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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FAIR AT GOLDEN CITY

Good Crowds. Creditable Exhibits. Fine Time. At Annual Event Of Porcupine Agricultural Society.

The second annual fair of the Porcupine Agricultural Society, held at Porcupine (Golden City) on Thursday of last week proved even more successful than the pleasing 1921 event and the directors and all others concerned are to be congratulated and commended on the day. There was an attendance of around 1500, all parts of the district being represented, with particularly strong representation from Timmins, South Porcupine and Schumacher. The financial results of the day were equally pleasing, the directors having a nice balance on hand to carry on the good work undertaken.

The exhibits in all classes were note worthy and were good advertisements for the possibilities of this North Land. This year there were entries from as far away as Porcupine Junction, so the growth of the fame of the Porcupine Fair may be accepted as a fact.

In the poultry tent there was a specially attractive display, and the judge, Mr. A. C. White, had a particularly busy day. He was kept so busy, indeed, with the judging and marking of the score cards that he had not time to total them as he went along, this latter work of addition being done by the staff of the branch of the Imperial Bank on the grounds in charge of manager S. R. Way, of South Porcupine. This last statement may be used to call attention to the fact that there was a branch bank established at the Fair for the occasion all the prize cheques being cashed right on the spot for the convenience of the exhibitors. The fact that all prize money was paid during the day also reflects credit on the energy and resourcefulness of the secretary of the Fair, Mr. J. W. Young, who handled the strenuous work of his position with special efficiency.

The showing of horses was also a pleasing one, while the exhibits of cattle and pigs were also very interesting. In this connection special interest and benefit was given by the addresses on various topics given by Mr. Moorhouse, of Coppercliff, Government Judge.

The vegetables and grains exhibited were also worthy of special note. The vegetable exhibits showed that this North Land is great indeed as a market garden, while the grain exhibit proved that it can also hold up its end in this line.

Of course, the department for the ladies, was a centre of special interest. There was an unusually good showing in home cooking, canning, art, etc. Miss McLeod, of Timmins, acted as judge for this department, and in view of the number of excellent exhibits in each class no doubt had a difficult task in selecting the prize winners.

There were many charming entries in the Baby Show. The judges were Mr. T. F. King, Dr. MacLaren and Nurse MacGregor, and they had a hard task to select the winner from the array of specially fine babies.

Much interest was taken in the races and other sports.

Another centre of special interest was the tent containing the two young moose. These moose are the property of Mr. Rocco Rotondo. They are nice specimens of this year's calves.

To add to the interest of the Fair, Mr. D. Laprairie, of Timmins, had an exhibit of stoves, gasoline engines, plows, harrows, etc. Reamsbottom & Edwards showed a nice fur exhibit, including raw furs, fur clothing, etc.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the complete official list of prize winners of the Fair. As an example to other fairs, it may be noted that the Secretary had this list all ready on the evening of the event. The winners of the special cups and trophies for the year will be announced later.

Much favourable comment was given to the ladies for the excellent hot meals and luncheon served to visitors.

As a fitting pleasant conclusion to the day there was a dance in the evening in the school-house, with good music and a good time for all attending.

The second Porcupine Fair may generally be set down as a well-conducted success, and due credit given therefor to President Geo. Bannerman, Secretary J. W. Young, and the other directors and committeemen and their assistants who worked so well to make the event a pleasing and successful fair.

TIMMINS COUNCIL K. OF C. FORMERLY INSTITUTED

Interesting Ceremony on October 1st. Followed by Pleasing Banquet And Programme.

Timmins Council No. 2403, Knights of Columbus, was formally instituted here on Oct. 1st. District Deputy Albert Taylor and District Warden Dr. Gagnon, of Cochrane, and their staff installed the officers. The charter for the new Council was granted to 31 members. Among the visitors for the occasion were many from neighboring towns such as South Porcupine, Iroquois Falls, etc., including A. E. Mallette, Grand Knight, and J. M. Beeman, Financial Secretary, Temiskaming Council, 1917, of Cochrane. In all there were about 125 present. The following are the officers installed:—

Grand Knight—D. Keeley.
Deputy G.K.—A. Brazeau.
Chancellor—E. O'Callaghan.
Fin. Sec.—A. Laprairie.
Rec. Sec.—J. W. Gauthier.
Treasurer—J. E. Newton.
Warden—P. Maltais.
Advocate—L. S. Newton.
Lecturer—F. M. McCrea.
Chaplain—Rev. Fr. Theriault.
Inside Guard—E. J. McDonald.
Outside Guard—J. Rochon.
Trustees—J. A. Walsh, P. Michaud, C. Hornby.

The installation in the K. of C. Hall was followed by a bountiful banquet served the members and their ladies in King's Hall. The wonderful array of good things to eat was provided by the ladies of the K. of C. Attractive printed menus gave the list of good things, each item being connected with the name of some popular officer of the K. of C. For instance, "Carriere Lettuce," "Cafe noir a la Prairie," "Maltais Summer Salad," "Punch a la Theriault," and so on.

The addresses at the banquet were of a high order, and included interesting and inspiring speeches by Rev. Fr. Theriault, Rev. Fr. Rollieux, Dr. Gagnon, and Messrs. Taylor, Mallette, Beeman, O'Callaghan, T. F. King, A. Laprairie, J. E. Newton and others. A musical programme of much excellence was also enjoyed. This included: solo by Mr. J. McGrath, Mr. O'Brien playing the accompaniment; solo by Mr. A. Kincaid, Mrs. Kincaid accompanying; duet by Messrs. Hornby and O'Brien; and a trio, instrumental, by Messrs O'Brien, Brazeau and Hornby. The evening was throughout a most interesting and pleasing one and the new K. of C. Council certainly has started under favourable auspices by this initial gathering.

TIMMINS AND IROQUOIS FALLS FOR HOCKEY GROUP

Speedy Hockey Expected Here This Season. New Coach Arrived Last Week.

According to present indications Timmins and Iroquois Falls will form the northern group of the N.O.H.A. for the coming season. While most in Timmins would like the plan proposed by Sudbury of having only one group to include Timmins, the Falls, Sudbury and the Sault, such a plan does not seem practical on account of finances. Iroquois Falls also considers this plan impossible, the cost of travelling for such a schedule and the time off for players making it practically prohibitive. Timmins and the Falls accordingly are agreed that the group plan will be the only practical one. It is admitted that if Sudbury and the Sault were on the regular schedule with Timmins and the Falls there would likely be some very swift hockey during the season. But the hockey will be good in any case. The Falls have a classy team, and with last year's record to spur them on will certainly put on good hockey. Timmins team will be one to reckon with. There is a long list of promising material here, many of the players with outstanding records. The team this season will be in charge of Mr. J. Marshall, a noted hockey expert. He was with the Wanderers in their winning years and has a fine reputation as a hockey coach and a good citizen. Mr. Marshall arrived here on Friday last and is already getting a line on the men from whom the team will be chosen. With the material here, the reputation of the coach, and the general interest shown, Timmins is looking forward to a great season of swift hockey.

Hon. Manning Doherty visited parts of the North Land last week.

CUSTOMS OFFICE OPENED IN THE THEATRE BLOCK

Dominion Government at Last Recognizes Needs of This Part of Camp.

The Dominion of Canada Customs Office has been moved to an office in the New Empire Theatre building, upstairs. Mr. Oscar Robertson is in charge of the office here. Previously, the nearest customs office for Timmins was at South Porcupine. For years past the bulk of the customs business has been in connection with Timmins firms and individuals, and repeated efforts have been made to have a customs office established here. The argument has been that there is enough business originating with Timmins to warrant a customs office in this town and if enough business were left around South Porcupine the office there could also be continued. The idea in Timmins was not to take anything from anybody else, but to get a business convenience for this part of the Camp. The amount of Customs Office business for Timmins fully warrants an office here and the establishment of the customs office will undoubtedly prove a great convenience and saver of time and money for the business people, industries, and the general public of this town.

CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE OF THE MCINTYRE MINE

Fully Shown at Annual Meeting. 5000 ft. Shaft Provided for. Mill to Have 1000-ton Capacity.

The confidence felt in the great future of the McIntyre-Porcupine Mines by those in the best position to know was fully shown at the annual meeting in Toronto last week. President J. P. Bickell told the meeting of the plans of the directors to install a head frame that would be capable of handling development and ore to a depth of 5000 feet. McIntyre's 1,875-foot level is at present the deepest working in the Porcupine Camp. Reference was also made to the new machinery now on order and expected to be installed within in the next 60 days which will increase the mill capacity to 1000 tons a day. At the end of the last fiscal year the mill was treating 500 tons a day. Now it is handling 750 tons a day. By the end of this year its capacity will be 1000 tons. The Northern Canada Power Co. is developing the Sturgeon Falls water power, formerly owned by the McIntyre, and on which the mine has a 50 per cent. call. It is expected that power from this source will be ready by the first of the year, thus removing all chances of power shortage.

Production during the past three months, said President Bickell, has resulted in a monthly net profit of \$100,000.00. He predicted an output of over \$4,000,000.00 a year when the increased capacity is reached. General Manager R. J. Ennis in his report stated that ore from No. 7 vein promised to rival that from the phenomenally productive No. 5 vein. The outlook for increasing values at depth was very good.

The directors and the general manager alike were optimistic regarding the future as indicated by the actual development in progress on the property.

The confidence felt by the shareholders in the present officers and management was evidenced by the fact that the old officers and board of directors were re-elected. The following are the directors and officers for the ensuing year:—President, J. P. Bickell; Vice-President, W. J. Sheppard, Wawbaushene, Ont.; J. B. Tudhope, Orillia; N. J. Miller, New York; Jos. Errington, San Francisco; M. P. Van der Voort, Secretary; H. G. Laux, Treasurer.

NORTH LAND MEN OFFICERS ONT. ASSOCIATED BOARDS

At the annual meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario, Mr. G. C. Copley, of Hamilton, was appointed president for the ensuing year. The executive includes:—Mr. Frank K. Ebbitt, Iroquois Falls; Mr. A. Stevens, Cochrane; and Mr. A. J. Young, North Bay.

This is Fire Prevention Week. Inspect your premises! Clean up! Tidy up! Remove all possible fire menaces! Do your part to reduce the unnecessary loss in Canada through preventable fires.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT COCHRANE THIS WEEK

Annual Convention of North Temiskaming Teachers on Thursday and Friday.

The annual convention of the North Temiskaming Teachers' Institute will be held at Cochrane this week on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 5th. and 6th.

The session on Thursday morning opens at 9.30, and after the devotional exercises there will be an Address of Welcome from Cochrane, with a reply from the President of the North Temiskaming Teachers' Institute Miss B. M. Shaw, of South Porcupine. Then will follow:—Reading of minutes; Treasurer's report; musical number; Paper, "Formation of High Ideals," by Miss Anderson of Iroquois Falls; appointment of committees; registration.

Thursday afternoon's session opens at 1.30 p.m. the programme being as follows:—Report of O.E.A. Delegate, Miss Lynch; address, "Essentials in Public School Arithmetic," by Mr. J. C. Norris, B.A., North Bay Normal; musical number; address by Public School Inspector Marlin; musical number; discussion of "Place of Sport and Organized Play in the Development of the Child," led by Mr. Day of Iroquois Falls; address by Dr. J. B. McDougall.

For Thursday evening a programme is being prepared by the Principal and staff of the Cochrane Public School.

Friday morning's session is to open at 9 a.m., and the programme is as follows:—Devotional exercises; reports of committees, election of officers, etc., musical number; address, "The Public School Curriculum," by Mr. J. C. Norris, North Bay Normal; "Practical Suggestions in the Teaching of Nature Study," Miss D. Perry, Porcupine Junction; musical number; "Home Work,"—Short Discussions, —Mrs. Colborne, Mr. Bush.

PLACER GOLD REPORTED FROM NELLIE LAKE AREA

Nuggets Picked Up. Rush of Prospectors and Others Follows.

This week word came out from Nellie Lake, a station north of Porcupine Junction on the T. & N. O. main line to Cochrane, that placer gold had been found in that locality. It was reported that the discovery had been made in a shallow gravel bed and that several nuggets of good size were among the samples found. When the word reached here there was one of those minor rushes liable to follow such discoveries. Several from Timmins went over to the Nellie Lake district, as well as a number from South Porcupine and other sections of the Camp. It is likely that the area around the place of the find will all be staked up before many days. On the other hand many old-timers refuse to be excited over the matter. Their idea is that conditions in this country are against a real placer find while tending to what may be termed "placer pockets" here and there throughout this gold area. They point to the Matheson placer field as bearing out their contention. There is gold in the sand plains near Matheson all right, but its profitable recovery as a business venture is another matter. Nevertheless, it does not do to be sceptical about any finds in this country of gold, and so the general tendency will be to watch the new placer prospects at Nellie Lake with interest, hoping that they may pan out rich and big, even though the theories of geologists and others are disproved thereby.

IS THIS A RECORD IN THE SHIPMENT OF FREIGHT?

It took 42 days for a shipment of household goods to go by freight recently from South Porcupine to Barrie, Ont. The shipment was all the way by Provincial or Dominion Government railway. This is no argument for Government Ownership.

MAMMOTH GOLD MINES TO TAKE OVER EDWARDS CLAIMS

A new mining company has been organized to be known as the Mammoth Gold Mines Limited. This company is to take over the Edwards claims in the Township of Whitney. There are about 440 acres in the group that will come under the Mammoth Gold Mines, and the property thus acquired is a very promising one.

GOLDEN CITY PLANNING PARK FOR THE DISTRICT

Swings, Amusement Features, Trees, Grass, Among the Items. Auspices Of the Agricultural Society.

The Porcupine Agricultural Society has met with noteworthy success and so are planning for further extensions and developments for future years. At present it is understood that in making plans for accommodation for future fairs the directors are planning along lines that will be of great advantage to the whole district. The present purpose is to establish a big park at Golden City (Porcupine). This park would be for the district. Its features would be trees, grass expanses, and amusement features such as swings, etc. It would be built alongside of the lake. No more ideal spot could be selected for a public park than Golden City. A park there would naturally develop into the pleasant playground of the district. Definite arrangements, of course, have not yet been made, but it is understood that the idea of the directors of the Porcupine Agricultural Society is to secure the necessary land alongside of the lake and have it put into shape for public park purposes. Buildings would be erected that could be used for the annual fair and that also would serve the general public convenience during the rest of the year. A permanent caretaker would be in charge all the time, and the directors figure that the cost of upkeep would not be prohibitive. It is believed that the initial expense can also be financed without serious difficulty. The Porcupine Agricultural Society has a surplus of a few hundred dollars and judging from the response given this year from all parts of the district it would not be difficult to secure generous donations from around the district to make it possible to proceed next year with the public park idea. Train and bus and jitney service make it possible to use the advantages of Golden City as a summer resort and playground for the people. The whole some air, the pleasing scenery, the water and the other attractive features at Golden City make it an ideal place to establish a district summer resort. The directors of the Agricultural Society will no doubt receive very hearty support from all over the district in their plans along this line. It is understood to be their intention to start early next year on a regular campaign to provide ample accommodation for the annual fair and also for a permanent park and playground for the district.

OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER I.O.O.F.

G. M. of Oddfellows Makes Official Call at Timmins and Other Lodges in North.

On Saturday evening last the Grand Master of the I.O.O.F., Bro. T. A. Sharp, of Midland, paid an official visit to Timmins Lodge. He was accompanied by Bro. Wm. Brooks, the Grand Secretary and P.G.M. Bro. Evanson. On their visit to the North Land they instituted a new lodge of the I.O.O.F. at Kirkland Lake and visited the lodges of the district including Timmins, Cochrane, Iroquois Falls and others.

Saturday evening there were about 70 members of the Order at the I.O.O.F. Hall to greet the visiting officials. Even the unusually unfavourable weather failed to spoil the attendance or the interest. After the work of the lodge, the brethren and their visitors enjoyed a pleasant banquet. At this banquet there were thoughtful and helpful addresses by the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and P.G.M. Evanson. In eloquent and interesting way the Grand Master reviewed the history of the Order and emphasized the qualities that made Oddfellowship great and of special benefit to the world. The other addresses were of equally high order.

SKY BROS. RE-BUILDING AND ADDING NEW DEPT.

Mr. S. Sky, of Toronto, was a visitor to the Camp last week, and had an important announcement to make regarding the Sky Bros. building and business at South Porcupine. The store is being re-built and enlarged and the whole second storey of the new building will be used as a furniture department. Furniture, carpets, linoleums, etc., etc., will be carried in full ranges. The new department will open about November 1st.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE OFFICERS VISIT NORTH

Official Visit of Grand Master and Grand Secretary to Porcupine and Other Lodges in the District.

On Thursday evening of last week, the M. W. Grand Master W. N. Ponton, K.C., paid an official visit to Porcupine Lodge, A.F. & A.M., South Porcupine, where members of the Order from all over the district gathered to greet him. The Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, accompanied the Grand Master, and was also warmly welcomed to the Camp. On his visit to the North Land, the Grand Master was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Ponton, who won many friends in the various towns visited.

Among the W.M.'s present Thursday evening were:—R.W. Bro. F. K. Ebbitt, D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. C. G. Williams, V.W. Bro. H. Webb, V.W. Bro. W. M. Widdifield, W. Bro. W. W. White, W. Bro. Moorehouse of Coppercliff, W. Bro. B. E. Martin, W. Bro. Mason, W. Bro. G. R. Vary, W. Bro. E. L. Longmore, W. Bro. W. F. B. Cadman.

After the reception of the Grand Master and the degree work, the brethren repaired to the downstairs section of their hall where a very attractive banquet was spread. Here they were joined by a number of the ladies of the members, and in addition to the delights of the splendid repast provided by the ladies there was a very pleasing programme of music, literary numbers and addresses. Music of very high order was provided by an orchestra that included Messrs. F. J. Wolno, W. J. Browne, H. M. Martin and M. Daber. A reading, very effectively given by Bro. W. Dazell, added to the interest of the evening. Miss Ponton delighted all with her singing and won very enthusiastic encores. Presentations were made by Porcupine Lodge and Golden Beaver Lodge to the Grand Master and Miss Ponton as souvenirs of their visit to the Porcupine Camp. W. Bro. Mason made the presentation for Porcupine Lodge and W. Bro. B. E. Martin for Golden Beaver Lodge. The Grand Master made fitting acknowledgments.

V.W. Bro. W. M. Widdifield very capably presided as toastmaster for the banquet. The address given by the Grand Master was an eloquent and inspiring one and greatly pleased the gathering. In addition to his special words to members of the Craft, he touched on the wonderful possibilities of the North Land as he saw them. He also referred to some of the needs of this country, emphasizing the necessity for a trunk road through the North. The Grand Master further remarked that he intended to direct special attention in the south to this need of the North when he returned.

The address by the Grand Secretary was an earnest one, with much of inspiration and brightened by humor and wit that tempted more than one to say "He has the Irish wit, whether he is Irish or not." Brief but pleasing addresses were made by R. W. Bro. C. G. Williams, R. W. Bro. F. K. Ebbitt, W. Bro. Willis of North Bay and others.

After an enjoyable banquet and a pleasant social evening the gathering dispersed in the "wee sma' oors."

On Friday evening the Grand Master and Grand Secretary visited Abitibi Lodge at Iroquois Falls, and on Saturday they were at Cochrane. At both these places members of the Order from this Camp were among the visitors for the occasion.

This was the first visit of the Grand Master to this part of the North Land and he was much pleased and impressed with what he saw of the country. "We are returning south," he said, "as regular missionaries for your wonderful country and its possibilities and resources."

BISON GOLD MINES START DIAMOND DRILLING SOON

The Bison Gold Mines expect to start diamond drilling on their property in Deloro next week as an initial step in a development programme. The Bison Gold Mines own the property formerly known as the Ferland claims. These claims adjoin the Paymaster Mines on the east, and accordingly are in a promising location with prospects good for good results from development work.

Dome directors have declared the usual dividend of 50 cents a share, payable Oct. 26th. to shareholders of record Oct. 6th. At present there is to be no further repayment of capital disbursement, the next of these likely coming early in the new year.