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## TO HAVE BIG DAY OF SPORTS HERE JULY 1ST

Timmins Football Club Arranging Big Event for Those in Timmins on July 1st

At a largely attended meeting of the Timmins Football Club this week, it was decided to put on a big day of sports here for those in Timmins on Dominion Day, July 1st. During the past three or four years the Town of Timmins has been without a Summer Sports Day with the exception of the very successful event staged by the Firemen last year. This year on July 1st the Timmins Firemen are going to New Liskeard to take part in the Temiskaming Firemen's Annual Tournament. A number of the citizens will go with the Firemen to New Liskeard for Dominion Day, but on account of the distance and the time necessary for the trip the majority of the people of the town and district will not be able to enjoy the outing with the Firemen. The Football Club thinks it would be a pity if those who stay at home were to be without a day of sports here, so this week the Club decided to go ahead with preparations for a big day on July 1st. A Committee including G. A. Macdonald, E. H. Bridger, H. Garner, J. W. Faithful and J. Thomas was appointed to take charge of the preliminary arrangements. A big day is planned, including football, baseball, lacrosse, races, etc. Special band music will likely be another feature of the day while a number of novel features are also to be considered. The sports of the different nationalities represented in the Camp may be featured, the Scottish, English, Irish, French, Belgian, Italian, Russian, Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Spanish, Chinese, and other nationalities being perhaps invited to contest in the particular games or sports that are most popular in their individual homelands. The program for the day has not, of course, been definitely outlined, but it will be a big day, all day, all right, and further particulars will be given later as events are definitely arranged.

## STREETS IN TOWN TO BE OILED THIS SUMMER

During the past week or two there has been numerous complaints in town about the dust from the roads during the dry weather. The use of the hose by the Fire Department on certain parts of the main streets has been a decided benefit, but it has not helped the difficulty in regard to the business places and residences in other parts of the town. Several have suggested that at least the streets be watered all over the town once or twice a day and if the town has not a watering cart for this work that one be secured. The Town already possesses a watering cart, but the Town Foreman points out that its use as suggested is practically a waste of time and money, owing to the sandy nature of roads. The cart would water one side of the street in past years and when the return trip was being made the dust would be blowing again from the side just watered. The water just runs through the sand and practically no benefit is obtainable from the amount of water that a watering cart will put on the roads. Instead of attempting to water the streets by a watering cart this year, the plan of oiling the roads is to be tested. Mr. Vincent Woodbury has contributed sufficient oil to test the plan. A test is to be made this week on the road to the station. If the oil works as well as a dust-layer as it has in other towns and as well as Mr. Woodbury is sure that it will here, all the streets in town that are much used will likely be oiled once or more during the season.

## BOYS GIVEN FOOTBALLS BY TIMMINS ASSOCIATION

Some days ago the Timmins Football Association presented the boys of both the Separate and Public Schools with first-class footballs for playing the Old Country game. The idea of the gift is two-fold; to provide the boys with the means for healthy and wholesome sport, and to increase interest in the fine old British game of football. The boys of both schools are delighted with the gifts and are taking full advantage of the opportunity thus afforded for the right kind of kicking. In this way Timmins may expect to have growing up a new line-up of football experts and enthusiasts to carry on the game from year to year.

## ORGANIZING NEW BRASS BAND IN TIMMINS

Will Be Known as the Timmins Citizen's Band and all Instruments Owned By Town

The organization for the formation of a Citizen's Band in Timmins, there was a meeting last week for organization, a number of those interested being in attendance and much enthusiasm being shown. It was decided that the President of the organization should be the Mayor of the Town, Mr. A. Borland, Fire Chief, was elected Vice-President and Business Manager, and Mr. J. T. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer. It was decided that the instruments when purchased should be the property of the Town, the ownership being vested in the Town Council, and each member of the Timmins Citizens Band when joining will sign an agreement to return his instrument on demand to the Council. From present indications it is expected that the new Band will consist of twenty-five to thirty players, which will necessitate an outlay of about one thousand dollars for instruments. For the present at least the members will supply their own uniforms. Ways and means for the financing of the purchase of the instruments was left in the hands of a strong committee including Fire Chief Borland, J. T. Easton, Robt. Sims, T. Bennett and others. Already some twenty former bandmen have handed in their names as desiring to join and several others are expected to be secured. Mr. E. Johnson, a former bandmaster of the Queen's Own has been appointed leader and the new band starts out with good prospects for success. Arrangements are already under way to secure instruments and the financing should not be difficult. The idea is to have the new Band a strictly Citizens Band, open to all good citizens interested in band music with talent or experience in playing. Those interested in the new organization explain that the purpose is to provide a musical organization that will assure good band music for the Town, not only for special events but for regular occasions the year round for the public enjoyment. They view a good citizens' band as an asset to the town, and are ready to give their time and talent, if they receive any measure of public support. They realize that much of the work will have to be done for love of music and for the sake of the public enjoyment, but believing that band music is a benefit to any town, they are willing to go ahead and do their part. The new organization completely disclaims any idea of being in any way in opposition to either of the two Bands now existing—the Italian Society Band, or the Finlander Band, but rather is a strictly Citizens' Band, open to all, and not restricted in any way to any class, sect, society, or to those of any national origin. Its purpose is to provide band music for the public of Timmins and to give to all the opportunity for becoming adept in this class of music. The Committee looking after the financing of the new Band will likely approach the public at an early date for support, probably both through the medium of a town grant and by public subscription.

## MONDAY NIGHT'S STORM CAUSED SOME DAMAGE

The storm in the district on Monday evening was looked upon in Timmins as a good thing, because here it was the heavy fall of rain that was chiefly noticed. There was also an electrical storm, preceded by a wind storm, but the wind did not cause any damage here and though the light and power went off from the effects of the electrical storm these disadvantages were only temporary and seemed to be more than offset by the good effects of the heavy sleet and rain. In South Porcupine the storm was not very noticeable, the rainfall not being very heavy. In Golden City and Pottsville, however, some damage and disturbance occurred. A number of unoccupied buildings were injured by the heavy wind storm. Several buildings were moved bodily by the heavy wind, including the old stock exchange building. One building, an unoccupied house, is said to have been shifted fully fifty feet, while other buildings were slightly damaged. No serious injury, however, was done, and no person was hurt by the violent storm.

## HOUSE IN MONETA DESTROYED BY FIRE

Candles Around Coffin Thought to Have Started Bad Blaze

On Saturday evening fire destroyed the double house in Moneta occupied by Messrs. Lamirante and Legam and their families. The fire also damaged the roof and side of the house occupied by Mrs. Landers and Mr. J. Landers next door, while the dwelling on the other side of the burned building was also scorched. The dead body of Mr. Lamirante's infant child was lying in the coffin in the house awaiting burial, and it is believed that one of the candles burning down set fire to the sheet near the coffin and the flames springing to the ceiling the whole house was almost immediately on fire. A lady across the way noticed the fire almost when it started and an alarm was immediately given, but the fire gained very rapid headway. Mr. and Mrs. Lamirante were both out of the house at the time the blaze started. The body of the dead child was rescued with difficulty from the burning house. As soon as the alarm was received Constable Rayeroff, who is Fire Chief in Moneta, did all possible to fight the fire. He sent a call to Timmins and in two minutes Fire Chief Borland and his men were at the scene of the fire. The surface water line just put in provided water, and as soon as the pumps got going there was a good pressure, and the Timmins brigade did excellent work. "They saved us from a much more serious fire," said Constable Rayeroff. The Moneta brigade worked hard, and good work was also done by their chemical truck which had a material part in saving the adjoining houses from the fire. Fire Ranger Woodcock also lent effective assistance in fighting the fire. Some damage was done to the effects of the neighbors who removed their household goods fearing that the fire would spread, but the fire was confined to the building in which it started. The fact that there was no wind was of great benefit in keeping the control of the fire.

## MINING PLANT BEING INSTALLED ON CLIFTON

A complete mining plant is now being installed on the Clifton-Porcupine Mines property in the Township of Deloro. An extensive exploration and development program is planned for this summer, and ample finances are said to be now in the treasury to carry on the work. This property has had considerable rich ore samples taken from it in the past and it gives promise under an energetic exploration and development campaign of developing into a noteworthy mining property.

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

Good progress is being made in the exploration and development work at the Ontario-Kirkland at Kirkland Lake.

Directors of the Miller Independence recently came over to Boston Creek from Ohio by special car to visit the property.

The Crown Reserve has now an option on 800,000 shares of Canadian Kirkland Mine stock at 25 cents per share, a recent meeting at Haileybury of the shareholders of the Kirkland Lake property passing the necessary by-law.

It is understood that the annual meeting of the Dome Mines shareholders will be held on or about June 10th. It is expected that the directors will visit the Dome and Dome Extension again this week. The annual meeting is looked forward to with much general interest as the policy of the President to keep the shareholders fully informed regarding the work and plans of the Company suggests that the program for the coming year will likely be outlined at the annual gathering of shareholders.

Messrs. H. Cecil and S. Renand are planning the re-opening of the Hohenaur property and a program of extensive development and exploration. The Hohenaur was held under option by the Temiskaming Mine of Cobalt but when the control of the latter company was changed the option was dropped. The Temiskam-

## WORK STARTED ON SPUR LINE TO MATTAGAM

Mr. A. Sinclair, Well-Known Railway Contractor, Has Contracted for the Work.

Mr. A. Sinclair, well-known in the North Land as a railway contractor, and who had several contracts on the construction of the C. N. R., came to town last week and has been busy since with the preliminary arrangements in connection with the building of the spur line of the T. & N. O. from Timmins to the Mattagami River. The contract for the construction of the spur line here has been awarded to Mr. Sinclair, and the many here acquainted with this contractor and his work feel that this is guarantee enough that the contract will be carried out efficiently and speedily. One work train with equipment and material arrived here on Sunday and another came later. Surveyors and engineers have been on the ground and the work will be rushed along to completion at an early date. The construction of this spur line is of great importance to this district. Not only will it be of great advantage to the pulp wood industry at the river, but also to the general lumbering operations in the district and to the settlers. The extent of the pulpwood and lumbering work along the river may be judged from the fact that over a thousand men were employed in the camps along the Mattagami last winter. In addition there are eight or nine saw mills now along the river, and for these industries as well as for the settlers the chief handicap hitherto has been the heavy uphill haul from the landing. The completion of the spur line will thus be a decided advantage and benefit to the district and will no doubt give a noteworthy impetus to lumbering and other industries.

## HOLLINGER APPRECIATES WORK OF TOWN FIREMEN

This week Fire Chief A. Borland received a cheque for \$25.00 from the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, together with a nice letter expressing appreciation of the work of the Timmins Fire Brigade at the recent fire at No. 12 Hollinger Hoist House, and asking that the enclosed cheque be accepted by the Brigade as a slight token of the appreciation of the Hollinger for the good work of the Timmins Brigade on this occasion.

Several in South Porcupine who were burned out in the recent fire are already well along in the re-building of houses and business places, though in most cases on a smaller scale than the premises occupied at the time of the fire.

ing had installed a mining plant on the Hohenaur and the interests represented by Messrs. Cecil and Renand have taken over this plant and will push along work on the property.

It is now believed that the Gillies Limits will not be thrown open for prospecting this year. There is said to be considerable timber still standing on the limits and it is considered only fair that the owners should be given the winter to have opportunity for the removal of the timber. A certain amount of agitation has been carried on from time to time to have the Gillies Limits thrown open to prospectors, and after this winter it is likely the whole territory involved will be made free for prospecting purposes.

Among the new companies incorporated is the Greene-Kirkland Gold Mines, capitalization three million shares of a par value of \$1.00 each, for the purpose of operating property in the Kirkland Lake area.

Special interest is created in the Kirkland Lake district by the fact that the McIntyre-Porcupine have taken an option on what are known as the Berry claims in that district. They adjoin the Burnside on the south and comprises of five claims covering 200 acres of land near the boundary between Teek and Lebel Townships. The high standing of the McIntyre and the ability of the management give Kirkland Lake very favorable prominence when this mine shows interest in the Camp.

## BUSH FIRE UP RIVER CAUSES SERIOUS LOSS

Heavy Loss to Settlers From Fire Started Under Permit

Saturday, Sunday and Monday people in town watched with considerable interest and some anxiety the progress of a bush fire not far from the town, although the extent of the damage done was not known and the chief concern was that it might endanger the town. There was a general opinion on Monday, however, that the town was in no danger whatever, and that the bush fire was altogether too close and the land between it and the town too generally cleared to allow it to gain enough headway to be a danger to the town. On Sunday, however, a call was sent to the Timmins Fire Brigade as there was fear that the Pierce lumber yards should catch fire, and in response several hundred feet of hose were taken to the river to be in readiness, though no occasion developed for their use.

While this bush fire is no way endangered the town it did serious damage in its progress. As a result of its work Mr. W. C. Edwards, Mr. Stan. Rawlinson, Mr. Allen Huber and others are heavy losers, Mr. Edward's loss, for instance running into the thousands.

The fire started up the river on this side about three miles from town. Mr. Desotell had received a permit from the Fire Ranger to burn brush on his farm, and on Saturday night the fire that he had started blew away from his place and was soon beyond control. First it burned over part of Mr. Rawlinson's property, destroying a lot of valuable green timber. It also burned the cabin on Mr. Rawlinson's place occupied by a number of men working for him. Not only was this cabin destroyed, but the blankets, saws and other tools, the furniture and the stores and supplies in the cabin were also burned up. Six cords of pulpwood cut and piled on the ground were also wiped out. The story in town this week was to the effect that the fire had started on Mr. Rawlinson's place and he had escaped while others suffered. The truth is that he was one of the serious sufferers from the fire while having set out no fire himself. He had a permit to do some necessary burning but had wisely deferred this work on account of the weather.

After its damage on the Rawlinson farm the bush fire attacked Mr. W. C. Edwards' property. It hardly left a green stick on the place and 200 cords of stove wood (worth from \$3 to \$3.50 per cord) and about 85 cords of pulpwood (worth \$8.00 per cord) were also destroyed.

Next Mr. Allen Huber's place was visited by the fire and practically all the standing timber destroyed. Indeed, only about fifty green saplings are now left on this property. This bush fire also burned round the back of Helstrom's farm and caused some damage to timber on this place which was recently purchased by Bourke, Lindsay & McClusky. At one time it looked as if the house and other buildings on this farm would be destroyed, and Mr. Helstrom promptly moved his stock and all the other valuables he could to the safety point inside the town limits of Timmins.

The heavy rain on Monday night of this week effectually dampened the fire and it is not likely to resume its evil operations unless favored by some more dry weather with a good fanning wind. During none of the progress of the fire was there any heavy wind so the fire travelled comparatively slowly for a bush fire. It had more the nature of a sullen, smouldering fire. It crawled along up the banks of the creek for quite a distance, however, and then the slight wind that helped its progress seemed to change and the fire was driven back upon itself, as it were.

Once bush fires in this North Land get rightly going little, if anything, can be done to stop them. They simply have to burn themselves out or be extinguished by a heavy rain fall or a snow storm. No less than five of the Ontario Fire Rangers visited this bush fire on Sunday and made efforts to do something to stop the progress of the fire. They soon saw, however, that nothing could be really accomplished along this line.

At one time it was feared that the fire might travel far enough to endanger the lumber yards and mills at the river and through them the whole settlement around the landing. Before the real danger point was

## MEMBERS OF UNION HONOR THEIR DEAD

Memorial Services and Parade to Cemeteries Sunday to Honor Those Dying From Influenza

About six hundred members of the Porcupine Miners Union visited the R. C. cemetery on Sunday afternoon to honor the memory of members of the Union who fell victims to the "Flu" epidemic here last year. At the time of the deaths, the regulations and precautions necessary prevented by the undertaker who did not like to see the graves go unmarked. In many cases there was no one else to care for the marking of the graves, as many of the dead were without relatives or friends in this country. Efforts will now be made to have the graves marked in more permanent way.

The holding of funerals and the usual honoring of the departed, and the Union parade on Sunday was to show that the Union members who had been laid to rest were neither forgotten nor unhonored. The Italian Band, the Finlander Band and a goodly representation from the Italian Society were in the procession to the cemetery, and at the graves memorial services were conducted by Rev. Father Theriault and Rev. Father Ledue. After the visit to the Catholic cemetery the procession returned to town and from here went on to the Protestant cemetery at South Porcupine where memorial services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Parks, pastor of the Timmins Presbyterian church. At times during the afternoon as many as 2000 people would be in the assembly gathered to do honor to the dead, this number including members of the Union, friends of those departed, and others. At the Roman Catholic cemetery the graves were found in very good condition, crosses being on each to mark the resting places of the dead and the cemetery generally being in decorous condition. At South Porcupine, however, conditions were hardly so satisfactory, the graves only being marked in some cases by boards bearing the names of the dead. These little boards were kindly put in place

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONCERT BIG SUCCESS

The Concert given in the Presbyterian Church last Thursday evening proved a success from all standpoints as might be expected from similar events in the past. Those in charge of the arrangements are to be congratulated on providing so excellent a program and attracting so large an audience. The church was well filled for the event and over \$100.00 will be netted for the church funds as the result of the pleasant evening. The program included:—choruses by the choir; solos by Mrs. J. K. Moore, Mrs. R. W. Robbins, and Mr. Dodge; readings by Miss Inglis; a trio by Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. J. D. Parks; a piano solo by Mrs. J. W. Faithful; a quartette by Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Faithful and Mrs. Parks; and a play by the D. Y. B. Girls. Each number was something specially good and the big audience enjoyed the program throughout. The sketch by the D. Y. B. Girls was entitled "Peggy's Predicament," and gave a humorous presentation of a young newly-wed in a city apartment house. The young ladies all took their parts well and made the Sketch one of the successful numbers of an unusually good program. After the concert ice-cream, cake and tea were served in the basement.

## NEW LAW OFFICE NOW OPENED IN TIMMINS

Mr. Gordon H. Gauthier, of South Porcupine, has opened up an office for his law business in Timmins in the New Empire Block, in the ground floor rooms recently occupied by Gurofsky & Co. Mr. A. C. Brown, one of the old-timers of the Porcupine and well known in the district in the early days when he was connected with Mr. Gauthier's law office at So. End, will be in charge of the office here.

reached, however, the fire had practically doubled back upon itself. Saturday night and Sunday many in Timmins watched the flames and dense volumes of smoke coming from the bush fire. Most thought the fire farther away than it was and so, much more dangerous to the town as such a fire with a stretch of country to burn over and gain strength would be dangerous indeed.