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## FIRST SUPREME COURT AT COCHRANE, OCT. 9

Paul Sigrest on Charge of Attempt to Murder May be Only Jury Case. F. Dingwall to be Tried by District Judge.

Many in Timmins this week received notice by registered mail that their services would be required as jurors at the first Jury Sittings for the new District of Cochrane of the Supreme Court. Some of the business men and others, with their own affairs taking up their time and attention, were naturally none too well-pleased with the call for the services, the prospect of a week or so at Cochrane on jury service being none too pleasant. However, some must give services of this kind, and the requirements of the law have to be observed, so all no doubt will make the best of what appears to be an unpleasant duty, and let it go at that.

The first sittings for the District of Cochrane of the Supreme Court is to be held in the Town of Cochrane, commencing on Tuesday, Oct. 9th. Mr. Justice Kelly will preside. It is understood that Mr. J. M. Greer, Crown Attorney, of Cochrane, will conduct the cases for the Crown. From present indications it is likely that there will be only the one case of importance before the Jury Sittings,—that of Paul Sigrest, charged with attempt to murder. This case arises from the serious injuries sustained by Mr. Frank Dugene, who was hit on the head with an axe on Aug. 8th at Timmins, Sigrest being committed for trial some weeks ago by Magistrate Atkinson. Sigrest cannot take the option of being tried by the District Judge on account of the nature of the charge. Other cases, however, that were on the docket for the Supreme Court have this option. Frank Dingwall, charged with criminal negligence, has elected to be tried by the District Judge, Judge Caron. The date for the trial has not yet been set but it will likely be after the Supreme Court sittings. Mr. Dingwall is now on \$2,000 bail. He was driving the automobile that met with misadventure on the road across the river on the evening of Aug. 6th, when Mrs. A. Pearce lost her life.

Jos. Marion, of Schumacher, charged with high-grading, is another exercising the option of being tried by the District Judge. Judge Caron will hear this case on Sept. 29th. J. Oulette, of Kilgarn, charged with the theft of pulpwood, is also likely to elect trial by the District Judge. Oulette is accused of taking advances on pulpwood and then selling the wood to another firm.

## REPORT SHOWS MCINTYRE IN SPLENDID CONDITION

Annual Statement Shows Million Dollar Increase in Ore Reserves and Mine on Best Physical and Financial Standing.

The annual statement of the McIntyre-Porcupine Mines Ltd., as issued last week, shows the McIntyre to be in a very pleasing condition in every way. During the year dealt with the ore reserves increased by over a million dollars over the previous year, being now placed at \$8,514,800. The milling plant is handling an average of 1,000 tons per day, or 400 more than the previous year's average.

In the annual report by the President, Mr. J. P. Biekel states that the power plant erected on the site released by the McIntyre at Sturgeon Falls on the Mattagami River, was completed and put into operation the early part of July, and this now assures the company an ample supply of power. He further points out that the mill is treating an average of 1,000 tons daily, and expresses the opinion that they have every reason to expect that the present year will prove to be the most prosperous in the company's history.

The profit and loss statement shows bullion recovery for the year amounting to \$2,249,741, as compared with \$1,937,105 the year previous. Operating costs were \$1,167,644 and administrative charges \$166,873, leaving net operating earnings of \$915,224. Non-operating revenues totalled \$59,619, making the total income \$974,843. Taxes took \$52,677, leaving net profit transferred to surplus of \$919,166. Add to this sales of sundry investments \$3,666, and premium on 10,000 shares of capital stock sold, (Continued on page 8)

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS

To be Held at Englehart, Wednesday and Thursday of Next Week, September 26 and 27.

The annual meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade will be held at Englehart on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, Sept. 26 and 27. At this meeting the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place, in addition to the other regular business to be dealt with. The Associated Boards of Trade is the body representing all the local Boards of Trade of the North Land and includes all the active boards of trade in Temiskaming and Cochrane districts. Its purpose is to consider questions of general North Land interest and to act as the Voice of the North in such questions of general rather than local importance. Through this organization effort is made to secure the co-operation of all sections of the North Land in affairs of importance to this country in general. The Associated Boards of Trade has already accomplished much for the North Land and with all sections well represented can do still more.

In a letter to the various boards of trade announcing the annual meeting, Mr. D. L. Jemmett, of Cobalt, President of the Associated Boards, urges that every town and other centre in the North Land have full representation at the meeting in Englehart. As Mr. Jemmett points out the annual meeting is of special importance and all boards of trade in the area should be represented and make this gathering a useful success. By united effort and co-operation much may be done to advance the progress of this North Land. All good citizens of Timmins and district who can arrange to go to Englehart next week should do so and by suggestion and exchange of ideas assist in the good work of the Associated Boards.

## GOVERNMENT JUDGES FOR PORCUPINE FAIR

Event at Golden City on Thursday of Next Week to be the Best Yet.

All that is needed now to make the third annual Porcupine Fair at Golden City on Thursday of next week, Sept. 27th, a big success is fine weather. Arrangements have been perfected for exhibits and a programme of unusual interest. It is expected that the team drawing contest for a cash prize of \$50.00 will be a special that will attract particular interest and attention. The Timmins Citizens' Band is to be in attendance all day, so there will be lots of good music. The various exhibits in the different departments of the fair proper are expected to surpass all previous years. The sports, athletics and novelties will also form a pleasing feature of the day's enjoyments. Arrangements have been made for serving hot dinner and lunches, the catering having been put in charge of an expert.

The judges for the fair this year include Government judges secured for the occasion. The poultry judge will be Mr. Robinson, of Indian River, a regular Government Dept. judge. Other judges sent by the Dept. include:—Mr. Harvey, of Guelph, who will judge horses, cattle, sheep, swine, etc.; Mrs. Moorehouse, of Sudbury, judging fancy work, ladies' work, etc. Mr. H. Hatton, of Timmins, will be the judge of vegetables and flowers. Other judges are to be appointed.

The 1924 Fair at Golden City promises to be a particularly interesting one and should draw a large attendance. The people of Golden City, noted for their hospitality, promise all a very enjoyable day on Sept. 27th.

## GRAND BALL AT SCHUMACHER WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 3.

A Grand Ball is announced to be held in the McIntyre Recreation Hall, Schumacher, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 3rd, commencing at 9 p.m. The music will consist entirely of the latest dance hits direct from Toronto, played by the Porcupine District Orchestra. An enjoyable evening is assured.

Messrs. H. and F. Auer left on Sunday for Hanover, N.H., to attend Dartmouth College, the fourth oldest established college in the U.S.A.

## TRIAL OF EMPLOYEES MAY FOLLOW WRECK AT DANE

Operator and Despatcher on Duty Likely to Face Charges. Both Dismissed from the Service.

Following the finding of the coroner's jury in the inquest into the death of Engineer Thos. Woollings and Brakesmen Kirkwood and Faulken, who lost their lives as a result of a head-on collision near Dane on Aug. 28th, Operator Gillicie of Englehart and Despatcher J. Dwyer of North Bay were dismissed from the service of the T. & N. O. Railway. In his evidence at the inquest the operator admitted that he had forgotten to give an order to one of the train crews concerned. Had this order been delivered the collision would possibly have been avoided. The despatcher on duty at the time at North Bay also admitted that he had not checked up on the Englehart operator. This also was considered by the jury as having special bearing on the case. From the despatches relating to the inquest it would appear that both the coroner and the jury felt that had neither the operator nor the despatcher made a lapse, the fatality would have been avoided, but at the same time it was recognized that humanity is ever prone to error and mistake. After the inquest the evidence was submitted to the Attorney-General. Contrary to the usual attitude in such cases, there was no general public desire to visit punishment on anyone for the sad accident. It was felt that any lapse or mistake had been already punished. The thought alone that they might be considered in any measure responsible for the tragedy that occurred would be a heavy burden indeed on any railway employees. The men meeting death were popular fellow workers on the T. & N. O., no doubt well-known and liked, and any thought of responsibility for their death would be a heavy grief indeed. The fault, wherever the full blame might lie, appeared to be less than even deliberate carelessness. It would be best described as a lapse. No punishment from the law would be likely to exceed the sorrow and regret roused by the accident itself. Reports picture the operator as fainting on receipt of the news of the collision of the trains and being fairly frantic and ill from sorrow for days after. On the other hand the law itself has the duty of sternly upholding the sacredness of human life and enforcing the lesson of such carelessness as will guard the lives and safety of others. In considering the matter the Attorney-General had a difficult problem to deal with. Last week reply was received from the Attorney-General, and it is understood that this reply was followed by the issuing of warrants for the arrest of both the operator and the despatcher referred to. So far as learned these warrants have not yet been served. In case the charges are proceeded with, it is likely that remands will be made and the cases taken up later. The despatcher will be tried at North Bay and the operator at New Liskeard if the cases go to the higher courts. So far as The Advance could learn the despatches in the daily papers stating that arrests had been made last week were premature.

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The return of the party from their trip north of Cochrane will be awaited with much interest as it is felt that thus seeing the country for themselves at first hand will have a noteworthy effect on the attitude towards the undeveloped and partly developed country.

## CALEDONIAN SOCIETY TO RE-OPEN MEETINGS SEPT. 28

The Caledonian Society of Timmins is re-opening its meetings for the winter, after the usual summer months when no regular meetings are held. The opening meeting of the Caledonian Society for this season will be on Friday evening of next week, Sept. 30th. This will be in the form of a Social Evening. Arrangements are being made for a very attractive programme and a good time is assured to all attending. In addition to literary and musical features there will be dancing, refreshments, etc. All Scots and Scotswomen are cordially invited to be present at this opening social. The following meeting will be on Oct. 12th, the annual meeting,—when officers will be elected for the ensuing year and plans arranged to get the semi-monthly meetings for the season well under way. During the fall, winter and spring months the Caledonian Society meets every second (and fourth Friday in the month in the Oddfellows' Hall and all Scots and Scotswomen and their friends are heartily welcome to these meetings.

Dr. J. A. McInnis, Mayor of Timmins, returned last week from his holiday visit to the south.

## PREMIER AND PARTY NOW IN JAMES BAY DISTRICT

Premier Ferguson Lays Corner Stone of New Town Hall at Englehart on Way North.

The Lieutenant-Governor's party for James Bay reached Cochrane by special train on Thursday afternoon of last week. The party includes His Honor Lieut.-Governor Cockshutt, Colonel Alexander Fraser, Premier Ferguson, Rev. Canon Cody, T. & N. O. Chairman Lee, Provincial Forester Zavitz and Mr. Bliss, connected with the Fire Protective Service. The party will camp out through the James Bay district, spending several weeks in the district on the way to and from Moose Factory. They do not intend to return until October 4th.

On the trip up the train halted at Englehart for one hour to allow the Premier to lay the corner-stone of the new Town Hall, to the pediment of which the Lieutenant-Governor contributed \$100. Mr. Ferguson expressed his full confidence in the future of Northern Ontario and said the Government was prepared to give favorable consideration to any reasonable request for the advancement of education and municipal facilities in the North. He was especially interested in the young people. The children were the hope of any country, and he urged that they be well educated for the duties of citizenship that lay before them. His Honor referred to the great possibilities of their new country and spoke briefly on the importance of the principle of righteousness, patriotism and loyalty in the hearts and minds of the young. Canon Cody also emphasized the value of good schools and had no doubt that the Northland would, in the near future, be a great country.

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## MR. F. HAMILTON ACTING DISTRICT FIRE INSPECTOR

The following is from the last issue of The Cochrane Northland Post:— "The North generally will hear with regret that Mr. E. G. Poole has left the service of the Ontario Government after having been connected with the Fire Protective Service for the last 8 years. He has accepted a position with the G.N.R., with head offices in Montreal, and his work in future will be connected with the surveying of and marking out suitable territory along the C.N.R. lines for tourist travel. The North owes Mr. Poole a great debt of gratitude for his conscientious and efficient work in the Fire Protective service. Mr. Fred Hamilton, formerly Chief Ranger in Timmins, has been appointed Acting Fire Inspector for the present. Mr. Poole will be engaged in this territory for some time yet, and will then go east to LaTouche and the Lake Edward and Lake St. John districts."

## FIRST OF SERIES OF BAND CONCERTS ON SEPTEMBER 30

As announced previously it is the intention of the Timmins Citizens' Band to give attractive concerts every second Sunday evening during the winter months. These concerts will be held in the New Empire Theatre. The first of the series will be on Sunday evening, Sept. 30th, after the church services. An excellent programme is being prepared for the occasion and the people undoubtedly will enjoy the good music furnished.

## CHILDREN'S AID ANNUAL MEETING TOMORROW EVE

Election of Officers and Other Business to be Dealt With at Meeting in Council Chamber at 8 p.m.

Announcement has been made of the annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society, Porcupine Branch, to be held in the Council Chamber, Timmins, Thursday evening of this week (tomorrow) at eight o'clock. A large attendance of those interested in this good work is desired for the occasion. With the growth of the community the scope of the work of the C.A.S. in the Camp is greatly enlarged and aroused public interest and co-operation are particularly desirable. In a word, the purpose of the C.A.S. work is to assure to every child a fair chance for the better things of life. Every child, the C.A.S. believes, has the right to proper physical and moral care and attention, to proper environment, to decent training, to good education and to the other things that will help to right citizenship in the future. If there are any children deprived of these rights, the Children's Aid endeavours to remedy the wrong. The C.A.S. work, with its implied motto, "A fair chance for every child," is one of the most important of patriotic efforts, and should have the heartiest support of all good citizens. In view of the rapid growth of the Camp the C.A.S. work is increasing and increased facilities for handling it are necessary. With general public interest in the Camp the Society can do even more for the benefit of the country than it has been doing, and it has been doing unusually effective work as proven by the facts in the official reports published last week. All good citizens should show their interest by attending the annual meeting to-morrow (Thursday) evening.

## MINING EXCHANGE MEN TO VISIT NORTH AGAIN

To Make Tour of Mining Camps Was Done Last Year. Will be Here Early in October.

The members of the Standard Mining Exchange, Toronto, are planning to visit the North Land again this year, the present intention being for the party to leave Toronto on the night of October 3rd and returning on the morning of October 9th. Porcupine, Kirkland Lake, Cobalt and South Lorrain Camps will be visited.

Last year the members of the Standard Mining Exchange visited the North in a party, and the members in general found so much of interest and value from the trip that it was practically decided that the tour would be an annual event. While many of those in the party had been frequent visitors to the North Land, and some had been resident here for years, there were also many who last year made their first visit to this country. To all in the party last year the tour proved of great value and as a result of the trip there has been more enthusiasm for the North Land and its industries. While in the Porcupine last year the visitors inspected established and new mines and generally gathered much information as to the progress and possibilities of the country. The Standard Mining Exchange includes all the concerns in Toronto dealing in mining securities, and the party last year had representation from practically all the firms on the Standard Exchange. In view of the pleasant success of the tour last year it is probable that the visit in October will attract a considerable number. From such visits the facts about the wealth and possibilities of the North will be made more widely known to the outside world.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT NOT YET COMPLETED

The Tennis Tournament commenced here on Labour Day in connection with the Sports Day put on by the Firemen is still in progress, the various competitions having not yet all been played out. The weather during the past couple of weeks has precluded the possibility of concluding the tournament before this, but unless the rain keeps up the tournament will be all over this week. It was thought that the events could be completed last week, but the wet weather upset all calculations.

## FORESTRY CAR EXPECTED IN TIMMINS ON SATURDAY

Powerful Radio Set One of the Features of Exhibits in Canadian Forestry Association Car.

For years past the annual visit of the Forestry Exhibits Car of the Canadian Forestry Association has been a subject of special interest to the people of the North Land. This year the car is now on its way up from North Bay, stopping at Cobalt, Hailybury, New Liskeard, Elk Lake and Englehart on the way up. The car will be at Englehart on Friday and on Saturday is expected to reach Timmins remaining here over Sunday and leaving again on Monday to spend Tuesday, Sept. 25th at Iroquois Falls.

The Canadian Forestry Association has done a wonderful work in rousing interest in Canada's forests and spreading information and appreciation of the country's forestry resources, as well as making effective appeal for care and attention in regard to protection of the forests from fire. The Forestry Car has been one of the most effective methods in educating the public to a realization of the forestry question in its various phases. The Forestry Car travels from coast to coast each year, spreading forestry knowledge. It stops at all centre of importance and the people throughout the Dominion are thus provided with interesting opportunity to learn about the forests of Canada and the resources and needs of the country in this regard. Each year the car contains samples of the various woods grown in Canada; example of the innumerable manufactures arising from the forest industry, from pulp to paper and from fibre tubs to fibre ties. Insect pests are also dealt with, and there are many interesting and arresting exhibits of other lands. Of course there are various exhibits showing features of the forest fire problem and the solution. This year a special feature of the car will be the powerful radio set in use. Motion pictures are also used in connection with the car. Young and old will find the Forestry Car well worth a visit. A visit to the Forestry Car is an education in itself in the matter of forestry.

## WINNERS IN LADIES GOLF FOR LAST TWO FRIDAYS

Friday afternoon last Mrs. Digby Grimston won the first flight in the Ladies' Golf here, Mrs. J. Heppleston winning the second flight. At the previous week's play the bad weather interfered with the attendance, but a number of ladies turned out despite the wet weather. Mrs. J. A. Howse won the first flight.

## THREE STOREY BUILDING FOR BANK OF MONTREAL

Modern Brick Structure Being Started Next to Post Office.

The new brick building on Pine street opposite the post office, now just about at completion, is going to make unusually up-to-date and attractive quarters for the Dominion Bank. This fine new bank building will be a credit to the town, but it will be eclipsed by the imposing structure now being started on the other side of Pine street for the Bank of Montreal. The new building for the Bank of Montreal will be an imposing structure of three-stories with basement and will be made of solid brick. The building will be on the lot alongside of the post office. Staking out for the new building was being done this week and it is understood that excavation for the basement will be proceeded with this week. The building will be carried along to completion through the balance of this year and during the opening months of 1924 until ready for occupancy. The contractors, it is understood, will be the same firm that made so creditable a work of the new Dominion Bank building.

## OPENING DANCE MCINTYRE HALL MONDAY EVENING

The opening dance in the McIntyre Hall, Schumacher, for the season will be on Monday evening next, Sept. 24th. The McIntyre Orchestra will be in charge under the same management as last season. Dancing at 9.15 p.m. Refreshments served. Sure to be a good time at McIntyre Recreation Hall events.