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Toronto Brokers Bidding for South Porcupine Bonds

Competition for Sewer and Waterworks Debentures Shows That Camp is Becoming Better Appreciated. Mr. Thos. Ryan the Manager of the New Rink. Other Interesting Items from South Porcupine Correspondent

South Porcupine, Dec. 16th, 1924—Special to The Advance.

Jack Miller and Martin Hamkness left last week for McArthur to do some development work on the United Explorers' group of claims in that section.

At a meeting of the Committee appointed for the Skating Rink, Mr. Tom Ryan was elected to handle the affairs at the rink. Lovers of this sport are confident that with the management placed in the hands of Mr. Ryan, the rink cannot help but meet with success from all angles. The next item regarding the Rules and Regulations of the rink was gone into and it was decided that Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays would be left open for skating only. Further announcements will be made regarding any changes, etc., after the skating has started.

Many residents welcomed Mr. George Bartle, who arrived back in town after an extended trip to Toronto and other points. George says and believes that all the Old-Timers must come back to God's Country, where they feel more like living.

Sam's Garage has been remodelled after the terrific explosion of last week, and business is going on as usual. There must be a bit of the pioneer blood in Sam. Previous to the explosion, Sam was hit by fire and the place burned to the ground. We sincerely hope that the future will be a very prosperous one for Sam.

According to reports, Toronto Brokers have been bidding to handle the Bonds for the new Sewer and Water Works, part of which has been installed. One firm even went as far as to say that they were willing to take the Bonds without having them guaranteed by the Government. Apparently Toronto Financiers have wakened up to the fact that Porcupine is the coming camp, and that with the already-producing mines and the numerous good prospects in close proximity, the gambling is practically eliminated. The extensive movements of the different power companies, no doubt have been noticed, this work being done on a large scale, so as to be able to provide for future requirements. We are all aware of the fact that the demand at present for power is very heavy and the power companies are having all they can do to meet these requirements, especially during the hours after dark, when the load is the heaviest. Another important fact which the Toronto Financiers have not overlooked, is the confirmation of the Northern Highway which will connect Timmins to Toronto and open up a Garden of Paradise for Tourists, many of whom are anxiously looking forward to new roads and new country, as well as prompting residents of the North to take a few weeks off for a motor trip to Toronto, in this way allowing them to actually see the different towns and become closer associated with them, which will be for the mutual interest of all concerned and give the wind a chance to scatter some of the idle money which has been dormant in the hands of many who do not realize the many golden opportunities they are overlooking at present right in their own neighborhood. The Toronto Brokers also know that some will be repeating that old Proverb: (I had a chance to make some money up North) and no doubt from present indications, they do not wish to be included among that list. No, it would not be good for their business to let anything good slip by. These men have done their weeping first, and are now getting ready for the Grand Finale. No doubt the farmers to the South will be jealous of their movements, but they will be forced to follow the good judgment of these Brokers, if they desire to stay off the Weeping List. We hear frequent reports of some of the larger mines trying to get hold of all the property they can in this camp. No doubt they also understand that the camp is becoming stabilized and are availing themselves of the opportunity of procuring more ground with a view to expanding operations. At any rate these are only a few of the reasons why the Financiers of Toronto are so anxious to invest their money in this camp and residents should feel proud to know that they are excluded from the List of Weepers, as they are on the ground floor, and therefore have no kick coming. We might conclude this epistle with, "Open your eyes and you shall see."

Mr. George Stanger, one of the pioneers of the camp returned to

South Porcupine last week, after an extended trip to the South. George is glad to be back among his many friends.

Among the visitors to South Porcupine last week at the Gold Range Hotel were: Maurice E. Young, Cobalt; T. S. Armstrong, New Liskeard; W. D. O'Neill, Ottawa; E. J. S. Cummings, Toronto; J. Fenn, North Bay; A. Hancock, Cochrane; H. B. Clearhine, Toronto.

A consignment of new books has received last week and will be placed in the Public Library. The hours of the Public Library are as follows: Wednesdays 7.00 to 9.00 p.m.; Saturday, 2.30 to 5.00 and 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. Your inspection of this new collection is cordially requested.

Among the latest members to join the Porcupine Goldfields Band are Mr. Tony Aquino and Mr. George Train, both members taking up the E Flat Alto horn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dawson, of Bailieboro, Ontario, announce the engagement of their daughter, Hilda Grace, to Earl Sherwood Somerville, D.D.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. David Somerville, Glencairn, Ont. The marriage will take place on Wednesday, December 17th, at Bailieboro, Ont. The bride and groom will have two weeks honeymoon after which they will return to Porcupine and to the little love nest that has recently been built for them on the Connaught Hill. The many friends of Dr. E. S. Somerville will welcome the happy couple on their arrival and join us in wishing them good health, longevity and prosperity.

Don't forget the Dingeville Fire Brigade are holding their big Masquerade and Carnival in the new School Hall, South Porcupine on New Year's Eve, December 31st. Many novelties are being prepared for the occasion and dance lovers are getting their costumes ready for the big night. Colombo's Special Orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion.

The patrons of the Majestic Theatre have another treat in store for them on Friday and Saturday of this week when the Metro-Goldwyn Special "The Man That Life Passed By" will be shown along with the Third Dimension Movie "Plantigrans" (the film that jumps off the screen and hits you in the eye). A special Matinee will be run for the children on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 p.m., and the price of admission will be ten cents for all children. Arrangements will be made to run free buses from the Dome, so the children at that end may enjoy the fun.

The new rink has been floored and skating will commence according to present indications about the latter part of the week. The new rink is twenty feet wider and twenty feet longer than the old one, measuring over all, eighty by one hundred and eighty feet. This will provide ample space for many skaters as well as making it more interesting for the hockey games which will be played.

The Curling Club are now boasting of having completed their building. The lighting system has been installed and they are all ready for action. Brother Tom Strain was over the other day, making an inspection and getting his marks all set. Tom is claimed to be one of the old-time curlers from Thessalon and his enthusiasm will most undoubtedly be matched by others who cannot wait until the announcement of this game to proceed. Judging from the talk that is current on this game in town, spectators can look forward to some real entertainment at the Curling Rink.

The children will be glad to know that there will be a Christmas Tree on Saturday at the United Church, and another one for the children at the Dome on Monday in the old school.

The Firemen's Dance in the Recreation Hall, at Schumacher last week was well attended. Colombo's Orchestra furnished the music for the occasion. The Fire Brigade announced their intention of holding their Annual Ball some time after the holidays. A large orchestra will be booked for this big night. The Schumacher Fire Brigade are noted for this special event, and dance lovers are looking forward to the announcement of the date, so they can prepare for a real blow-out. As one of the Firemen remarked, "this is one time that everybody gets something to eat and plenty of it."

Arrangements are just about completed for the presentation of the Operetta "Princess Chrysanthemum"

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which will take place on Thursday evening in the new School Hall at 8 p.m. A matinee will be run on Wednesday afternoon, the day previous. The school teachers have spared nothing with a view towards making the play a success and those attending will receive a big surprise. Special music arrangements have been ordered among which are some very pleasing as well as catchy melodies and an orchestra of eight pieces will assist in rendering this delightful musical comedy. Keep the 18th open for the school play and be sure to get there early because there will be a large attendance.

Tom Ryan says since he has taken over the management of the rink he received quotations from a firm in Montreal on a new kind of ice for the rink. According to Tom's explanation, the ingredients of the new ice are asbestos and the white of an egg. We take it that the asbestos is for fire protection, but we cannot understand why the white of an egg is used, unless it is for lather in close shaves. Someone told John Costain that the color of the ice would be green, and John immediately got out his sea-going shoes and hockey paraphernalia so as to be prepared for the worst. Colonel Hollowell is in favor of blanket ice being used on the rink, so it could be taken up every night and properly dusted. We suggest that the rink be covered with frozen mints, so the kiddies can be assured of plenty of goodies to eat while skating.

Dr. E. S. Somerville left on Sunday for a short trip to the South. We were right. Read the announcement elsewhere in this issue.

Miss Betty Kerr visited her mother at the Dome Extension, on Sunday. Her many friends will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Kerr is improving in health and we wish her a most speedy recovery.