

T. & N. O. Railway Will Build Concrete and Steel Subway

Commission Announce That the Work Will be Started This Spring. New Subway will be of the Best Type of Permanent Structure. Will be on Better Angle Than the Present Subway, as well as Being Wider.

On their visit last week to Timmins the T. & N. O. Railway Commission informed The Advance that the new subway in town where the track crosses over the road to South Porcupine would be put in this year. Work will likely start as soon as the spring comes along. It was hoped last year that the new subway would be put in before the road from South End was completed. The Commission, however, said that the money was not available for the work to be done in 1925, but that it was likely that the work would be done in 1926. It is apparent that the T. & N. O., as usual in implementing the promise given last year, and Timmins will soon have the advantage of the new subway. The present subway is both an eyesore and a

danger. It outgrew its full usefulness years ago. The new subway will be considerably wider, and better in every way, being modern in every respect. It will be of concrete and steel and will be built to carry double-tracking. It will be on a slightly different angle to the present structure, and will not only look better but will actually be better in every way. It will remove the danger and inconvenience at this spot in the main roadway between the heart of this town and the chief other towns of the Porcupine. The plans are all ready and approved for the new structure, and its completion will be another proof of the T. & N. O.'s desire to serve the Town of Timmins in the best way practicable.

Mr. E. S. NOBLE JOINING SPRUCE FALLS PULP CO.

Will Leave Northern Canada Power Co., as Soon as Successor Appointed.

This week Mr. E. S. Noble, for some years manager of the Northern Canada Power Co., with headquarters at Timmins, accepted the position as assistant to the general manager of the Spruce Falls Pulp Co. The Spruce Falls Co. are to build a big pulp and paper industry in the Kapuskasing area, and are one of the several companies that will figure prominently in the expenditure of \$80,000,000.00 in this North referred to last week. The expenditures of the Spruce Falls Co. in the next two years will exceed fifteen million dollars, it is understood so the position of assistant manager is a very important one, and a man of outstanding ability is necessary for the position. Those who have watched Mr. Noble's work as manager of the Northern Canada Power will agree that a very capable man has been selected. In Timmins there will be general regret at the expected removal of Mr. Noble. During his residence here he has been a popular and useful citizen. He served the town on the council board and in other ways gave his talents to the general benefit of the community, as well as indirectly serving the community through his good work as manager of the power company. Mr. Noble will take up his new duties as soon as his successor is appointed as manager of the Northern Canada Power, Limited. Mr. J. H. Black is the general manager of the Spruce Falls Pulp Co., and the big plans of that company would appear to be assured of successful completion in the capable hands of Messrs Black and Noble who were associated in the work of the Northern Canada Power Co.

ENGLISH CAPITAL TO DEVELOP DELORO CLAIMS

Local Men Give Option and Active Development Work Will Start in Spring.

A syndicate of English capitalists has taken an option on promising mining properties in the southwest of Deloro township, and will start work of development and exploration as soon as spring arrives. The claims are owned by local men, including D. Ostrosser, Dr. McInnis, Len Cousins, W. G. A. Woods and G. H. Gauthier. There are thirty-seven claims in the group and while there are no particular showings on surface, the geology is very promising and from pits and trenches excellent samples have been taken. The group of claims is about five miles from the Hollinger, quite a bit of prospecting work has been done and the results have been decidedly encouraging. It is the intention of the new capital to conduct an extensive diamond drill campaign, carry through general exploration work and develop the property to the point where its worth will be evident. The option calls for an initial expenditure of \$25,000.00 and if this proves as satisfactory as expected more material expenditures will be made. The owners are maintaining a material interest in the properties. The option is of particular interest to the Porcupine Camp, touching as it does on a hitherto undeveloped section of Deloro. Also, it is sincerely to be hoped that this acquisition of English capital is only the first of a series of similar investments that will mean the general development of the Porcupine and the noteworthy profit of the investors.

Rumour That Mattagami Pulp Co. is Planning Settlement

Application to Court in Regard to Outstanding Judgments Starts Reports That Settlers and Other Creditors may be Paid at Comparatively Early Date. Nothing Official as yet to Support the Pleasing Suggestion.

Last week settlers who had sued the Mattagami Pulp and Paper Co., for accounts due for pulpwood and had secured judgment before the company went into receivership were notified by their legal advisers that the judgments were likely to be paid at an early date. It will be remembered that nearly five years ago the Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co., went into the hands of a receiver, at the same time owing a number of settlers for pulpwood. Previous to the receivership the company made settlement by note with as many of the settlers as would accept this form of settlement. Some of the settlers concerned would not accept the proposed notes and sued the company for the amounts due, receiving judgment, but the receivership going into effect the judgments were not paid. The settlers who accepted notes found the notes uncollectable at maturity and also that, on account of taking the notes they were not able to enforce the ordinary liens on the wood sold. The Advance has carried on a persistent campaign to have the settlers paid, knowing how serious the loss was to these pioneers. The Timmins Board of Trade and the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade took up the question and for years have urged the paying of the settlers. For a time it was feared that a re-organization of the company would be made, and the new company would take over the valuable timber limits, while the settlers would go without their money. Last summer the Minister of Lands & Forests made it clear to a delegation from the Associated Boards of Trade that the Government did not intend to give any transfer of the limits until the settlers were paid. So the matter rested until last week when the settlers who had secured judgments against the company were given to understand that they would receive their money. This latter has given rise to a number of reports to the effect that all the settlers and other unsecured creditors are to be paid. It is very sincerely to be hoped that this is the fact, but at present there is no official confirmation available. If it is true, it will be a good thing all round. It will mean a great thing to the settlers who need the money badly to carry on their good work. It will mean a great deal to the re-organized company for that company will be starting out with the goodwill and good wishes of all, instead of being under the enmity of everyone who loves a square deal. It will mean much to the Ontario Government, because it will be generally felt that Government interest and attention have had much to do with the settlers getting their rights. In regard to the reports in the matter, a despatch from Cochrane says:—"It is understood at Cochrane on the best of authority that arrangements are being made in connection with the proposed re-organization of the Mattagami Pulp and Paper Company which will result in the common creditors, including the settlers to whom pulp money is due, receiving settlement of their accounts in full. This statement is borne out to a certain extent by the information that W. N. Tilley, K.C., of Toronto, acting in the interests of the Mattagami Pulp and Paper Company, has made an application to the courts for a complete statement of the judgments and executions still outstanding against the company. In the meantime the settlers, while hoping that the statements are correct, are not yet over-enthusiastic about the chances of recovering the money lost when the Mattagami Pulp and Paper Company became bankrupt in 1921 and, in failing, caused considerable additional hardships to the settlers who were depending on pulpwood money to carry them through the winter."

TIMMINS WINS PLAY-OFF FOR COMMISSION TROPHY

Timmins, South Porcupine and Iroquois Falls Compete for T. & N. O. Commission Trophy.

In the first play-off for the T. & N. O. Ry. Commission Curling Trophy held at the Timmins Curling Rink last Saturday afternoon, Timmins defeated rinks representing Iroquois Falls and South Porcupine, thereby winning the T. & N. O. Commission Curling Trophy. The cup is for competition between Timmins, South Porcupine, Schumacher, Iroquois Falls and Cochrane, becoming the property of the club winning it three successively.



COUNT VOLPI

Italian ambassador to Great Britain who has succeeded in making a debt settlement with Great Britain whereby Italy pays only a part of the war debts due. Britain makes the sacrifice in order to maintain the good-will of the Italian people.

Timmins Rink for the present. The rink representing Timmins in the first play-off consisted of Dr. J. B. Aiken, skip; John Watt, vice-skip; R. Murdie, second and Walter Ecclestone, lead.

PLEASANT TIME EXPECTED AT CALEDONIANS FRIDAY

The regular meeting of the Caledonian Society will be held on Friday evening in the Hallinger Recreation Hall, and an unusually pleasant evening is expected. The programme is in charge of Mr. R. H. Gray, who has been responsible for several very fine evenings in the past, and who no doubt will excel himself on Friday night. There will be vocal and instrumental and literary numbers, dancing, refreshments, and a general good time for all. The meeting is for members of the Society and any friends the members may invite.

MOTOR SLEIGH TESTED OUT IN TOWN THIS WEEK

Considerable interest was created this week by trial trips of a motor sleigh through town. The sleigh was propelled on the same principle as an airship, a powerful propeller being at the back of the vehicle. It seemed to work all right, though some difficulty appeared to be experienced in making the hills. The vehicle came around the public school on Tuesday about half-past one and the youngsters made a regular stampede to get close to the machine. The rush of some of the lads suggested the danger from the exposed propeller. Another objection to the outfit is the noise made. No doubt, however, improvements will be made in the motor sleigh and it may shortly be as popular in winter time as the Ford is in the good old summer time.

HEARING BEFORE JUDGE IN PROTEST CASE ON FRIDAY

Friday of this week, Feb. 12th, is the date set by His Honour Judge Caron for hearing the protest entered in connection with the last municipal election in Timmins. The hearing will be at Cochrane and the Mayor and Councillors all intend to be present to present their side of the case to His Honour. The petitioners are also understood to have prepared a case which will be submitted with the hope of having the election in December last declared void and a new election called. In the meantime much municipal work is being held back until the matter can be settled. Nothing has been done or can be done to the taking of the assessment for the year until the election matter is decided. This means a loss and inconvenience to the town. To remedy it, the best plan will likely be to appoint two or more assistants to the assessor so that the assessment may not be unduly delayed. It takes normally about six months for one man to complete all the assessment. The outcome of the proceedings on Friday will be awaited with the keenest interest by all citizens of the town. It is understood that a large number of witnesses have been called to Cochrane for Friday in connection with the case.

A church at Cobalt is advertising a play, "with moral com-edy" whatever that may mean. However, there is altogether too much "moral comedy" running loose on this continent these days.

PLEASANT "HARD TIMES DANCE" AT A.S.D. CLUB

Announcements made of Coming Events by Popular Young People's Club

Last night was the evening of the annual Hard Times Dance of the A. S. D. Club, and the event was one of the pleasing successes that have characterized nearly all the Club gatherings this season. The majority of the members were in costume for the event, those not in hard times garb being paraded before Judge P. S. Taylor by Constables "Ted" Whaley and Morrison and were fined the sum of half a dollar each. R. Hoggarth acted as director for a Paul Jones which was much enjoyed. A gentlemen's tag foxtrot was another special feature on the programme. An old fashioned square dance was a real feature, culminating in a "break down" that was nearly real. A broom dance foxtrot was another specially enjoyable dance. The committee in charge of the evening's programme, Misses Mary Boyd and Birdie Hill and J. M. Belanger, deserve credit for the fine programme drawn up, and the creditable manner in which the evening's fun was carried through. Miss Hill was also in charge of the serving of refreshments, these as usual being of a high standard. The A. S. D. Orchestra provided the best of music for the occasion, and an altogether happy evening was concluded about one o'clock.

Immediately after the fining of those not in hard times costume, President C. G. Pirie made the following announcements:—A Sleigh Drive to be held next Wednesday evening, members to meet at the Clubrooms, Odd-fellows Hall, Spruce St., North, at 8.30 p.m. sleighs leaving sharp at that hour. The committee in charge of this event consists of A. W. Pickering and J. Jacobs. The regular weekly dance of the A. S. D. on Wednesday, February 24th. An Open Night on Wednesday, March 3rd, one dollar per couple admission. The necessity of having all dues paid up in advance was also stressed by the president, the secretary-treasurer, A. W. Pickering reporting that February dues are now payable. Mention was also made of the dance being given in South Porcupine tomorrow evening by the Bachelors' Insomnia Club, a general invitation to this event being extended to all members of the A. S. D. Club. The Club Orchestra are furnishing the music at the dance being given by the Kiwanees in the Masonic Hall here tomorrow evening.

Next week all members of the Club are requested to be at the Hall at 8.30 sharp to take part in the sleighride. Last Saturday evening a number of friends of Mr. E. Bolger who is leaving Timmins next Monday, tendered him a farewell banquet at the Empire Hotel. Numerous speeches expressing the regret felt at the loss of Mr. Bolger, and wishing him success in his new field of endeavour were expressed by the gathering. Mr. Bolger has been surface superintendent at the Hollinger for the past couple of years.

Council Considers Letter From Provincial Secretary

Provincial Secretary Advises More Suitable Quarters for Police Court, Jail, etc. Council Expresses Readiness to Consider Any Proposition that will Help in the Matter of Cost. Other Town Council Business.

The regular meeting of the Town Council was held on Monday afternoon, with the Mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis, in the chair, and Councillors J. H. Bacon, E. L. Longmore, H. Charlebois, G. S. Drew and J. Morrison present.

The time of council was largely taken up with routine matters, the passing of accounts, payrolls, etc. The adjustment of appeals from taxes also took up much time with the council sitting as a court of revision. Mrs. Moffatt appeared before the council asking for aid in the matter of unpaid accounts contracted by town patients. She mentioned three or four cases in particular where she had lost heavily by the accounts not being paid, the accounts referred to totalling \$487.00. The patients had been taken in when they had no other place to go for treatment. While the town had not guaranteed these accounts, Mrs. Moffatt did not think it fair that she should lose them. She thought that in view of her services to the town some help might be given in the matter, now that she was leaving town. She had given hospital service here for years when this accommodation was all that was available for the public. Eight hundred cases had been dealt with in her hospital in this time. Recently, there had been enough private and public hospital services started that she felt the field now overcrowded and was starting up in Rouyn. Council discussed the matter briefly, but no action was taken.

thought that perhaps Timmins and the Province might get together and between them plan a building that would meet the needs of both, or words to that effect. In discussing this letter the Mayor and Council admitted that the present municipal quarters were not as the size and needs of the town required. The matter of finances, however, was the difficulty, taxes now being high, and needs many. Everybody would like a good municipal building with proper quarters for the various purposes required, but the question resolved itself into one of expending money that always seemed to be needed for other purposes. If an agreement could be made with the Province, whereby the Province assumed a material part of the cost of a new building, the matter could be taken up. The following resolution, moved by Councillor Drew and seconded by Councillor Charlebois, was passed by the council:—"That the clerk write to the Provincial Secretary's Department acknowledging receipt of letter regarding the municipal building, and stating that we would be pleased to consider the matter, as we appreciate the necessity of such a building, but in view of our present high tax rate do not see how we could handle such a problem at the present time. We would, however, be glad to receive and consider any proposition the Department may see fit to make in regard to the matter."

A large number of appeals against taxes were considered, some claiming wrong assessment, others that they were not resident in the town, etc. Each case was given careful consideration and discussion, and a number of refunds authorized to meet the cases where wrong assessment or other cause had meant injustice. Some refunds were also authorized for water rates, where the water had not been used.



HON. H. H. STEVENS

Who has precipitated an extraordinary situation in parliament by charging the government with the knowledge that a man appointed Chief of the Preventive Staff for the Districts of Montreal and Quebec, in the Customs Department, was known to be chief of a smuggling gang.

Mr. L. Halperin is on a visit to Toronto this week.

"IRISH NIGHT" AT BAND CONCERT SUNDAY NIGHT

Several Talented Artists Secured for Event After the Church Services.

Although the programme for the "Irish Night" at the Band Concert Sunday evening, Feb. 14th, after the church services, is not available for publication in this issue the committee in charge give assurance that the evening will be a very attractive one. Several outstanding artists have been secured for the occasion. There will be vocal solos by Mr. Larkin and Mr. Hohner (Dome) and a flute solo by Mr. P. Cherry. A talented lady singer from South Porcupine is also expected. There will be selections by the Band, Irish number being featured. Altogether the evening's programme is expected to be a very pleasing one. The doors at the Goldfields Theatre, where the event will be held, will not open until 8.15 p.m.

An Old-Time Dance is to be held in King's Hall on Monday, Feb. 15th, for the benefit of Mr. E. St. Pierre. Square and round dances. Everybody will have a good time, and the cause is a good one.

First of Mines League Games at Timmins This Evening

Double-Header Scheduled to Open the Big New Porcupine League. Timmins Juniors vs. Schumacher, and South Porcupine vs. Canadians. First Game Will Commence Sharp at 7.30 p.m.

The first feature in the newly-formed Porcupine District Hockey League is scheduled for this (Thursday) evening at the Timmins rink. It is a double-header, and is confidently expected to be full of pep and interest and attractive hockey from start to finish.

The first match will be at 7.30 p.m., sharp, when the Timmins Juniors and the Schumacher team will try conclusions. The Timmins Juniors, as noted last week, are being kept in tact as a team and are going to carry through the season in good style. Schumacher is believed to have a good team that will make the Juniors level some.

The second match will be South Porcupine vs. Canadians. The South Porcupine team will include many of the players in the Porcupine All-Stars

who put up so good a battle last week without practice together. The team has been practising in the meantime and with Coach Jamieson to tip them off they should put up a nice brand of the good old stuff called hockey. The Canadians are a Timmins team, claiming a nice bunch of good players, some of them with creditable experience in senior hockey and they are ready to show what they can do. There is a healthy but friendly rivalry between the teams in the league and the matches should be interesting to watch. Hockey fans owe it to themselves and to hockey to give their support to the Mines League hockey to see what may be done with it. Give it a chance! It should be good sport! Everybody out to the double-header this evening.