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CAMPAIGN FOR A \$20,000 CLUB HOUSE FOR G.W.V.A.

Active Canvass Starts on Monday All Urged to Give to the Limit to This Cause

When the soldiers went overseas from the Porcupine they were assured that nothing would be too much to do for them when they returned. Most of them are now home again, but they have asked nothing from the people, and the people have thought of doing something for them up to date. Next Monday, however, a campaign commences to raise \$20,000.00 to erect suitable quarters for the G. W. V. A. The poster announcing the event says:—"The citizens of this district are to be asked for this amount (\$20,000.00 in three days) to build suitable club quarters for the Goldfield G. W. V. A. This is for the boys that were "over there," as a lasting tribute to those who served. Active canvassing commences Monday July 28th. Payments may be arranged for over a three-month period. You didn't go across, now come across!"

Mr. J. W. Reed is chairman of the Committee in charge and Mr. W. S. Macpherson, secretary. The Committee was appointed last week at the Conference called to consider the High Cost of Living, President Geo. A. Smith of the G. W. V. A. bringing before the Conference the needs of the returned men for suitable quarters. The Hollinger Mine, with its usual generosity in all matters affecting the town and its citizens, has donated a site for the proposed club house on the Athletic grounds. The building will be a two-storey structure with basement. On the ground floor facing the athletic grounds there will be dressing rooms, shower baths, etc., for the players in the various athletic sports in town. The Veterans will have ample club rooms, office and meeting room accommodation in the building while there will also be some living room accommodation on the second-storey, the latter being a revenue producer to help in the upkeep of the building. The title to the building will be vested in a board of governors selected to represent the town. The idea is to make the proposed building a lasting and appropriate memorial for the Porcupine soldiers who served overseas. In the campaign here, commencing next Monday, Schumacher will be included with Timmins, at the suggestion of Schumacher people. South Porcupine is planning a memorial of its own, the distance between here and South End being considered to great to allow the two towns to combine on a project of this kind.

The canvassers to secure the "20,000.00 in three days" will be around next week, commencing on Monday. Be ready for them. Give generously. Let the Camp show its appreciation for the service of the soldiers.

ASBESTOS COVERING SAVED DAVIDSON MILL

The Davidson Gold Mines during the past month has been in more or less danger from bush fires in the district. Part of the time the mill was closed and the greater part of staff turned into a hose and bucket brigade for the guarding of the property. The manager Mr. Evered, and his men did unusually good work in fighting off the danger. On practically three occasions the heavy rainfalls saved the situation, and now the danger is thought to be practically over for the year. The plant was threatened with destruction by fire on several occasions. Indeed, some are of the opinion that the mill was only saved from the fire by the asbestos covering on it. Against this covering the heat, sparks, etc., had no effect. Had the mill taken fire it would hardly have been possible to save the other buildings. There is general commendation for the foresight that guarded the mill with fire-proof material and so saved it from a danger that has been particularly menacing during the past few weeks. Although the bush fires are not out yet by any means the greater part of danger is now easily over and it is generally believed that the menace for this year is now over.

Mr. J. P. McLaughlin came up last week from Toronto to spend a few weeks in the Camp. All will be pleased to learn that Mrs. McLaughlin under medical treatment at Toronto is making very satisfactory progress to complete recovery of her former health and strength.

HON. MR. FERGUSON PAYS FLYING VISIT TO CAMP

Spends a Few Hours Here on Sunday Inspects Roads and Sees Bush Fires

A private car came in on Sunday to Timmins, bringing here Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Lands, Forests & Mines, and Mr. Geo. W. Lee, of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission. They were met by Mayor McInnis who took them to the river in his car and also ran them over the roadway past Schumacher, as well as giving them opportunity to see the bush fires burning in the district. The Mayor impressed on Hon. Mr. Ferguson the necessity of certain further clearances for the protection of the town from the bush fire menace. With these comparatively small clearances made the town would be practically safe from the bush fire danger. Hon. Mr. Ferguson promised fullest consideration, but could not accept the Mayor's invitation to remain in this district as long as the hot dry weather continued so as to get accurate personal experience of the progress of bush fires and their actions during weather like that of Sunday. Just before the last threatening from the neighboring bush fires the Ontario Government Fire Ranging Department had sent a force of men here for the purpose of making clearances or seeing to this work. When they reached here, however, all equipped for this work, the bush fires were in serious progress and every effort had to be turned to fighting the fires then in progress, rather than taking measures for the prevention of future bush fires. The preventative and precautionary plans however, will now be gone on with as far as possible this year.

In regard to the roads, Hon. Mr. Ferguson also promised that all possible would be done this year to improve conditions. The proposal of the Mayor, Dr. McInnis, for the gravelling of the main road from the Mattagami River to South End, was favorably considered. Hon. Mr. Ferguson continues to show unusual interest in the North Land and its progress and prospects, and all here will be pleased when this interest materializes into actual work and expenditures this year.

Commissioner Lee was interested especially in matters concerning the railway in the district and made a brief and hurried inspection of the work now in progress here.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Lee left on their special car in the evening for Cochrane.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT NOT COMPLETED SATURDAY

Messrs Curtis & McDonald Winners of Doubles. Singles to be Completed This week

The big Tennis Tournament on Saturday last on the Hollinger Tennis Courts proved most interesting and the events were very closely contested. The programme for the day, however, proved to be more than could be done in the one day, the heat being too oppressive and the keen contests adding to the strenuous nature of the day's play. The doubles were played off, but only some of the singles could be played, and the others will be concluded later, probably some time this week.

There were two teams each from the Dome, from South Porcupine, from Timmins and from the Hollinger, and practically all the events were very close.

In the doubles Messrs. Dunn and Grey, of the Dome, played Messrs. Dickson and Hill, of South Porcupine; and Messrs. Robbins and Williams, of the Hollinger, playing Messrs Curtis and McDonald, of the Town. The winners of these events were Messrs. Dunn and Grey and Messrs. Curtis and McDonald and in the match between the two winning teams Messrs. Curtis and McDonald won.

Messrs. Johnson and Emory, of the Hollinger, played Messrs. McPherson and Spence of the Town, the latter winning this part of the event. Messrs. Cossor and Evered, of the Dome, won from Messrs. Wilkins and Arms of South Porcupine, and in the play off Messrs. Evered and Cossor won.

In the finals between Messrs. Curtis and McDonald and Messrs. Evered and Cossor, Messrs. Curtis and McDonald won.

COUNCIL MAKES GRANT OF \$1000 TO NEW BAND

Special Meeting Monday Evening Disposes of the Question

There was a special meeting of the Town Council on Monday evening of this week, with Dr. J. A. McInnis, Mayor, in the chair, and Councillors Longmore, DeFeu, Newton, Studor and Brazeau present. The only business dealt with was the giving of a grant to the Citizens' Band now being formed in town. On motion of Councillors Brazeau and Studor, a grant of \$1000.00 was made to the Citizens' Band for the purchase of instruments, etc., the title to the instruments to remain vested in the town. By this motion, Mayor McInnis and Councillors Fogg and Longmore were appointed as the Band Committee. Councillors Brazeau, Studor and Newton voted in favor of the motion and Councillors Longmore and DeFeu against. With this grant the Citizens' Band should be able to go on and purchase instruments at once, and as most of the handsmen are old hands at the work, they should be able to furnish good band music in time for the visit of the Prince of Wales here on September 3rd.

Among other matters discussed at the meeting was the question of allowing additions to two-storey buildings without insisting on the by-law's requirements that all structures of three storeys or more should be of solid brick. Again it was emphasized that the Underwriters were much against any such permission and that to keep insurance rates down the requirements of the Underwriters must be closely followed.

Some wood piled on Fourth Avenue and considered a fire menace was ordered removed.

Councillor Studor brought to attention the case of a stable being erected on a residential street where it would be a fire menace and a danger to health. There was nothing in the law to allow the Council to refuse permits for the erection of such a structure, but it could be ordered removed if a menace to health or a source of fire danger. The Board of Health will be consulted about the matter.

Mr. Robt. Carmichael left last week to visit his home in Sudbury, after which he will go to Detroit to reside. His many friends in the Camp expect, as well as hope, to see him back again in the Old Porcupine once more before long. He is much missed here, especially in baseball circles.

RESIGNATION OF CLERK OF TISDALE TOWNSHIP

Township Council Accepts Resignation of Mr. J. R. Myers, with Regret

At the last regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Tisdale held in the Council Chambers, South Porcupine, on Friday evening, July 11th, the resignation of Mr. J. R. Myers as clerk and treasurer was received and on motion of Councillor Hutehinson seconded by Councillor Muskett, the resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. Myers to remain until his successor is appointed. The Clerk was by another motion instructed to put notices in the Toronto papers for a Clerk-Treasurer with experience in municipal office work, applicants to state salary required, and experience, and give references.

Mr. J. T. Easton's account for the burial of Flu victims was discussed, and it was moved by Councillor Mackie, seconded by Councillor Walton, that the solicitor be instructed to look into the matter of pauper burials and find if the statutes limit money payments, and if not that he draw up a by-law stating the price this municipality will pay in such a case.

The Finance Committee reported a debit balance of \$10,176.60. The Fire and Light Committee reported that nothing further had been done by Hill-Clark-Francis on the Schumacher Fire Hall.

The solicitor reported that insurance as requested had been promised to have been put on the King George Hotel during the week of July 7th.

The question of oiling the roads in Schumacher, of better fire protection for the township, of building a sidewalk to Geo. Moore's livery, etc., were discussed.

Mr. Ryan was authorized to spend up to \$25.00 on repairs for the South Porcupine water tank.

The Clerk was authorized to pay J. T. Easton the balance owed him by James McQueen, the latter to repay the Township in monthly instalments.

A number of accounts, including the payroll, etc were passed and ordered paid.

COBALT MINERS TO GO ON STRIKE TO-DAY

According to despatches from Cobalt the Mine Workers will go on strike to-day at noon, unless an agreement is reached in the matters now in dispute between the men and the mines.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

A new vein has been found on the surface at the Murray-Mowridge property near Bourkes. The vein is about five feet wide and seems to be of a good commercial grade of ore.

In the east crosscut on the 200-foot level at the Davidson last week very rich ore was encountered. This rich ore was the full five-foot width of the crosscut and its length is now being ascertained. This is considered one of the good finds at the Davidson.

Millheads at the Teck-Hughes during the first eleven days of June run over \$15.00 a ton and 953 tons of ore were milled. This is a record for the Teck-Hughes in milling high-grade ore. The mill only ran 11 days in June, being then closed down on account of the strike at Kirkland Lake.

McIntyre-Porcupine has now the deepest workings in the Camp, the main shaft now being down over 1300 feet. At the 1350-foot level a main tramming level will be established. The deepest workings at the Dome are at 1100 feet and at the 1250-foot level at the Hollinger.

A well-defined vein, 5 feet wide, and high in gold and sulphides has been stripped for 600 feet on the Atlas property at West Shiningtree. The Atlas is erecting new and enlarged camp buildings and is showing other evidences of faith in the property and determination to develop it to the best advantage.

The Montreal-Kirkland Company had arranged for the installation of a mining plant on their Kirkland Lake property, but the strike coming

along upset all plans. A shaft is down 100 feet on the property and some satisfactory crosscutting and other work done. As soon as the labor situation is cleared up, work will be resumed on the Montreal-Kirkland.

At a depth of 160 feet the shaft of the Matatehewan Gold Mines (formerly known as the Otisse claims at Fort Matatehewan) cut the vein and a station is now being cut at what will be known as the 160-foot level. When the station is cut lateral work will be commenced. It is understood that the values encountered in the development work so far have been very satisfactory and encouraging indeed.

In a recent clean-up at the Davidson, bullion to the value of \$8,000.00 was shipped to the head office in Toronto. With the removal of the menace from forest fires, work is being taken up with renewed energy at the Davidson. The new shaft is down about 600 feet and will be continued a further 100 feet. The mill is running to capacity and a good average grade of ore is being treated.

James Nelson has a gang of men at work on some claims at the head of Lake Matatehewan, supplies having been taken in for the summer's work.

Several publications, mining men and brokers and others interested especially in the silver camps are prophesying a big boom in silver in the near future, the chief reason for the hope being that after every other big war silver has had a boom. In the meantime, however, the silver market shows no particular liveliness and many think that the boom to be will be a gold boom only.

VETERANS PUT ON GOOD DAY OF SPORTS SATURDAY

Interesting Baseball, Football, and Lacrosse Matches Good Boxing Bouts, Etc.,

Saturday, July 19th, Peace Celebration Day, was observed in Timmins by the events put on with very short preparation by the Goldfields Branch of the Great War Veterans Association. Good crowds turned out for the games, despite the hot weather, and the Branch will likely clear over \$200.00 from the day. A number of novelty booths on the ground added to the interest. The first event was a football match between a team composed of Veterans and a team of other players from the town and district. The Veterans had "Slim" Hollowell in goal and other players of well-known ability like Twaddle, Hodge, Carr, etc. For the other team Andy Roberts, Jack White, E. H. Bridger, Geroux, Harry Anderson and other old-timers were on deck and put up a gallant contest. W. Field refereed the game, which was sportsmanlike throughout, the interest being maintained by the briskness of the team playing against the Veterans. Veterans lost, 2 to 0.

The baseball match between a picked team of Veterans and another picked team resulted in another defeat for the Veterans, the score being 12 to 4. The play was uneven, but interesting throughout. The line-up for the Veterans was:—P. McIntyre, King, Neal, McCoy, Gray, Cox, Sheehan, Welton, Jackson, D. McInnis. For the other team the players were:—Parker, McIntyre, Pierce, Farr, Bellevieux, Lake, McInnis, Laflamme, Deacon, and Dahar. One of the features of the game was the pitching of "Jimmy" Deacon who never had an innings close with more than one run scored against his side.

Mr. J. T. Easton umpired the game, with Fire Chief Borland as base umpire. Jack Bellevieux made a home run on a fielder's error and the base umpire left first base to give well-merited congratulation to Jack on his fine run.

Before the boxing bouts were put on Mayor Dr. McInnis and President Geo. A. Smith of the G. W. V. A. gave brief addresses from the ring erected for the bouts. Mayor McInnis briefly, but feelingly, expressed the general appreciation and good-will felt for the Veterans by the people of the town and district. He also congratulated them for the splendid day of sports put on for Peace Celebration Day and the enjoyment given to the crowds present by the occasion. Dr. McInnis also referred to the fact that despite the appreciation felt for the returned men, Timmins so far done practically nothing for them. An opportunity to do something now was then pointed out, the Mayor soliciting from all the very heartiest support for the G. W. V. A. campaign for a Club House. President Smith also spoke briefly, thanking all for their attendance and support and referring to the Big Drive for funds to build a Club House here for the G. W. V. A. The boxing bouts were then put on and proved probably the most interesting features of the day. The first bout was between two young lads, Pigeon and Gordon Vellier. For three rounds the contest was very even, the lads being evenly matched and both showing considerable skill with the gloves. Pigeon was possibly the better scientist, but the smallness of the ring was to his disadvantage. In the fourth round Vellier got in a hook to the nose that brought the blood and later with a blow in the ribs put his opponent down for the count. The next bout was between Messrs O'Neill and Bob Wilson and was considered a draw, though the latter seemed to have the best of it practically all through, though the smallness of the ring also worked to his disadvantage. The third bout was of unusual interest as the contestants were both old-timers with wide ring experience and striking ability. When A. Elgie started to spar with Jim Paull it was easy to see they were both versed in the game. There was no possible opening in Paull's defence, and so in the second round Elgie pressed matters as the only way. The smallness of the ring aided this line of action, but it did not get very far with the smooth-headed old-timer. In the third round there was some pretty work on both sides, but Elgie's age was beginning to remind him that it was past 50, while Paull was as cool and grinning as a young lad of his 47 years should be. In this round Paull did the pressing, and had

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MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT REACHED

Mine Managers and Labor Men Find Ways to Alleviate High Cost of Living

As The Advance suggested as probable, it did not take the men and the mine managers of the Porcupine long to find ways and means to attack the high cost of living problem,—the chief factor here in any possible labor unrest,—once the two parties got together on the question. The conference here recently between the mine managers and representatives of the men have been conducted in very agreeable and mutually satisfactory manner and decisive action along several lines will result as a consequence. Briefly, the mines have volunteered to open stores,—the Hollinger opening one in Timmins and the McIntyre starting one in Schumacher,—and it is expected that the price of goods sold at these stores will mean a reduction of perhaps 17 or 18 per cent in living costs, enough at least to be the equivalent of the increase in wages suggested by the men some weeks ago in their proposed new wage scale; the Hollinger, McIntyre, Dome and Porcupine Crown mines will institute a free sick insurance benefit plan for the workers; the new Hollinger hospital will be erected at once, the contract being let, and adequate hospital accommodation thus provided. After the conference between the men and the mine managers last Friday the minutes of the meeting, including the proposals referred to, were typewritten and placed before a meeting of the Mine Workers in the Union Hall on Sunday afternoon. This meeting of the Mine Workers considered the solution offered as remedies for the high cost of living and by a very decisive vote endorsed the plans. While this vote was not unanimous, there was a majority vote of over 80 per cent in favor of the solution outlined. The Advance did not secure a copy of the minutes of the meeting in time for publication in full in this issue, but these minutes will be printed in the next issue of The Advance, as they are of unusual interest from many viewpoints. One of the features that seem worthy of note is the frank and friendly way in which the questions were approached and discussions carried on. Some extracts from the minutes are important enough to bear repeating. For instance after a reference by one of the representatives of the men to the extra costs to married men through sickness in the home Mr. Brigham stated that "the Hollinger would engage to institute a sickness insurance for employees, the cost of same to be borne by the Company, the men to get half pay when laid up." "A man need only be honorably sick to get the benefit," Mr. Brigham is quoted as explaining. "When Mr. Frank complained about men being asked whether they belonged to the Union or not when seeking employment the minutes quote Mr. Brigham as replying that "this condition had not existed for some time past," and Mr. Hawley stated that anyone who was willing to do a day's work could get a job at the Hollinger. "In response to Mr. Webb, Mr. Ennis said that the McIntyre would start a store on August 1st, and Mr. Brigham said the McIntyre would not beat him." Mr. Muskett was informed by Mr. Brigham that the contract for the hospital had been let. "Mr. Brigham stated that it was his immediate intention to use the rink as a store." These are some quotations from the minutes.

At this final meeting of the managers and men to discuss the high cost of living and its alleviation, held in the Hollinger Office on Friday afternoon last the following:—Mr. Hawley; Messrs H. J. Webb, L. S. Newton, P. Macaulay; A. Perrault, of the Hollinger; Messrs DeFeu and Muskett, of the McIntyre; Messrs Frank and Orde, Dome; Mr. Daley, Davidson; Mr. Blinkhorn, Porcupine-Crown. The mine managers present were:—Messrs. A. F. Brigham, R. J. Ennis, Depencier, Evered, and Stewart.

Provincial Officer Moore last week made a haul of 12 stone crocks and 2 full barrels of "moonshine" at a farm down at the river known as "the Piggery." Search was made without success for a still. For illegally having the liquor P. Morandin, milkman was fined \$300.00 for costs by Magistrate Atkinson on Thursday.