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BENIAH BOWMAN,

Minister of Lands and Forests.

October 20th., 1920. —43-46.

1900 MINING CLAIMS REVERT TO THE CROWN

Seventy Thousand Acres Defaulted Through Non-Payment of Taxes.

Considerable interest and discussion has been aroused in mining and other circles through the recent action of the Ontario Department of Mines in taking over mining claims for non-payment of acreage tax. There has been a general complaint that the owners of the claims concerned did not have sufficient warning or notice. Several important mining properties, especially in the Kirkland Lake area, are reported as affected. The recent list appearing in the Ontario Gazette, —the official organ of the Ontario Government,—contained about 1900 mining claims reverting to the Crown because of non-payment of average tax under the mining Act of Ontario. These 1900 claims involve an acreage of about 70,000 acres. Many voice the complaint that the procedure adopted was particularly hard on U.S. and other outside interests. On the other hand the Department of Mines says that all defaulting owners were duly notified by registered letter regarding the law in the matter. "What more could we be expected to do?" the Department officials are reported as enquiring. The Department also points out that the defaulting owners have the right to re-stake and so they are not in as bad position as some of them seem to think. The Department further suggests that no exceptionally valuable claims have been lost. The reports that certain prominent Kirkland Lake properties were re-opened for staking by the default is not hardly correct in practice. While some of them were among those listed as in default the present owners promptly took advantage of their opportunity for re-staking.

In the consideration and discussion of the list of properties re-opened by default, it might be well for all in this part of the North Land to remember that the majority of the claims concerned are situated in Northwestern Ontario. There are, however, several hundred gold and silver claims along the T. & N. O. Railway that are in the list.

THE UNDERTAKER GOES OUT WITH A NEW GUN.

Mr. J. T. Easton recently purchased a new gun, a thirty-two high-power rifle. Jack takes a particular pride in this new gun and has been telling all and sundry what execution it will do in the bush. This has tempted another Jack, Chief Wilson, to break out in poetry about the matter. Here is the poem as written by the Chief of Police:—

Deep, deep in the heart of the forest
The old buck sorrowfully stands,
For soon, too soon, he must lead his herd
To some far distant land.
His head droops lower and lower,
His days of peace are done,
For Easton, the undertaker, is loose
In the bush
With his thirty-two high-power gun.

WIRELESS TELEPHONES IN USE IN NORTH LAND.

It is not generally known, but a fact nevertheless, that the North Land has wireless telephones in active operation. The Abitibi Power & Paper Co. with its usual up-to-date methods, has installed a wireless telephone outfit for the transmission of messages between Iroquois Falls and Twin Falls. It is the intention to extend the wireless telephone system for the use of many of the Abitibi camps, thus linking up the various outlying stations with the main plant and the town. So far as is known, this is the first wireless telephone system yet to be placed in the North Land. There are only a few wireless stations in Ontario. For the long stretches of the North Land, the wireless seems to be particularly practical and desirable.

TIMMINS HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY SOCIETY MEETING.

Another month has passed, and the Timmins High School Literary Society has held their monthly election of officers. The officers elected for the month of November are as follows:—
President—Miss Klelah Brown.
Vice-President—Miss Hilda Kinnari.
Secretary—Miss Gladys Hughes,
Master Philip Daher, Master Willie Roberts.

The last Literary Programme was held with the Senior Fourth Class. It proved to be a very interesting one, but it is expected that the programme for this week will be even better. The programme consists of:—Song, by Selina Moses; recitation by Izilda Martin; song by Frank Curnow; reading by Evelyn Carson; reading by Wilfred Hardy; recitation by Gladys Hughes; reading by Joe Peters; selections by Beatrice McCracken; song by Selina Moses; recitation by Dorothy Dodge.

ANOTHER RECITAL BY MR. SCHROEDER AND PUPILS.

The many who were delighted with the high-class recital given several weeks ago by Mr. H. F. Schroeder's pupils will be interested and pleased to learn that another recital is being given by Mr. Schroeder and his pupils on Thursday evening, Nov. 18th. This recital will include piano and violin solos by Mr. Schroeder and several of his advanced pupils. While the previous recital was much enjoyed by all attending, the one on Nov. 18th will perhaps be still more interesting as several of the advanced pupils are undoubtedly gifted and have the benefit of excellent tuition while Mr. Schroeder's talents as a violinist are too well known to need special mention. After the recital there will be a Dance. The music for the Dance will be furnished by Mr. Schroeder's own orchestra of seven pieces. Any interested, who received no invitations last time and wish one for this recital on the 18th may secure invitation to the coming event by calling at Mr. Schroeder's studio, No. 14 Cedar street.

Mr. J. A. Howse is in Toronto where he is taking medical treatment at the hospital there. A short time ago Mr. Howse found it necessary on account of his health to visit Toronto specialists who recommended then an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Howse is now in the city undergoing this operation and all here will wish him a speedy and complete return to health.

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