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Porcupine Dog Race and Carnival, Saturday, March 8

CASH AND OTHER PRIZES FOR SPEED AND FREIGHT RACES FOR DOG TEAMS. CARNIVAL PARADE, WITH QUEEN AND COURT. SPORTS ON MILLER LAKE. BIG NIGHT AT TIMMINS RINK.

Preparations are now well away for the big annual Porcupine Dog Race and Carnival, the outstanding winter event of the North Land, and getting bigger and better than ever each year.

This year a number of outside entries are expected for the main event—the Speed Dog Race—and also for the Dog Freight Race, the latter growing in importance each year. In addition to the valuable trophies in competition for these events, there will be good cash and other prizes.

The Carnival Parade in the afternoon is increasing in importance and interest each year. This year it is expected to eclipse all previous efforts.

A feature of the Porcupine Dog Race this year will be the fact that instead of starting the teams singly

at 3-minute intervals, three teams will be started together, about five minutes being allowed between each group started.

Special attention is to be given to the Sports on Miller Lake in the afternoon. Snowshoe races, ski events, prospectors' races and novelties will be carried through.

For the boys' and girls' dog races, good cash prizes will be offered as in years past.

The programme at the Skating Rink in the evening will be formally opened by the Carnival Queen. A lacrosse match is being arranged on the ice as one of the events. It should be a hummer. Competitions as usual will be held for the best decorated dog team, the best trained dog leader, etc.

EIGHTEEN NOMINATED FOR CARNIVAL QUEEN

Contest for 1924 Honours Now Well Away. Pick Your Favourite and Work and Vote for Your Choice.

Nominations for Carnival Queen closed yesterday afternoon with eighteen names submitted to the vote. This is the largest number nominated in any year yet and while some may withdraw, there are enough sure to be in the contest to make it a lively one. The following are those nominated:—

- Miss Isabel Arbour, South Porcupine.
- Miss R. Abrams, Timmins.
- Miss Jean Roberts, Timmins.
- Miss Annie Valve, Timmins.
- Miss Mary Maxwell, Timmins.
- Miss E. Bueche, Mattagami.
- Miss Jean Watt, Timmins.
- Miss N. Studor, Timmins.
- Miss Alice Gratton, Timmins.
- Miss Jean Boissenault, Timmins.
- Miss Mary Downey, Timmins.
- Miss Ladlamme, Timmins.
- Miss Hilda Godin, Timmins.
- Miss Doris Webb, Timmins.
- Miss Iris Budd, Timmins.
- Miss Mary Gray, Timmins.
- Miss Margaret Cole, Timmins.
- Miss Nellie Fitzgerald.

Each nomination blank entitles each candidate to 100 votes. Further votes may be secured from the Porcupine Dog Race and Carnival manager, J. N. Levine. Votes sell at 25¢ each or \$5.00. The candidate securing the greatest number of votes will be the Carnival Queen for 1924. The six next highest will comprise the Queen's Court for the year. To the Carnival Queen and to the ladies of the Court valuable souvenirs are given, and the Queen and Court have the place of honour for the day.

South Porcupine and the Dome have apparently centered on one candidate and are out to elect that candidate. With the wider field at this end of the Camp, the Timmins young ladies have lots of chance to offset any advantage of this kind. It is only a question of a candidate and a candidate's friends working to the limit. Away they go! And may the best Queen win!

HIGH-GRADE RECOVERED FROM HOUSE IN COBALT

Following information received last week by Officer R. Allen a search was made of a house in Cobalt formerly occupied by a man now living in this Camp. As expected, the search revealed the presence of gold ore and amalgam and a small quantity of silver high-grade. The family occupying the house in Cobalt are understood not to have been involved in any way, the high-grade having been safely hidden in the building some time ago, before they moved in. So far as known here, there have been no arrests yet in connection with the matter, contrary to the reports in an outside newspaper.

PREMIER AND CABINET SYMPATHETIC TO NORTH

Last week a deputation including Messrs. T. F. King, Timmins, John Vanier and Alec Dewar, Iroquois Falls, R. S. Potter, Matheson, Mr. McPhail, of Monteith, and J. Drinkwater, E. M. Hobson, A. V. Walters and D. Cameron, Cochrane, waited upon Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Premier, and Hon. J. Lyons, Minister of Lands and Forests, in regard chiefly to roads in the North. The deputation received a very friendly reception and found the Premier and the Minister of Lands and Forests had been giving the whole question of roads and Northern development very close and thoughtful study. The Premier intimated that a comprehensive development plan was being drawn up and it was intended to complete a certain portion of the plan each year, while at the same time giving attention to works that required immediate notice. The Government seemed to have a plan that would embrace permanent type of roads. The roads radiating from Porcupine Junction are to receive very early attention, including the road to the Porcupine. Matheson, Cochrane, Iroquois Falls and Timmins are to be connected up by good roads soon. The deputation returned, not only pleased with the sympathetic attention given their case, but also hopeful that an active programme of work is to be undertaken in the spring.

Timmins Rebekahs had a very pleasing Social Evening last Thursday evening after the work of the Lodge.

FIREMEN'S 1924 FIELD DAY AT SOUTH PORCUPINE

Temiskaming Firemen's Association So Decides at Annual Meeting. Officers Elected. Other Business.

The annual convention of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association held at South Porcupine last Thursday proved to be one of the most successful events of its kind ever staged by the Association, and the Association has a long list of pleasing and helpful conventions to its credit. The various fire brigades from Haileybury north were all well represented, specially strong deputations coming from Haileybury and New Liskeard, Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, Schumacher, Ansonville, Timmins and other towns were also well represented. As hosts for the occasion the South Porcupine Brigade won the highest praise and appreciation. It was a common thing to hear a visitor remark:—"Well, you have to hand it to South Porcupine people. They certainly know how to conduct an affair of this kind." From beginning to end the visitors found everything running like clockwork and a very agreeable time given to all. In addition to fire chiefs and members of fire brigades there were present many members of Fire and Light Committees of the various municipalities.

The annual convention of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association opened at 10 a.m. Thursday morning. In addition to routine business, a number of very excellent papers dealing with Fires and Fire Protection were given and proved of outstanding interest and value. One of the specially appreciated features of this part of the day's programme was the inspiring address of Mr. E. P. Heaton, Fire Marshal for Ontario. From a wide experience and long years' study of fire protection problems, the Fire Marshal was able to give a striking address, full of facts and proven truths, and containing information and inspiration that the fire-fighters present felt was of exceptional value to them in their work as firemen. Other addresses at the Convention were also much appreciated and generally this part of the day was voted a big and helpful success.

The following were the officers elected for the ensuing year:—

President—D. E. Merkley, Haileybury.

Vice-President—Chas. Jacksch, of Schumacher.

Secretary-Treasurer—F. H. Thompson, New Liskeard.

Executive—Max Smith, South Porcupine; Chief Borland, Timmins; Chief Dawson, Ansonville; Chief Carswell, Cochrane.

In choosing a place for the Annual Field Day and Firemen's Tournament for this year, the invitation of the South Porcupine brigade was accepted. Accordingly, the 1924 Tournament of the Temiskaming Firemen will be held at South Porcupine on July 1st, 1924.

Ansonville was chosen as the place for the next annual convention, next February.

In the evening, there was a banquet given the visitors by the South Porcupine Brigade, reference to which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

THREE TEAMS IN MINES LEAGUE FOR SECOND HALF

Two Games per Week, if Arrangements Can be Made With Rink. Referees Named.

There is to be no Mines League hockey match this week. McIntyre wins the first half of the schedule. There was a meeting of the Mines League last night. It is proposed to have only three teams, Hollinger, McIntyre and Timmins, in the second half. There will be two games a week, if arrangements can be made with Rink. Six names were handed in for referees, and referees are to be appointed 24 hours before each game.

The schedule for the second half of the Mines League has been drawn up and the games next week will be Hollinger and Timmins, Tuesday, February 19th and McIntyre at Hollinger on Friday, February 22nd. A complete schedule will be published next week.

The Kiwanis Club is giving a Minstrel Show in the New Empire Theatre Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week. Proceeds after expenses are paid will go to a fund for a Town Park.

Council Adopts Report of Fire and Light Committee

FIREMEN JUSTIFIED IN LEAVING CEDAR STREET BUILDING. TOWN NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SECOND BLAZE. SEVERAL SALARY INCREASES MADE. OTHER TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS. COURT OF REVISION MEETS.

At the regular meeting of the Town Council Monday afternoon the Mayor occupied the Chair and Councillors J. H. Bacon, E. L. Longmore, F. M. Wallingford, H. Charlebois, J. Morrison and Geo. S. Drew were present.

Several charity cases were discussed, and the Council thought that something should be done, if possible, to prevent the town being saddled with the cost of maintenance of men who drifted in here and became charges on the town. Some cases of men coming in from unorganized territory, and in a day or two becoming public charges, are to be taken up with the Provincial authorities.

The report of the Fire and Light Committee in the matter of the letter written by Mr. Ledue of the Star Cafe was read and adopted. Mr. Ledue asked damages from the town

on the claim that the firemen left a recent fire before it was all out and the starting up of the blaze again caused damage that he said could be avoided. The report of the Committee was to the effect that after hearing both sides of the case and examining all witnesses available in the matter, the Committee found that the Firemen were fully justified in leaving the scene of the fire when they did, and that the Town was not liable for the reviving of the fire or the damage caused by the same. In adopting the report the Council referred the letter from Mr. Ledue to the Town Solicitor.

Mr. C. E. MacDonald asked the Council to grant him a license for a new advertising and distributing business in town. He purposes dis-

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PROS. STILL AFTER NORTH LAND HOCKEY PLAYERS

Reports reaching here are to the effect that Cain of the Sault Ste. Marie hockey team has signed up with the St. Pat's pros. The pro. clubs have also been after Rene Fournier and Bellefeuille, of Iroquois Falls, both these players receiving pro. offers recently according to reports.

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE TO BE WEDDED TOMORROW.

Mr. James Kent announces the marriage of his only daughter, Miss Annie Bessie Kent, to Mr. Arthur Jeffrey Black, the event to take place tomorrow (Thursday), February 14, at the Union Church, Schumacher, at 8 p.m. Immediately after the ceremony a Reception will be held in the McIntyre Hall. Both the young people are held in the highest regard by wide circles of friends in the town and district, and there will be very sincere and general good wishes extended to them.

Mr. Herbert H. Black and Mr. Geo. M. Black, brothers of the groom, are here from Montreal for the wedding. Mr. Geo. M. Black is a former resident of Timmins with many friends here.

MEETING ON MONDAY TO ORGANIZE FOR CURLING

Matter of Curling Club and Rink Being Taken Up Actively. All Interested Urged to Attend Meeting Next Monday.

There are many curling enthusiasts in Timmins and district and many others who would find the "roarin' game" an attractive one. In answer to the suggestions of these enthusiasts The Advance in past years has advocated organization for curling here. Last year it was decided to go ahead, but on account of the pressure of other matters at the time on many of those especially interested finally organization was left off until it was felt to be a little too late in the season. This year, however, the matter has been taken up early and is to be pushed ahead at once. A few of the curling enthusiasts have met recently and a general meeting of all interested in curling has been called for Monday evening, Feb. 18th, at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Fourth Avenue. All those interested in curling are urged to attend and to cooperate in getting curling going in Timmins.

JUNIOR PLAY AT FALLS THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK

If They Win They Tie Up the Series, and They Intend to Win All Right.

In the N.O.H.A. Junior series, Timmins Juniors play at Iroquois Falls on Thursday (tomorrow). The game was originally scheduled for Feb. 18th, but has been advanced to Feb. 14th, Thursday of this week. Timmins won the first game at the Falls and lost twice here to the Falls Juniors. If they win the game at the Falls tomorrow night the two teams are tied, and home and home games will be required to decide. If the Falls win, of course, they have the series.

A report has been around town to the effect that the Juniors had dropped out. Of course, this is absolutely incorrect and without any foundation whatever. The Juniors are in the running to the end, and indeed have still high hopes of pulling out ahead.

FIRST BRICK FROM NIGHT HAWK PENINSULAR MINE

The first brick from the Night Hawk Peninsular Mines was shipped last week. The Night Hawk Peninsular mill is now running along smoothly with increasing production indicated.

SUDBURY HOCKEY GIRLS PLAYING UP THIS WAY

Sudbury Ladies' Hockey Team expects to leave the Nickel Town tomorrow for a trip to this part of the North. The Sudbury girls expect to play the Iroquois Falls Ladies' Hockey Team on Friday of this week and they are also planning to arrange a game with the Timmins Ladies Hockey team. Miss Claribel Taylor, who was on the Timmins ladies team last year, is on the Sudbury line-up this season.

In any case they may be safely expected to put up a brave battle before they let the Falls win the honours of this group.

Perjury Charges Against Three Members of Family

MRS. J. THOMAS ARRESTED LAST WEEK IN TORONTO. SON ARRESTED AT TRIPLEX MINE. CHARGES ALSO AGAINST HUSBAND. PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES PROSECUTING CASES AFTER CARRYING ON INVESTIGATION

Somewhat of a sensation was caused in South Porcupine last Thursday evening when it was known that warrants were issued for the arrest of Mrs. Josephine Thomas, her husband, Matthew Thomas, and her son, Matthew Thomas, Jr., all on charges of perjury in connection with affidavits, etc., in regard to certain mining claims. Mrs. Thomas was arrested at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, and was brought to South Porcupine this week where there will be a preliminary hearing of the cases tomorrow. The son was arrested at the Triplex Mine where he has been employed recently. It is understood that Mr. Matthew Thomas, Sr., was not arrested, on account of his indifferent health, and because of representations made in his behalf by many who hold him in the highest regard. It is said that among those appealing to the authorities in his behalf was Major Harrison, who has been involved recently in expensive litigation with interests on whose side Mrs. Thomas has apparently been actively engaged. It is understood that only three charges are preferred against Mr. Thomas, Sr., while there are five against Mrs. Thomas and seventeen against the son. At the time of her arrest Mrs. Thomas was in Toronto in connection with the presentation of a petition for a Provincial audit of the books of the Township of Tisdale. At the last municipal election Mrs. Thomas was an unsuccessful candidate for the Reeveship, and for some years past she has been an active critic of municipal affairs in Tisdale. The majority of the citizens, however, appeared to differ very greatly with her in her municipal attitude.

The charges of perjury brought against the three members of the

Thomas family follow an investigation made during the past week or two by Provincial authorities. Provincial Inspector Ward has been in South Porcupine carrying on an investigation in the matter, and it is also understood that other Provincial detectives have been working on the case at the Toronto end. It is not known at present what caused the Provincial inquiry. Despatches in Toronto newspapers suggest that there have been several complaints to the Department recently by Mining Recorders and others respecting alleged false statements with the proving of mining claims. On the other hand, many South Porcupine people appear to believe that statements made in connection with Township of Tisdale affairs on being checked up led the authorities to institute enquiry along other lines. Others connect the inquiry with the litigation in which the Triplex Mine has been involved. Interests with whom Mrs. Thomas appeared to be associated were arrayed against Major Harrison, and the latter was known to contemplate counter charges of perjury, subornation of perjury and conspiracy in the matter. Further, it was understood that he had asked the Government to institute an investigation into the whole question involved. The cases when they come to trial may decide these questions but in the meantime, the only thing clearly apparent is that the present prosecutions are being carried through by the Provincial authorities.

Inspector Ward, in conjunction with Inspector Moore and other Provincial Officers, also carried out a search and it is understood a trunkful of documents and other evidence in the case is now held by the authorities.

South Porcupine's Pleasing Banquet to the Firemen

TEMISKAMING FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND VISITORS GUESTS AT ENJOYABLE FUNCTION. OPTIMISM FOR THE NORTH LAND THE KEYNOTE OF ADDRESSES. SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

One of the most enjoyable and best conducted banquets held in the North Land for some time was that tendered last Thursday evening by the South Porcupine Fire Brigade to the members of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association and guests. The event was held in the I.O.O.F. Hall at South End, and was a decided credit to all concerned, and especially to the ladies who catered so capably for the event. There were about a hundred enjoying this delightful event.

The musical features of the evening were unusually attractive. Solos by Mr. W. R. Dodge, Mr. Jas. Geils and Mr. J. T. Heffernan won very sincere appreciation and were enthusiastically enjoyed. The work of the Timmins Male Quartette, Messrs. Geils, Heffernan, Dodge and Forrester, delighted all. The quartette was heard in several selections to decided advantage and won the highest commendation. Visitors to the Camp were especially generous in praise of these clever vocalists. Mr. T. Huntley brought down the house with his fine comic songs, his laughing song being especially well done. He showed himself an artist in this line. Mr. J. F. Munro also made a big hit in humorous selections of the species Scottish, accompanying himself on the banjo. An outstanding feature of the musical programme was a talented piano solo by Mr. A. H. Cederberg. The work of the Orchestra for the evening was also pleasing.

The banquet speeches were all of high order, the chief note being one of optimism in the North Land's fu-

ture. Mr. H. M. Wilson very capably presided, and welcomed all. In proposing the toast to the Temiskaming Firemen's Association, Mr. E. P. Heaton, Fire Marshal for Ontario, gave a very interesting review of the growth of fire brigades since the first was founded in Rome in 70 B.C. He also touched on the vast improvement in equipment for fighting fires. Nothing could take the place of human effort in fighting and preventing fires. "All fires are the same size at the start," was one of Mr. Heaton's phrases.

Mr. Maxwell Smith and Chief Thompson made very capable response for the Association, touching on the history and the growth of the Association.

In a very witty address that had also much of shrewd good sense and optimism, Reeve C. V. Gallagher proposed the toast to the Visitors. This was given effective response by Chief Lever and Mr. T. C. Grills. Mr. W. G. A. Woods in proposing "Our Northern Industries," emphasized the need for the co-operation of all in the development of the North Land. In response, Mr. A. F. Brigham, General Manager of the Hollinger, gave an address inspiring in its optimism and its faith in the North. Mr. Brigham illustrated his main thought by giving the story of the development of another country. It was the story of a railway, he said, and he showed how step by step the railway was built to connect Cape-town and Cairo. Each step, he pointed

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