

## Elegant New Empire Hotel Opens With Pleasing Event

**Delightful Dinner Dance First Function in New Hotel. One Hundred and Ten Guests Enjoy the Finest Hospitality. New Hotel Admitted to be One of the Finest Outside the Big Cities. Four-storers, Beautifully Finished, Elegantly Appointed, Handsomely Furnished. Up-to-date in Every Particular. Proprietors and Management Highly Complimented.**

On Monday evening about 50 couples, including many of the leading citizens of the town and district and their ladies, gathered by invitation at the new Empire Hotel for the formal opening of that elegant and up-to-date structure. The invitations were given by the proprietors of the new hotel, Messrs. Leo Mascioli and P. M. Bardessono.

The event was one of the most attractive and pleasing events of its kind ever held in the North Land. After the guests had taken a stroll through the beautiful new hotel, adjournment was made to the large dining hall where 175 guests may be accommodated if need arises. The tables were most beautifully arranged and decorated and gave fulfilment of the large sign of "Welcome" displayed over the dining hall door. A feature of the dining hall is the large orchestra balcony. Here the Rammers Orchestra, assisted during part of the evening by Bandmaster Wolno on the cornet, discoursed the finest of music during the evening. A special feature of the music was the violin solos by Mr. Gene Colombo, whose rendering of "Love Song" (Drdla), and "My Laddie," were specially appreciated. The orchestra music was so catchy and alluring that the guests felt the temptation to use the fine floor for dancing about irresistible, and Hosts Mascioli and Bardessono evidently having no thought but the pleasure of their guests, the event became a dinner dance, the guests dancing round between the tables during the courses.

The tables were beautifully decorated with fine linen and handsome tableware, all bearing inconspicuously the name of the hotel. There were beautiful flowers on all the tables, adding to the attractiveness of the pleasant and well-appointed dining hall. Flowers were also presented to all the lady guests. Elaborate menus, tastefully tied with ribbon, were at each guest's place. The menu was as follows:—

- Russian Caviar
- Fruit Cocktail a la Mascioli-Bardessono.
- Relishes:
  - Celery Hearts
  - Sweet Pickles
  - Soup:
    - Potage Alexandria
  - Fish:
    - Baked Salmon, Heutie Sauce
    - Pommes Lou Lou
  - Roast:
    - Stuffed Young Turkey
    - Crab Apple Jelly
  - Vegetables:
    - Champit Tawties en Creme
    - Cauliflower, Bechamele Sauce,
    - Asparagus, En Boeur-Noir
  - Salad a la Empire
  - Dessert:
    - Old English Pudding
    - Wine Sauce
    - Ices:
      - Maple Walnut Ice Cream
      - Special Empire Blend Coffee
      - Dinner Rolls

**Cigars** Cigarettes  
Menu and service alike were excellent and did the highest credit to all concerned. To Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Smith, who are in charge of the new hotel, the highest compliments were given by all for the undoubted success of the event in every particular. The expert skill and the good taste of Mr. and Mrs. Smith were evident in the thoroughness of the arrangements and service whereby every particular of the evening was made so pleasant and attractive. A special word is also due to the chef and assistants, the waiting staff and the general staff of the hotel for the perfection of the service and the excellence of every detail.

When the cigars were brought to the tables, each gentleman guest was presented with a beautiful gold Gillette safety razor set in handsome case, bearing the compliments of the Empire Hotel, Timmins.

After the dinner and the dancing, His Worship the Mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis, presided for a few impromptu addresses from prominent citizens and old-time residents of the Camp. In introducing this part of the programme Dr. McInnis spoke of

the value of citizens like Messrs Mascioli and Bardessono to the town. He expressed the thanks of all present to their hosts for the delightful evening being spent, and emphasized the appreciation of the town for the enterprise and public spirit of Messrs. Mascioli and Bardessono in erecting this magnificent hotel, the Empire Hotel, "the Pride of the North." Messrs Bardessono and Mascioli were called upon to respond and were both greeted with enthusiastic and continued applause and the singing heartily of "For They are Jolly Good Fellows." They made brief but effective replies thanking all for the appreciation expressed, and trusting the Empire Hotel would be able to serve the town of Timmins faithfully and well. Mr. A. F. Brigham, General Manager of the Hollinger, added a few apt words to the appreciation felt for Messrs Mascioli and Bardessono. "Copy Pete and Leo," he suggested, "and Build—Build up the Town of Timmins." Mr. R. J. Ennis, General Manager of the McIntyre, added a few effective words to the complimentary expressions about the hosts of the evening. Reeve C. V. Gallagher, of Tisdale, in a neighbourly speech complimented the progressive Town of Timmins on having so elegant an hotel—one in keeping with

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## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN TIMMINS

**Interesting and Very Helpful Address Illustrated by Slides, by Mr. H. J. Moore, of Toronto.**

The few lovers of flowers and beauty of home and town who gathered in the Town Hall Friday evening for the meeting called to organize a Horticultural Society here, had a most pleasing and helpful time. Mr. H. J. Moore, Lecturer on Horticulture for the Ontario Government, delivered an address, easy to listen to and most informative. The address was profusely illustrated by lantern slides. Mr. Moore not only knows his subject thoroughly, but he knows also how to make it known to others. He dealt very effectively with the beautifying of home and town, proving that it cost but little and gave big dividends in happiness, contentment and culture. He showed the great work accomplished in other places by Horticultural Societies and urged that Timmins get busy and help along the good work for this town. Incidentally he gave many helpful hints as to how to go about improving home and town surroundings, what flowers, shrubs and trees grow best in this North, with innumerable suggestions as to the best methods of handling them. Mr. R. Whorley, noted as a pioneer of the North in horticulture, accompanied Mr. Moore from Haileybury, and gave interesting summary of what had been accomplished by the Haileybury Horticultural Society. Mr. H. Hatton operated the lantern for Mr. Moore. Mr. Moore explained the procedure necessary to organize a Horticultural Society and the advantages to be derived. It was unanimously decided to form a Timmins Horticultural Society. The following officers were duly elected:—

President—H. Halton.  
Vice-President—Mr. Ringsleben.  
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Harris.

Directors—Mrs. F. C. H. Simms, R. Elston, T. A. Skelly, Mr. Dupont, Mrs. G. Gauthier, A. R. Harkness, Mrs. Chittenden, Mrs. R. J. Ennis, Mrs. V. H. Emery, D. R. McDonald.  
A meeting will be called at an early date to appoint a secretary-treasurer, etc.

It is the intention to hold a Horticultural Show this year.

Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Pierce returned last week from a visit to the South, Mr. Pierce taking the trip for the benefit of his health. All will be pleased to know that Mr. Pierce has recovered his health and returned feeling fine and fit again.

## ONLY STANDARD HOTELS TO SELL 4.4 BEER AT FIRST

May be Later Extended to Some Restaurants and Groceries.

According to official advice the new 4.4 beer will only be obtainable, for a time at least, in the standard hotels. There are only five standard hotels in Timmins—The Empire, Goldfields, Prince of Wales, Kingston and Queen's. For the present these will be the only places in Timmins licensed to handle the 4.4 beer. Later, extension may be made to include certain restaurants and shops. Thursday (to-morrow), May 21st, is the first date at which the 4.4 beer may be sold. There has been a carload of the new beer, held on the tracks at Schumacher, for a day or two past, waiting the date on which legal sale may be commenced.

## GOLDEN BEAVER OBSERVES ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY

**Banquet After Work of Lodge. A Mock Trial the Feature. Ladies of Eastern Star Largely Responsible for Success of Banquet.**

quiet hall, were crowded to capacity at The lodge room, and later, the banquet hall here last Wednesday night by members of Golden Beaver Lodge, and visiting brethren gathered to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the founding of Golden Beaver Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 526, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by the assembled brethren.

One feature of the evening was the presentation by Bro. H. G. Laidlaw, of a handsome porch lamp to be lighted when there is any meeting of the lodge. Wor. Bro. Bailey, on behalf of Golden Beaver, expressed a few words of thanks to the visitors, and accepted on behalf of the Lodge.

After the conclusion of the business of the Lodge upstairs, the members sat down to a sumptuous banquet, where a fine programme of speeches, and music was enjoyed. Rt. Wor. Bro. C. G. Williams, first Worshipful Master of Golden Beaver Lodge, presided at the banquet.

The thanks of the officers and members of Golden Beaver Lodge are due the Ladies of the Eastern Star for their work in making the banquet the success it was. The tables were well laid out, and beautifully decorated, and the menu was of the very finest.

One feature of the evening's programme was a mock trial, Bro. A. G. Grant being the prisoner at the bar, with Bros. S. A. Caldwell, and Dean Kester acting as prosecution and defence, respectively. This item caused great amusement.

An evening long to be remembered by the Masonic Brethren attending closed about half-past one with the National Anthem.

Mr. R. Dunn, of Woodstock, was a visitor to the Camp last week.

## Programme of Sport Day Here on Victoria Day, May 25

**Big Day of Sports on Monday at Timmins, with Special Attractions for All. Under the Auspices of Timmins Football and Baseball Clubs. Baseball, Football, Athletic Events, Novelties.**

The 1925 Victoria Day Sports in Timmins promises to be, as the posters say, "a big day all day." The event is under the auspices of the Timmins Football and Baseball Clubs, which is full assurance that all arrangements will be well carried through. It is to be a big day of sport and pleasure starting from 10 a.m. and continuing to about 8.30 p.m. Admission to the grounds will be by tag, at 75 cents per tag, good for all day. There will be football (N.O.F.A. League match and P.D.F.L. match), baseball, 100 yds. dash, 2 mile, open, 2-mile relay race, 100 yds., open, 440 yds., open, 220 yds., open, girls' race, boys' race, pole vault, high jump, long jump, putting the shot, pie-eating contest for boys, etc., etc. The following is the programme in detail as issued last week:—

- 10.00 a.m.—Girls' and Boys' Races, from 13 to 16 years, 100 yds.
- 10.45 a.m.—Two Mile Relay, 4 men to each team.

## SPECIAL OBSERVANCE OF EMPIRE DAY HERE FRIDAY

Interesting Programme Planned for Central Public School.

There will be specially interesting observance of Empire Day at the Central Public School on Friday afternoon, the event to be held on the school grounds, weather permitting. There will be choral singing by the pupils and other interesting features. The presentation of prizes to the winners in the I.O.D.E. Essay Competitions will also be made.

## K.K.K. PROMISES TO BE GREAT SUCCESS IN TOWN

Just Hold Your Breath and Read On to the End.

The success of the K. K. K. in Timmins promises to eclipse anything of its kind ever. Everything is now set for the big success of this K. K. K. here. This K. K. K. is not the famous Ku Klu Klan, but what promises to be a more famous and useful K. K. K.—the Kiwanis Kake Kontest. Interest in the event is very keen. Officers or members of the Kiwanis will be pleased to give any cake bakers full information as to the rules, prizes, etc., etc. Every baker of cakes should get in this K. K. K. Watch for particulars on K. K. K. folder.

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF TIMMINS GOLF SEASON

This Week-end the Married Members Play the Unmarried.

The official opening of the Timmins Golf Club was held last Saturday afternoon. The weather for the opening was not favourable for any kind of golf, and very few members entered the scheduled match, President vs. Vice-President, only the more enthusiastic braving the cold winds, and resultant snow which dampened the ardour of Timmins golfers last Saturday afternoon.

This week-end the Married members of the Club will try conclusions in the game of "gowf" with the unmarried men of the Club. These matches will open on Saturday afternoon, and can be played on Monday, which is being held this year, Victoria Day, the twenty-fourth falling on Sunday. The members pick their own partners, and the matches over the week-end are sure to be interesting.

## HOLLINGER WON FROM DOME ON TUESDAY, May 12

The Hollinger won two points from the Dome on Tuesday, May 12th, at the Dome. The score stood 2-0 in favour of the Hollinger at half-time. The Hollinger scored once in the second half, the Dome scoring twice in this half, the second Dome goal being the last kick of the match.

## Hollinger Dividend to be Increased to 20.80 Per Cent

**Annual Report Issued. Very Satisfactory Progress Made at Big Mine in 1924. Power Question Settled with Advantage to Hollinger. Increase in Production, Profits, Ore Reserves. Net Recovery, \$13,429,226.87. Average Number of Men Employed 2,758.**

The Hollinger Annual Report for 1924 was issued this week and shows a most satisfactory year. The President's annual address announces an advantageous settlement of the power question, an increase to be made in the dividend rate, and the year 1924 as "the most prosperous in the history of the company." The following is the President's annual statement in full:—

**Directors' Report to Shareholders.**  
The Directors have much pleasure in presenting the fourteenth annual report covering the operations of the Company for the year 1924 with statement of Assets and Liabilities and Profit and Loss Account which have been duly certified by the auditors.

The year 1924 was the most prosperous in the history of the Company. The net profit, after deducting general and mining and milling charges was \$6,586,215.01. Of this amount the sum of \$3,198,000 was paid out in dividends, \$318,377.25 in Dominion, Provincial and Municipal Taxes, and \$1,162,800.50 was written off for plant depreciation, etc., leaving the sum of \$1,907,037.26 to be added to the surplus, which at the end of the year amounted to \$7,616,851.76 and which is represented to a very large extent by cash or its equivalent in high class investments.

It should be noted that the sum of \$1,500,000.00 has been paid on account of the Bank Loan since the be-

## FORTY-TWO MEMBERS IN NEWLY-FORMED W.M.S.

**New Society in Connection With Presbyterian Church Away to Fine Start.**

Thursday evening last there was a large attendance at the Presbyterian church to hear Mrs. McArthur, of Haileybury, speak on the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. McArthur reviewed the history and work of the W. M. S., in very interesting way and her address was much appreciated. The organization of a Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary for Timmins was completed, the following officers being elected:—

President—Miss Quick.  
Vice-President—Mrs. Monk.  
Secretary—Mrs. Cuthbertson.  
Treasurer—Mrs. W. F. Richardson.  
Supply Secretary—Mrs. Trest.  
Home Helper Secretary—Mrs. Charbonneau.

Messenger Secretary—Mrs. J. M. Studor.

Stranger Secretary—Mrs. Kerr.  
Forty-two joined the Society during the evening, starting the branch here off with an unusually good membership and the best of prospects for progress and success.

## RECORD NOW GOES TO ONE OF MR. H. SULLIVAN'S HENS

**South Porcupine Takes the First Place in Big Egg Contest.**

In each of the last two issues The Advance has been recording big eggs laid by Timmins hens. Last week, however along comes a South Porcupine egg that knocks the other eggs in the shade. This South Porcupine egg is by one of Mr. H. Sullivan's Barred Rocks. It is 8 1/4 inches the long way and 6 1/2 inches in circumference the other way. The egg weighs 4 ounces. It was a perfectly shaped egg, so correctly proportioned, indeed, that it does not look so big at first glance as either of the other two big eggs mentioned in the previous two issues of The Advance. But this Barred Rock sample of a big egg has them all barred out from the record so far. Has any one else a hen that can beat this? If so, trot along the sample, and prove it. Big eggs, by the dozen preferred! What offers!

Mr. Frank McGuire left this week for Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U. S. A., after spending a few weeks at his home here.

ginning of the year thus reducing it to \$800,000 at this date.

At the end of the year 1924 work on the Power Plant at Island Falls had advanced to such a point that early in the present year the work was completed and the plant able to supply all the present and future requirements of the Mine.

It transpired, however, some time after the Company was committed to the Island Falls project that Northern Canada Power, Limited, the Company then supplying power to the Hollinger Company, acquired a water power lease, commenced the installation of a power development at the Quinze in the Province of Quebec and built a power transmission line from the Quinze to the mines in the Porcupine gold fields, thus greatly increasing the available power supply. Plans were also made by the Power Company to consolidate the three power developments owned and operated by it on the Mattagami River with the new development at the Quinze, into one continuous system. This changed the whole situation so materially and presented so many advantages that a reconsideration of the power problem and its attendant difficulties became desirable provided a favourable contract with the Power Company could be secured and a satisfactory disposition made of the Hollinger Company's power development at Island Falls.

As is well known to shareholders negotiations have been under way for some time to effect a workable plan which would be acceptable to your Directors as a solution of the unsatisfactory power situation, terminate the litigation and remove all causes of friction between the Hollinger Company and the Power Company. Negotiations have also been proceeding with a view to effecting a sale of the Company's power development at Island Falls as obviously a settlement with the Power Company could not be made until a sale had been arranged.

Your Directors are now glad to be able to announce to the shareholders that a highly advantageous solution of the matters referred to has been arrived at, which is briefly as follows:—A new power contract has been entered into with Northern Canada Power Limited, which materially reduces the rates for power from those now being paid and the power development at Island Falls has been sold to the Abitibi Power and Paper Company, Limited, at a figure which reimburses the Hollinger Company for its entire expenditure.

Now that the power situation has been satisfactorily cleared up your Directors see no reason why the dividend should not be increased, and it is proposed, commencing with the dividend payable on the 17th June next to increase the rate from 13 per cent, per annum, to 20.80 per cent, per annum, which will make the four-weekly distribution Eight (8) cents per share instead of Five (5) cents as at present.

The Directors sincerely regret to record the death on the 30th October, last, of their friend and colleague, Mr. David A. Dunlap, a Director of the Company since its inception and at the time of his death Vice-President thereof. His interest in the affairs of the Company and his sound judgment have been greatly missed. His untimely demise while most keenly felt by his family and fellow Directors, was also much regretted by many of our shareholders to whom he was known as a warm personal friend. The vacancy on the Board thus caused has been filled by the election of Mr. Wilson Bell, of Toronto, a brother-in-law of the late Mr. Dunlap. Mr. L. H. Timmins succeeded Mr. Dunlap as Vice-president.

Our shareholders now number about 5,200 being a slight increase over last year and more than 90 per cent. of the stock is held in Canada. Conditions in the mine and mill are satisfactory. Our relations with our employees continue on a satisfactory basis and it affords us pleasure to state that nothing has arisen to cause any unpleasantness or anxiety. We are glad again to record our appreciation of the services of our

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