

Business Men of Timmins and District Extend Season's Greetings

**Geils & Herman**  
MERCHANT TAILORS

Extend to All  
their Best Wishes  
for a  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year

37½ Third Avenue, Timmins, Ont.

Meet the Gentlemen Who  
Gave His Name to the District

HE IS AN EXPERT AT MINDING HIS OWN AFFAIRS. ALSO HE IS SHY, RETIRING, UNASSERTIVE AND INOFFENSIVE UNTIL INTERFERED WITH, BUT THEN, OH, YE DOGS, BEWARE!

It took much skill, patience and watchful waiting to secure the picture herewith. The porcupine is a shy and retiring animal and it is seldom, indeed, that he can be prevailed upon to pose for a picture, even for The Advance. The picture is one of the very few that have been taken of the porcupine in his native haunts. The fact is that the average old-timer will admit that he has seen only a few porcupines though constantly going through the bush. In early days there were so many porcupines in the area that the district was named "Porcupine" in honour of these quiet animals. If the old-timers saw few of them, their dogs were able to hunt them up, usually to the sorrow and pain of the dog. Scores of dogs here



have had to be shot off-hand because they formed an acquaintance with these little animals. Contrary to a prevalent opinion, the porcupine does not "throw" its quills. The quills, however, are but loosely attached to the hide, and any animal nosing round a porcupine is absolutely sure of serious trouble. Innumerable dogs trying conclusions with the quiet porcupine have come away beaten and with nose, mouth, throat and body filled with the quills. The quills are barbed at the end and are very difficult to extract. In cases where an animal's cheeks are pierced by the quills they have to be pushed through and removed through the mouth in many cases, to prevent too serious tearing of the flesh. They also seem to have the vicious tendency to "work in" farther into the flesh, and this apparent tendency gives rise to many theories as to the quills possessing a power of movement, though scientific fact does not support such theories. According to the count of the returning officers at the last municipal election in Timmins there are now less than 174 porcupines in the district of Porcupine. And there used to be thousands of them.

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The Best of Good Wishes to All  
for  
Christmas and the New Year

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and  
A Happy and Prosperous  
New Year