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D. M. BRIDEN IN NEW AIR SERVICE SYNDICATE.

Mr. Doug. Briden never had any name for "going up in the air" in hockey or in the ordinary affairs of life, but he may yet earn a reputation in "going up in the air" in a literal way, in service to this North Land. This Schumacher man has recently affiliated himself with an air service syndicate planning a flying service from Haileybury to Rouyn in the Spring. In reference to this matter The Haileyburian last week says:—"The Northern Air Service Syndicate, recently organized by B. W. Broatch, formerly of the Laurentide Air Service, who was the first pilot to fly from Haileybury to Rouyn last summer, and D. M. Briden, of Porcupine, is now completing plans for a flying service from Haileybury to Rouyn next spring. They intend to start with one plane and increase the service as it is required, spreading out to other points in the district where the opening of new mines is taking place at a distance from railway connections. Messrs. Broatch and Briden were comrades in the flying service during the great war and are both experienced pilots, who will, no doubt, carry the project through successfully. They have interested a number of men prominent in the affairs of the North Country and a strong organization is the result. Present plans are for putting in a Berquet plane with a carrying capacity of 1000 pounds and a pilot. This machine is fitted for mounting on either skis or floats that it may be used in winter or summer. It is so constructed that a canoe may be carried, which will add to its adaptability for the use of prospectors. The machine will have a speed of 106 miles per hour and will be capable of climbing at the rate of 1,000 feet per minute, thus allowing the pilot to get away from small lakes. It is stated that the flying time between Haileybury and Rouyn will be reduced twenty minutes and that the fare will also be reduced in proportion. The new Syndicate expects to have their machine here early in the spring, possibly before the ice goes out, but in any event in time to commence operations with the opening of navigation. The people of Haileybury will be glad to welcome "Doug." Briden to his home town and also Mr. Broatch, who is well-known since his flying operations here last summer."

WESTERN REPRESENTATIVE



S. B. Woods, K.C. of Edmonton, is one of the counsel arguing the Crow's Nest Pass Rates case before the Supreme Court of Canada at Ottawa.

CALEDONIAN BOX SOCIAL PLEASANT AND SUCCESSFUL.

Friday last was the annual Box Social evening of the Caledonian Society of Timmins. Despite counter attractions and unfavourable weather the attendance was good, about 100 being present, this, however, being below the usual recent attendance at meetings. In the unavoidable absence of President, Mr. D. Mackie, the chair was taken by one of the Past Presidents, G. A. Macdonald. There was a generous supply of boxes, many of them being very artistically designed and decorated, and all being of the best quality as to contents. They were auctioned off by the Secretary, Mr. P. Larmer, who did the work effectively and with despatch. Over \$50 was netted from the sale of the boxes.

During the evening the Caledonian Orchestra, including Messrs. Hale, Bridges and Gordon, furnished the best of music. There were many dances—all much enjoyed. These included the Circassian Circle, Quadrilles, Highland Schottische, Eight-some Reel, Valetta Waltz, Fox Trots, One-Steps and Waltzes.

Mr. A. J. Downie gave a pleasing solo in fine voice and was very heartily encored. His responding number was equally appreciated. A solo by Mr. Geo. Hale was another very fine number and this well-rendered selection received very decided encore. In one of his cleverly-rendered elocutionary selections, Mr. A. J. Downie made a decided hit. One of the specially outstanding numbers on the programme was the recitation by little Miss Betty

Patterson. This little lassie, just out from Auld Scotia a few weeks, is an elocutionist of very noteworthy talent. The gathering Friday night appreciated very much the selection so effectively given and there was a general opinion expressed that in Miss Betty Patterson the Caledonian Society and the Town had a very decided acquisition to the talent of the district.

Mrs. W. J. Watt, Treasurer of the Society, announced the arrival of the sterling silver membership buttons, with the Society's crest embossed in enamel. Some of these buttons were purchased during the evening by members. Any others wishing to secure one of these membership buttons may obtain same from the Treasurer. The members were very pleased with the handsome buttons and no doubt the supply on hand will be readily taken up. Further supply of these membership buttons will be ordered by the Society when necessary.

The usual pleasant cup o' tea was served by Mr. A. Roberts, and his ready assistants. The meeting closed at midnight with "Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the King," all agreeing that the night had been another pleasant Caledonian evening.

LATE MRS. RIDOUT WAS A NATIVE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

Brief mention was made last week of the sad death of Mrs. H. G. Ridout who passed away on February 8th, after a protracted illness from pneumonia. The late Mrs. Ridout had been ill for some time past but was only confined to her bed for about three weeks previous to her death. She was about 28 years of age and was a native of Newfoundland. She and her husband came to Timmins last July and for a time Mr. Ridout was employed at the Hollinger Mine. He gave up his position at the mine so that he could stay home to care for his sick wife, but it was not possible to stay the disease, and Mrs. Ridout passed away on the 8th. The bereaved husband is the only relative in this country, and to him the deepest sympathy will be extended by the friends made by the couple in their residence in town.

Funeral services were conducted last week at the Timmins Baptist Church by the Pastor, Rev. M. R. Hall. These services were largely attended. One of the impressive features of the service was the singing of Mrs. Ridout's favourite hymn, "Take My Life and Let it be Consecrated, Lord to Thee."

Some day there will be a crossword puzzle published that does not call for a "slippery kind of fish," in three letters. That is, perhaps,

T. & N.O. NET EARNINGS NEAR A MILLION IN 1924

People's Railway to Receive Financial Autonomy About the Rouyn Branch.

Last week Toronto despatches made special mention of the fact that Northern Ontario matters and matters in which Northern Ontario, as well as other parts, is vitally interested are likely to play a very important part in the business to be transacted by the session of the Ontario Legislature which opened. One of the most important recent announcements of the Premier was that when he said that the T. & N. O. finances would be taken out of the consolidated revenue fund of the province and placed as a separate account. In other words, the railroad will be left to stand on its own feet.

The matter of the extension from Larder Lake into Rouyn also appears to be coming to a head and it is very likely that the branch will be built. The Premier has said that it will be "if the Rouyn field warrants it."

Premier Ferguson announced that one of the important bills to come before the House this session will be one

giving the T. & N. O. Commission complete autonomy in the matter of finances. This bill will not alter the responsibility of the Commission to the Provincial Cabinet, but means that hereafter money required to be borrowed will be raised on bonds of the Commission directly, and not as loans or advances from the consolidated revenue fund of the Province. Last year, net earnings were almost \$1,000,000, of which \$750,000 were paid into the Province to be applied to the debt on the consolidated revenue funds.

The Commission has already a reserve fund for replacements and depreciation of almost a million dollars, and last year the road could have paid the interest on \$20,000,000 out of current earnings. Consequently the railway is in excellent condition to stand on its own feet financially.

The Premier said that this provincially owned railroad still owes the Government some thirty million dollars but is arranging to pay it off, although most of the amount will stand for some years.

Premier Ferguson also stated that the Government is prepared to order the further extension of the Swastika spur into Quebec, at a couple of weeks' notice if it is found that the Rouyn goldfields warrant it. The road is now within five miles of the

Quebec border, and the line is surveyed for the remainder of the distance, all that is necessary to get it under way being to let contracts.

DONATIONS MADE LAST MONTH FOR C.A.S. WORK.

The following donations were received last month by the Cochrane District Children's Aid Society:—
Township of Whitney, \$100.00.
Collection taken up at Installation of Officers at Iroquois Falls, A. F. & A.M., \$81.45.
Mrs. V. Emery, clothing donated.

PANCAKE SUPPER NEXT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th.

Announcement is made of a Pancake Supper, with Ham, Beans and Potatoes, to be served in St. Matthew's Church Basement, on Tuesday, February 24th, from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m., under the auspices of the St. Matthew's Altar Guild.

Tuesday evening last a T. & N. O. engine on the branch line from Englehart jumped the track about two miles from Charlton and the passengers had to walk or drive the balance of the way. The auxiliary was necessary to get the engine back on the track.

Maple Leaf Theatre

SCHUMACHER



Wednesday & Thursday, February 18th & February 19th

"The Arizona Express"

Comedy:—"Children Wanted" also Scenic

Friday and Saturday, February 20th and February 21st.

"Hoodman Blind"

Comedy:—"Dumb and Daffy" also Scenic.

Mechin is celebrating his golden wedding!"
"But he isn't married."
"That's what I said. He's marrying the daughter of a millionaire!"
—Pele Mele, Paris.