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Dome Mines Wins First Aid Trophy in First Competition

Beautiful Silver Shield, Donated by Mr. George Wright, Awarded to Dome Brigade of St. John's Ambulance Association. Other Mines in North in First Annual Competition.

Dome Mines, July 13th. Special to The Advance. Word was received from the Toronto Headquarters of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, under whose direction the competition was held, that the Dome Division had won the beautiful silver shield presented by Mr. George Wright for annual competition among the Brigades of the Mines of the North. This is a great honour for the Dome team and future competitions will be eagerly looked forward to, and contested for, by many more brigades than competed this year. The Competition was held late in June. Captain Debnay, District Superintendent of Ontario, was examining judge. For the benefit of those who do not know how such contests are staged this information is given. Four men constitute a team, numbered according to their position in stretcher drill, 1, 2, 3, and 4, No. 4 being Captain. Imaginary cases for first aid treatment are described and the manner in which the team acts in the exercise of their knowledge of how to treat the particular injury, is checked up in marks by the judge, who gives points for what is done correctly and deducts points for what is not done as it should be. The case for the teams in this particular competition was as follows: The Captain was handed a typewritten paper on which was this information, which he reads to his team:—"You four men, experienced First Aiders, are walking home from work; you see a crowd of bystanders gathered around a small type of auto which had been hit by a larger car and forced against a telegraph pole; the big car has driven off without stopping to help; the sole occupant of the wrecked car is hemmed in by the steering post against his chest, fracturing his ribs; he is bleeding from cuts on the scalp and face caused by the broken wind shield; his left knee cap is broken, caused by contact with the dashboard; there is no doctor available; hospital is two miles away; there is a house near by; it is ten below zero. Act as you should."

This is all the information given, and no previous knowledge of what the case was going to be was permitted, and seeing that this competition was for the mines of the north, the Dome team had concentrated to a great extent on possible mine accidents. However, the case was there and the only thing to do was to get busy. The removing of the patient from the car, the utilizing of rugs and wrappers from the car to keep the man warm, asking permission from the occupants of the nearby house to bring the patient under cover, getting ashes to sprinkle on the icy pathway so that the bearers wouldn't slip, ascertaining what might be used for splints and bandages in the house, the

treatment for fractured ribs, ice to suck, treatment for shock, etc., removing glass from scalp and face wounds and improvising a ring pad bandage so that the pressure of the bandage wouldn't come directly on a possibly fractured skull, the fractured patella properly bound with splint and elevated limb, the placing of the patient on the stretcher from the arrived ambulance, the lifting, carrying and placing of stretcher with patient in ambulance, accompanying the ambulance to the hospital, turning over of case to House Surgeon, phone message to injured man's wife giving information as to the accident and allaying her anxiety as much as possible, phoning police giving information secured from the witnesses of the accident regarding description of the big car and its number.

This completed the team test, and while the basement of the public school in which the test was held, was to the spectators nice and cool, the contestants were sweating, having been under a tension where they had actually visualized the accident and treated as they thought they should. After that there were the individual tests, which to save space will be briefly dealt with: No. 1, (H. H. Costain) had to deal with two cases, the first having to do with the proper treatment of a fellow workman who had ruptured himself and secondly, the treatment of an aged lady who had burst a varicose vein just above the ankle. No. 2, (Ed Uren) had a case where a man was in contact with a live wire, the proper procedure to adopt to get him away from the electricity and the demonstrating of the three methods used in artificial respiration. No. 3, (M. McWilliams) had to treat a companion who had cut the palm of his hand severely and who was bleeding from a severed artery, and No. 4, (Sam Phillip, Capt.), had a case where a man had fallen down a slope, and the resultant resourcefulness in getting the man out, the calling of the cage by the mine bell danger signal and first aid treatment of the injuries until the patient could be brought to a doctor.

These tests, both team and individual were an education to the contestants as well as those who were spectators. The markings given were as follows:— Dome Mines Team—198 or 82.2%. O'Brien Mine, Cobalt—178½ or 74.1%. Hollinger Mines—147 or 61.0%. The total possible marks were 241, and the reasons for the loss of points will be explained to the different teams later by the judge. The Shield will be presented by the Honourable C. McCrea and Mr. Nesbitt, who is President of the St. John Society in Ontario.

IROQUOIS FALLS HERE FOR BASEBALL TO-DAY.

This (Wednesday) afternoon Iroquois Falls again plays at Timmins in the District Baseball series. Other coming games include the following, the last-named team in each case being the home team:—

- Saturday, July 18 — Timmins vs. Iroquois Falls.
- Wednes., July 22—Iroquois Falls vs. Timmins.
- Monday, July 27—Timmins vs. Iroquois Falls.
- Saturday, Aug. 1 — Iroquois Falls vs. Timmins.
- Wednesday, Aug. 5—Timmins vs. Iroquois Falls.
- Wednesday, Aug., 12 — Iroquois Falls vs. Timmins.
- Saturday, Aug., 15—Timmins vs. Iroquois Falls.

WILL HAVE TO PUT DIMMERS ON NATIONAL ENGINES

Reports have been given out relative to the large number of moose killed by Canadian National Railway trains on the line west of Cochrane. In a recent week an average of one a day was killed in the Nakina district alone. Perhaps it would be more correct to say "one a night," for it is after dark that practically all the fatalities occur. Flies and underbrush trouble the moose in the bush and they find the railway track the best possible roadway. In the daytime they usually have no difficulty in avoiding the engines, but at night the glare of the headlights, it is said, confuses and stupefies the moose and they fall victims to the rushing trains. The number killed this year by passenger trains is said to be alarmingly large, while freight trains are said to be responsible for the death of still greater numbers, according to reports. The moose killed by passenger trains are all reported to the railway offices, but count is not kept of the moose destroyed by the freight trains. To save the moose, some bright fellow will no doubt suggest that all National Railway engines be equipped with dimmers, and that when a moose is sighted on the track the lights be dimmed long enough for Mr. Moose to get off and let the train go by

TWENTY MILLIONS MORE FOR POWER, HOW MUCH FOR ROADS?

Announcement was made last week that the Province is to spend around twenty million dollars to construct five new water powers on the Ottawa River to supply further needed power to Ontario towns and industries. Up to date no one has fallen dead at the thought of the expenditure of another twenty million dollars for power in Ontario. Why then, should anyone think of dropping dead, or even fainting, at the idea of spending a few million dollars for roads for the settlers in the North Land? The hydro-electric power question is recognized as a matter that can only be approached in terms of millions. The road problem of the North Land is also a big question, and no one should be afraid of thinking about it, as it ought to be thought about, in terms of millions. Millions in roads for the settlers in the North Land will prove a first class investment for the Province of Ontario.

COMING GAMES IN THE DISTRICT SOFTBALL LEAGUE.

- In the District Softball League, the following are coming events:—
- July 17th—Schumacher at South Porcupine.
- July 17th — Dome Athletics at A. S. D. Club.
- July 20th—A. S. D. Club at Hollinger.
- July 20th—Dome Tripods at Schumacher.
- July 24th—So. Porcupine at Dome Athletics.
- July 27th—So. Porcupine at Dome Tripods.
- July 31st—Schumacher at A. S. D. Club.
- July 31st—Hollinger at So. Porcupine.
- Aug. 3rd—Schumacher at Hollinger.
- Aug. 3rd—A. S. D. Club at Dome Tripods.
- Aug. 7th—Dome Athletics at Schumacher.
- Aug. 10th—Hollinger at Dome Athletics.
- Aug. 10th—A. S. D. Club at So. Porcupine.
- Aug. 14th—So. Porcupine at A.S.D. Club.
- Aug. 17th—Dome Tripods at So. Porcupine.

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