

SIXTH BANK MAY BE ADDED TO BRANCHES IN TIMMINS

Rumor has it that a sixth bank may be added after the New Year to the financial institutions now in Timmins. Already the Imperial, the Bank of Commerce, the Dominion, the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of Nova Scotia have branches here. The new bank likely to come in here is the Bank of Hochelaga which already has several branches in this North Land. It is said that when the Bank of Commerce moves into its fine new building opposite the Gordon block, the Bank of Hochelaga will move into the premises in the Reed Block.

ADVANCE PUBLISHED EARLIER THIS WEEK

For the advantage of the public and the merchants, in the matter of Christmas shopping, The Advance is published a day earlier this week. The regular day of publication is Thursday, but so as to give all the best of the deal, the paper is issued for this one week on Wednesday. Next week it will be issued, as usual, on Thursday.

FIRST CHRISTMAS CARDS ISSUED EIGHTY YEARS AGO

While Christmas cards, boxes and presents are said to be a survival of the Strenae of Rome, and so strenuously opposed by the early Christian fathers, the popularity of the Christmas card is of more recent time. A writer who has delved deeply into the origin and history of Christmas customs says that from the beginning to the middle of the nineteenth century 'school pieces,' or 'Christmas pieces,' the forerunner of the card of today, were popular. These were sheets of paper, sometimes surrounded with birds, scrolls, and other specimens of elaborate penmanship made by boys at holiday time to prove their progress in the art of writing.

Joseph Cundall, a London artist, is said to have issued the first Christmas card proper in 1846. It was of the size of a woman's visiting card, and was printed in lithography and colored by hand. About 1862 the custom obtained a firm foothold, most of the cards being small and containing merely the greetings "A Merry Christmas" and "A Merry New Year." Later "Little Red Riding Hood," robins and snow began to play to a prominent part in the decoration.

South Porcupine Curling Club Concert Big Success

Programme in High School Community Hall on Thursday Last Was One of Outstanding Interest and Merit. Big Attendance and Everybody Enjoyed the Event Throughout.

South Porcupine, Dec. 22nd, 1925. Special to The Advance.

The concert given by the Curling Club in the High School Community Hall on the 17th inst, was one grand success from the opening overture by the Bonspiel Orchestra to the finale. As Mrs. Barry was absent, Mrs. W. G. Bowles sang first. "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise," was so effectively given that her world right there insisted on another even though they had to applaud till sunrise. She responded with "Philosophy." Miss Wilson's piano solo won a hearty and well-merited encore. Mr. Perry recited "Hard Luck Henry," by Service, and was brought back for another, after which Mrs. Bowles again delighted her audience with "The Dainty Damsel," followed by "The Bird Lullaby." While George Starling was delivering his latest hit "Could Lloyd George do it?" we were wondering could anyone other than George Starling do it. Mr. Baine's violin playing, as usual, entranced his audience. His first selection "Danny-Boy," brought the encore "Marcheta," and when an encore to the encore was insisted on, he gave "My Wild Irish Rose." Mr. Geo. Honer gave "The Floral Dance," a solo in which his splendid tenor is heard very favourably. His encore was "There's a Land."

While "The Gentlemen Adventurers of the Township of Tizzdale" were preparing their Council Chambers the Porcupine Juvenile Orchestra delighted the audience with several catchy selections. Then "The Porcupine Piffers" opened with "The Gang's All Here." Sure enough they were; but who was which and what was who for a few moments had people guessing. The central imposing figure wearing the insignia of office and a lot of wondrous colours proved to be Mr. Geo. Cole, representing the Reeve, or as they told in song later "The man who's always boosting Tisdale." On his left was Har d'Boyle, a practical, matter-of-fact personage, represented by Geo. Honer; on his right sat the town-clerk. "O Heavens," taken by Alan Anderson, with all the suavity of the original. Then there was Gordon Authier, the lawyer "with two big horns a-stickin' from his head," the same being A Kincaid. Jack Le-Maison, a far-seeing, dapper little man was Max Smith, while beside him sat the Canny Scot who played the

bag-pipes while his confreres sang "A braw lad is Dave Kerr," in such a way as to show that he (Jimmy Hogg) was to the manner born. George Hellsmurmur, from the Broad Aeres, in overalls and straw lid, was ably done by W. Lowry, who showed a sharp shrewdness quite characteristic of the real owner of Broad Aeres, when he "bought the old farm" and felt he "must be gettin' on." There was many a laugh at the efforts of C. Swattum McGuinness (alias Harry Wilson) to keep order. When the lights went out he and his working mate, Bill Rooks (Geo Starling) made a raid on the cloak-room for liquor; two bottles were found but not even enough left in them "for reference."

Among the subjects discussed by this marvellous array of wits were:—the public pound, the budget, the removal of all mud from the roads and placing it on the side-walks, the closing of the jail, the re-opening of the sewers, the 1925 tax-rate, a municipal beauty parlor requested by Young Irishmen's Assoc. (leading name on same petition being Thos. Ryan) the telephone, good English, a by-law to prevent any more margin calls on West Dome Lake stock, the planting of maples, Joe Rutherford's Rolls-Royce and many like themes of similar import to the Township of Tisdale. However, they sang with real feeling, "We want to be happy but we can't be happy till we make you happy too." Some of the happy skits of the evening were the story of the barber who cannot eat onions now that ladies throng his emporium. "How could the Dome have paid more dividends?" "If they had Doug. (W) right in from the first." "If the dogwood have fleas has mahogany?" "Did you hear of the accident?" "No." "Why, John Fell." "Well if John Fell when did Hugh Boil (Boyle)? We might add that if Hugh did boil would Dave Kerr (care)?" With many pleasantries for their curling friends, present from Timmins and Schumacher and a series of clever card tricks, symbolic of the disposal of Tisdale taxes the evening was brought to a happy close.

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SCHUMACHER OFFICER MAKES NICE LITTLE RAID

Last week the new officer at Schumacher, Constable Jas. Cushing, made a nice little raid not far from the police station at Schumacher. A boarding house was searched under warrant and in a neat hiding place, discovered after patient search, five gallons of good old booze rewarded the officers for the trouble of the investigation. The proprietor of the place was arrested, but Saturday evening he was bailed out. He will come before Magistrate Atkinson this week for breach of the O. T. A.

MOOSE LODGE TO HOLD NEW YEAR'S PARTY, JAN. 6.

The Timmins Lodge of the Loyal Order of the Moose are planning a New Year's Party for Wednesday evening, Jan. 6th, 1926, commencing at 7.30 p.m. The event is to be held in the New Empire Theatre and is to be specially for the children of members of the Lodge. It is expected that a big part of the programme of this New Year's party entertainment for children will be supplied by the children themselves, and a big crowd and a happy time for all are confidently expected.

RE-UNION AFTER YEARS OF SEPARATION

Some ten or eleven years ago Mrs. H. cherished fine plans for her family's future. Her four girls were all bright, clever children who seemed free to travel through life without a single handicap.

But that was years ago. In the meantime Mrs. H. developed consumption—and died. Following quickly upon this disaster the eldest girl showed signs of weak lungs and was promptly sent away to the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives. In two years she returned cured.

But that was not the end. The other sisters, except the youngest, also fell in the way of tuberculosis. They are now at Muskoka, and making the same progress that their sister made. The father, the eldest girl and youngest girl are now at home preparing for the coming day of re-union.

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Mr. Frank Hoffman, of Giroux Lake, was a visitor to Timmins over week-end.

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