

EXTENSION INTO ROUYN IS HELD UP BY QUEBEC

Quebec Premier Says Ontario is Not to Get Business of New Quebec Camp.

Last week many were startled at the news that Quebec Province had actually held up the work of building the Nipissing Central Railway extension into the Rouyn Camp in Quebec. The Province was able to do this by absolutely refusing to allow the Riorand Company to grant the use of any part of its timber limits as a right of way for the proposed Ontario Railway to Rouyn. The timber limits being Crown Lands are under the full and final control of the Province. The Nipissing Central, which is a subsidiary company of the T. & N.O., with Mr. Geo. Lee, as president, operates under a Dominion charter and it was thought that the Province of Quebec would not interfere in the matter. The proposed line was all surveyed and large quantities of supplies taken onto the ground ready for the rushing of work as soon as the weather permitted. A number of men were ready to go in and take up the work. Now everything is at a standstill. Mr. Geo. Lee, president of the Nipissing Central is hopeful that the matter will be amicably arranged. He says that the Ontario Railway went ahead on the proposed railway in good faith and that the final decision to build the line was arrived at after an interest in the Rouyn Camp from its commencement.

Premier Ferguson also takes a similar stand, pointing out that the purpose was to assist in the opening of the North Land where Ontario has invested so much money, and not to unfairly force trade to Ontario.

Last week Premier Tashereau received Hon. Chas. McCrea and after the conference, the Quebec Premier issued a statement in which he emphasized the fact that there was no hostility towards Ontario, but that after spending two and a half million dollars a year in the Temiskaming and Abitibi districts in order to develop these districts, such as by way of building roads, aiding colonization, Quebec naturally felt that it would be unfair now to allow Ontario to tap the rich district developing with a view to diverting traffic to Toronto. "We have an assurance," said the Premier Tashereau, "that a branch line will be built from O'Brien, on the Transcontinental, into the Rouyn district by the Canadian National Railway and this will be built during the coming season. This will mean that the trade of the district will come to Quebec on to Montreal and that supplies for the district will go from these centres so that some benefit from our efforts will flow back to our centres."

Most people will appreciate the attitude of Quebec in the matter, but one chief objection is made to this stand, namely: that it was left so late to make announcement,—after the Ontario Railway had taken in materials and men and made material expenditures in preparation for the work. There is also a general idea

Annual Meeting of Timmins Baseball Club Adjourned

Another Meeting Called for To-morrow (Thursday) Evening. Financial Statement Presented for Past Season and Accepted. General Discussion on Baseball Prospects.

There was only a fair-sized attendance at the annual meeting of the Timmins Baseball Club held in the Town Hall on Friday evening last. Those present, however, made up in interest and enthusiasm what they might lack in numbers. It was felt that there were several counter attractions on in town for the evening and that many accordingly were unable to be present for the Baseball gathering. As a consequence it was considered best to adjourn the meeting to a later date, for the election of officers, etc. Thursday of this week (to-morrow) was eventually selected—the meeting to be in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Fourth Avenue, commencing at 8 p.m. sharp.

There was a general discussion on Baseball, and the gathering was enthusiastic for a big season this year. Mr. McGrath suggested a local league to include Schumacher and South Porcupine, as well as town teams. This would he thought, afford good sport and keep up interest in baseball, as well as allowing opportunity for practise games. He thought the district teams could be selected from the best players in the various local teams.

Mr. R. Carmichael, president for 1924, acted as chairman at the meeting on Friday night. He carried his duties through in effective way and

was asked to carry on until the adjourned meeting at least. Mr. J. N. Levine was appointed Secretary-Treasurer pro tem.

The following financial report for season, 1924, was read and on motion duly approved and accepted:—

Timmins Baseball Club Financial Statement, 1924.

Receipts.	
Season Tickets sold.....	\$ 100.00
Gate Receipts	700.00
Kiwanis Field Day	150.00
J. Dalton	50.00
Expense money refunded..	46.00
Overpaid T.A.A.A.	2.09
Total	\$1048.09
Disbursements	
Application Cards	\$ 5.25
Expenses to Falls, etc.	372.75
Registration Fee	15.00
Umpires' Fees	130.00
15% and Taxes T.A.A.A.	142.43
Timmins Band	100.00
Printing & Advertising.....	39.73
Petty Cash account	27.09
Equipment and Supplies....	215.84
Total	\$1048.09
A. E. Riddell, Sec.-Treas.	

With the motion accepting the report there was an expression of the appreciation felt for the time and interest given Baseball by Mr. Riddell as secretary-treasurer.

UNION SERVICES THIS WEEK PROVING SUCCESSFUL

The Union Services held this week by the four Protestant churches of the town are proving of much interest and are attracting large attendances. All the clergy take part at each of these services. Monday evening the service was at St. Matthew's Anglican church, with Capt. Cornthwaite as the special speaker. Last night the service was at the Baptist church, with Rev. Mr. Cushing as the special speaker. The services this evening will be at the Presbyterian church with Rev. M. R. Hall as the special speaker, and to-morrow (Thursday) Rev. J. D. Parks will be the special speaker at the Salvation Army. The attendance Monday and Tuesday was very large. St. Matthew's church and the Baptist church respectively being filled to capacity for the special services.

that the opposition to the proposed extension of the Ontario Railway into Rouyn is really fostered by the Canadian National Railways, rather than by Quebec Province, though Sir Henry Thornton denies this absolutely.

In the meantime, however, negotiations are under way, and perhaps an amicable adjustment may be assisted and advanced by a general refraining from too strong exposition of either side of the case.

THEATRE AT NORTH BAY BURNED DOWN ON SUNDAY

One of the worst fires in recent years in North Bay took place on Sunday, when the Royal Theatre was completely destroyed, with the loss totalling around \$30,000.00, covered by insurance. It is thought that the blaze was caused by a short circuit. The fire occurred about one o'clock and inside an hour only a wrecked skeleton of the fine theatre remained.

HAPPY EVENING SPENT BY ORIENTALS LAST WEEK.

Friday evening last week a delightful evening was enjoyed in the Oddfellows' Hall by the Orientals and the Ladies of the Orient, the latter being the guests of the former.

There was a large attendance and all had a really wonderful time. There was dancing, music, good eats, good company and a generally good time. District Deputy Supreme Monarchs A. G. Carson installed the officers:—Grand Hyastytte, W. B. McLiquhan; Vice-Grand Hyastytte, H. A. Chittenden; Registrar, F. E. Loney; Collector of Shekels, P. A. Macaulay. Immediately after the installation the Ladies of the Orient were received and introduced as the guests of the evening.

MASQUERADE BALL FOR A.S.D. CLUB ON MAY 29th

Big Event to Conclude the Season's Meetings of Popular Club.

Though the attendance was not large an enjoyable time was spent by those attending the regular weekly meeting and dance of the A.S.D. Club, held last Wednesday evening in the Oddfellow's Hall. The Paul Jones made the usual big hit, and an All Fool's Day Special Number caused a lot of merriment. The best of music for the dancing was provided by Miss Germaine Bissonette, piano; and Messrs. Whaley and Torrance at the violin and drums. Miss Rhoda Macleod had charge of the refreshments, these proving an enjoyable part of the evening's programme.

The meeting this evening will be Ex-member's Night. All ex-members of the Club are welcome, and each member is entitled to bring a friend. An enjoyable evening is assured all attending.

On Sunday afternoon a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Club was held in the office of Mr. A. W. Pickering, with the vice-president, Mr. C. G. Pirie, in the chair. A schedule of meetings for the rest of April was drawn up. Next week, April 15th, it is the intention to hold the usual weekly dance; on April 22nd, the Club will hold a Visitor's Night, and the final meeting of April will be the usual weekly dance. In connection with the Visitor's Night on April 22nd, it should be well for the members to remember the by-law applying to this night, which states that this night is provided to give the members of the Club the opportunity to entertain friends not eligible for membership in the Club. Non-eligibles include visitors to the town, and the married friends of the members, the Club members are requested to observe this ruling for the night of April 22nd.

The concluding evening of the Fall and Winter season will this year take the form of a Masquerade Ball, which will be held in the Masonic Hall, Timmins, on Friday evening, May 29th. Invitations will be issued for this event, and all attending are requested to be in costume. In previous years it has been the custom to hold a banquet at the close of the season, this year the change was made, to give the friends of the members a chance to attend.

No decision has been made as yet, as to the programme to be followed this summer. The cold and rainy weather of last year, and the heavy loss sustained by the Club in the rental of a cottage at Golden City, makes it necessary to postpone any decision in this regard until a little later on.

Last week the Provincial Police arrested Charles Gray, alias Lee, wanted on a charge of house-breaking at Severn Bridge, Muskoka district. Gray or Lee was picked up in the bush near Devonshire, between Porquis Junction and Cochrane, and was sent south for trial.

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Mr. L. S. Newton capably occupied the chair for the evening and in a brief but appropriate address introduced the programme. It was a long and varied programme, with every single item doing credit to the artists and to Mr. Schroeder. There was not a number that was not unusually well given. There was not a number but was thoroughly enjoyed. The Banjo Quartette, the Violin Choir, the Junior Orchestra, and the individual solos and duets all proved special favourites. Solos by Mrs. Huxley and Miss Charron were vocal numbers that were specially appreciated, as was also the song by the clever little Miss Gwen Smith. Every item would have been encoored, had there been time enough. Every number would be specially commented upon and praised—were there space enough available. Let it suffice to say that every number, without exception, was specially good. The programme was as follows:—Selection by Junior Orchestra; piano solo, by Isabel Drew; Guitar selection, Messrs. LaMoite and Ash; violin selection, A. Vaccino; vocal solo, Mrs. Huxley; piano duet, OdulwGdal Gladys Fairbrother and Mr. Schroeder; violin solo, Master Willie Shub; violin duet, Evaline Reginbalt and Vieno Pirtisalo; Banjo Quartette; piano duet, Mr. Lawrence and Miss

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