limited. This would figure out about 50 cents per share on the stock of the company.

Preparations are being made for another diamond drilling campaign on the Inspiration. It is understood that the new diamond drilling will be done near the little lake on the property, there being an outcropping at this spot.

There are three mills now in operation at Kirkland Lake,—the Lake Shore, Teck-Hughes and Kirkland Lake,—and two others, the Wright-Hargraves and the Tough-Oakes, are expected to be operating this summer. The total capacity of these mills is over tons tons per day.

Mr. Harry Darling, the new manager of the Porcupine Crown, has been unavoidably delayed in the south but is now expected to be here by May 1st at the latest. The arrival of the new manager will be followed by the speeding-up of work and it is expected that by the early summer the Porcupine Crown will be going along in fine producing fashion.

Mr. Savage of Buffalo has purchased the three claims in Catherine Township, Boston Creek district, owned by Dr. W. Arnold and J. A. Hughes, of Haileybury. These claims adjoin the Cotter property. The price paid is said to have been a substantial one, with a noteworthy payment down and the other payments due every ninety days until the full purchase price is met.

The Wasapika at West Shiningtree has been sold to American and Canadian interests at a price that will net shareholders 76 cents a share. The sale, which is looked upon as a good one in the interests of the first shareholders, has increased the general interest in West Shiningtree properties, with the result that several other properties have recently changed hands. Among others, the Caswell claims, known also as the Gold Banner and more recently as the McKay property, have also been sold in the past few days.

The Baldwin Gold Mines at Kenogami is one of the North Land properties in which there seems to be special interest at the present time. During the past few days no less than two separate offers have been made by leading financial and mining interests for controlling blocks of stock. While both offers were considered, neither has been accepted as yet. The Baldwin property is being developed on an extensive scale and gives great promise. Mr. C. P. Charlebois is manager of the property, and is pushing development work with a view to thoroughly proving the property.

Many have been wondering this week at the activity in Gold Reef shares and the strengthening of that stock on the market. The immediate cause of the advance, perhaps, is the reported purchase of a large block of shares by Mr. J. T. Eastman, but there are others factors in the case no doubt. The Gold Reef is favorably regarded by many mining men in the Porcupine. The property has led rich free gold showings and given other indications of promise. In addition it should be remembered that at present the outside world is greatly interested in Porcupine properties, and "the least little thing" is likely to turn this interest into activity. There is a general and well-founded impression that the North Land is a great mineral country, and the fame of the Hollinger, McIntyre and other mines up here, make the public ready to watch for the signs of the times in prospects and new properties.

One of those people who delight in figures and figuring has figured out a nice bunch of interesting figures about the assessment work figured on to be done in the mining districts of Temiskaming this year. It is figured that—between 2000 and 3000 claims must have work done on them this year to prevent forfeiture, and on some of these claims there will be ninety days' work to be done, on others sixty days', and on a few only thirty days' work. The majority, it is figured, will require ninety days' work, and to be on the safe side the figure figures on 200 claims at an average of 60 days' work each. This would figure out to 120,000 days' work for the lot. Then it is finally figured out that to perform this amount of assessment work in the six open months of the year would require about eight hundred men working steadily twenty-six days during each of the aforesaid six open months. Assessment work in the North Land is thus made to cut quite a figure.

GIRL COMMITTED FOR TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE

Strong Chain of Circumstantial Evidence Suggested in Case Against Mary Norlock.

On Friday afternoon in the police court here before Magistrate Atkinson, Mary Norlock, a young Polish woman, formerly employed at the Paris Cafe kitchen, was given a preliminary hearing on a charge of murder. Only part of the case for the Crown was submitted, but the Magistrate considered there was sufficient evidence to warrant the commitment of the girl for trial before the next criminal court having jurisdiction, which will be at Haileybury in June. The girl was taken to North Bay jail last week and will remain there until her trial comes, bail not being granted in cases where the charge is murder. Ever since the dead body of an infant child was found on February 14th in a vacant house in Moneta, the police have been at work on the case, Officer R. Allen taking a special interest in the work of discovering those responsible for the death of the little infant girl. The case presented on Friday showed with what cleverness and thoroughness evidence had been secured, starting from practically a case without clues. There was not a weak link in the chain of circumstantial evidence submitted Friday, and this was only a part of the Crown's case. Evidence was given to prove that the girl had been at Porquis Junction on Feb. 13th with an infant child. One witness saw her at the station here, apparently still carrying the baby, and another saw her later without the child. The clothing on the infant found in Moneta was positively identified as the same as that worn by the child at Porquis Junction. Crown Attorney F. L. Smiley suggested that the Crown had further evidence relating to the actions and movements of Mary Norlock that would make the case still clearer, when witnesses were brought from certain places in the south. During most of the hearing the accused sat with her head down, but did not seem to be otherwise much affected by the seriousness of her situation. When a button dropped off one of the garments in court as an exhibit the girl laughed and on leaving the court at the end of the trial she also had a ready smile for some acquaintances. Mr. D. W. O'Sullivan defended her.

Chief of Police J. E. Wilson gave a clear account of the finding of the infant's body in the vacant house in Moneta on February 14th between three and four o'clock. The body was lying on its left side, the shawl was disarranged, one arm being partly from under, and one little bootie having apparently been kicked off. Arthur Maybaw, driver for the Northern Canada, who was called by the Chief to convey the body to the morgue, corroborated the Chief's evidence as to the position and conditions of the body. The baby was on its left side and the bonnet had worked over its face. J. T. Easton, undertaker, identified the clothing produced in court as that worn by the infant when the dead body came to his charge. One of the marks of identification was on the left side of the baby's bonnet where the dirt had apparently been ground in from the floor. Mrs. Burgerhondt, of Porquis Jet, identified Mary Norlock as the woman coming to her hotel on a certain Wednesday in February. Mrs. Burgerhondt had fed and changed the baby. She put on it a new diaper made from one of the sheets in the house. She recognized this diaper as the one produced in court and Mrs. Burgerhondt also produced the sheet from which it had been torn. Mary had told her that the baby's mother had died of the Flu in Toronto and the father had paid her to take it to Timmings. The girl gave the name of Annie McDonald and said the child was no relation of hers. She seemed to be downhearted but told the witness she was tired. The witness identified the clothing in court as that worn by the baby. The baby was cold and ill-nourished and cried much at first. It seemed strong, however, though small.

Gertrude, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. Burgerhondt, told of hearing the accused deny being the mother of the child but at the station later Mary had kissed the baby and said, "Of course, it is my baby." Mrs. W. H. Wilson said she knew accused on account of her being maid for Mrs. Williams at one time. On the evening of the second Moeasin dance here she had seen her at the station here and had bowed to her but Mary had given no response. The girl had a bundle in her arms with a shawl round it. The shawl was the same kind as the one in court from the dead infant.

Dr. Moore gave evidence to the effect that the child found in the shack had died from pneumonia. He said that one corner of the shawl was back, the bonnet was on sideways, and the child was lying slightly on its left side. If the child had been so exposed over-night it would be sufficient to cause death in the apparent condition of the infant. He could not say whether the child was alive, half-dead or dead when left. To Mr. O'Sullivan witness said that the child was poorly nourished; he thought it had suffered from pneumonia for a day or two; no one could say whether it would have recovered under different care or not.

Pete Orpel swore to seeing Mary Norlock coming from the station after the train came in on February 13th. She had no baby then with her. She had talked to him near the Ideal Pool-room and then turned back and went along Spruce street towards the Hill.

Tom Crown, clerk at the Goldfields, identified the girl as having had room 50 there on February 13th, the hotel register showing the date and room number. She only had a small black handbag. He thought the train was late that night, and she came in after the others.

Mr. R. Richardson, station agent, produced the train record book to show that train was marked as on time on the evening of February 13th. The Crown filed a copy of The Advance to fix the date of the second Moeasin dance as February 13th.

Crown Attorney Smiley gave a clear and concise summary of the case for the Crown, referring to the child at Porquis Jet, and on the train, and the straight identification of the clothing, etc. Passing reference was also made to the stories and attitude of the accused. The Crown had other witnesses from Toronto, but he thought ample evidence submitted to warrant committing for trial.

WAR VETERANS OPENING CLUB ROOMS THIS WEEK

Over Fifty Members at Meeting on Sunday.

At the meeting of the Goldfields Branch of the G.W.V.A. on Sunday evening, Geo. A. Smith was re-elected president; P. Dougall elected vice-president; and J. D. Macgregor, Schumacher, second vice-president. The executive appointed includes Comrades Fairhurst, Staples, Lindsay, Studor, Meyers, McCauley and Harris. Over fifty members were present. It was decided to have a football team and also a team to enter the bowling competition. Preliminary steps were taken for a dance at the Macgregor House, Schumacher, in the near future. Another important item of business was the matter of the new club rooms to be opened by the G.W.V.A. upstairs in the King's Amusement Parlor building. For furnishing the big room \$200.00 was set aside. This week the room has been fixed up and furniture placed in it and it is expected to be ready for opening on Friday or Saturday of this week. Sixteen members expressed the desire to build a house each in Timmings, with the assistance of the loan provided by the Ontario Housing Act, and will ask the Town Council to consider the Act which would be of great assistance to returned soldiers.

There was a good attendance and a very enjoyable evening spent at the Social evening and Dance given last Friday evening by the Gold Nugget Rebekahs in the Masonic Hall, Timmings. Appel's Orchestra furnished the best of music. Everything from the sociability to the refreshments was of the best and the evening was much enjoyed. The proceeds of the event go to the Centennial Fund, for the benefit of dependents of deceased Oddfellows.

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