

North Has Three-Quarters of Valuation of the Province

Porcupine Branch Pays Half the Profit of the Entire "Tapeworm" from North Bay Up.—Says Indignant South End Man. This Gentleman is Certainly All "Het Up." But, Honest Now, Isn't There Considerable Reason in What He Says.

South Porcupine, Nov. 18th.—Special to The Advance.

The meeting called at the Majestic Theatre last week for the purpose of organizing a Northern Ontario League turned out to be a total failure. With one exception, the parties responsible for calling the meeting did not have the courage of their convictions and when asked from the platform to take part in the organizing of the league, they refused to come up. The rest of the audience composed to some extent of street-corner orators and chronic kickers, did not have a word to say, so that the meeting was called off. The meeting was called through strong representation by the citizens of South Porcupine, since the recent Plebiscite. Hardly a day passes that the weak-knees of South Porcupine do not holler their heads off with the treatment that is being accorded the North, and especially Porcupine, in the matter of roads, etc., still when they had an opportunity to form a league that in all likelihood would have obtained at least some results, they did not have stomach enough to show their hand in public and join the organization. For the satisfaction of those very same parties, we might quote from the Financial Post of the 14th inst., where an advertisement was run by the Province of Ontario, stating that the Natural Wealth of the Province was ten billion dollars. Of this amount, Mineral wealth was very conservatively estimated at two billion dollars. Crown Timber was estimated at four billion, seven hundred and ninety-seven million, five hundred thousand dollars. Crown Lands, undeveloped was estimated at two hundred and thirty million dollars. Water Powers were placed at one hundred and fifty million dollars, at least half of this value being in the North Lands. Fish, Game and Fur were placed at two hundred million dollars, of which at least one quarter is in Northern Ontario. The balance of the total valuation is taken up by property, business and income in municipalities. These figures show

that Northern Ontario accounts for \$7,152,500,000.00, or almost three-quarters of the total valuation of the entire Province.

It is a known fact that the Provincial Government derive a far larger revenue from the Township of Tisdale, with few exceptions, than they do from any other Township in the Province, still we might say that we have the worst roads in the Province. The T. & N.O. Ry., which is a Colonization Road earned a half million dollars profit in their last current year and upwards of fifty per cent. of the T. & N.O. Ry.'s revenue is derived from the Porcupine Branch, in other words, we pay for the upkeep and operation of the entire tapeworm from North Bay up, and besides give them a profit of a quarter of a million dollars for our share and in return you get the following:—You Voted Wet, Six to One, You will stay Dry. The Revenue you are sending to Southern Ontario will stay there as it has been doing. Instead of getting assistance as we should from Old Ontario, you will continue to develop your own country under all the adverse conditions for the benefit of the older part of the Province. The roads in Porcupine are the worst in the Province. Gowanda, Matachewan, West Shining Tree, Lightning River and a dozen of lesser camps are clamoring for roads and will keep on doing so, just so long as they carry on as they are doing now. The North can send thirteen Northern Ontario candidates to Queen's Park and as years go by, this number will increase rapidly. Generally this number of candidates would constitute the balance of power in the Government of the Province and get justice for the North, which is long overdue. However, it would be too bad to give jelly-fish, like some of those who were at the meeting in South Porcupine, near what is coming to them. They are getting far too much now and no one knows it any better than the Powers that be in Toronto.

(Signed)
The Man That Called the Meeting.

CONSIDERED TO BE RICH HAUL OF ILLICIT OPIUM

Four Chinamen Arrested on Saturday Evening at Kirby street House by Local Police.

Saturday evening Chief Greer, Deputy Chief M. Salley, and Special Officer R. Allen paid a visit to 59 Kirby street, and as a result of investigations before, during and after the visit, four Chinamen face serious charges in connection with the Narcotic Drugs Act. George Fong, Eng Kang, Fong Poy and Hung Yat were arrested and landed in the cells here. Four cans that the police, local Chinamen and a local analysis recognize as opium, were seized. The stuff will be submitted to Government analysis. The penalty for having opium in possession is heavy and in the case of those of other than Canadian nationality includes deportation. Two of the Chinamen concerned recently came here from Halifax, N.S. The opium seized is thought to have a value of several hundred dollars. The four men will be charged tomorrow (Thursday) with illegally having opium in their possession.

Other cases to come before Magistrate Atkinson include a charge against Ernesto Manero of illegally having firearms while an alien.

A couple of drunks, or three, and a couple of charges against a young fellow who is charged with damaging property and annoying the owners of a local cafe, about complete the list of cases for this week's court. There is one case over from last week, this being a charge of simple drunk, the accused failing to appear and the resulting warrant being made out for his arrest after the estrating of his bail.

MOTHER OF MRS. W. C. ARNOTT PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY

Many friends and acquaintances will extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. W. C. Arnett, of Schumacher, in the death of her mother, Mrs. McDonald, on Sunday evening. The late Mrs. McDonald was ill only a day or two, death being due to apoplexy. The remains were taken on Monday to Bracebridge for interment, Mr. Arnett accompanying the body on the journey south.

He didn't listen, look nor stop,
Though crossing bells were ringing,
He tried to cross the track on high,
He heard the angels singing.

F. E. THOMPSON PRESIDENT OF N.O.H.A. FOR SEASON

All Officers Elected by Acclamation at Annual Meeting on Saturday Last.

Reference is made elsewhere in this issue to the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association, but no mention is made of the new officers elected. The elections were by acclamation. For President, the only nominee was Mr. F. E. Thompson, of New Liskeard, who was accordingly elected by acclamation. The same procedure took place in regard to Mr. G. W. Turk, of Iroquois Falls, for the Vice-Presidency, and of Mr. H. P. Charlton, of North Bay, for Secretary-Treasurer. These three new officers of the N.O.H.A. for the season have for years taken the keenest interest in sport and especially in hockey. They should be valuable in their places as officers of the N.O.H.A.

For the executive committee there were three nominated for two places, these being Messrs. James Gemill, Sault Ste. Marie, Angus Campbell, of Cobalt, and C. Baker, of North Bay. As Mr. Campbell was unanimously elected a life member of the executive for his good work for hockey in the North these many years past, this just left the other two nominees to fill the two vacancies, making the election for the executive also by acclamation.

Here and There

During the past season the Canadian Pacific Railway used on all its lines approximately 6,500,000 ties, according to a report just issued. The woods used include British Columbia fir, hemlock, tamarac, jack pine, spruce, maple and birch.

Tourist traffic in New Brunswick during the past summer left nearly \$3,000,000 in the province, an amount almost equal to the total provincial revenue, according to an estimate of the New Brunswick Tourist Association. Approximately 70,000 tourists visited the province.

One thousand British Columbia rose bushes are being shipped to Portland, Ore., "the Rose City." Portland, famous all over the continent for its roses, buys the varieties produced in British Columbia because they are the hardiest and best suited for growing in North America.

Silver production in Ontario for 1924 will not vary materially from that of 1923, judging by figures available for the first nine months of the year from the reports of several operating companies, though some increases will be shown. Production to date has amounted to about \$19,500 a day.

Caribou have been seen in very large numbers this season in the northern part of Yukon territory. Old-timers say that the main herd must have numbered tens of thousands, while in some of the smaller herds that had broken temporarily from the main herd there were hundreds and sometimes thousands.

The very first aerial stowaway ever known was discovered recently aboard a plane in the Laurentide Air Service, Limited, operating on its Rouyn gold fields service in association with the Canadian Pacific Railway. The serious effect of the extra weight on the flying powers of the machine was so noticeable that it led to the man's discovery. As he had hidden himself with a desire to see his sick wife and child, he was not punished.

The enormous contribution to the wealth of Canada made by the Canadian Pacific Railway was alluded to by E. W. Beatty, K.C., Chairman and President of the Company, when, speaking at Welland, Ont., on November 7th, at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the building of the first Welland Canal. He stated that the company in 1923 dispersed in the Dominion \$202,000,000 in wages and materials, and \$7,000,000 in taxes of all kinds.

November 7th was the 39th anniversary of the driving of the last spike in the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, an event which completed the Dominion's first transcontinental railroad, fulfilled the terms of Confederation and made Canada a nation. A stone monument now marks the spot at Craigellachie, in the Rocky Mountains, where Lord Strathcona (then Sir Donald A. Smith) wielded the hammer which united East and West.

South Porcupine Installing Water Mains and Sewers

New Instruments Arrived for the Porcupine Goldfields Band. Northern Ontario League a Fizzle in South End. Other News From South Porcupine.

South Porcupine, Nov. 18th.—Special to The Advance.

Work on the extension of the present water main has been started and the citizens are all excited and wondering what is going on. The high Steam Shovel started trenching at the Bank of Toronto corner and in a few hours had opened up enough of the ditch to lay in a few lengths of six-inch pipe and a Gate-Valve, which was tested and then the ditch was refilled. The new sewer is being laid about two feet under the Water Main. The present main will run as far as the Steam Laundry. A branch will be run to the Rink and the New School. The heavy frost on Sunday delayed the work somewhat, but it is believed the worst difficulty has been overcome and the balance of the main should be laid without much trouble.

Did you ever see pictures jump off the picture screen and hit you in the eye. This is what happened at the Majestic Theatre last week when the Third Dimension Movie "Plastigrams" was shown and the patrons got a thrill that they never forgot. This was the first showing of the new novelty film in the North and the patrons are looking forward to the next one which will be in December.

In answer to numerous requests from the Russians, Ukrainians and Finlanders of the district, the management of the Majestic Theatre have booked the film "Polikushka" which will be shown on Wednesday and Thursday, November 26th and 27th. "Polikushka" is well known among the natives of Europe as a splendid work of art. (A page from the History of "Tolstoi").

Many interesting arguments were heard at the meeting of the Rate-payers last week. The New School was again the chronic subject of discussion. It would be well for some of the citizens to attend these meetings before Motions have been passed, not afterwards. It has been the practice of some of the citizens to make unfair remarks in places other than at the meetings. Charity work for the people generally is a tough job and a little more help and less criticism from some would help the Council to deal as fairly as possible in all matters which concern the public.

The New Instruments for The Porcupine Goldfields Band arrived last week and the first rehearsal took place in the Council Chambers on Sunday last. After the usual routine work of checking up the instruments, the Bandleader, Mr. James Boissonault, ordered that all instruments be tuned up and the low pitch slides inserted. This was done and the men put into their places. A lively March was picked out and before starting the bandleader advised the men that there was only one bandleader in this band and gave strict orders to follow the baton. Then came the big surprise, immediately upon the first stroke of the Baton, the band started playing, and play they did; in fact they played the March right through without a hitch. This is very unusual for a new band, especially when they are in the raw and not knowing what each other could do. Several other Marches and a Waltz made up the program for the afternoon. The Bandleader declared that he got one of the surprises of his life and he was pleased with the good work of his men. This was all done in view of the fact that about ten of the best musicians were not able to be present. It is an assured fact that when the whole band gets together and have a few good rehearsals there will be something doing and it will not be very long until this organization can start holding concerts and have a chance to show the Public what they can do. The Band has been held up on a few of the Bass Instruments, which are being shipped from the old country. They are expected any day. The next band rehearsal will take place on Thursday, November 20th, in the Council Chambers at 8.00 p.m. and there will be another rehearsal on the following Sunday afternoon. It is to be hoped that all the band members can attend. A more sociable crowd of men could not have been picked out anywhere else in the country and this fact will have much to do with the continued success of the Porcupine Goldfields Band. A list of the Trustees and the Bandsmen will be published later.

Mrs. B. M. Walton and daughter left on Monday for a month's trip to Toronto.

The New Iron fence around the Public School is about completed and will add greatly to the appearance,

as well as protection for the children.

Some of the remarks heard by spectators watching the installation of the New Water and Sewer Mains: Where is that going; It's a wonder they wouldn't do that in the Summer-time; That Main isn't for Water, It's for Home-brew; Why are they putting it down so deep; Who said Porcupine was dry?; When it gets as far as the Laundry, we might get some clean laundry; Just look at those poor fellows down in that awful mud; The ground might cave in; Won't the Fire Department do some work when that main is finished?; Now that they had the Road in fair shape they turn around and dirty it all up again.

At the United Church on November 18th—Hymn Study; "Lead Kindly Light." Literary—Wordsworth. Community Singing and Recreation.

The Ladies of the Catholic Church are holding a Euchere Party in the Oddfellows Hall on Tuesday, November 25th.

The Mechanics of the Dome will hold a Grand Ball in the New School Hall on Friday evening, November 28th. Colombo's Special Orchestra of seven pieces will furnish the music for the occasion. This will undoubtedly be the event of the season.

The South Porcupine Fire Brigade have announced their Masquerade Ball on New Year's Eve, to take place in the New School Hall. Get your costumes early for this big event.

VISITORS TO AND FROM CONNAUGHT DURING WEEK

Interesting Personal Items from Connaught and Night Hawk Lake.

Connaught Station, Ont., Nov. 18th. Special to The Advance:—

Miss Muriel Rice, R.N., who has been visiting friends for the past week left Monday for Timmins and Schumacher where she will visit friends for several days before returning to her home in Haileybury.

Mrs. Ray Swayne and Mrs. L. Taplin were visitors in Timmins Saturday last.

Mr. Kurie who has been manager of the Thomas Gold Mine Company left this week for Toronto.

Mr. Jack Haines, of the Bell Telephone Company, Toronto, was a business visitor here during the week.

Mr. W. E. Segsworth, manager of the Night Hawk Peninsular Mine, spent the week-end with his family in Toronto.

Mr. Newman, of Dundas, who has been visiting relatives in town left this week for his home.

Mr. Walter Nelson who was enroute to his home in St. Mary's was a visitor here Saturday.

Miss Barnett, of Schumacher, was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. F. Day over the week-end.

Mr. R. W. McConnell returned this week from a trip to Toronto and Orangeville. Mr. McConnell attended the Missionary Meeting while away.

Mr. George Simpson arrived this week with his family from Rainy River and have taken up residence in the Union Church parsonage.

Miss Maltais, spent last week-end with her relatives in Timmins.

Mr. Cornell of Toronto was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

Mr. Angus McDonald of the Night Hawk Peninsular Mine spent the week-end in Timmins.

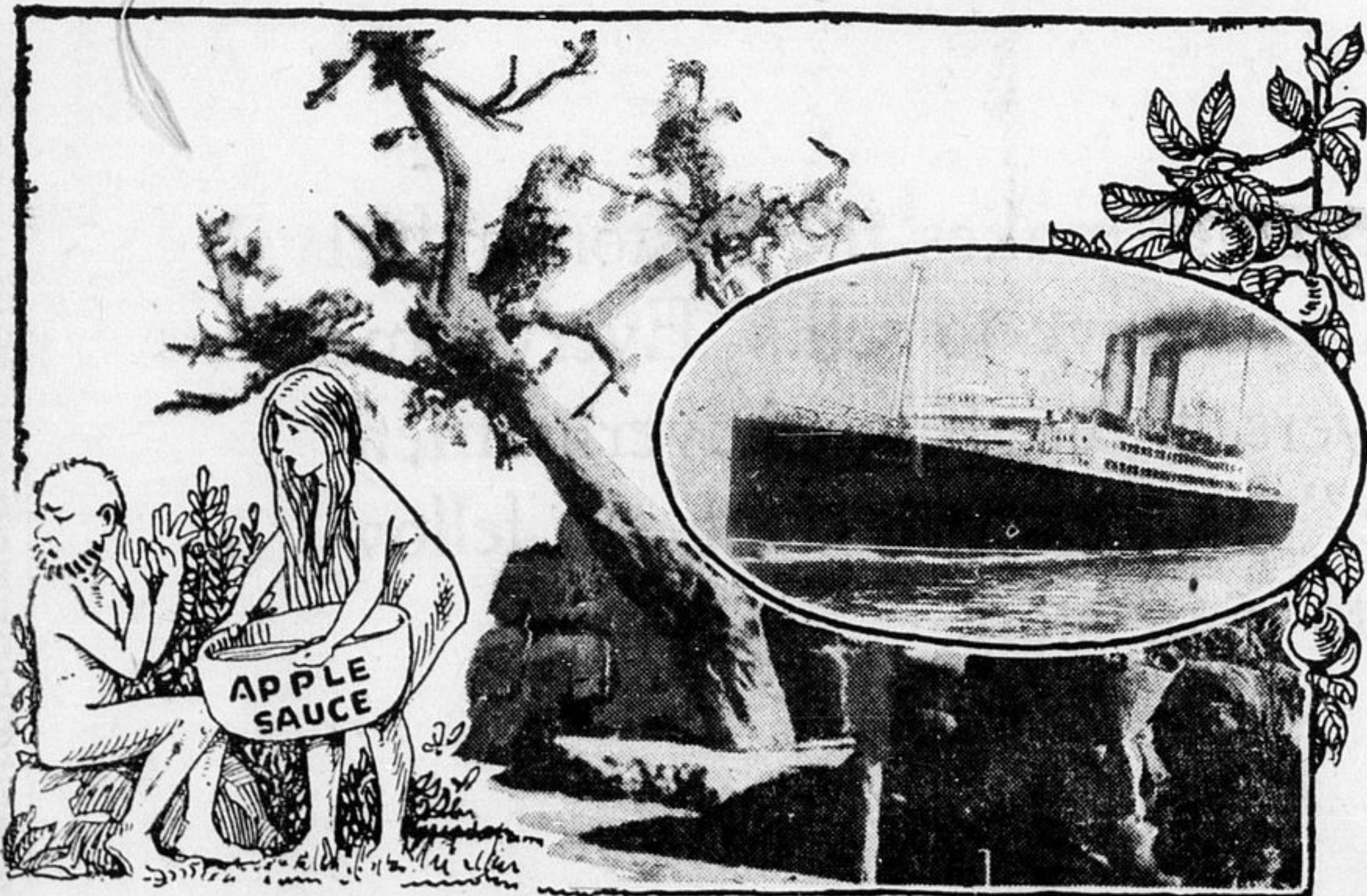
Mr. L. Orr was in Timmins last week on business.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME FOR SUNDAY NIGHT EVENT

The programme for the concert in the New Empire Theatre Sunday evening (Nov. 23) after the church services promises to be especially pleasing. It will include selections by the Junior Orchestra and by the Senior Orchestra; violin solos by Mr. H. F. Schroeder and others; piano solos; selections by the String Quartette; selections by the new Hawaiian Orchestra; a Cornet Solo by Bandmaster F. J. Wolno; as well as vocal numbers of special merit.

Mr. H. A. Proctor, Real Estate and Insurance, will move his office to the new Goldfields Theatre, corner Third and Balsam, on December 1st. Mr. Proctor's office in the big new theatre building will be on the ground floor and on the corner, so it will be in an unusually good location and convenient for the public.

Garden of Eden—An Apple—A Canadian Ship



Above is photograph of tree designated by the British Government as "Tree of Knowledge."

An apple from the Garden of Eden arrived in Montreal this week aboard the Canadian Pacific steamship Melita. With it came the story of history repeated after six thousand years and a reprieve for sundry passengers who had been threatened with irons, trial in the admiralty courts and what not.

The apple came to Montreal with Robert J. Casey who was a passenger aboard the "Melita." Mr. Casey is a well-known member of the staff of the Chicago News and among the books of his authorship are "The Land of Haunted Castles" and "The Lost King of Burgundy." He was on the way home from a trip through Syria to Damascus and Bagdad taken for the purpose of gathering material for another book.

Mr. Casey said that the apple was one of a pair brought from Quernah the traditional site of the Garden of Paradise at the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in Mesopotamia. It was placed in a stateroom with Babylonian bricks and other relics from the cradle of the human race and did not figure in the log of the "Melita" until the ship had been four days out of Cherbourg. Then it disappeared.

The owner complained to Commander Clews. "I regret this unfortunate incident," said the Captain. "But of course you must have read the notice on the card given you as you came aboard. The company will not be responsible for apples and other valuables unless they are deposited with the purser. As it stands at present this looks like a matter for the appellate court. But of course we shall see what can be done about it."

Three women named Eve and a man named William Adamson from British Columbia were found on the passenger list and they fell under suspicion immediately. Attempts to establish alibis were as fruitless as they had been before Noah built the ark. Adamson admitted that he was the tenant of a cabin on the same deck as that occupied by the apple and he was summoned for an interview with the captain. He was a technical prisoner when the "Melita" reached Belle Isle and might have been landed in shackles at Quebec had it not been for an un-

expected denouement. A room steward, penitent but brave appeared before the officers substituting for angels with flaming swords.

"If it's an apple you're looking for I think I can find it for you," he volunteered. "It looked like just an ordinary apple and what with the way the women passengers are always wanting things there was no way of telling about it—you know how it is. I had brought a dish of fruit into that cabin the morning all the fuss started and when I was taking out the dishes some time afterward it was only natural-like that I should have made a mistake. I picked up that apple."

"And so it's lost," gasped the investigators. "That's where you're wrong," declared the steward triumphantly. "It's found. As soon as I heard of the howl I traced that apple. I followed its trail back to the pantry and thence to the cold storage room. And this morning I discovered it. One of the chefs had been in just before me. But I was determined. I went right out after him. . . . And I found the apple. . . . It's in here. . . . And with a magnificent air he lifted a napkin from a large pan of apple sauce.

Another apple, later found concealed in a locked trunk, will be presented to the Field Museum of Chicago. The tree from which the fruit was picked has recently been designated as the "Tree of Knowledge" by the British Government substantiating an Arab legend of long standing. The document authenticating the claims of Quernah as the site of Eden is a record of court martial, a copy of which was brought back with the apples.

The case in point was that of Thomas Rogers, a sergeant in the British Flying corps stationed in Iraq since the armistice. Rogers, climbing the tree to have his picture taken, broke off one of the branches and was arrested by the Arab police.

The verdict finds him "guilty of having broken a limb from the tree of knowledge in the Garden of Eden" and fixes his fine at "one month's pay," a lighter sentence than that visited upon his remote ancestor for a similar offence.