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HEADS SMASHED AT HOYLE WITH BILLIARD CUES

John Tremblay and Son Arrested in Connection With Vicious Assault.

Messrs. A. Reamsbottom, of the firm of Reamsbottom & Edwards, and Mr. Homer Racicot, of Golden City, both spent the week-end in the hospital as the result of an assault made upon them at Hoyle on Friday night last, while John Tremblay, who runs the poolroom at Hoyle, and his son, Clifford, were both landed in South Porcupine jail pending the outcome of the injuries received by the two other men. On Saturday morning it was feared that Mr. Racicot was so seriously injured that he might not recover and that Mr. Reamsbottom's injuries also were very serious. Fortunately, however, as you saw quassu uqj o ouomno uqj serious as this and neither Mr. Racicot nor Mr. Reamsbottom will suffer any very serious consequences as a result of the assault upon them. Both of them are already recovered enough to be around again almost as usual. Mr. Racicot who was taken Friday night to the Cottage Hospital at Timmins was able to return home again on Monday night, and Mr. Reamsbottom who was hurried to the Haileybury hospital immediately after the assault is also on the way to complete recovery from the injuries received. Mr. Racicot was unconscious for several hours after the injuries were received, but on regaining consciousness soon made his way to recovery.

The affair that occurred at Hoyle, however, was undoubtedly a serious one and one that every effort should be made to discourage any tendency for a recurrence. It appears that Messrs. Reamsbottom and Racicot were waiting for the train at Hoyle and the poolroom being warm and a public place they took advantage of its comparative comfort in preference to the T. & N. O. station accommodation while waiting for the train. Tremblay, who conducts the poolroom is said to have started a dispute with Mr. Reamsbottom, there being apparently some past disagreement between the two. Tremblay's son also took a hand in the trouble, according to the stories of the affair. Tremblay is said to have smashed Mr. Reamsbottom over the head with a billiard cue, and Mr. Reamsbottom was knocked senseless on the floor. Mr. Racicot attempted to stop any further trouble and he too was struck over the head with the cues. Mr. Racicot was also eventually rendered unconscious. Mr. Reamsbottom was apparently struck on the head and face several times with the butt end of the cues and Mr. Racicot suffered in the same way. Mr. Reamsbottom was covered with blood when left by his assailants, and was carried from the poolroom to the train and thence taken to Haileybury hospital. Some one at Hoyle learned that Provincial Officer Moore was on the train going through and he was informed that a serious assault had been made. He went at once to the poolroom where he found Mr. Racicot in an unconscious condition. He at once arranged to get the injured man to the Cottage Hospital at Timmins, the services of a passing freight train being utilized for this purpose. Officer Moore found no trace of either Tremblay or his son at first, but later Tremblay returned to the poolroom. Officer Moore had been warned that Tremblay was armed and dangerous, but he placed him under arrest and took him to the Provincial jail at South Porcupine. It was also learned that young Tremblay who is only about 19 or 20 years of age had boarded the same train that took away the injured Mr. Reamsbottom. He had gotten on the train as Officer Moore left it on hearing of the trouble at Hoyle. Officer Moore soon had the wires busy and young Tremblay was located at Porquis Junction. There he was arrested and was later brought back to South Porcupine by Chief Morbey, of Iroquois Falls, and safely lodged in the Provincial jail, where father and son now await trial in connection with the serious assault cases. It is said that both the accused men had been drinking, and that they were also armed and apparently on the look out for trouble. People at Hoyle report the firing of a number of shots at the time of the assaults at the poolroom, these shots apparently being fired to discourage any pursuit of the two men after it was believed that tragedy would be the outcome of the free use made of the billiard cues as weapons.

Mrs. H. Webb and son, Norman, returned last week from a visit of several months to the Old Country.

MARSHALL ECCLESTONE BUY N.C.S. STORE HERE

Will Likely Build Fine New Store in Timmins in the Spring.

Last week the Marshall-Ecclestone Company purchased the Northern Canada Supply Company stocks and business at Timmins, and will conduct the store at the stand on Third Avenue for the present. The Marshall-Ecclestone firm, with their well-known energy and enterprise, lost no time or business opportunity following the recent fire that destroyed their fine big store on the corner of Third Avenue and Pine Street. The next day after the fire they were conducting business as nearly "usual" as possible from their warehouses on Pine Street, later also securing the premises occupied by N. Ferris on Pine Street buying the building from Mr. Ferris and taking it over last week. The Marshall-Ecclestone firm will for the present conduct their business in the Northern Canada Supply Co. store which they have purchased. It is probable, however, that in the Spring they will commence the erection of a large and modern 3-storey brick or other fireproof building on the corner of Pine Street and Third Avenue where their big store stood before the fire. No definite plans have yet been made, but the erection of a big new store is considered by most people as very probable on account of the fact that a big business like Marshall-Ecclestone's in two such lines as hardware and furniture requires large and commodious premises, and the Marshall-Ecclestone firm always does things well and likes to give the public the best of accommodation and service. The Northern Canada Supply Co. did not handle furniture, and even with the recent addition built to the store the premises were not too large for the hardware and supplies carried. While the hardware and furniture business can be carried on by the use of two or more of the separate stores now owned by the firm, it is likely that the Marshall-Ecclestone policy of having the stocks all conveniently assembled under the one roof will result in the building in the near future of premises large enough for this purpose.

SOUTH END RECOVERING NORMAL GOOD HEALTH.

During the past few weeks there has been considerable illness in South Porcupine, and last week as a precautionary measure the schools, churches and other public meeting places were closed so as to aid in preventing any epidemic. The malady prevalent in South Porcupine seemed in general to be more of the type of the old-time gripe, or bad cold, than the more serious disease commonly known as the "Flu." Several, however, were quite ill, and one or two seriously so with the disease, gripe or "Flu," whichever it might be. Neither the number of cases nor the type of the disease in any way came near approaching in seriousness the regular epidemic in the Camp about a year ago. To take no chances in the matter, however, was the plan adopted by the authorities, and so every precaution was taken to avoid any repetition of the epidemic of last winter and to provide ample means to deal with any cases that might arise. The closing of the schools, churches, theatre, etc., was not so much due to any especial prevalence of disease, as to the fact that it was desired to just guard against the danger of any such a condition as that and in addition there were many of those connected with the places closed who were themselves on the sick list so that the measure was without any especial inconvenience. This week the general health of South Porcupine seems to be close to the normal again, most of those ill being well on the way to recovery and few, if any, new cases being reported. Only one or two remain at all seriously ill, and the recovery of these is confidently hoped for.

Mr. E. J. McDonald, of Rochester, who had his eye injured while at work in the bush some weeks ago is making very satisfactory progress in Toronto where he is taking hospital treatment. While chopping in the bush a flying chip hit him in the eye with the result that it appeared that the eye had been seriously injured. He went to Cochrane Hospital and took treatment there for the injured eye, but later decided to try specialists in the city where, his many friends will be pleased to know, the treatment is proving very successful and the danger of permanent injury to the eye is practically passed.

PRESENT TRAIN SERVICE A DISGRACE TO T. & N. O.

People Sickened by Wrecks, Delays, Lack of Accommodation and Thought for the Public.

For the past few weeks the service on the T. & N. O. might aptly, though inelegantly, be described by the slang phrase, "Simply Rotten." Apart from absolute profanity, this will perhaps come nearest to expressing the opinion of those who suffer from such service, or rather such lack of service. Saturday and Sunday the sort of thing that is altogether too common on the "People's Railway" reached almost a climax. On account of a freight train wreck at Kelso and another at Uno Park, the train leaving Timmins at 6:20 Saturday morning was held at Porquis Junction until about five in the evening, and of course the noon train from here met the same fate. On Sunday the situation was even worse. The National reached the Junction at about 10 p. m. and though there seemed to be about 200 passengers for the Porcupine Branch, and a mere handful for the Iroquois Falls line, the passengers for this section were expected to wait until the train went in to the Falls and returned. The station at Porquis Junction was so cold that it was an absolute menace to the health of those tired with the delayed and tedious journey from the south. Inadequate radiators made it impossible to heat the depot despite the earnest endeavors of the night staff there. And not even a drink of water could be procured, (to say nothing of necessary food,) either at the station or elsewhere at Porquis Junction. To make matters worse when after some delays the train did actually get to Iroquois Falls, it was stalled there until morning. In preference to the cold of the station most of the passengers paid their fares to Iroquois Falls and so remained on the train. After all their discomforts and genuine hardships the passengers were able to reach Timmins at a few minutes after 10 o'clock on Monday morning. Is there any railroad in Canada where similar conditions prevail? The T. & N. O. Commission will have a variety of explanations regarding the handicaps of the wrecks and the snow. But wrecks occur and snow falls on other railroads without such impositions and dangers to the public. Perhaps, if the roadbed and rolling stock were kept up to the right standard, there would be fewer wrecks, and certainly if the equipment were as it should be the clearing away of a few derailed cars would not cause such delays. An adequate supply of working snowploughs (not more "wrecks") would also prevent much of the present trouble. Then, at Porquis Junction, in view of the fact that the People's Railway is responsible for frequently holding passengers at that junction point for hours on a stretch, the T. & N. O. should see to it that there is adequate accommodation—a proper supply of food, convenient and desirable sleeping quarters, a properly heated and equipped station, etc.—for the safety and comfort of the unfortunate travellers thus held captive. The sufferings of some of the women and children on Sunday evening has roused a decided feeling of anger against the T. & N. O. What is needed is more service and less red tape; more accommodation for the public and less making of excuses. It is not over-stating the case to say that the conditions on Sunday were a direct menace to the very lives of many of the passengers, in view of the prevalence of the danger of pneumonia, the "Flu," and other dreaded maladies that are aided by exposure and the lack of proper nourishment. In the past complaints about the T. & N. O. have been frequent. Now they are becoming bitter. During the war the people patiently endured many things that to-day drive them Bolshevikwards. If the T. & N. O. can not or will not give the North Land at least a service that is not a direct menace to health and life, then the new Government should investigate the matter and apply the proper remedy. If the Government will not move, then the Member for this riding and any other members that love a fair deal should bring the matter before the higher court of public opinion in this Province. And if public opinion thinks it is "good enough" for the North Land, then the North Land should more seriously consider the question whether a New Province is not badly needed at this time.

DEMPSEY-WILLARD FIGHT PICTURES HERE THURSDAY.

Under the auspices of the G. A. C. and for the benefit of the Returned Soldiers, the full official pictures of the Dempsey-Willard Championship Fight will be shown in the New Empire Theatre, Timmins, on Thursday evening of this week. The film is a sensationally effective one, and in commenting on it one of the Toronto Sporting Editors says:—"There was much more caught by the camera than was seen by the naked eye at the ring-side, even when said eye was possessed by a trained observer who was there for the specific purpose of recording just what happened. Every move, blow or tactical play is clearly shown." There is also much interest in the Preliminaries which include the contest between Frankie Mason and Carl Tremaine for the world's bantam-weight honors. As the showing on Thursday evening is for the benefit of the Returned Soldiers the theatre has been generously donated for the occasion, the screening of this ring contest having been sanctioned for the first time such a picture has been presented in Canada within ten years, upon request of the Grand Army of Canada. The film is spoken of by experts as the most wonderful achievement of photography depicting such an event. It will give those who see it a new and true insight into the great contest, regarding which there has been much popular misconception. For instance those who have imagined that Dempsey won by a luke punch early in the fray, or that Willard laid down or fell down through the fight, will get a bunch of improved opinions from this picture. No lover of good sport should miss these films and especially as they are being put on here in such a good cause,—the cause of the Returned Men. They can not be shown except under the auspices of the Grand Army of Canada, and to give the people of this district opportunity to see these great pictures the Porcupine Branch of the G. A. C. has made arrangements for their presentation at the New Empire Theatre, Thursday evening, Feb. 19th.

The annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Temiskaming is being held to-day in Cochrane with representatives expected to be present from all the leading Boards of Trade of the North Land. Iroquois Falls is sending up a particularly strong delegation, the recently organized Board of Trade at the big Paper Town being a very lively body.

NEW LISKEARD PLAYS HERE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

And So Will the Porcupine Hockey Team, Only More So.

The second and decisive game in the N. O. H. A. semi-finals will be played here Friday evening of this week between the Porcupine and New Liskeard teams, the winner of the round to go to Sudbury for the finals of the N. O. H. A. On Saturday last at New Liskeard, Porcupine lost by a score of 8 to 2. As the decision is on goals this gives a 6-goal lead to the New Liskeard team but the boys here are hopeful of overcoming even this handicap. Saturday was their unlucky day and if they could play like they did Saturday evening after a straight, wearing, sixteen hours of T. & N. O. travelling with nerve-wearying stops and discomforts, then here on their own ice, without such handicaps, with an up-to-date big rink properly lighted, etc., they will undoubtedly give striking account of themselves. Liskeard is among those recognizing this and to guard their own chances intend coming up here Thursday evening, so as to get the necessary rest and preparation for the game. However, the Porcupine team's supporters are confident that Friday evening's game will show a score much to the home team's credit and they are in hopes that the Porcupine yet will win the round. In any event the match will undoubtedly be THE game of the season, and no hockey fan can afford to miss it. The game will be called at 8.15 p. m. sharp. Although the New Liskeard Hockey Club charged a straight dollar admission to Saturday's game at Liskeard, the price for Friday night here has been set at the smaller figure of 75c. However, as one enthusiastic fan said this week, "It would be worth \$5.00 for such a game as will be put up by the Porcupine boys this Friday evening." Everybody in the district should turn out and cheer their boys on to victory.

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PORCUPINE LOSES IN FIRST OF SEMI-FINALS

After 16 Hours' Weary Journey Porcupine Starts Game at New Liskeard at 10.25 p.m. Saturday

In the first of the two games of the N.O.H.A. semi-finals, New Liskeard won from Porcupine on Saturday night with a score of 8 to 2. The score, however, was not a good indication of the play. The Porcupine team played a much better game than the score suggests, but they were handicapped by the poor lighting of the rink, the smallness of the rink, and what one wag described as the "half-round, square, triangular corners" of the rink. In addition, the team dressed in their uniforms on the train and arriving at New Liskeard station at 9.55 were started in the game at 10.25. After the cramping, tiresome sixteen-hour delayed journey on the train no team could be in its best form for a hockey game. The boys, however, made the best possible of their unlucky day, and their defeat is no discredit to them under the circumstances. They increased in strength and effectiveness as the game progressed. The last period showed this with its score of 1 to 1, and had they had opportunity to get in shape for the game after the long journey, and to get a line on the rink and its comical peculiarities, the score throughout would have had another tale to tell.

At 10.25 p.m. the teams lined-up as follows:—
Liskeard
C. Montgomery goal
R. Montgomery defence
Epplet defence
Thompson wing
W. Burns wing
Hogg centre
Spares—Porcupine—Campbell, McGuire, Brown, New Liskeard—A. Burns and Wilder.
Referee—A. D. Campbell.
Judge of Play—H. G. Kennedy.

In the first period the Porcupine team started the fast work of the evening by a determined rush on the New Liskeard nets, but Montgomery was right there and the shots were turned. After five minutes of fast play, Hogg scored for New Liskeard, and before another five minutes had passed Thompson scored. At 10.35 Brennan and Simms were replaced by McGuire and Brown. At 10.40 Hogg made his second tally, the period ending 3 to 0 in favor of Liskeard.

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DISTRICT GUN AND HUNT CLUB NOW ORGANIZED

To Secure Site Suitable for Sports, Trap-Shooting, Fishing and Hunting.

A very enthusiastic meeting of lovers of sport from around the district was held at Connaught recently in order to discuss the advisability of forming a Gun and Hunt Club, which would include the whole Porcupine District, to secure the splendid site available for Sports, Trap-Shooting, Fishing and Hunting and to erect at Frederickhouse Lake, near Connaught a spacious and commodious Club House. At this meeting Mr. J. Clemens was appointed chairman for the occasion and Mr. James Reid secretary pro tem. In laying before his audience the object of the gathering Mr. Clemens pointedly brought out the need for an organization such as the one contemplated, which would not restrict itself to any individual town, but would include the different towns of the whole Porcupine District and be a material incentive to that splendid spirit which is one of the characteristics of the Camp. The unequalled lay-out of the grounds, their immediate accessibility and the decided advantage of the train service to all interested in the furtherance of the sport.

After thorough discussion it was unanimously decided to proceed with the organization of the Club, and that it be known as "The Porcupine District Gun and Hunt Club." The following officers were elected:—
Honorary Presidents—Messrs. A. F. Brigham, C. D. Kaeding, Mac Lang, M.P.P.
Honorary Vice-Presidents—Messrs. A. H. Reamsbottom, R. J. Ennis, J. P. Taillon.
President—Mr. Jas. R. Todd.
First Vice-President—Mr. W. F. Cosser.
Second Vice-President—Mr. C. B. Morgan.

Secretary—Mr. J. M. Beemans.
Treasurer—Mr. Jas. Reid.
Field Captain—Mr. J. Clemens.
Working Committee—Messrs. H.G. Laidlaw, F. Little, G. I. Atchison, J. L. Powers, W. G. A. Woods, J. E. Boyle.
Mr. Gordon H. Gauthier was appointed Solicitor for the Club and requested to apply for a Charter for the organization and obtain title to the grounds.

The Imperial Bank of Canada was chosen for the banking business in connection with the Club. The Secretary was instructed to get into touch with the Powder and Ammunition Companies for literature in connection with trap-shooting, and that such literature be distributed to all members and prospective members.

A general meeting was then decided on to be held at the Council Chambers, South Porcupine, on Friday, February 27th to take the final steps towards the formation of the necessary Committees as well as organization of the Social gatherings to be held before the opening of the sporting season.

All those interested in "The Sport Alluring" and other outdoor sports are most cordially invited to attend or to send in their approval or comment on the proceedings of the organization.

A unanimous motion was carried that His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire be asked to graciously accept the Honorary Patronship of the organization.

All the boys from here played a good game in view of the handicaps, but Patsy Parker starred with his steady, speedy and effective work all evening. The poor light played Liberty at a decided disadvantage, but he made some good saves and worked hard. About 100 from here went down to see the game and they kept up their cheering for Porcupine until they reached home again. Several from Iroquois Falls also went down for the game, while Cobalt and Haileybury sent a delegation of between 200 and 300. There were about 800 all told at the game. While it took 16 hours to get from here to Liskeard, the return journey was even worse, it being after 10 Monday morning before Timmins was reached again—or 22 hours for the 145-mile journey.

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