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MANY MATTERS URGED UPON THE GOVERNMENT

Delegation From Timmins and District Have Satisfactory Interview With Premier and Cabinet.

Dr. J. A. McInnis, Mayor and Mr. A. C. Brown, representing the Timmins Board of Trade; Messrs. F. M. Wallingford and S. R. Rawlinson, representing the settlers; and Mr. Digby Grimston, in behalf of prospecting and similar interests, had a series of interviews last week by appointment with Premier Drury and the members of his cabinet. Practically every matter of interest to this town and district was fully brought to the attention of the Government and in the main the interest and consideration shown by the members of the Government were very satisfactory. Among the matters of interest discussed, the following may be mentioned:—

The building of a line to connect Timmins with the C.N.R. near Sudbury. The Premier thought this might handicap the present T. & N. O. line, but after hearing the arguments of the delegation he promised a study and consideration of the situation. Apparently, however, he was more interested in the "On-to-the-Bay" project.

The Premier was favourably disposed to the building of a wagon road to Whitesides. The work may be done in the spring though it was not directly promised.

A geological survey, both of rock and soils, of the townships to the west of Timmins was urged. The Premier said that if a written resolution were received from the Board of Trade this would receive consideration.

The establishing of a Mining Recorder's office in Timmins was discussed and Hon. H. Mills promised the fullest consideration to proposal.

The question of opening Godfrey Township for settlement was favourably received. It will be further considered by the Government.

While in the city the delegation approached the Fire Insurance Underwriters regarding reduction in the present rates for the Town of Timmins, and they were encouraged by their reception and are in hopes that a reduction will be secured at an early date.

Mr. A. C. Brown spent considerable time in dealing with the question of a Division Court for Timmins. He had interviews with the Inspector and his deputy, and the position of the question now was made plain. It is the intention to merge the Matheson Division Court and for this merger a meeting of the Division Court Board will be necessary. This meeting will be held at Timmins next May, and four weeks' notice regarding the date of the meeting, etc., will be given. This meeting will be to decide the boundaries of the enlarged Division Court and where the office will be located and the courts held. The most central and generally convenient and desirable place for the purpose will be selected, and the claims or arguments in the matter will be heard and given every consideration at this meeting. Mr. Brown is of the opinion that Timmins will have no difficulty in showing that this is the reasonable and logical place for the officers and the courts. The business of the Matheson Division Court (which includes Iroquois Falls) does not now warrant the continuation of that court as a separate court. It is felt that nothing could be done in regard to Timmins until the Matheson merger was decided.

A number of other questions were discussed with the Premier and the various Ministers by individual members of the delegation. The delegates report much interest being shown in the North Land and an evident desire to meet the needs and wishes of the people here.

Of course, the T. & N. O. Railway and the organization of the T. & N. O. Commission were among the questions referred to, but there is no official announcement on these matters.

An alarm of fire sounded Monday afternoon, the alarm being turned in on account of a chimney fire at the New Empire Theatre. The smoke was hanging so low, that drifting from the big furnace chimney onto the long roof of the block it looked as if it were pouring from the sides of the roof. The appearance from certain parts of the town was that a fine old fire was in progress in the theatre building. So there was, but it was in the furnace and the chimney, but mostly in the furnace. The firemen made a prompt response, but it was not necessary to turn on the water. Investigation showed that there was no danger. No damage was done.

TO DEVELOP ELECTRIC POWER FOR WHITESIDES

Union Mining Corporation Given Rights on Kamascotia River.

Last week the Union Mining Corporation's application for the rights to the use of the Kamascotia River for the development of water power was approved by the Government. The Union Mining Corporation is developing its property in Whitesides Township in a large and modern way. It is the intention to run the mining plant at the property by electric power. An electric plant with a capacity of developing 300 horse power will be installed, and everything will be on the most up-to-date basis.

The Union Mining Corporation have done much development work in connection with their property in Whitesides Township and the results have been eminently satisfactory so far. Samples from the work on the property would indicate that the ore is unusually rich in gold while investigation up to the present warrants the belief that the ore body is of both high grade and large extent. Work is being carried on energetically on the property. Recently a temporary road was constructed to the property by the Corporation which shouldered this expense to afford transportation facilities. The Government last week practically promised the Board of Trade delegation that a wagon road would be built to Whitesides, and this should help matters along further. The Mining Corporation is ready to spend a quarter of a million dollars to develop the property at Whitesides, and it is expected that work on a large scale will be under way early in the spring. In the meantime it is intended to keep the present force of men at work in and around the property.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PLAN BIG CONCERT FOR DEC. 2.

Preparations are still going forward to make the annual concert of the Timmins Fire Department in the New Empire Theatre on Thursday evening, Dec. 2nd, the biggest and best event of its kind ever held here. The Firemen have a reputation for successes in the line of pleasant entertainments, and they intend to make the 1920 annual concert a new high standard. Among the features now planned for the event are:—selections by the Timmins Citizens' Band, vocal and instrumental solos, duets, quartettes, etc., dancing, etc. Among the selections will be cornet solos and special orchestra effects, while there will also be a number of new and pleasing specialties.

ASSOCIATED BOARDS TO USE NORTH LAND PAPERS.

At the meeting of the Executive of the Associated Boards of Trade of Temiskaming held last week at Englehart, one of the chief questions before the meeting was the matter of publicity for the North Land. It was generally felt that while the North Land would be materially assisted by and energetic publicity campaign, it would not be practical at present for the Associated Boards to incur the expense of retaining a special publicity agent and other wise going in for advertising the North Land on an extended scale. To keep the North Land in the public eye, however, it was thought that much might be done by co-operating with the newspapers of the North Lan. Through the Associated Boards of Trade and the various editors of the district working together for publicity for the North Land it was felt that much good could be accomplished in making this country better known and appreciated in the outside world. Another matter considered by the Committee was the short time available at previous general meetings of the Associated Boards for discussion. It was decided to have more time for discussions at the next meeting and it is likely that the coming session at Cobalt will have an evening as well as an afternoon session. Dr. J. A. McInnis was the representative from Timmins present at the Executive meeting. Mr. R. A. McInnis, of Iroquois Falls, president of the Associated Boards, Mr. F. K. Ebbitt, secretary and others from various towns in Temiskaming were in attendance at this Executive meeting.

Owing to the absence of several of the members of the Town Council, the Mayor and others being out of town on municipal business, the regular meeting of the Town Council scheduled for Monday evening was adjourned.

HOCKEY BOYS HOLD BIG "GET TOGETHER" MEETING.

There was a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting on Monday evening in the Hotel Goldfields, when the hockey players, manager of the teams, trainers, executive and others assembled for a "get-together" meeting, as one present phrased it. Mr. Hirschman, Vice-Pres. of the McIntyre, took the chair, and in opening gave an interesting talk on sport in general and hockey in particular. Brief but pointed addresses were made by:—J. W. Faithful and J. Thomas, trainers; Mr. Frood, coach; Mr. Jos. McGraw, manager; Mr. Reynolds, and others. Practically every player present, (and they were practically all present,) and every member of the executive contributed some good words to the meeting. Trainer Faithful laid special emphasis on the necessity for keeping in good condition all the time, and he gave a number of good pointers as to training rules and plans. Coach Frood was loudly applauded when he promised the boys that he would do all he could and tell them all he could about hockey, for they remembered the fact that for twelve years he was a hockey star of the big league type and knows the game thoroughly. One of the interesting little addresses was by Mr. Reynolds, now here taking Mr. Devaney's law practice. Mr. Reynolds is an old expert hockey player with a great reputation in that line. He was one of the 22nd team and has starred also for North Bay. The meeting enjoyed a well-served supper during the evening. The general impression left by the meeting was that players and management alike this year are out to give the best line of hockey possible and will not spare themselves to make the Porcupine team a winner.

The schedule for the N.O.H.A. games has not yet been officially announced. A schedule was published in a number of papers, but this was incorrect, having been written by the N.O.H.A. Executive as impractical. The revised schedule is not yet completed but will likely be announced in a day or two. It is possible that the first hockey practice here may be held to-morrow (Thursday) night, but this has not been definitely arranged.

CLASSES MAY BE HELD HERE FOR PROSPECTORS

Minister of Mines Makes Announcement Regarding Instructions For Mining Centres.

Announcement has been made by Hon. H. Mills of the intention of the Department of Mines to start special classes in the near future for prospectors at the various mining centres of the Province. At present it is understood that classes for prospectors will be opened at Kingston, Belleville, Madoc, Sudbury, Cobalt or Haileybury, and in the Porcupine. At each of the centres chosen an instructor competent to give an outline course in geology will be placed. In places where laboratory facilities are available prospectors will also be instructed in the use of the blow-pipe. The courses will be for two weeks and this time will be extended if conditions warrant. The memorandum sent from the Department of Mines to Recording Offices throughout the country reads as follows:—

The Minister of Mines, Hon. Harry Mills, is desirous of carrying on Instruction Classes for prospectors at the various mining centres where sufficient interest is shown to justify the undertaking. It is the intention to place at each of these centres an Instructor competent to give an outline course in geology, particular reference being given to the principal rock formations with which economic minerals are associated. A collection of minerals will be used for illustration purposes and an opportunity afforded for all who take the course to familiarize themselves with these specimens and their mode of occurrence. Evening classes cannot be started advantageously until March, in order that mineral spotting may proceed in daylight. Day classes are preferable if it is possible to arrange for same. The course will be of two weeks' duration, or longer if conditions warrant. In centres where High Schools and Collegiate Institutes are located and laboratories are available, blow-piping instruction will be included. A minimum attendance of ten persons will be necessary in order to justify the holding of the class.

Mr. Frank K. Evans, Township Clerk, South Porcupine, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace.

GIRCH ST. HOUSE DAMAGED BY EARLY MORNING FIRE.

Only the prompt reporting of the first signs of the blaze and the speedy and effective response of the Fire Brigade avoided the destruction Tuesday of No. 3 Birch street. Mr. R. Hudson the owner and occupant of the house, had gotten up about five o'clock and started a good fire in the kitchen stove. He then went back to bed intending to get up again as soon as the rooms had opportunity to warm up. In a few minutes, however, he was thoroughly roused by the apparent presence of a fire in the house. Going hurriedly to the kitchen he found that room in flames and filled with smoke. Mr. Hudson ran out with nothing on but his night clothes and socks and made his way to the fire hall to give the alarm. In the meantime, Mr. DeFen had noticed the fire and sent a telephone call in to the hall. Just as the telephone was ringing some one else sent in an alarm from one of the boxes, the one at the corner of Maple street and Second Avenue, No. 32. The fire team made so speedy a response to the alarm that one or two of the men at the hall were not instantaneous enough in getting into their clothes to catch the wagon before it left. They had to run by foot power to the scene of the fire. There were 15 or 16 of the regular brigade at the fire in record time with Acting Fire Chief W. G. Smith in charge. Lines of hose were soon laid and in a few minutes the danger from the fire was done away with by effective work. The fire had a good grip in the kitchen room being constructed in a way that gave fire chance for rapid headway. Beaver board attached to the studding allowed the fire to get quickly back into the wall. The kitchen was rather badly damaged before the fire was extinguished, but the rest of the house did not suffer much from the fire, though much damage was occasioned by the smoke and water. There was no insurance, so the loss is a heavy one to Mr. Hudson. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson and young son were all able to get out of the house without difficulty, despite the dense smoke. It is thought that the fire originated from some clothes hanging near the stove to dry catching fire and setting the light walls of the kitchen ablaze. With so light a structure the fire naturally could make very rapid progress, and so it was fortunate that the fire was discovered and dealt with as quickly as it was, otherwise the house would have been destroyed. As it is the main part of the house is uninjured by the fire though the building and furniture generally were injured by smoke and water, and the kitchen was badly scorched by the flames.

SOUTH END ODDFELLOWS OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY.

Nov. 18th was the sixth anniversary of the institution of the South Porcupine Lodge of the I.O.O.F., the lodge at South End having been formally opened on Nov. 18th 1914. The anniversary event was fittingly observed at the regular meeting of the lodge last week. There was a large attendance of the brethren, with a number of visiting brothers. There were several present from Timmins and other parts of the Camp, though not as many as had planned to go, the unexpected calling away of the brother looking after the cars for the taking of the visitors to South End upsetting arrangements for many. After the business of the lodge cribbage and euchre were enjoyed, as well as light refreshments and an all round good social time. Bro. W. Richardson was the winner of the euchre prize and Bro. W. H. Phillips of the cribbage. While refreshments and smokes were being enjoyed, Bro. Frank Miller, N. G. of Porcupine Lodge, called on the brothers present for brief addresses. The speeches thus given were unusual bright and interesting. Among the speakers were:—P.D.D.G.M. Bro. W. H. Pritchard, Timmins; P.D.D.G.M. Bro. W. M. Whyte, South End; P.G. Bro. Wm. Richardson, Timmins; Bro. J. E. Boyle, Bro. W. H. Wilson, Bro. W. G. Skinner, Bro. F. D. Henderson, and Bro. P. H. Critchley, of South End. A musical and literary programme was another attractive part of the evening's pleasure. In this part, Bro. James Reid gave an attractive selection on the mandolin; excellent vocal selections were rendered by Bros. Frank Miller and George Starling; the quartette by Bros. Woods, Phillips, McCaffrey and Hawkins was much enjoyed; and there were pleasing readings by Bros. Harry Costain and F. Henderson. "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" were sung in closing, the evening generally being voted by the visitors as one of the most pleasant of Oddfellows nights.

GUNMEN GAIN \$130 FROM HOLD UP-THURSDAY NIGHT

Masked Men Make Daring Robbery of Newcomer to Town at 11.30 p.m. On Fourth Avenue.

The new barber in the Ideal Poolrooms must think that Timmins is just too speedy a town for anything. He came to Timmins looking for a good location on Thursday morning. On his way from the station he saw a sign in the Ideal Poolrooms window signifying that a barber was wanted. He went inside and in a few minutes it was all settled, and he had hardly had time to get turned around here before he was at work. He was kept busy all day, and in the evening went for a stroll around town. About 11.30 he was walking down fourth avenue within two blocks of the police station, when three men stopped him and demanded his money. One man poked a gun into his ribs, another stood back and menaced him with another gun, while the third scientifically searched him for what he might be carrying. He did not have a chance to put up a fight or even ask questions. The hold-up men had the power to call the music: Two of the men were masked, but the third was not. One of the men was tall, the other two being of medium build. The victim of the robbery could give a good description of the general appearance of his assailants, but no clues have yet been found as to their identity or whereabouts. The hold-up artists secured about \$130 in cash before making their get-away. They left the new barber with only a few odd silver coins in his pocket. It was a busy day for him on this, his first, arrival in Timmins.

CAPTURED GERMAN GUN NOW IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL

Last week the captured German gun presented to the Town of Timmins some months ago as a war trophy was placed in position in front of the municipal building on Fourth Avenue. The captured German gun was first on public view here on Labour Day at the Athletic Grounds, and it had remained there since. Last week it was placed on the little lawn in front of the assessor's office window, with the gun trained on the approach to The Advance Office. Strangers may wonder whether it is in this position to protect the assessor, the police or The Advance office, but the Chief thinks that in any event it spoiled his nice little flower garden. It is likely that the captured German gun will be eventually placed on the Town square near the station, as a permanent mark of trophy of this town's part in the Great War.

RECITAL BY MR. SCHROEDER AND PUPILS ON DEC. 1st.

The recital by Mr. Schroeder and his advanced pupils will be given in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 1st. There will be a number of attractive selections on the violin and the piano; with other pleasing features. Admission to the recital will be by invitation, no fee being charged. Any who desire invitations may secure the same by applying to Mr. Schroeder at his studio, 14 Cedar street. After the recital, which will begin at 8 o'clock sharp, there will be a dance given by the students. Mr. Schroeder's own orchestra of seven pieces will furnish the music for this dance. The first recital given by Mr. Schroeder and his pupils proved a very interesting and pleasing event, and the recital and dance on Dec. 1st should be even more attractive and enjoyable.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

There are still a few who have neglected to respond to the bills for subscriptions due. A pink slip is being enclosed in the copies goes to these subscribers this week, and those who do not heed the warning of these Pink Slips will be cut from the list. Any subscription accounts in arrears will be placed in the hands of a collection agency. All subscriptions are payable in advance, and the present price of paper and other high costs make it absolutely necessary for The Advance to follow this line of procedure.

ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT TO BE OBSERVED BY "AT HOME"

Caledonian Society of Timmins Decide To Have Social Event in Presbyterian Church Basement.

At a regular meeting of the Caledonian Society of Timmins held Monday evening in the Presbyterian church basement it was decided to observe St. Andrew's Night, Nov. 30th, by an "At Home," to be held in the church basement. It had been suggested at a previous meeting that the evening include dancing and other special features. The matter had been left in the hands of the Executive Committee to arrange and the purpose was to have dancing, cards, refreshments, a musical and literary programme and other features at a gathering in the Masonic Hall. At the meeting on Monday evening several expressed the opinion that the plan was too ambitious for the present and that it did not meet the particular object desired,—that of giving the various members of the new Society opportunity to meet socially and become better acquainted. Mr. J. K. Moore moved, and Mr. W. Coupar seconded, a motion that the resolution of the previous meeting regarding the matter be rescinded and that instead the Society hold an "At Home" for the members in the church basement. After an amendment to the effect that the action of the executive be endorsed and the Dance and At Home in the Masonic Hall be gone on with had been defeated on vote, Mr. Moore's motion was carried and all agreed to do all possible to make the "At Home" in the Presbyterian church basement on St. Andrew's Night, Nov. 30th, as enjoyable and successful an event as possible.

There were about thirty present at the meeting Monday night and much of interest developed. The Constitution as drafted by the Executive was considered clause by clause, and finally adopted. The question of a badge for the Society was left over until samples of other badges and designs may be secured and considered. In the constitution the membership clause reads to the effect that those who are native-born Scots or of Scottish descent and who love Scotland and acknowledge it as the land of their forefathers shall be eligible for membership in the Society. The membership fee is \$2.00 per year; \$1.00 payable with the application and \$1.00 at the next semi-annual period, the two semi-annual period dates being April 1st and October 1st. Associate members are native-born Scotswomen and the wives, daughters and sisters of members. The fee for Associated Members was set at 50 cents per year.

There were twelve new members enrolled at the meeting Monday night. The Society now has a membership of over thirty.

IT IS SO DRY THAT YOU DON'T FEEL THE COLD HERE.

Several newcomers to the Camp have been remarking on the temperature during the past few days. "Surely you don't call this your cold winter," they say, and when they are shown the thermometer registering twelve below, as it did last week, they reply that though that would feel cold down south it did not feel cold up here, of course not. The air here is so dry that the cold is not felt so keenly as in the damp south and the damper east, as they used to say in the West. It is true that the North Land winter generally does get colder than twelve below, but to quote Pete's Prayer Book, up in this country, "many get cold but few are frozen." The cold is healthy. In the Porcupine ten thousand people have lived through winters colder than they are ever likely to be again. No man or woman need be frightened about coming here on account of the cold. It is cold sometimes, but it is wholesome and bracing. There has been a lot of misunderstanding about the severity of the North Land winters. But if newcomers arrive here all braced up for desperate cold they will find the winters here not only bearable but agreeably mild in comparison to expectations. For health of wealth, try the Porcupine.

Mrs. T. W. Hardy returned last week from Cobalt where she was called by the illness of her mother, Mrs. George Donaldson, Sr. Mrs. Donaldson passed away on Nov. 9th. The funeral services were held in St. James Anglican church, Cobalt, Rev. Mr. Sims, the rector, officiating. The body was laid to rest in Haileybury cemetery, beside that of her youngest daughter, the late Miss Molly Donaldson who died last Christmas night.