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TWO CHILDREN RESCUED FROM BURNING HOUSE

Firemen Do Good Work at Blaze at No. 71 Fourth Avenue

On Saturday morning the Fire Department had a run to 71 Fourth Avenue where the house occupied by George Goughran and family and owned by Mr. M. J. Tinkess had caught fire. The brigade made a quick response, the only delay, and that a very brief one,—being due to the necessity for the wagon to return to the corner of Third Avenue to secure an available hydrant. In the meantime, however, the chemical tanks were carried into the burning house and they did their usual effective work. The blaze, however, was of such proportions before it was discovered that the use of the hose and water was also necessary. The fire had gotten in the partitions and back in the light board walls of the house and only the good work of the firemen saved the total loss of the building. Just after the firemen reached the scene, they were told that there were two small children in the building. The mother succeeded in getting one of the youngsters out safely, but could not get the other child who was upstairs. The smoke was very bad but Fireman, Ed. Wadsworth fought his way into the room through the smoke and secured the child carrying it to the ladder where Fireman Alex Borland was right there to take it down to safety. Both the youngsters were much affected by the smoke, the little girl particularly being ill from this cause. Dr. Moore was hastily summoned and gave the children the needed attention. The youngsters were not burned at all but were simply suffering from the suffocating effects of the dense smoke in the house, and were all right again before night. The cause of the fire is set down as being from some neighboring youngsters playing with matches. It is said that one visiting boy dropped some burning matches down inside the partition while Mrs. Goughran was out for a minute or two. When she returned the fire had a good headway in the dry and light built house. The wall on one side of the house was badly scorched by the flames, and some damage was done by smoke and water. Only the good work of the fire brigade prevented a much more serious fire. There is \$500.00 insurance on the building, but none on the furniture. Mr. M. J. Tinkess showed his appreciation of the good work of the fire brigade by sending them this week a cheque for \$5.00 as a mark of his appreciation.

CITIZENS BAND GIVE PLEASING FIRST CONCERT

On Sunday evening after church the Timmins Citizens' Band gave their first band concert before the New Empire Theatre. An unusually large crowd gathered for the event and this first open air band concert was thoroughly enjoyed by the people. For a full hour Bandmaster E. W. Johnston and his men furnished a pleasing programme of good band music to the citizens and the general opinions expressed are all complimentary for this, the first public appearance of the new band. There were fourteen pieces in the Citizens' Band on Sun., and they desire to increase this number at once to twenty players. Trombone players and others are desired, and a hearty invitation is extended to any citizen of the town able to play to join the Citizens' Band. There is no race or creed line allowed, all that is asked is that a man be a good citizen, and a welcome awaits all good hand players of this type, regardless of anything else. For a first appearance the programme given by the Timmins Citizens' Band on Sunday evening was very creditable and the big crowd was well pleased. The leader and the players are being deservedly complimented for their good work. It is the intention to have other public band concerts in the near future, the idea being to give the people of Timmins lots of good band music.

The second of the three games to decide the championship of the Porcupine District and the Hamilton B. Wills Cup will be played on Friday this week, when Iroquois Falls, the winners of the Porcupine District League, and the Hollinger the winners of the Porcupine Twilight League, will again try conclusions. The game is scheduled to commence at 4.30 p. m. sharp. This should be the greatest game of the season.

ADVISES TIMMINS TO PLANT TREES ON STREETS

Expert in Charge of Forestry Car Thinks Timmins Would Be About Right Then.

Mr. J. R. Dickson, a member of the Canadian Forestry Association, who was in charge of the Forestry Car showing here last week, left a note for the editor of The Advance just before leaving town. In this note he expresses regret that time and opportunity had not permitted him to give The Advance an interview on the aims and purposes of the Canadian Forestry Association. These aims and purposes Mr. Dickson briefly outlines in the following words, "To educate public opinion to the urgent need for having the forests of Canada in general and of Ontario in particular managed and farmed, instead of exploited and mined. Perhaps nothing else is so important in Canada to-day. It merits the fullest publicity." A front page newspaper article from the News-Chronicle of Port Arthur, which Mr. Dickson encloses, gives further particulars of the work of the Canadian Forestry Association, which has grown in membership in the past five years from 4,000 to nearly 10,000. The Forestry Association regards Forestry as the parent of industries' and the Association's object and aim is to have our timberlands so managed as to continue producing abundant supplies of wood to guarantee the future prosperity and expansion of all these dependent industries. A fair deal for the people, for the lumberman who gives his capital and energy and ability, and for the forests themselves,—this is the fair deal advocated by the Forestry Association. To protect the forests from the injury of fires, destructive insect pests, and the undue greed of some men,—these are the works in which the Association has made some progress. Further co-operation between the public, the lumbermen and the authorities is sought. Mr. Dickson concludes his note with the following paragraph:—"Do urge the people of Timmins to get some street trees planted soon. I've been travelling for several weeks in different parts of Ontario and can say advisedly that if Timmins will only plant out some of its streets nicely,—all one species on one street, etc.—there will shortly be no finer town or city north of Toronto."

Mr. Dickson's suggestion opens up an inviting line of possibilities, from the fact that all the streets in Timmins are named after particular kinds of trees. For instance, one of the main streets of the town is "Pine" street, and also there are such other "forest" streets as "Maple," "Birch," "Elm," "Tamarack," "Spruce," etc. Timmins, in following Mr. Dickson's suggestion as to planting one particular species on a street could "name" the streets permanently by the trees planted thereon.

DEATH OF MRS. B. D. KELLY AT HAILEYBURY HOSPITAL

There was very general and very sincere regret and sorrow last week at the death of Mrs. B. D. Kelly, wife of the representative of the Ross & Cassie firm at Timmins. Mrs. Kelly had only been ill for a couple of weeks. She was taken to Providence Hospital, Haileybury, some days ago, and on Sept. 5th was operated on there for peritonitis. Despite all that medical skill and attention could do, she passed away on Thursday, Sept. 11th. The remains were brought to Timmins for interment and the funeral service on Saturday was very largely attended, evidencing the regret felt at the death and the sincere sympathy with the bereaved relatives in their loss. Interment was made at the South End cemetery.

The late Mrs. Kelly was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Richards and was well-known and highly esteemed in the Camp. She came here with the family in November, 1911. In addition to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richards, and the bereaved husband, a little daughter, Catherine May, two years old, and a sister, Mrs. R. W. Eddy of Timmins, and a brother, Geo. W. Richards, of California, survive to mourn the loss. To these the sympathy of all will be extended in their bereavement.

Born—On Sept. 12th, 1919, at Leamoxville, Que., to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee.

POTTER, OF MATHESON, CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE

Delegates from Cochrane Riding Chose Standard-Bearer for Provincial Election

On Wednesday last about 100 delegates gathered from all parts of the Cochrane riding to select a Liberal-Conservative party candidate for the coming Provincial Election. About 20 representatives were present from Timmins, while South Porcupine and other communities were also well represented. Iroquois Falls also had a strong delegation. Mr. Wes. Gordon of Haileybury, presided as chairman very acceptably and a number of names were before the Convention as possible candidates including Mr. R. S. Potter, of Matheson, Mr. S. G. McCoubrey, of Iroquois Falls, Mr. R. T. Shillington, and Messrs. Carter and Dempsey, of Cochrane. All those proposed for the honor, however, did not go to a ballot, and on the first ballot Mr. Potter had a large majority of the votes. It was decided then to make the nomination unanimous. Mr. Potter is a lumberman, with headquarters at Matheson. He has been a resident of the North Land for a great many years and is well known throughout the North.

Among the special features of the Convention were addresses by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, and Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.P.P. Hon. Mr. Ferguson dwelt at some length on the North Country and its needs and opportunities, and both he and Dr. Godfrey spoke of the need for united action to carry their candidate to victory. Hon. Mr. Ferguson had been mentioned by many as a possible strong candidate for this riding, his well-known interest in the North Land suggesting him as a capable and desirable representative. Though pressed to accept the nomination by many of the leaders, Mr. Ferguson said that after consulting his colleagues about the matter he had reluctantly decided to decline the nomination, much as he would like to have the honor of being the member for this riding.

CHALLENGE BASEBALL CUP FOR NORTH LAND

Mr. Hamilton B. Wills Offers Another Trophy for North Land Baseball Competition

Last week Mr. Hamilton B. Wills wired here to the effect that he would give a suitable silver challenge cup for competition among the baseball clubs of Northern Ontario. His idea apparently is that the cup should be the championship baseball trophy for all of Northern Ontario. This year he suggests that the winners of the Porcupine Baseball League play the winners of the Temiskaming Baseball League to decide possession of the cup for this year. Hereafter, of course, there will be clear and detailed rules outlined for the competition for this cup. Mr. Wills suggests as one rule that it will have to be won for three years by the one team before it will become their property. The cup will be something along the lines of the handsome trophy given by Mr. Wills for the Porcupine District Baseball League this year. Last week Mr. Wills suggested that the Hollinger and Iroquois Falls teams might play a sudden death game at some neutral town to decide the championship of the Porcupine League and that the winner then promptly challenge the winner of the Temiskaming Baseball League for the Hamilton B. Wills Northern Championship Cup. The presentation by Mr. Wills of this new Northern Ontario Baseball Championship Cup will do much to create and increase interest in baseball through all Northern Ontario, just as his Porcupine Baseball Cup this year aroused so much attention in this district to the sport.

There was a meeting last week at New York of the directors of the Dome Mines, but it is understood that only matters of routine were dealt with. From remarks made after the meeting it is understood that the Dome Mine is still in need of men in order to carry out the work desired, and 100 more workers could be employed.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

The reopening of a number of old mines not recently worked is said to be scheduled at Cobalt now that the strike is adjusted.

Work is being carried along with energy at the Greene-Kirkland mine. Camp buildings, etc., have been built and a force of a dozen or fifteen men are busy steadily on preliminary development work.

It is understood that the Inspiration Mine is now considering the sinking of a shaft on the property, which would mean that the recent diamond drilling on the property had indicated good prospects ahead for the Inspiration.

The Keora, having satisfactorily completed its diamond drilling campaign, is planning now a programme of underground development following the indications given by the drill work. It is likely that a new shaft will be put down this year and much lateral work done also.

Dr. M. Y. Williams, of the Dominion Department of Mines recently said in a public lecture that "another area of possible value for oil and gas is to be found to the west and south of Hudson Bay. Dr. Williams is now in the James Bay district studying conditions and formations relative to oil or gas occurrences, so in a short time he will probably be in a position to speak definitely as to the prospects of the far north for oil and gas.

According to official figures recently published Great Britain has the best gold reserve of any of the nations, despite the stories circulated to the contrary suggesting the inflation of the British paper currency during the war. Great Britain has eleven dollars' worth of gold in her treasury for every ten dollars of notes in circulation. Japan comes next with four dollars gold to every five of notes. In the matter of the amount of gold on hand, Russia actually leads the world, but on account

ATTENTION DIRECTED TO EXPRESS COMPANIES

Authorities Asked to Protect North Land in the Matter.

Timmins has about reached the limit in the matter of the attitude of the express companies. Timmins is perhaps no worse off than the other towns of the North Land, but the whole style and attitude of the express companies constitute an inconvenience and an injury to the whole North. In the matter of delivery, of rates, of service, of attention, and of safety of goods forwarded, the situation is one that should be borne no longer. This month the rates have been increased fifty per cent, and yet coincident with this outrageous burden, the limits for free delivery in the town of Timmins this week have been materially reduced. The matter of shortages in goods sent by express is still another of the express curses that cry aloud for remedy. For goods to reach here intact and complete is about as unusual, as for goods to be delivered from outside points in a reasonable time. Shortages are rapidly becoming so common that they are almost looked upon as a matter of course. Claims for shortages meet unreasonable delay in adjustment, just as other just claims on the express companies go through interminable time and red tape. The tampering with liquor shipments into the district has attained the standing of a public scandal, or a public joke, according to the attitude of mind. One recent case reported is that of a legitimate shipment of liquor to one of the druggists. Of two large cans of alcohol, only one arrived at all, and that one but partly filled. An analysis of the liquor showed that even this partial shipment had been diluted apparently on its way. And through the complaints for shortages, the objections to unreasonable delay, the demands for fair rates and reasonable service, the attitude of the HEAD OFFICES of the express companies can hardly be construed otherwise than "The public be damned."

Hitherto the public here have been inclined to blame the local express authorities and to shower them with complaints and curses. It appears, however, that the local manager and staff are not the ones to blame. The local manager has won a name for himself for courtesy, consideration and service to the public. The trouble seems to be higher up and efforts to secure justice for the country must also be centred on the higher authorities. Accordingly, following innumerable complaints, the Railway Board is being appealed to for relief from the express service evils. The Railway Board will be asked to deal with the matter of rates, service and delivery. Now that election activity is under way, political candidates would find a very popular policy would be to promise to present publicly and emphatically the case of the public of the North Land against the express companies. Town Councils and other bodies have tried to secure relief at various times in the past. Now is the time for all interested, and practically all are interested, to make a united effort to secure a fair deal and proper rates and service from the express concerns.

S. A. G. A. SOCIETY GIVING EUCHRE PARTY

A euchre party, under the auspices of the St. Anthony Girls Society will be held in the Parish Hall, Timmins, on Monday evening, Sept. 29th. Euchre commences at 8.30 p. m. A pleasant evening is assured for all attending.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL SCHEDULED FOR THE 24TH

The "International" Football Match referred to elsewhere in this issue, between picked teams of Englishmen and Scotchmen from this district, is now scheduled for Wednesday next, Sept. 24th. Both the English and the Scotch have selected representative teams including the best players in the various teams in the Northern Ontario Football Association clubs. The game will commence at 5.15 p.m. No admission fee will be charged but a collection will be taken up for the benefit of the Northern Ontario Football Association. No lover of good football should miss this game. The same idea of an "International" Match has been tried before in the Camp and the resulting games were certainly lively and interesting.

IROQUOIS FALLS WINS FIRST OF THREE GAMES

Another Game in Series for Wills Baseball Cup on Friday Here

On Monday afternoon of this week the Hollinger team went to Iroquois Falls to play the first of the three games to decide the ownership of the Hamilton B. Wills Baseball Championship Cup for the Porcupine district. The final score was in favor of Iroquois Falls, 4 to 1. The battery for the Timmins team was D. McInnis and W. McIntyre, and the many fans who went down from here to witness the game are agreed that Dan pitched a great game but did not receive the fullest support from all the rest of the players. The Iroquois Falls team had E. Little as pitcher and F. H. Anson, Jr., behind the bat. The Falls certainly had a valuable combination in their battery while the supporting team was also good. Little had no less than 14 strike-outs. The game was interesting and fast throughout, but the visitors seemed to be outclassed for consistent and careful playing. The players for the Hollinger included:—Pierce, first base; Brennan, second base; Lefty Farr, third base; Laflamme, short stop; King, left field; Bellevieux, centre field; McNiven, right field; Cox and Jackson, spares. Messrs. W. G. Smith (Timmins) and Michaels (Iroquois Falls) were the umpires, and gave excellent satisfaction all round, according to reports. A number of baseball enthusiasts from Timmins accompanied the team to the Falls and more would have gone only for the shortness of notice possible of the game. The Iroquois Falls team entered a protest against some of the players claiming that only actual employees of the Hollinger or at least only those playing on the Hollinger team in the Town League series should be eligible to play in the present series for the Hamilton B. Wills Porcupine Cup. The Hollinger players on the other hand held that it was understood that they could draw upon the Firemen's players for this series. The game, after the protest was made, was then played, and as Iroquois Falls won in any case, it is not likely that anything further will be heard regarding the protest. The return game here is to be played on Friday afternoon on the Athletic Grounds, Timmins. If Iroquois Falls wins this game also, a third game will not be necessary. But the Timmins players do not intend that the Falls shall win here Friday. It will be some game.

SERGEANT GEO. EADES RETURNS ON CEDRIC

In the list of those returning from overseas on the Cedric this week was the name of Quartermaster Sergeant Geo. Eades. Sergt. Geo. Eades was for years foreman for Mr. M. Bovin and was one of the popular old-timers up here. He served for over thirty years in the British Army and has seven medals,—including the Egyptian ribbon, the King's and Queen's South African bar, and many others. In the Great War he was serving with the Forestry Corps at Cambrai when he was hit three times, one bullet going through the jaw, another through the arm, and the third hitting on the forehead between the eyes destroying completely the sight of one eye and injuring the sight of the other eye so as to leave little hope of its usefulness. Since recovery from his injuries he has been at Sir Arthur Pearson's Institution for the Blind Soldiers, and to the Toronto reporters he had many interesting stories to tell of the great personal interest shown by Sir Arthur in the men. Sergeant Eades is to be an instructor in bootmaking and netting at the Toronto Pearson Home.

SALE OF GOODS AT CONNAUGHT HOTEL

A large number are attending the sale of furniture, bedding, etc., at the Connaught Hotel, South Porcupine, this week. The sale commenced on Monday and continued through Tuesday. This week the manager arrived from Toronto and instructed Mr. H. W. Warren, the auctioneer to continue the sale until everything was disposed of. Accordingly the sale re-opens to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock and will continue until all the furniture, bedding, dishes, etc., etc., are sold. There is an immense amount of desirable goods in the hotel and the sale should continue to attract big crowds of buyers.