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## MANY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT CURLING HERE

Proposal to Have Scotch Winter Sport Seems Very Popular In Town.

Last week The Advance published the suggestion of a reader for the inauguration of the game of curling in the Camp, with the added proposal that those in favor should say "Aye!" There have been many responses. Indeed, the proposal seems to meet with very general popular approval. One citizen who formerly lived in one of the mining camps of Nova Scotia, tells of the healthful exercise and pleasant sport that the people in that comparatively small town secured from the braw game. He says that the town, though with a much smaller population than Timmins, had a fine curling rink and the people looked upon it as one of their very best winter attractions. Another gentleman refers to western camps where he lived and where curling helped to make the winter the most enjoyable season of the year. A third tells of a happy town he knew where men and women alike curled on the ice and everybody enjoyed the wholesome, healthful, pleasant sport. So much interest, indeed, has been roused in the matter that possibly it may only need a little leadership and a little organization to establish the game of curling in Timmins. Any curling enthusiasts here, and there are surely many of them, should get together, and start the ball a-rolling, or the stone a-sliding, or whatever may be the technical term. Possibly the chief obstacle would be the matter of securing a suitable rink for the game, but this might be overcome by energy and intelligent organization. There are several already who have suggested that they might give assistance in the necessary financing and the balance of the financing and the securing of the suitable site and the erection of the rink surely could be arranged in some way. Curling is generally admitted to be one of the most wholesome and interesting of winter games. It is a sport for young and old alike. It has a fascination that few other games possess. There are many curling enthusiasts in the Camp, and one or more of these should take the first steps to seeing what can be done in the matter this year. "Get busy" is the watchword.

## FIELD SECRETARY SPEAKS OF GOOD WORK OF G.W.V.A.

In the G.W.V.A. Club Rooms on Thursday last there was a large gathering of returned men to hear the address of Comrade McGregor, field secretary of the G.W.V.A. Over 60 veterans were present and the address was an unusually interesting and helpful one. Comrade McGregor reviewed the good work accomplished for the returned men by the G.W.V.A., and emphasized the necessity for the continued co-operation and the keeping alive of the spirit of comradeship. In dealing with the report of the Committee handling the gratuity and other questions coming before parliament, Mr. McGregor showed that while all the wishes of the G.W.V.A. had not been met, still much had been obtained in the way of additional support for disabled soldiers and for the dependents of those dying in service. He also referred to the work of the G.W.V.A. itself in assisting soldiers and their families in cases of need and helping along the re-establishment in civil life of the men who had spent years overseas. The general work of the re-establishment of soldiers in civil life was also ably dealt with by Comrade McGregor. After the address the meeting was thrown open for general discussion and there were several brief but interesting addresses by local members.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS VISITING REBEKAHS

This (Wednesday) evening Mrs. Middleton, of Toronto, District Grand President of the Rebekahs, will pay her official visit to the Gold Nugget Lodge of the Rebekahs, of Timmins. Mrs. Max Smith, District Deputy Grand President, and other high officials of the Order will be present from South Porcupine and sister lodges.

Very successful Bazaar was held yesterday in the Masonic Hall under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the St. Matthew's church, the event concluding with a pleasant dance in the evening. The attendance was very large at both the bazaar and the dance, and all present had the usual enjoyable time.

## NEW MINISTER'S FLYING VISIT IN SPECIAL CAR

Hon. Beniah Bowman, New Minister of Lands, Forests & Mines, Sees Timmins in an Hour.

Recently humorous comments have been made by passengers regarding the poor lighting of the coaches on the Porcupine Branch of the T. & N.O. Railway, some of the jokers suggesting that the new Government was economizing by lowering the light. On Monday afternoon when the train was coming into Timmins, the joke took a different turn. For once the lights were bright and effective, and humorists wanted to know if the Farmer Government had so quickly tired of economy. "No," answered one man in the car, "but you know this is a special occasion. Hon. Mr. Beniah Bowman, the new Minister of Lands and Forests, is in his special car on this particular train." Everybody laughed. But it was no joke. At least it was the truth. Hon. Mr. Bowman, in company with Mr. Geo. W. Lee, Commissioner of the T. & N.O., were in a special car on that Monday afternoon train. They came in about six o'clock and left again at about seven. So far as known, Mr. Bowman did not make any official calls. Apparently he was just seeing the country.

It is understood that on Wednesday of this week Hon. Mr. Bowman and Hon. Mr. Mills (the new Minister of Mines) accompanied by a couple of the leading lights in the U.F.O. party, are to make an extended tour of Northern Ontario. It is to be hoped that they arrange to spend more than an hour at important centres like Timmins. They purpose getting acquainted with the country and studying conditions here. For the present, Hon. Mr. Bowman is officially the Minister of Lands, Forests & Mines and will remain so until after the meeting of the Legislature and the passing of an Act creating a new Department of Mines. In the meantime, however, Hon. Mr. Mills is Minister without Portfolio, but has practical charge of all matters in connection with mines and mining.

Hope springs eternal in the human breast; Man never is, but always TO BE, blessed.

## MEMBER FOR THE YUKON VISITS PORCUPINE CAMP.

Dr. Thompson, member of the Dominion Parliament for the Yukon, was the guest in the Camp last week of his brother, Mr. Arthur Thompson, one of the well-known pioneers and prospectors of this North Land. Dr. Thompson has done much since his election to advance the interests of the Yukon. He is a man of striking ability, energy and public-spiritedness, and the Porcupine Camp is pleased to have had a visit from him, as this district will benefit in having in the Dominion House one who has a special knowledge and interest in mining conditions and mining countries, and who now has a personal acquaintance with this particular mining country. When reference was made to Dr. Thompson to the present agitation for the separation of the North Land from the rest of Ontario and the creation of a new Province here to look after the special interests of this country, Dr. Thompson showed that he very quickly grasped the situation. "The conditions, the needs, the requirements, the disadvantages suffered in the Yukon," he suggested, "are much the same as you have here." When it was humorously suggested to Dr. Thompson that the chief object of the creation of a new Province was so that the people could get a drink decently and lawfully without bothering the doctors, he laughingly replied, "Oh, well, in that case the Yukon would be right with you." Seriously, however, the visit of Dr. Thompson to the Camp, and his presence in the Dominion House may be of material value to the North Land. He has a wide acquaintance with mining countries and having now personal acquaintance with this North, he will be "a friend at court" for the Porcupine.

Don't miss the high-class concert in the New Empire Theatre to-morrow (Thursday) night. Paul Dufault, the world-famous Canadian tenor, Emil Taranto, the gifted violinist, and Albert Carrier, the well-known pianist, will be the talented artists furnishing the programme. Plan of reserved seats at Meyer's Drug Store.

## TEMISKAMING LEADS WHOLE PROVINCE IN LOAN

Captured German Gun Awarded To This District For Work in Campaign.

The following telegram received at Haileybury from the Victory Loan headquarters in Toronto tells its own story:—

To D. L. Jemmett, Chairman of Victory Loan.

Three rousing cheers for Temiskaming. Hearty congratulations to you and your enterprising organization for landing first place in the entire province on combined basis, thus winning one of the large captured guns. From the start Temiskaming has put up one of the biggest fights in the province and you and your men are deserving of all kinds of credit for the efficiency and aggressiveness of your campaign.

G. H. Wood, Chairman. The Temiskaming District was divided into three main sub-divisions for the 1919 Victory Loan Campaign, and all parts of the big district made remarkable showing. The Cobalt district, including Cobalt, Haileybury, New Liskeard, Englehart, Charlton, Elk Lake, Gowganda, North Cobalt, Latchford and Temagami, secured \$935,900.00. The total of the Temiskaming District, including Timmins, the Hollinger, Iroquois Falls, South Porcupine, the Dome, the McIntyre, Boston Creek, Schumacher, Matheson, was \$1,767,150.00, or 188.05 per cent. of its objective. The Cochrane district, including the Town of Cochrane, the Railways, Smooth Rock Falls, Jacksonboro, Kapuskasing and west, did equally well, in fact, made a remarkable showing, returns of close to \$300,000.00 being secured.

## ELOQUENT ADDRESS ON THE PROBLEM OF THE DAY.

A large number turned out on Sunday evening to hear Mr. John M. O'Neill, of the International Mine Workers Union, speak on Labor problems and social conditions of to-day. His address in the New Empire Theatre here was one of the most eloquent discussions of modern problems that it has been the good fortune of the people of the district to have the opportunity of hearing. His address was noteworthy for his wonderful fluency, his apparent wide knowledge and study of his subject, and the fair and eloquent way in which he presented his case. He dealt at some length with the history of the growth of the modern labor movement, and emphasized the necessity for organization among the workers, co-operation and fairness between Labor and Capital and the need for the highest ideals of justice, enlightenment and progress on all sides.

Mr. Geo. Adams, one of the old-timers of the Camp, is being warmly welcomed back to the Porcupine and to the Hollinger, after his years of service overseas.

## BOARD OF TRADE MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT NEXT

Should be Large Attendance. Meeting Gives Opportunity for Action on Present Problems.

A meeting of the Timmins Board of Trade is called for the Council Chambers, Timmins on Monday evening next, December 1st, at 8 o'clock. There should be a full house, and overflowing, for this meeting. Not only are there many local questions of general interest to be dealt with, but the meeting also would give excellent opportunity for action by Timmins on the growing agitation to "boom the North Land." Through the prompt action and effort of North Bay's leading citizens a monster convention is to be called the first of the new year to "boost the North Land." To this convention representatives from every part of the North Land are expected to come for the discussion of ways and means to give this country a fairer chance than it has had for development and progress. Premier Drury and other members of the new Ontario Government are to be specially invited to attend this convention. Timmins and the Porcupine should be in this movement to the fullest possible extent. There is also the accompanying question of the agitation for separation of the North Land from the rest of the Province. These are questions that need special discussion in public way and the Board of Trade seems to offer the medium to get some action. All should attend the Board of Trade meeting on Monday evening next.

## TIMMINS RINK LIKELY OPEN NEXT MONDAY.

Mr. J. Gorman is the new manager of the Timmins Rink, and energetic and well-placed efforts are being made these days to have the rink ready for opening. In previous years some little difficulty was encountered in securing the first ice surface, this difficulty being due to the sandy bottom of the rink which absorbed the water. This year this trouble is being overcome by putting on a slush bottom. This is made of sawdust and snow, the sawdust being brought up from the River, a number of teams being engaged on this work this year. From present indications, it is expected that there will be an ice surface by Friday or Saturday and that by Monday the rink will be ready to open to the public. The building is also being put in the most acceptable shape and Mr. Gorman seems to be sparing no efforts to give the public the best possible accommodation and service. Timmins has perhaps the finest rink in the North Country, and the town is naturally proud of this institution. With the addition of dressing rooms for the hockey boys, it would be about perfect.

Born—in Timmins, on Friday, Nov. 21st 1919 to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lake, a son.

## ARRANGEMENTS BEING COMPLETED FOR BANQUET

Big Event Expected Here Next Tuesday When The Town Banquets Returned Men.

At the Council meeting on Monday evening Mayor McInnis announced that arrangements were now practically perfected for the Town of Timmins Banquet to Returned Soldiers. The event will be held on Tuesday evening Dec. 2nd and all soldiers in the immediate district are being invited. The arrangements are in the hands of the Daughters of the Empire, in conjunction with a Committee of the Town Council, including the Mayor and Councillor J. W. Fogg. The scrolls to be presented to each soldier who was resident here at the time of enlisting will not be ready for presentation at the time of the Banquet, but another event will be held for the formal presentation of these mementoes. These scrolls, which are of particularly handsome design, are all hand painted, and this fact, together with fact that they are all to be suitably framed, makes their preparation occupy several weeks of time. It was considered best, however, not to wait for these scrolls, but to hold the Banquet to the Returned Soldiers now, and later present the scrolls to the soldiers resident here at the time of enlistment. For the Banquet Tuesday evening an attractive programme of music, toasts, etc., is prepared, and all soldiers attending may be sure of a pleasant evening. It is hoped to have all soldiers here at the event, and any whose names have not as yet been left with Mr. H. C. Garner should see that the names are duly entered on his list.

## DEATH OF MRS. W. HONER AT HAILEYBURY HOSPITAL

Innumerable friends in the Camp were shocked and grieved to hear of the death at Haileybury Hospital on Thursday last of Mrs. Walter Honer (formerly Miss Ethel Strain, of South Porcupine.) Mrs. Honer had been ill for some little time past but among her many friends there was no thought that death was near. The sad death followed an attack of appendicitis. The late Mrs. Honer was a daughter of Mr. Thos. Strain of South Porcupine and as a young lady she was well-known in the camp, being a very popular and highly esteemed member of the staffs of the post office and Reamsbottom & Edwards in years past. She also was a helpful and popular worker in church and social circles and a general favorite with all who knew her. Recently she had been living at the Dome with her husband, Mr. Walter Honer who was employed at the mine there. To the bereaved husband and the other members of the sorrowing family the deepest sympathy of all is extended in the death of this loved young lady. The interment took place at Thessalon, Ont.

## EXAMPLE MADE OF YOUNG FELLOW FORGING CHEQUE.

There have been a number of recent cases of forgery, cheque raising, and similar crime in the district, but Magistrate Atkinson, as usual, is doing his part to check wrong-doing. On Thursday last he made an example of a young fellow named Wilfrid Champagne who raised a lumber company's cheque from around ten dollars to a round six hundred and ten. Champagne is only about 17 years of age, but apparently understood what he was doing; at least his work showed much cunning. His excuse for the cheque-raising was that he wanted the money to go home. The Magistrate provided him with a new home for the next year, sentencing him to twelve months imprisonment at North Bay. Sentences like this may make the game of cheque-raising unpopular.

For having liquor illegally John Someyneck was fined \$200.00 and costs.

Provincial Officer Moore had charges under the Ontario Temperance Act against both Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bacon. The case against Bacon was dismissed, but Mrs. Bacon was fined \$200.00 and costs. When Officers Moore and Allen found the liquor on the Baker premises, Mrs. Bacon told the officers she was the responsible party. At the court, however, he did not stick to this story, but the officers did. The Magistrate believed the officers, of course, but for that matter so did the Solicitor for the accused who admitted that he had the greatest respect for and confidence in Messrs. Moore and Allen, and knew they would give the most careful and conscientious evidence.

## COUNCIL TRANSACTS MUCH ROUTINE BUSINESS

Accounts and Estimates Passed. Reward of \$5 for Return of Flag Taken October 16th.

At the regular meeting of the Town Council on Monday evening the Mayor presided and Councillors E. L. Longmore, J. W. Fogg and L. S. Newton were present. The business before the Council was chiefly of routine nature, such as the passing of accounts, the certifying and approving for payment of estimates, etc. Estimates for about \$1700.00, chiefly for supplies for the waterworks extensions and sewers were passed for payment. In this connection Councillor Longmore took occasion to point out that the Council had to depend largely upon the Town Engineer in regard to these estimates, as the Councillors could hardly have the time and the necessary knowledge of details to go into the matter very fully. After the last Council meeting there had been some outside criticism of the passing of the estimates, and Mr. Longmore said he wished to make his position clear in the matter. Mr. Henderson, of the Town Engineer's Department, said that they would be pleased to go into the matter and explain all details. Mr. Longmore was not sure that this was practical under the circumstances. "We engage a Town Engineer in whom we have confidence," he said, "and then we naturally look to him to watch these details." The Mayor said he thought the Town Engineer's work had been carefully and satisfactorily done. The Engineer had the approved estimates to go by in regard to the contract work and he had watched these estimates. In regard to any extras the Town Engineer had made a point of consulting the Council before putting his O.K. to these extras. This was satisfactory to the Council, it being the usual and apparently the only practical procedure to engage a competent engineer and leave the details in his hands. Mr. Longmore said that this was the point he wished to bring out to make the matter clear.

On motion of Councillors Newton and Fogg two weeks' holiday allowance was given Mr. P. Jeffrey of the Fire Department, as conditions had prevented him taking his holidays as granted for this summer. This plan is followed in most towns and cities, Councillor Newton explained, quoting Cobalt as a particular example.

The question of duplication in the matter of tax collection was brought to the attention of the Council. There were cases where men were assessed twice under similar or nearly similar names, and the assessor was desired to watch these cases with the object of preventing double collection of taxes or the collection from those not entitled to pay. It was also desired to avoid garnishees being made in any case where there were errors of this or other description. The matter was dealt with by the Clerk being instructed to prepare a list which Councillor Longmore, Chairman of the Finance Committee, can pass upon before action is taken by the tax collector.

On motion of Councillors Fogg and Longmore, the Council decided to offer a reward of \$5.00 for the return of the flag taken from the T. & N.O. station platform after the reception to the Prince of Wales here on Oct. 16th.

Guarantee cheques held in connection with contracts on public works, supplies, etc., to the amount of \$1714.00 were authorized returned, the contracts being duly fulfilled or the Town otherwise amply protected.

When Councillor Fogg, Chairman of the Board of Works, was asked regarding the progress being made in the consideration of a joint incinerator for Timmins and Tisdale, he said that Tisdale had requested the manufacturers to send representatives here to go into the matter fully. Councillor Fogg also reported that the new morgue was ready for— and then he hesitated. "Occupants," suggested Councillor Longmore, "Visitors," was Councillor Newton's word. "Those passing through on the long journey," said the Doctor.

The Fire Brigade made a prompt response to an alarm at noon to-day. The fire was at the home of Mr. R. McDonald, 70 Spruce street, but the blaze had been extinguished before the fireman arrived. The fire started in the floor of the bathroom from some unknown cause. The only damage done was practically that caused by the water used in putting the fire out.

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

The McIntyre Porcupine has declared another dividend, payable January 2nd. This is the third dividend of five per cent. for this year and the ninth dividend to be paid by the McIntyre.

Mr. Harry W. Darling is expected in the Camp about the tenth of next month, and from this semi-official announcement those who keep track of mining affairs deduce the suggestion that the Porcupine Crown is preparing to resume operations in the near future.

The Wasipika Gold Mines Company is completing the details for the consolidation of three other mining properties adjacent to the Wasipika.

The consolidation will be known as the Wasipika Consolidated, the capitalization to be \$6,000,000.00. Present Wasipika shareholders will receive three shares of the new stock for each share held at the present time. One million shares of the new stock will go to the owners of the property to be amalgamated with the Wasipika, three million shares will go to the Wasipika, and two million shares will remain in the treasury for the securing of further funds for development when needed.

The Gold Reef has completed its fourth diamond drill hole, and though there are no official announcements, it is understood that the showings from the work now in progress are of the best. Negotiations are reported as about completed for the purchase by the Gold Reef of further adjoining properties.

Among the new mining companies to be incorporated are:—the West Kirkland Gold Mines Limited; capital \$40,000.00; C. W. Livingston applying for the incorporation. The Nicholls Gold Mining Company; Capital, \$2,000,000.00; incorporators, J. G. Hamilton, C. W. Smyth and K. J. Croker.

It is expected that the work of sinking a shaft on the North Davidson will be started in the near future, with Mr. Chas. A. Randall, formerly of the Dome Lake, in charge as manager of the North Davidson. The electric power lines have been extended from the Davidson to the North Davidson, the road to the latter property has been repaired and improved until it is a good winter road, machinery has been ordered, and other activities are evident to suggest considerable work at the North Davidson property.

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