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Another Group of Important Visitors For Timmins This Year.

Reference has already been made in these columns to the expected visits this year of a large party of prominent United States newspapermen due to arrive in the North Land in June, and of the group of distinguished British journalists coming to this country on tour in September. It has been pointed out that these visits should be of great value in making known to the outside world the possibilities of the Porcupine in particular and the North Land in general. Still another distinguished body is to visit the North Land this year. The overseas delegates to the ninth Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire will pay a visit to Timmins and Cobalt on October 4th according to plans for the entertainment of the visitors in preparation now by the Toronto Board of Trade. The official programme, as issued by the Toronto Board of Trade, states that the delegates will travel by special train and will reach Timmins at seven o'clock in the morning on October 4th. They will spend four hours at the Gold Camp, leaving here again at 11 a. m. for Cobalt. Reaching Cobalt at about 4 p. m., it is expected they will stay in the Silver Camp for seven hours, leaving Cobalt again for the south at 11 p. m. The visit to Cobalt and Timmins is part of an extended tour being arranged for the distinguished visitors from overseas by the Toronto Board of Trade. The Toronto Board of Trade has arranged to take the visitors as far west as Winnipeg, going by way of Western Ontario and Port Arthur, and returning via Cochrane, Timmins and Cobalt, etc., to Montreal. The Toronto Board of Trade has shown good judgment and good sense of values in having the visitors come to the Porcupine and the Cobalt camps. Canada has few other points of more interest, importance and promise. But the time allowed seems all too short for any intelligent impression to be given of the country. Also it would be well if arrangements could be made for at least a brief visit to the Abitibi plant at Iroquois Falls, as typifying the pulp and paper industry of the North Land. The pulp and paper industry of the North increases in importance from day to day and no inspection of the North Land is complete that neglects this important feature. In addition a few hours spent in this big gold camp will be too short a period of time to give the visitors an adequate, fair and comprehensive appreciation of what this country has to offer in resources proven and in wealth well prospected. The Toronto Board of Trade would do well to shorten the programme so far as it relates to Western Ontario and add a day or two to the time spent in the North Land. To the visitors there would be special interest and special value in the time spent in viewing the mineral and timber and pulpwood wealth of the North Land and the wonderful resources developed here from these resources.

REGULAR MEETING G. W. V. A. TO-MORROW EVENING.

The regular meeting of the Goldfields Branch of the G. W. V. A., Timmins, will be held in the basement of the New Empire Theatre, starting at 8.30 p. m. sharp to-morrow (Thursday) evening. All Veterans are requested to be present, as a good attendance is specially desired.

MEETING N. O. F. A. AT SCHUMACHER ON FRIDAY.

There will be a meeting of the Northern Ontario Football Association at Schumacher on Friday. The chief matters to come before the meeting will be the appointment of referees for the season and the adopting of a Junior League schedule for the season. It is expected that there will be Junior teams at Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Schumacher and South Porcupine, but no doubt the number of teams for the Junior League will be known at the meeting. The Juniors expect to have an interesting and busy season and to put up a brand of football that will be of the best. The Timmins team is being organized by Rev. Mr. Cushing. It is chiefly drawn from the Boy Scouts, and the Timmins lads hope to take a worthy part in the Junior League. The matter of selecting referees for the league games in the district is an important one and it is hoped this year to have a list of efficient and accessible official referees available for all games.

MAJ. BURROWS TELLS OF SALVATION ARMY WORK

Interesting Review of Noble Work at Public Meeting in Theatre Sunday Evening.

The Mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis, presided at the public meeting called for Sunday evening in the New Empire Theatre to inaugurate the Campaign here in connection with the Dominion-wide appeal for funds for the continuance of the good work throughout the world of the Salvation Army. In opening the meeting the Mayor referred to the worthy object of the campaign, the good accomplished by the Army, and the need for a generous response.

Major Burrows, of Toronto, who is in charge of the Social and Rescue work of the Army, outlined to the gathering the work of the Salvation Army from its inception some fifty years ago. From a small beginning in London, Eng., the Army had spread throughout the whole world until to-day it was at work in 66 different countries and under 42 different languages, the Major illustrating the good done by the Maternity Homes, the Children's Homes, Rescue Work, the Police Court and Prison Work, the Free Labour Bureau, the General Hospitals, the Industrial Workshops, the Lost and Missing efforts, the young people's work, and the general social and rescue work. All this good work cost money to maintain, and so a generous response was desired to the present appeal. After a general review of the work of the Salvation Army in peace and war, the Major spoke of special work in foreign fields and the very pressing need now in particular to carry on these efforts, especially in the countries touched by the war.

Very pleasing instrumental selections on the piano were given by Mr. J. W. Hishon. Mr. Jas. Geils in his usual gifted way gave a solo that was much appreciated. Mr. Hishon playing the accompaniment. A good motion picture film was also shown, the New Empire Orchestra playing during the picture. The attendance was large, the house being comfortably filled. The collection plate at the door took in a total of \$82.79, the actual special costs of the occasion for picture, attendance, etc., being \$24.50, the Theatre management kindly donating the use of the theatre for the occasion. The net proceeds for the Salvation Army from the meeting were thus \$58.29.

FIRST LEAGUE FOOTBALL MONDAY NEXT, MAY 24th.

The first league football games for the season are scheduled for next Monday, May 24th when South Porcupine plays at Iroquois Falls, and Timmins plays at the McIntyre. The Timmins Club has been handicapped greatly by the lack of suitable grounds on which to practice, but interest and enthusiasm have about offset this disadvantage. In the first place the Grounds Committee took the trouble to adjust matters so that part of the grounds were soon available for football practice. In the next place, the players have been turning out with the greatest "pep" and enthusiasm and there have been many rousing practices. On Thursday evening last there was a regular practice game between two teams chosen from the players in Timmins, including several of the old-timers who showed they are still in the game all right. Teams A and B struggled for supremacy and President W. A. Field, who acted as referee, also had some struggle to see that the game was played according to the rules, at times as many as fourteen players being on each side. It was a rousing old practice game, however, and showed the amount of football talent in the town. The final score was a tie,—four to four. Despite the cold wind during the evening many spectators visited the grounds during the game, though it was too cold for them to stay very long at the one time. The players, however, kept the game so lively and warm, that they had no idea that it was a cool evening. This practice game indicates that the football in the town this year is going to be of the right type of good sport and that the town has a large number of skilled players. The opening game of the season at Schumacher on Monday next, May 24th should be a lively event, as the McIntyre team is also well equipped with players and enthusiasm.

Presbyterian Church Bazaar in the Masonic Hall, Saturday, May 29th, beginning at 3 p. m. Remember the date, and come.

HONOR CERTIFICATES FOR TIMMINS SOLDIERS.

Some of the Honor Certificates to be presented to the soldiers from Timmins who served overseas have been received by Mayor McInnis and the others will be along as soon as the necessary engraving of names, etc., can be completed. The certificates, which are framed suitably, are certainly pleasing and attractive works of art. Some of them will be on display in Stock's Jewelry Store window over the week-end and the Twenty-fourth together with the flag carried overseas by the soldiers going from here in the early days.

GOLDEN BEAVER LODGE CHURCH PARADE SUNDAY

Golden Beaver Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will hold their annual church parade on Sunday evening next, May 23rd, to St. Matthew's Anglican church, Timmins. The members of the Lodge and visiting brethren are asked to assemble at the Masonic Hall at 6.45 p. m. Rev. R. S. Cushing, Rector of St. Matthew's, will be the preacher for the occasion. All members of the Lodge and visiting brethren are cordially invited to join in this attendance at divine service.

RE-BUILDING STARTED ON THE GORDON BLOCK.

Work commenced this week in the repairing of the lower storey of the Gordon Block, Third Avenue. This was the building, formerly occupied by Mr. E. H. Bridger's stationery and fancy goods store, damaged by the fire starting in an adjacent building last December. Mr. J. R. Gordon is the owner of the building, and while in town this week he made the final arrangements for work to be started at once for repairing and re-building. The ground floor part will be repaired, the main part of it not being badly damaged, while the upper storey, where the Oddfellows' Hall was, will be re-built, to be used again for the I. O. O. F. The new building will be plaster-finished. Mr. D. St. Onge is the contractor handling the work.

VETERANS BUSY MAKING PLANS FOR BIG JULY 1st.

The local G. W. V. A. are busy on plans to make their Big Day here on July 1st one to be long remembered in the North. Among their other special plans is the securing of an airship for the occasion, with the spectators here privileged if they wish to try a trial flight in this most modern method of transportation. Mr. G. S. Drew is the chairman of the Committee of the Veterans planning for the July 1st celebration here and he has the active co-operation not only of the Soldiers, but of all the other societies and classes of the town. The Veterans are having their regular meeting in their club rooms in the Theatre basement to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at which no doubt further progress will be made in the work of assuring a fine event for Timmins for July 1st.

PROMINENT S. A. OFFICERS VISIT PORCUPINE CAMPS.

Among the visitors last week to the Porcupine Camp were Major Burrows and Adjutant Coy, of Toronto, of the Salvation Army staff. Major Burrows is in charge of the Social and Rescue Work of the Salvation Army in his territory. Adjutant Coy is in charge of the campaign in this territory for the present campaign for funds to carry on the good work of the Army. They were here in connection with the campaign in Timmins, and on Thursday evening met the local committee. Major Burrows gave the committee a very interesting and informative account of what the Salvation Army really has been doing, emphasizing the Social Service features and the wonderful Rescue work. Although this work was among what might be considered the most hopeless element and under the greatest difficulties and discouragements, thousands every year were rescued from evil lives in Canada, and fully ninety per cent. stayed in the paths of good citizenship. As a patriotic work along the efforts were well worth while and fully justified the fullest support. Major Burrows also referred to the work undertaken by the Army at the request of the Dutch Government—the looking after the leper colonies—a work of self-sacrifice where the officers truly and surely gave their lives for the cause. Both Major Burrows and Adjutant Coy looked for a hearty response from the Town of Timmins and district for the Jubilee Self-Denial Week of the Salvation Army, May 15 to 22nd.

ATHLETIC GROUNDS NOW GETTING INTO GOOD SHAPE.

President A. Borland of the T. A. A. is pleased this week at the progress, made in getting the athletic grounds in proper condition for the season's sports and believes that with reasonable weather for the next week or so the grounds will be in first-class condition. The new contractor has a goodly staff of men at work and is handling his job in very efficient way. As a result it looks as if the grounds would be ready for use in the course of the next week or two for the practice of the usual sports. This week the grounds are being rolled with a heavy roller and either dry or wet weather can be utilized to help along the good work of getting the grounds in shape.

PORCUPINE LODGE HOLD SUCCESSFUL "AT HOME"

Porcupine Lodge, A. F. & A. M., gave a very enjoyable "At Home" in the I. O. O. F. Hall at South Porcupine last night, about fifty couples being present. The evening proved a very pleasant one for all present, cards, dancing and other social enjoyments being on the programme. A number from Timmins enjoyed the event. One of the special features of the evening was the unusual but very attractive method used in serving the very pleasing luncheon. Contrary to the ordinary custom at dances, the refreshments were served from convenient and comfortable tables, the comfort of this method enhancing the enjoyment of the occasion.

DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE GIVING DANCE MAY 24th.

The Timmins Branch of the Daughters of the Empire are giving a dance in the Masonic Hall on Monday evening, May 24th. The fact that the event is under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. is ample assurance that it will be a pleasant and successful event. Dancing will commence at 10 p. m. There will be the best of music the best of good things to eat, the best of good dancing, and the best of a good time.

Lovers of dancing should bear in mind this event—the I. O. O. F. Dance on the evening of May 24th.

ALL ON THE PEACEFUL SABBATH AND SO FOURTH

It was a fine day on Sunday, but it got noisy as the hours wore along, until around midnight there was considerable din and clamor, strong words and stronger breaths in the main part of the town. "The noisiest night since Armistice," said one citizen who had to live near it. As a result of one disturbance, one man under the influence of liquor apparently called for the attendance of the police who in turn called medical attendance as the man had his head badly split open—a stick wielded by an Oriental gentleman doing this damage it is said. This particular incident results in police court cases going on to-day.

"THE FRENCH MODELS" PLAY TO BIG HOUSES HERE.

The musical comedies given in the New Empire here on Friday and Saturday of last week attracted big houses at each performance and were well received by the large audiences. "The French Models," as the company of actors and actresses styled themselves, gave a change of programme at each event. "Macaroni," the French comedian, made a decided hit, his humorisms particularly appealing to his compatriots in the audiences. Foggarty and Leggett, the dancing and singing artists were also good, the "Jewish Comedian" stunts being one of the features of the performances. There were seven clever lady dancers in the chorus,—one of the seven being a man, according to Irish phraseology. The music was bright and catchy, the gowns "gorgeous" in several scenes, the stage settings fine, and the show throughout a good one to visit this North Land. The singing was perhaps the least pleasing feature, the voices resembling Alma Gluck in no special particular. Taken altogether, however, "The French Models," was a pretty fair show for this North Land, and the big audiences got the worth of their money in laughter. The "shimmy" and "shiver" dancing was one of the specialties. "The French Models" left here on Monday morning for Iroquois Falls where they will give performances Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday they will show at Cochrane. Friday and Saturday they are to be back to Timmins where it is understood they will give a couple more shows—a new programme being ready for each occasion.

SALVATION ARMY TAG DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY

Daughters of the Empire Conducting This Feature of Campaign For Funds For Good Cause.

Timmins' part in the Dominion-wide Campaign for funds for the Salvation Army Jubilee Self-Denial Week Campaign has been decided to include a Tag Day in addition to the taking of a subscription. The Tag Day will be held on Wednesday of next week and will be in charge of the Timmins Branch of the Daughters of the Empire. The local Committee appealed to the I. O. O. F. for this assistance and at a meeting of the Branch last night a number of young ladies generously volunteered to do the tagging. Wednesday, May 26th was chosen as the best date available for the tag day in Timmins, while another date will be selected for the work in Schumacher. The objective for the Campaign here is \$1500.00. Part of this (a small part) has been raised by the collection at the public meeting Sunday evening when about \$60.00 was netted. Subscription lists are being taken around this week, and the Tag Days will give further chance for everyone to help the Salvation Army along in its good work. In Social Welfare and Rescue Work alone the Salvation Army has been doing so useful and desirable a patriotic service as to fully warrant the generous interests of the I. O. O. F., and all other societies and patriotic people in the Camp might well look upon the matter in the same way. If all do their bit, the S. A. will be fully supported in its good work.

HUMAN NATURE AS SHOWN AT THE COLLECTION PLATE.

It is in little ways that people often show their true character, or rather by their "little ways" they give them selves away. For instance, standing by the collection plate at the door of the New Empire Theatre Sunday evening, when the Salvation Army campaign for funds was inaugurated in the Camp, was a comic and tragic commentary on the people who make up this funny world,—the North Land. A Salvation Army lassie could stand there and say "God Bless You" to everybody that went by. But no one else could—at least not in the right tone of voice. One fat and prosperous-looking man came along with a large and well-fed family. He wanted to know if there were lots of seats—and good seats—if the picture was a good one, and if the rest of the programme were of the best kind. He was assured that he would get a \$1.00 seat for each of his family and the programme would be worth a good half dollar extra, while the cause was worthy all he could give. "All right," he said, "I guess we'll go in then." And he put ten cents on the plate for the crowd as they went by. Well dressed and well-to-do appearing fellows dropped a nickel on the plate as they went by, some sliding a quarter already on the plate forward with their fingers and looking up as much as to say, "You noticed I put in a quarter." One man came along with a half dollar plainly in his hand, made the necessary motion over the plate, but let the 50 cent piece slide back into his hand as he hurried unctuously inside. "Corrupted constamp-erampus—(or words to that effect)" says Pete, "Can you beat it?" The answer is:—you can not!

But better and less piking forms of human nature were just as evident. A widow, who has had to struggle hard to keep her little family together, dropped in more than her mite; she not only exceeded the average contribution for herself, but she remembered to add a little for each of her children. Many a man cheerfully dropped in his quarter, his half dollar or what change he could afford. There were a few more generous donations. It was not so much the amount given that was noticeable; it was the spirit of giving. Some gave like men and some gave like "pikers." And the latter could be picked out inside by their critical and selfish attitude.

It is a funny world,—this North Land—and there is quite a lot of all kinds of human nature up in this far North. Even a Porcupine winter can not freeze up the glad spirit of generous-heartedness nor freeze out the mean-spirited.

His many friends in the Camp will greatly regret to learn of the death on Monday of this week at North Bay Hospital of Mr. Winters who was in charge of the bunk and ear cleaning department of the T. & N. O. here. He was taken to North Bay hospital some days ago, suffering from pneumonia.

TO TEST OPINION ON TWO PLANS RE VETERANS' CLUB

Public Meeting Last Night Left Question In Hands Of a Committee.

There was a small attendance but a large amount of discussion at the meeting called last night to hear the reports of the two committees appointed last week regarding the proposals for a Community Building to hold special quarters for the Veterans and a strictly Soldiers' Building. Mayor McInnis presided and all present were agreed on the fact that the Soldiers should be supplied with suitable quarters at the earliest possible moment. Even among the few present, however, there was some question still as to whether this could be done better by a Community Building with special quarters for the Soldiers, or by a distinct Soldiers' Building. After hearing the report of Mr. Reed regarding the annex to the Goldfields general agreement that this plan was not practical at present. The Hollinger had generously agreed to give this building for a year or so, but the cost of alterations and repairs would be several thousand dollars and then the quarters would hardly be what was desired. It would not be economy to spend three or four thousand dollars on this plan. After a thorough discussion of the question from all angles, the meeting agreed to test opinion on two propositions,—one the building of a strictly G. W. V. A. building to cost \$15,000 or \$20,000, and the other the Community Building idea, with special accommodation therein for the Veterans, and the building to be erected as a memorial to the soldiers from the Porcupine. A committee comprising Mayor McInnis, Rev. J. D. Parks and President W. T. Curtis of the G. W. V. A. was named to look after this at once. Actual figures for the two proposals will be secured and submitted to the mines, etc., to learn how much support may be secured for each of the propositions. If sufficient support can be secured for the Community Club building idea, it will be proceeded with. If only the strictly Veterans' building is practical, the latter will then be taken up and a by-law submitted to the rate payers, as in required by-law before the Town can raise the necessary money for any such purpose. The need for a Community Building was emphasized by Rev. Mr. Parks, and he and others present thought that the mines might give generously to such a cause for the benefit of their employees. If sufficient of this support is in sight the plan can be proceeded with; otherwise efforts will be centered on the smaller proposition of a strictly Veterans' building. In either case, it was agreed that the fullest publicity would be given before the people were asked to vote on any by-law, so that all would understand the situation. Also it was decided that immediate decision be made as to what is to be done, so that the necessary work may be commenced at once. Among those present and taking part in the discussion were the Mayor, Mr. J. W. Reed, Councillor L. S. Newton, Mr. T. F. King, Fire Chief Borland and Rev. J. D. Parks. The discussion was along the same lines as at the previous meeting, and so extended reference to what was said is not made again.

SYNOD OF DIOCESE IN ASSEMBLY HERE TO-DAY.

The Synod of the Diocese of Moosonee is in assembly at St. Matthew's Anglican church this week, about sixty representatives from all districts of the Diocese being gathered together here. Among those present is His Lordship the Right Reverend Dr. Anderson, Bishop of Moosonee. There are representatives present from the western sections of the Diocese, Hearst and other points on the Transcontinental being represented, while also from the far north, from the James Bay region the Diocese is also fully represented at this assembly. There is the usual good representation from the larger centres such as Timmins, South Porcupine, Cochrane, Iroquois Falls and further south points in the Diocese. Matters of interest to the churches of the Diocese and to its active missionary efforts are being dealt with and the usual Synod business being transacted.

Many of the settlers returned from the Kapuskasing Soldiers' Colony to the south are said to be now homeless in Toronto. They cannot get houses in the city and their household goods are standing on the railway tracks and piling up demurrage.