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## PORCUPINE GOLD LAKE MAY RESUME WORK SOON.

It is understood that plans are under way for the re-opening of work on the Porcupine Lake Gold Mine property in Whitney Township. The property is at the north end of Porcupine Lake and five years ago there was quite a bit of work done on the claims. There is a shaft down over 275 feet, and work generally was regarded as encouraging. There is a small mining plant on the property and during the time work has been shut down everything has been kept in a good state of repair, so that it will be easy to get going once more. According to the understanding now it is expected that the early spring will see work resumed on the Porcupine Gold Lake.

## PRIZE WINNERS AT THE MASQUERADE DANCE.

The prize winners at Scotty Wilson's Masquerade Ball in the New Empire Theatre on Tuesday evening last were as follows:

Special for most original costume—Mrs. H. Larouche, as "Joan of Arc."  
Best dressed lady—Miss Germaine Poulin, as "Fatima."  
Best dressed man—Angelo Nusca, as "King Henry VIII."  
Best comic costume, lady—Mrs. Wm. Bliss, as "Grandmother."  
Best comic costume, gentleman—David Pierce, as "Nigger Mammy."  
Special mention was made by the judges of Miss Laura Poitras as a "Gypsy." Her costume was one of the most attractive and most cleverly designed in the hall. The event was remarkable for the number of original clever and pleasing costumes, and, as noted in these columns last week, the evening was well-attended and successful throughout.

The Judges were:—Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Coady, Mr. A. G. Slaght, Mr. Fred. Lonsdale, Mr. J. A. Vaillancourt.

One of the specially noteworthy features of the evening was the attractive and artistic decorative effect made with colored balloons. These decorations strikingly added to the appearance of the hall. Mr. Deeming was the artist responsible for this clever and unusual decorative touch.

## PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR BIG HUDSON BAY DERBY.

It is expected that there may be as many as 50 entries for the Hudson Bay Dog Derby this year. Already

there are no less than 16 entries formally made, although the race is not to be held until the 17th of Ould Oireland of pious and immortal memory, otherwise March 17th 1920. This year the Hudson Bay Dog Derby is to be open to all breeds of dogs, and greyhounds are to be tried out for the first time in the history of North Land dog team racing. Whether the unusual speed of the greyhounds will offset their disadvantages remains to be seen. A Winnipeg man has entered a team of five collies, and Alaska malmutes and sheep dogs also will try their speed and endurance against teams of experienced sleigh dogs. A number of Indian mushers will take part in the event. The Hudson Bay Dog Derby has been aided this year by a combination of fortunate incidents. The gold strikes near the Pas, the unusual prices obtainable for furs, and a number of other circumstances, have made the financing and the preparations generally for the race much easier to assure. According to the general opinion nearly everybody at the Pas has a comfortably filled pocket-book at present, and new people are daily arriving at the Pas Camp. Also there has been some what of a lack of sports and recreations for the winter, so the Dog Derby fills a long-felt want in the Pas at this time and the interest is very great.

The Pas Derby is over a course of about 100 miles. A purse of \$1,000.00 and a gold and silver cup over three feet high, are the main prizes for the event. Of course much more money is made (and lost) by the miners, trappers, prospectors and dog fanciers backing certain teams. In addition to the dog race there is to be a carnival; also a baby show, Indian celebration, etc., etc. March 17th is to be a big day in the Pas. The editor of the Advance acknowledges with thanks a kind invitation from the Committee in charge to be present for their big day, but regrets that between the H. C. L. and the T. & N. O. it is not probable that a trip to the Pas would be practical at this time, unless it could be arranged to issue the paper at Porquis Junction for a couple of weeks on the way out and back, while waiting for connections.

No less than ten bodies were in Thorpe's undertaking parlors at Hailybury over the last week-end awaiting burial. The snow storm and the train service prevented the taking away of the bodies to places out of town. Only a couple of the dead were victims of the "Flu."

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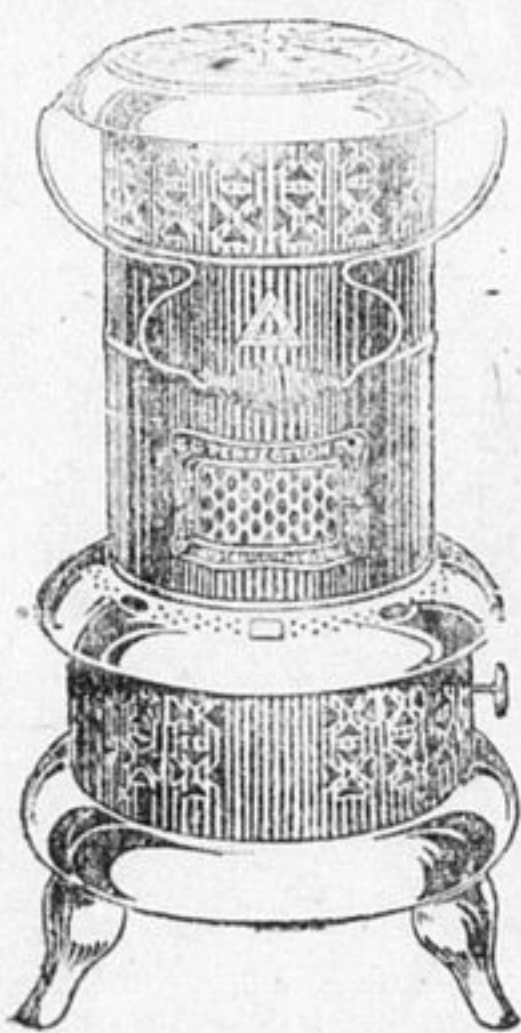
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