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URGES DIRECT ROAD FROM PORCUPINE TO ELK LAKE

Mr. H. H. Sutherland in Camp This Week Advocates New Roadway of Great Importance to the North.

A direct motor road from Porcupine to Elk Lake is earnestly advocated by Mr. H. H. Sutherland, Toronto, who is in the Camp this week and is laying his proposals before various interests and public bodies with a view to securing the active co-operation of all in securing this advantage for the North Land. Mr. Sutherland points out that such a road could follow the rights-of-way of the Great Northern Power Co and the Northern Canada Power Limited. The former is a hundred feet wide and the latter sixty-five, and the two parallel each other the greater part of the way. Accordingly it would be a simple matter to construct a road alongside the power lines. The right-of-way is cleared the full distance. This would materially reduce the cost of constructing the roadway, as will be readily seen from the fact that the Great Northern Power Co spent \$125,000.00 on the cutting of the right-of-way alone.

Mr. Sutherland is enthusiastic in showing the advantages to be gained from such a connecting roadway. He believes, indeed, the work to be vital for the development of the North Land. It would connect up the Porcupine and Matatehewan camps and give proper access to a wonderful new territory. The proposed roadway would pass through Shaw, Cleaver and McNeil and other unusually promising townships, including Langmuir, Bannockburn, Powell and Cairo. McNeil and Cleaver have recently been the scene of spectacular finds that hold out unusual promise. The district traversed is unusually rich in mineral wealth. There is iron in Bannockburn, barite in Langmuir, Powell and Bannockburn, asbestos in Bannockburn, silver in Langmuir, and gold in many if not all of the townships to be served by the proposed road. Recently important English mining companies have become interested in Cairo Township. The area absolutely needs transportation facilities. Mr. Sutherland urges, and it would be the best of business to supply the need by a motor road. In addition to the opening of new mining territory the proposed road would give short and direct connection for the important mining district of Porcupine with the South. The total distance is about 90 miles to give direct road connection with not only Elk Lake and Matatehewan but also Cobalt through subsidiary roads. Of this distance over twenty miles of road is now completely and much of the rest of it partly constructed. There are practically no engineering difficulties in the way, much of the distance being over sand plains. The Great Northern has bridges at needed points and these could be used as part of the roadway. Mr. Sutherland says. The total cost, he estimates at about \$250,000.00, and he points out that it would be an investment that would mean millions to the country. In reply to a question Mr. Sutherland made a striking statement. "The road could be completed this summer," he said. In view of the record in construction made by the Great Northern Power Co. with which Mr. Sutherland is actively connected, this statement must be given respectful consideration and final belief.

To all whom he has presented his plans in this district the proposal has met with approval, the only proviso being that the proposed road must in no way delay or interfere with the other trunk roads now under slow construction. Mr. Sutherland is emphatic in saying that these roads must be completed as soon as possible, but he urges the new road as also of vital necessity for the development of this country.

EUCHRE AND DANCE, MAY 30 AUSPICES OF TIMMINS L.O.L.

A Euchre and Dance under the auspices of Timmins L.O.L. will be held in the L.O.O.F. Hall on Friday evening of this week, May 30th. Refreshments will be served and a pleasant social evening enjoyed by all attending. It was previously planned to hold this event a couple of weeks ago, but it had to be postponed. It is intended now to make it all the bigger and better success on this account and so Friday, May 30th, is expected to be a specially enjoyable evening under the L.O.L. auspices.

PROSPECTOR FOUND DEAD IN SHACK IN MATTAGAMI

Had Not Been Seen Around for Day or Two, and Friend Makes Sad Find on Monday Morning.

Mr. Hugh O. Kerr, a prospector, aged 35 years, was found dead on Monday morning in the small house where he had resided for some time past in Mattagami. The sad discovery was made at about half-past two on Monday morning by a friend who had missed seeing Mr. Kerr around for a day or two and feared that he was ill. Mr. Kerr was subject to more or less frequent spells of illness, and so his friends were always anxious when they failed to see him regularly. He lived alone and was very quiet and retiring, but had made many friends in the district. When the body was found appearances indicated that he had been dead for some time, probably a day or two. It was several days previously that he had been seen last by any of his close friends, but a lady living nearby said she saw him around the place sometime on Saturday. His house was on Bannerman street, off Commercial Avenue. He had lumber on the property for the building of a new house, and was busy with the preparation for the new building just previous to his death. As soon as the body was found the authorities were notified. Coroner H. E. Montgomery at once viewed the body, finding death due to natural causes and no inquest necessary.

The late Hugh O. Kerr had many friends in Timmins and district who will deeply regret his death. Although of quiet and retiring disposition he had made many friends here and was very highly regarded. He was a regular attendant at Bynes Presbyterian church and the pastor, Rev. J. D. Parks, gave ready assistance in locating the relatives of the dead man. The late Mr. Kerr was unmarried, and his people are resident in Toronto. Word of the sad event was sent to his mother and other relatives in the city at once. The remains will be shipped today to Toronto for interment.

VISIT OF TERRITORIAL COMMANDER TO TIMMINS

Successful Meetings Here to Welcome Commissioner Chas. Sowton of the Salvation Army.

Commissioner Chas. Sowton, Territorial Commander of the Salvation Army from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Sea, was a visitor to Timmins on Sunday. A special welcome had been planned for him on Saturday evening, but the meeting had to proceed without the distinguished visitor, the train he was travelling on being four or five hours late and the Commissioner accordingly not reaching Timmins until 12:30. Major Knight of North Bay reached here Saturday evening and an interesting and helpful meeting was held.

There was a big attendance at the Army Hall on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock for the Holiness meeting conducted by Commissioner Sowton, assisted by Lieut. Adby, Candidate Secretary, and Capt. Cornthwaite. Lieut. Adby is a gifted singer and concertina player and the fact that he accompanied the Commissioner on his visit here added to the success and inspiration of the event.

The lecture on "Social Regeneration," given Sunday afternoon by Commissioner Sowton was an unusual, thoughtful and inspiring address and was much appreciated by the large attendance present. Owing to an unexpected professional call Mayor McInnis was unable to preside at this meeting as expected.

The evening service on Sunday attracted a particularly large crowd. The service was an inspiring one. The S.A. officers from Cochrane were among those present and Lieut. Broughton was publicly promoted to the rank of Captain at this meeting.

During the stay of Commissioner Sowton in town he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Longmore. He left on the 10 o'clock train on Monday morning for New Liskeard.

The author of the popular song, "It Ain't Going to Rain No More," can commit suicide here any day now by simply announcing himself enough as good as too much any time.

COBALT OFFERS \$1000 TO MUCKERS AND DRILLERS

Big Contests and Attractive Prizes at Cobalt Old-Timers' Re-Union June 28th to July 1.

Prizes totalling one thousand dollars are offered in the Drilling and Mucking Contests which form part of the big Re-Union of Old-Timers being held in Cobalt this summer.

The Re-Union is drawing old Northern mining men from all parts of the world. The celebration of Cobalt's 20th year of activity promises to be the most exciting and interesting affair, to say nothing of the most sleepless time ever held in the North.

The best known band in Canada, the famous 48th Highlanders band of Toronto is being brought in for the four days. There will be other bands too. All the usual sports, such as baseball and football games, and track events are to be held in profusion. Every minute of the night and day has been taken for some sort of special entertainment. Broad plans to accommodate all visitors have been made for the Re-Union, which runs from June 28th to July 1st.

SOUVENIR GIFTS TO TOWN HOCKEY TEAM MEMBERS.

As a little souvenir of the past season's hockey and a reminder of the good sport here during the winter, Mr. J. D. MacLean, the manager, and each playing member of the Town Hockey team has been presented with a handsome gold ever-sharp pencil with name engraved on the side.

PLEASING JAPANESE PLAY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

Gorgeous costumes, Oriental scenery, snappy choruses and an all-round good show are promised all attending at the Ukrainian Hall, Mountjoy street, on Thursday and Friday nights of this week, May 29th and 30th, at 8 p.m., for the presentation of the Japanese play, "Mitsu-Yu-Nissi," under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church Bible Class. The show includes 25 Timmins artists, including sixteen chorus girls. The play in itself is of much interest and rehearsals suggest that it will be effectively presented. The proceeds of the play are announced as for Church Extension Work.

Town Donates \$500.00 to District Children's Aid

PLAN WHEREBY PAID FIREMEN WILL BE UNIFORMED. COMPLAINT MADE REGARDING TOWN CONSTABLE. ANOTHER PLAN OF TOWNSITE APPROVED BY COUNCIL. OTHER TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS.

The Town Council met in regular session Monday afternoon with the Mayor in the chair and Councillors J. H. Bacon, H. Charlebois, J. Morrison and G. S. Drew present. Councillor Longmore was absent on account of illness, and Councillor Wallingford was out of town.

A letter was read from Mr. A. E. Prout who took objection to what he considered the discourtesy and improper attitude of Constable D. Martin on a recent occasion. Mr. Prout said that one evening some weeks ago while talking to a friend on street he was ordered to move on by Officer Martin and at once had complied readily, believing the constable should be commended for looking to his duty in this way. However, he asked Officer Martin why he did not also move others on a nearby corner to clear the walk for traffic, and the officer threatened to "fix him." Mr. Prout said he replied to the effect that he was not afraid and did not intend to be bullied. Later, he received a summons to answer a charge of disorderly conduct. He had reputable witnesses to prove that he had not been disorderly in any way and had used no improper language of any kind. After an adjournment for a week, the case was withdrawn without reason given. In the interests of the public Mr. Prout thought the Council should be informed on instances like this and be asked that the matter be investigated. Mr. Prout's letter was referred to the Police Committee for a thorough investigation, a report to be made in the matter to the next meeting of Council.

A letter from Mr. A. F. Brigham said that the lots on East Spruce and West Tamarack between Fourth and Fifth Avenues were being reserved

EVEN BAD WEATHER COULD NOT KILL GOLF OPENING

First Match Played on Saturday, Won by Team Representing President

The official opening of the Timmins Golf Club for the season took place on Saturday, May 24th. Disagreeable weather featured the opening, rain, hail and snow falling at various times during the afternoon, but this did not prevent the opening game of the season being played. In the match between the President versus the Vice-President, the President won.

The teams were:—
President: J. Wray, J. Fogg, A. E. Riddell, P. Cooper, V. Emery, Sullivan, Geo. Lake, C. G. Williams, W. Wylie, H. Huekshbone, D. Mackie, D. E. Craigie.
Vice-President: Mr. Purchas, Chas. Auer, C. G. Pirie, J. Sullivan, S. Wookey, O'Sullivan, J. Todd, Dr. Kirkpatrik, N. Laprairie, Mr. Rice, J. Bacon, W. S. McGuire.
The weather over the week-end was poor golfing weather, both Saturday and Sunday being cold and wet, and this accounted for the small number taking part in the opening match.

TOWNSHIP OF TISDALE VOTES \$250.00 TO C.A.S.

At the Township of Tisdale Council meeting on Monday of this week a motion was passed making a grant of \$250.00 to the District Children's Aid Society for the carrying out of the good work of the organization for the benefit of the children of the district.

PRESENTATION OF I.O.D.E. ESSAY PRIZES ON FRIDAY

The presentation of the prizes given by the Timmins Chapter of the I.O.D.E. for the school pupils winning in the essay-writing competition held some months ago will take place on Friday of this week it is expected. The judges have completed the labour of reading the large number of papers submitted, and awards may accordingly be made.

Mrs. Chas. Pirie, of Lorrain Valley, is visiting in town.

FIREWORKS AT FIRE AT GRAY'S STORE ON MONDAY

Need for Chemical Apparatus Again Demonstrated at Fire Originating in Fireworks.

Damage to the extent of probably \$2000.00 was done to the stock and around \$200.00 damage to the building by fire in some fireworks at Gray's Drug Store on Monday. It is understood that the fire originated from a clerk in the store striking a match the head of the match flying in among the stock of fireworks left over from the 24th of May. The fireworks were immediately raising merry fire, and soon there was fire in several parts of the store. A hurry call was sent by telephone to the fire hall. The response of the brigade was closely timed at Mattagami, and it was just four minutes from the moment the call was given until the brigade were at work at the scene of the fire. This may be set down as a very creditable record in view of the distance to be travelled by the team in reaching the fire.

On arriving at the scene of the fire the brigade found the fireworks fire a nasty one to handle. The exploding firecrackers threw fire all over the store. Little blazes were consequently starting here and there and elsewhere. There was also much dense and oppressive smoke. The chemical tanks were most effective in dealing with this type of fire, but the small equipment here of two small tanks was soon exhausted and the water had to be turned on. The chief damage was from the water and smoke. The need for complete chemical truck equipment was again made evident by this fire. With the use of the hose, however, the fire was soon taken out of the fireworks and the possibility of a serious blaze removed. The stock is owned by Mr. Duncan Gray, and the building by Mr. Sol. Shankman. Both carry insurance that will cover the losses.

KINDERGARTEN'S VALUE TO THE CHILD EXPLAINED

Interesting Address to Home and School Association at South Porcupine.

The regular meeting of the Home and School Association was held at South Porcupine on Wednesday last, May 21st. Miss Hodgins gave a very interesting talk on "The Value of the Kindergarten to the Child." She illustrated the use and underlying lessons of much of the Kindergarten material. This paper, which showed such careful preparation, was both enlightening and pleasing to the parents. Miss Shaw, Principal of South Porcupine School, extended a hearty invitation to the parents to visit not only the Kindergarten, but any other Form of the School at any time they wished. During the social half hour Miss Levinson delighted all with a talented instrumental solo, and Mrs. F. Bissette sang two solos in the pleasing manner which always makes her popular.

PRESENTATION TO MR. M. WALKER LAST NIGHT

Mr. Myles Walker, shop foreman at the Hollinger for several months, leaves tomorrow for the south. Last night his fellow employees in the department made him a presentation to express their appreciation of his many good qualities and their high regard and good wishes. He was presented with a beautiful silver tea set, as well as unnumbered good wishes.

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN WONDER SHOW HERE

The Selwyn Wonder Show at the New Empire Theatre the first four nights of this week is proving quite an attraction. Sleight of hand, magic, trick mind-reading, and other specialties are exceedingly well done at this show. The show is clean, clever, wholesome and amusing. While those in charge of the show say there is nothing supernatural about their performance, some of the acts are unusually clever and cause much wonder as to "how they are done." Every show is interesting and the crowds attending are increasing in numbers at each succeeding performance. The sleight of hand, card tricks, etc., are particularly well done, while some of the mind-reading stunts have been stunners.

PICTURES PRESENTED SCHOOLS BY I.O.D.E.

570 Pupils at Interesting Event at Central Public School on Friday. Pleasing Occasion at Separate School Thursday.

The Timmins Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, in co-operation with the Ontario Dept. of Education last week presented the Public and Separate Schools in town with handsomely framed paintings of historic interest. The pictures included a particularly attractive one of H.R. H. the Prince of Wales, Ypres Cathedral, Arras, an Airship Raid, Canadian Forestry Battalion in France, the Death of Montreal, etc., etc. There were 36 pictures in all.

The formal presentation was made at the Separate School on Thursday, Rev. Fr. Theriault accepting the gifts on behalf of the school and expressing the appreciation felt for the valued gifts. A programme of much interest was given by pupils of the school.

On Friday afternoon presentation was made to the Public Schools at the Central School here. There were 570 pupils gathered in the Assembly room downstairs and seventeen classes being represented. The programme furnished by the children was an unusually pleasing one. The pupils opened by singing "O, Canada," in good style. Then followed a scripture reading by Rev. R. S. Cushing, and the Lord's Prayer led by Capt. Cornthwaite, S.A. "Men of the North," was a rousing song well given by the pupils. The address by Rev. J. D. Parks was unusually effective. "What is the most valuable thing in the world?" he asked the pupils. "The Union Jack," said one boy. "Great as the Union Jack is," said Rev. Mr. Parks, "it is not worth a snap unless behind it are good men and women." Flags and gold and material things are really valueless unless behind them is the world's greatest asset good manhood and womanhood. "Be honest, upright, loyal and true," was the closing injunction of Rev. Mr. Parks to the boys and girls, who showed their appreciation of the humor and logic of his address by their attention and applause. The song "Wave the Flag," by the Kindergarten and Primary Classes was a very pleasant number well given, the children singing well and waving miniature flags in time to the music. On behalf of the I.O.D.E., the Regent of the Timmins Chapter, Mrs. J. A. McInnis, in a brief but very effective address presented the pictures to the schools. Mr. M. B. Scott, Chairman of the Timmins Public School Board, accepted the gift for the schools in well-chosen and effective way. "Play the game" was the keynote of the advice he gave the pupils. He called for three cheers for the I.O.D.E. and for the school staffs and the pupils responded enthusiastically. Still more rousing cheers were given Mr. Scott's announcement that the rest of the day would be a holiday for the youngsters. Another pleasing feature of the programme was the well-given recitation, "The Children's Song," by Miss Pearl Patent. "Sing a Song of Sixpence" a chorus by the pupils made a big hit with the visiting Daughters of the Empire and other visitors. Another good chorus by the pupils was "Men of Harlech." The proceedings closed with the singing of "God Save the King." For the musical numbers, Miss Sims was the capable conductor, while Miss McIntosh and others of the teaching staff assisted at the piano for the accompaniments.

TIMMINS BAND SOCIAL EVENING ON JUNE 11th.

The Social Evening planned to be held by the Timmins Citizens' Band has been postponed to Wednesday evening, June 11th. It will be held in the Hollinger Recreation Hall, commencing at 8 o'clock. It will be a Social Evening for the members of the Band and their ladies, and all the Bandmen are looking forward to a very pleasant evening.

SCHOOL EMPTIED IN 52 SECONDS AT FIRE DRILL

A remarkable record was made at the last fire drill at the Timmins Central Public School. In 52 seconds after the first touch of the alarm bell, every child in the whole school was safely outside. The youngsters had no idea whether the drill was for practice or for real cause, but all turned out quietly and in perfect order without the slightest excitement, and yet in record time. Evidently, all may rest assured that the children are safe at school.