

FELL FIVE HUNDRED FEET DOWN MINE SHAFT

Angus McDougall Meets Death Saturday Evening at Schumacher Shaft of Hollinger Mine.

Saturday evening at about 9.20. Angus McDougall met death at the Schumacher shaft of the Hollinger. Just how the accident occurred is not known as yet, but the unfortunate man's dead body was found at the bottom of the shaft and it was apparent that he had fallen about 500 feet. He sustained a fracture to the back of the head but otherwise his face and head escaped serious injury. He had one arm broken in four places, but the worst injuries were to his legs and feet which were badly smashed by the terrible fall. He was working with several other men at Shaft No. 19, Schumacher mine. Just how he went to his death will likely be made plain at the inquest being held this (Thursday) afternoon when the others near him give evidence, but there seems to be a general acceptance of the idea that no blame is to be attached to anyone for the accident.

The late Angus McDougall was a native of Nova Scotia, but has worked in North Land mines for some four or five years past. He was well regarded by all who knew him and his sad death is a blow to his many friends in the district. He was about 25 years of age at the time of death, and was unmarried, but has several relatives in the Porcupine Camp. He had worked about three months at the Hollinger. An inquest will be opened at Schumacher to-morrow (Thursday) with Coroner F. C. Evans presiding.

MEETING OF POULTRY ASSOCIATION TUESDAY.

There was a meeting of the Porcupine Poultry and Pet Stock Association in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, with President A. Tomkinson in the chair, the work before the meeting being the clearing up of details in connection with the recent Show. It was decided to leave the adjustment of certain prizes to the executive. A resolution was passed deciding that number left over at this year's show or at subsequent events be sold to members desiring it at a reduction of twenty-five per cent, from cost price. Some of the dog kennels having been taken away without authority it was decided to allow the man who took them the opportunity to pay for them; otherwise prosecution for illegally taking away the kennels will be instituted. It is expected to get the prize money adjusted and paid within a few days and everything straightened out for the year.

Mr. H. Fisher was among the Timmins people who spent the holiday in the south.

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH NEAR VILLE MARIE, QUE.

Two Others Seriously Burned in Fire At Guignes, Across Lake from Haileybury

Word reached here this week of the fact that four persons were burned to death and two others are in the Ville Marie hospital, as the result of a fire which destroyed a store and boarding house at St. Eugene de Guignes, twelve miles across Lake Temiskaming from Haileybury, and about nine miles from Ville Marie, Quebec. The fire took place in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Those who lost their lives in the fire were:—P. Lefebvre, proprietor of the building, and his wife each about 35 years of age, their hired girl, by name Lacroix, about 17 years old and a boarder named A. St. Jean, 21 years old.

C. Lafreniere, who made a gallant but unavailing effort to save the Lacroix girl, is in the hospital seriously injured, and P. Barrett is suffering from burns about the face.

Two other persons in the house at time escaped by the front door without injury.

Lafreniere also managed to reach the outside after the alarm was raised but went back when he heard the girl's screams and was carrying her to safety when they fell through the floor into the flames which had originated in the cellar of the place.

The other victims were trapped in the burning building.

Reports from Guignes indicate that the fire which was noticed about four o'clock in the morning swept through the two-storey frame building with appalling rapidity.

It is believed from the positions in which the bodies were found that driven back by the flames around the back door, the four victims huddled together in a corner of the kitchen. The bodies were all found in an area a few square feet there.

When found, the body of Mr. Lefebvre was the only one of the four that bore any resemblance to a human form. All that remained of the other three was charred bones. It was possible, however, to identify the bodies through their sizes.

The fire is believed to have started in a room of the apartment which the Lefebvres occupied next to their store. Candles left lighted on a Christmas tree are thought to have been the cause.

The O. Y. B. Club Dance on Christmas Night was not as good a success as expected, on account of the orchestra being delayed in arriving. Many of the crowd reaching King's Hall at half-past eight left again, many going to the Schumacher dance, and only a few remaining until the orchestra reached the hall after ten.

Greetings for the New Year to the Citizens of Timmins

His Worship the Mayor Extends Good Wishes to all Good Citizens of This Good Town for the Good New Year of 1926. Friendliness and Harmony the Dominant Characteristics of Town.

Dr. J. A. McInnis, Mayor of Timmins for the past seven years and Mayor-Elect for 1926, extends the following New Year's message to the citizens of Timmins:—

Nineteen twenty five with its joys and sorrows, its successes and failures, has about passed, registering another milestone in the years of time. We, the citizens of Timmins, have had our share of ups and downs during the year, but with all we have many things to be thankful for in comparison with many other people in other parts less favourably situated. It is a remarkable fact, and I think a source of great satisfaction, for us all to realize, that a population composed of so many different creeds and nationalities should live together amicably and show that fine spirit of good fellowship toward one another as has been so clearly demonstrated this Christmastide.

We all have our different viewpoints, opinions and sentiments, but with all we have managed to live in peace and harmony, which is characteristic of the people of the North, and which in a large measure is responsible for our prosperity, rapid growth and development. At this season therefore, may each of us truly say that:—

"The joy of Christmas is in the air, It's all about us everywhere; May it, we pray, descend on you And then remain the whole year through."

To each and every one I wish a happy and prosperous New Year.
DR. J. A. McINNIS,
Mayor.

USUAL WATCH NIGHT SERVICES AT CHURCHES

There will be the usual Watch Night services at the churches here to see the old year out and the new year in. Schumacher Caledonian Society is observing the same event (Hogmanay) by a dance in the McIntyre Hall.

POLICE HAVE PRACTICALLY ALL ROBBERIES CLEARED UP.

With this week's Juvenile court, the police have now practically all the recent robberies and thefts cleared up. This week good work on the part of Chief Greer and his staff resulted in the recovery of a number of batteries stolen several weeks ago, as well as the return of other stolen goods. At Juvenile court this week several boys were found guilty of being concerned in different thefts and robberies. The presiding judge, Magistrate Atkinson sternly emphasized to the boys the error of the path they were taking and warned them against the ill results sure to follow unless they mended their ways. He gave the lads another chance, allowing them out on suspended sentence.

FIVE FIRE CALLS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS

During the past seven days the Fire Dept. had five calls, all of them answered with the usual promptness for which the brigade is famous. None of them caused any damage worth mention. All were simple chimney blazes with the exception of the call on the 29th to the Whiston Drug Co. place. The calls were as follows:—

- Dec. 24, at 6.50 p.m.—Call from Box 34 to 75 Fourth Avenue.
- Dec. 25, at 10.25 p.m.—Call from Box 23 to 105 Pine street north.
- Dec. 26, at 12.25 a.m.—Call from Box 63 to 167 Maple street south (Township of Tisdale).
- Dec. 27, at 6.05 p.m.—Telephone call to 64 Sixth Avenue.
- Dec. 29, at 9 a.m.—Call to Whiston Drug Co. building, where tar being used for roofing purposes boiled over causing so much smoke that fire was feared.

ANOTHER RICH FIND ON HAZELTON-PORCUPINE

Recent diamond drill work at the Hazelton-Porcupine property in Denton has continued to show very pleasing results. Recently in D. D. hole No. 6 at a depth of 286 feet, four feet of high-grade sulphide ore was intersected, the assay running \$43.87 in gold per ton. The results from work on the Hazelton-Porcupine seem to justify the belief now generally held that Denton Township is now permanently and prominently on the gold map.

'HAPPY' WOODS HAD NARROW ESCAPE IN OLD COUNTRY.

Mr. J. N. Woods ("Happy") in sending in a change of address for his weekly copy of The Advance sends a characteristic little letter. Dated, just "England, Dec. 16th, 1925," he writes:—"Am leaving England on Dec. 28th, for Canada. Alive and well, but lucky to be so, as was knocked into a wall by a big brewery truck while cycling. The bike is a goner, but I survived to go and testify at court where the driver was convicted. Wishing you a happy Christmas and bright new year."

WANTED TO HEAR ANOTHER BAND CONCERT ON SUNDAY

The popularity of the Sunday evening band concerts was evidenced last Sunday evening when, though due announcement had been made that there would be no more of these events until about the middle of January, a crowd gathered at the Goldfields Theatre to await the opening of the doors. Some managed to get inside the theatre and had to be turned out again. Apparently those in the crowd were so anxious to hear another band concert that they refused to believe when told that they had chosen the wrong night. It may be noted again that the next band concert will not be held until January 17th.

Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Friday, December 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Shankman, 24 Maple street south—a son.

Timmins Juniors Make Nice Win at Sudbury Last Night

Although Playing Under Handicaps the Lads from the Gold Camp Make Fine Showing. Another Fine Exhibition Game at North Bay Tuesday Evening, Though Timmins Lost That One.

This week Timmins Junior N. O. H. A. team played exhibition games at North Bay and Sudbury, and made a very encouraging showing despite the handicaps. On Tuesday evening at North Bay the Trappers won from the Gold Camp team 4 to 1, but word from the Bay is to the effect that Timmins really had it all over the famous Trappers, but lost the game through ill fortune. The regular goal tender, Levine, was injured in a preliminary practice, being struck in the eye, and so could not hold the nets for the game in the evening. Also Teevin, one of the stars on the Timmins line-up was injured in the early part of the game and had to leave the ice. He had just scored a goal for Timmins, and the score was then 1 to 6 in favour of the Gold Mine team. It may be noted further that Valentine was unable to go with the boys on the trip, but it is hoped that he will be sufficiently recovered to take his place on the team for Monday

night's game at the Falls. Those who saw the North Bay game on Tuesday agree that the Timmins lads do not need any alibi in the matter, the boys all putting up a dandy brand of hockey and the crowd being well pleased indeed.

Wednesday night at Sudbury, though handicapped by the fact that subs had to take the place of some of the regular players, Timmins boys put up a fine game and won from the capable Sudbury team, the score being 2 to 1. Reports from Sudbury last night indicate that this was a very fine game and the Timmins team showed up especially well.

The boys going on the trip for the two exhibition games included Teevin, Couture, Greco, Charlebois, Levine, Boyd, Laurence, Arundel and Pender. Messrs. Geo. Lake, W. Larmer, and J. N. Levine accompanied the boys on the trip. The party is expected back home on this evening's train.

RESOLUTION NIGHT AT A.S.D. CLUB WEDNESDAY

Next Week's Meeting to be an Open One in the New Oddfellows' Hall Spruce Street

Last night was Resolution Night at the A. S. D. Club here, and the club's resolution for 1926 is that all dances start sharp at nine o'clock and not anytime between that hour and ten o'clock as has been the case at the majority of the dances this winter. There was a good attendance present at the weekly dance last night, and an enjoyable time was spent by all.

A series of resolutions were read by various members of the Club, these being a source of great amusement to the members present who did not have any, and to the few visitors at the Club. The resolutions will be sent to one of the members of the Club, Mr. J. Christian, who has been ill for the past few weeks.

The committee in charge of the programme for the last night was Mrs. E. L. Urquhart and Messrs J. Jacobs, E. L. Urquhart and C. G. Pirie. The A. S. D. Orchestra, in charge of Mr. Ted Whaley, provided the best of music for the evening's entertainment. The refreshments served during the evening were also an enjoyable part of the programme.

Next week the A. S. D. Club meets in the new Oddfellows' Hall on Spruce St. For the opening night the Club are holding an Open Night, each member being entitled to ask some guest to be present for the evening. The dance will start sharp at nine o'clock.

LARGE CROWDS AT THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

There were good crowds at the various church services in town in connection with the Christmas festival last week. All the various churches proved unusually attractive and inspiring. The attendance at the Christmas Eve services at St. Anthony's R. C. church was particularly noteworthy. The big church was packed to the doors and even then there was not room for all the worshippers at the Christmas Eve services.

There has been a story going the rounds to the effect that the time of the leaving of Train No. 46 for Toronto was to be changed to 11 o'clock, instead of 11.30. No official announcement has been made in the matter yet, but it is understood that such a change has been considered.

JUNIOR HOCKEY OPENS AT IROQUOIS FALLS MONDAY

First Game at Timmins Rink Will be on Thursday of Next Week, January 7th. Special Train Monday Night.

The Junior N. O. H. A. season for this northern group opens on Monday of next week, January 4th, when Timmins will visit the Falls to try conclusions for the first time this season with the crack Papermakers team. There is very strong interest in Junior Hockey this season and it is expected there will be a big crowd go over to the Falls for the opening match. Arrangements have been made for a special train, so there is no reason why there should not be a bumper crowd. Everybody go and cheer the boys to victory in this opening game.

The first game of the series at Timmins will be on Thursday of next week, Jan. 7th, when the Falls Juniors will be here for the evening.

The games for the season are at the Falls on Mondays and at Timmins on Thursdays. The dates for the Falls games are—Jan. 4th, 11th, 18th, Feb. 1st and 8th. At Timmins games in the group will be played:—Jan. 7th, 14th, 21st, Feb. 4th and Feb. 11th.

ODDFELLOWS TO INSTALL OFFICERS ON TUESDAY.

Installation of officers at the Timmins I.O.O.F. Lodge will take place on Tuesday, January 5th. The Installing Officer will be D.D.G.M. Bro. Chas. Wilder, of Iroquois Falls, who will be assisted by a team including brethren from Cochrane, Iroquois Falls, Matheson and Timmins lodges. Refreshments will be served during the evening. All visiting brethren will be cordially welcome.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY FOR MOOSE LODGE CHILDREN

Arrangements are now well under way for the big New Year Party to be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 6th, 1926, commencing at 7.30 p.m., in the New Empire Theatre. The party is for the children of members of the Timmins Lodge of the Loyal Order of the Moose. There will be an attractive programme, the chief part of which will be furnished by the children themselves. All attending are sure of a happy time and it is confidently expected that there will be a full house and everybody happy at this children's party given by the Moose.

Town Council Passes New Fire and Building By-law

Last Meeting of 1925 Council on Monday. Mayor Expresses Appreciation for Public Service of Councillor F. M. Wallingford. Routine Business Dealt With During Session. New Council Will Meet on January 11th.

The last regular meeting of the 1925 Town Council was held on Monday afternoon. The Mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis, was in the chair, and all the Councillors were present.—Messrs. J. H. Bacon, E. L. Longmore, H. Charlebois, J. Morrison, F. M. Wallingford, and G. S. Drew.

The business transacted was chiefly of routine nature, including the passing of payrolls, accounts, etc. An important matter for the session was the reading and formal passing of the new Fire and Building by-law. Reference to this by-law is made elsewhere in this issue. Those contemplating new building or alterations to present premises should make a point of studying the provisions of the new by-law which is designed for the general safety and advantage of the town.

A refund of some fifty-eight dollars paid by Eplett & Sons for water connections was made in compliance with the agreement previous to the installation.

Councillor F. M. Wallingford took occasion to extend congratulations to the Mayor and members of Council who had been re-elected for another year. He had enjoyed the three years he had spent at the Council board, and regretted that the calls of his personal business had made it necessary for him to withdraw. Mr. Wallingford extended the best wishes to Mayor and Council for the New Year.

In response, the Mayor expressed the regret of all at the withdrawal of Councillor Wallingford. He thanked Mr. Wallingford for the excellent service given in the past to the Town of Timmins and for the time, talent and

interest he had so freely given to the Council business.

Council passed an account for \$18.00 from Mr. M. J. Tinkens in connection with the backing of sewerage into the basement of the new I.O.O.F. hall. The trouble had originated in the blockage of one of the town sewers, so the town was evidently liable for the damage caused.

The question for water rates for shacks on the back of lots was again discussed, and eventually it was decided to charge for such shacks, where the water was not actually installed, on the basis of the number of rooms in the shack, the number being added to the rooms of the house using water and the charge being made under the by-law for the total rooms in house and shack together.

The Northern Empire Theatres asked for a rebate of taxes on the New Empire Theatre, as that theatre had not been in use in 1925. Council deferred action in the matter until a detailed statement is secured in the case.

Dr. Minthorn was granted a rebate according to the provisions of the Act for some store buildings unoccupied during the greater part of the year.

Before the meeting closed the Mayor expressed his thanks to the Councillors for their work in the year, also extending best wishes to all for the New Year.

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Monday, Jan. 11th, the members assembling at 11 a.m. to be duly sworn in to office for the year. After the taking of the oath of office it is the intention to hold the regular session of the Council.

Many Selling Their Bonds To Invest in Mining Shares

Mr. A. A. Amos, Closely Associated with Northern Ontario Mining Development, Refers to Great Resources of This Country and the Possibilities Now Opening Up. Looks for Prolonged Period of Rising Market Prices in Mining Shares.

Mr. Alfred A. Amos, of Cobalt superintendent of the northern offices of Arthur E. Moysey and Co., Limited, is in Timmins this week, being in charge of the office here during the absence on holiday of Mr. J. W. Wray. In an interview with The Advance Mr. Amos had much of striking interest and value to say regarding mining development in this North Land. Mr. Amos has been closely associated with the mining development of Northern Ontario since 1907, and few men are in better position to speak authoritatively on this question.

"We are undoubtedly on the eve of the most active speculation and investment in mining shares of Northern Ontario that we have ever experienced," said Mr. Amos. Given nothing of a disturbing character in international financial conditions, he believes we will enjoy a prolonged period of rising market prices in mining shares for many months to come. His opinion is based upon the important developments of the past year that have not, by any means, been fully discounted on such of the big producers as Hollinger, Dome and McIntyre, in Porcupine, Teek-Hughes, Wright-Hargreaves and Lake Shore, in Kirkland Lake, and Nipissing Mining Corporation, Keeley and Castle-Tretheway, in the silver camps. Mr. Amos looks for a duplication of these successes, possibly in a smaller way, in Vipond, Consolidated West Dome Lake and Coniarum, in Porcupine, Kirkland Lake Gold and Tough-Oakes-Burnside, in Kirkland Lake, and Capitol, Tonopah, Coleroy and Keora, in the silver camps, in each of which cases there is an honest and efficient attempt being made to make them successful mining ventures.

"Coupled with the foregoing wonderfully constructive material for the encouragement of further capital to

assist in the development of our untold mineral wealth," said Mr. Amos, "we have the romance of the now famous Horne Syndicate, of New Liskeard, whose energy, pluck and tenacity made themselves independently wealthy and became the foster parent of the big Noranda corporation, so making many others wealthy and destined through their endeavour to see in a very few years the mushroom growth of another community as large or even larger than Timmins."

Mr. Amos referred to Amulet and Laval, Quebec, as other mining enterprises of apparent merit and attracting a good deal of attention. Many other mining ventures in the Rouyn district await but capital and efficient management to prove their worth.

"The wonderful publicity and consequent advertisement the mining industry of the North has had during the last six months," said Mr. Amos, "has brought new capital into the North for prospecting, exploration and development of promising properties, and new traders into the market for our mining shares. Experienced speculators sold their holdings freely during November and early December, intending to repurchase at bargain prices just before the holidays. But they found a rising instead of a declining market, which being in such a very strong technical position, and with a very large purchasing power at the back of it, cannot help but advance."

Mr. Amos further says that many clients of his firm are selling their doubtful so-called bonds and re-investing their funds in mining shares of merit; that the firm has an ever-growing clientele from the British Isles; and that it is high time that the people of Canada generally awakened to their wonderful mineral heritage of Northern Ontario and Quebec.