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ENTRIES AND WINNERS IN PREVIOUS DOG RACES

W. Martin's Teams Won Seven Out of the Ten Races Run to Date

In view of the approaching Dog Race, it may be interesting to recall previous races. There have been ten such events in the past,—this year's is the eleventh,—and W. Martin's teams have taken first place seven out

of the ten times. Last year Martin's team was second, W. Poirier, of Ansonville, winning first by about half a minute.

The following are the dates, winners, times, etc., of the ten Porcupine Dog Races:

March 25th, 1916—Joe. Brisson, winner; 1 hour, 32 minutes, 37 seconds. Second, L. S. Newton, 1 hour, 34 minutes, 51 seconds.—9 entries.

March 10th, 1917—Geo. Cousineau, 1 hour, 18 minutes, 35 seconds. Second, O. Laroque, 1 hour, 27 minutes.—10 entries.

March 16th, 1918—W. Martin, 1 hour, 33 minutes, 23 seconds. Second, F. M. Wallingford, 1 hr. 47 minutes.—8 entries.

February 22nd, 1919—W. Martin, 1 hr. 33 min. 23 sec. Second, Jean Pare, 1 hr. 35 min.—7 entries.

March 20th, 1920—W. Martin 1 hr. 28 min. 19 sec. Second, F. M. Wallingford, 1 hr. 41 min. 2 sec.—8 entries.

March 4th, 1922—W. Martin, 1 hr. 33 min. 50 sec. Second, Walker, 1 hr. 45 sec. 56 sec. Third, C. E. Myres, 1 hr. 45 min. 56 sec.—12 entries. Of this dozen entries, three were women drivers namely Mrs. H. Darling, Mrs. Murley, and Miss M. Martin.

March 10th, 1923—W. Martin, 1 hr. 14 min. 45 sec. Second John Landers, 1 hr. 21 min. 20 sec. Third Victor Bissonette, 1 hr. 28 min. 25 sec. Fourth, Wm. LeClair, 1 hr. 28 min. 50 sec.—15 entries—the largest entry list yet.

March 8th, 1924—1st W. Martin, 1 hr. 18 min. 55 sec. Second, St. Pierre, 1 hr. 19 min. 35 sec. Third, McLean (Cochrane), 1 hr. 20 min. 55 sec. Fourth, Bridges, 1 hr. 24 min. 5 sec. Fifth, MacMillan, 1 hr. 29 min. 10 sec. There were twelve entries in this race, but only nine of these turned up to make the actual start.—9 entries.

March 6th, 1925—1st, Wilbord Poirier, 1 hr. 18 minutes, 5 seconds; 2nd, W. Martin, 1 hr. 22 minutes, 0 seconds; 3rd, M. MacMillan, 1 hr. 27 minutes, 26 seconds.—11 entries.

For the old course Geo. Cousineau's record of 1 hr. 18 minutes, 35 seconds, has never been beaten in a race, and for the present course W. Martin holds the record (1923) of 1 hr. 14 minutes, 45 seconds.

The dates of the various races is particularly interesting in view of the fact that every year there is talk about holding it earlier, and somebody is sure to say, "This is the latest yet!" As a matter of fact the event was held once as late as March 25th. In earlier days it was a common custom to postpone it once or twice or oftener before it was actually held. In more recent years a date has been selected and the event held on that date regardless.

The Freight Race has become a feature of the Dog Race event. The first year there were only four entries, but last year there were 16, which was 5 more than for the main event of the day. In 1922 the Freight Race was inaugurated, Mr. H. Darling's team being the first winner. In 1923 Mr. J. Clifford's team won out of ten entries. In 1924, Mr. L. Reid was the winner, there being 10 entries. In 1925 the winner was Mr. Philios Bouvureau, there being 16 entries.

Reserve Tuesday evening, March 23rd, for the event at the New Empire Theatre,—the famous Hart House String Quartet coming here under the auspices of the Timmins Kiwanis Club,—a genuine treat for all lovers of fine music.

GIVING SPECIAL THOUGHT TO EDUCATION IN NORTH

Correspondence Course Plan Inaugurated. "Travelling Schools" May Also be Tried.

A correspondent writing a review of the proceedings at the Ontario Legislature last week pays special attention to the comprehensive address by the Premier, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson. One section of the report by this correspondent will be of special interest to the people of the North Land. This section is in regard to education, and particularly education in the sparsely settled areas of the North. In this section the correspondent says:

"Regarding his own Department of Education the Premier said the great problem was to secure education for those in outlying sections of the province, and to make educational opportunities equal for all, as far as possible. He said: 'I have been trying to improve matters for the rural school children. We have endeavored to simplify the curriculum and give more attention to the development of character.' He also alluded to elimination of the supplemental examinations and said that pupils are no longer 'plucked' because of falling a few marks below the standard set so long as their term record is satisfactory. The plan to give first-year university work at various collegiate centres would be in general operation, he thought, by next year. After a reference to correspondence schools planned by the department for benefit of scattered settlements, the minister announced that with co-operation of the railways it had been arranged to send out a number of 'travelling schools.' Coaches were being fitted up to provide a class-room in one end, and teacher's quarters in the other, and these would be taken for a week or two at a time to places in the northern part of the province where one or two families along a railway line were unable to send their children to school."

If the people concerned take advantage of the Correspondence Course plan, it will undoubtedly prove a great blessing to the children in sparsely-settled districts. It will mean that children who would otherwise be unable to share in the advantages of education will have an opportunity for schooling. The plan has proved successful in British Columbia, Alberta and other provinces. It allows practically every child the opportunity for education. The Premier, who has shown a special interest in the matter, deserves every credit for this advantage to youngsters far from schools, and in sections not able to maintain schools.

The value of the railroad "travelling schools" will not, perhaps, be so apparent in this North Land. People living close to the railway are usually able to provide education for their children in this part of the North Land. At most stations along the T. & N. O. there is a school. In any event access to the railway means that a school is within reach because the children can be sent by railroad to the nearest school. The chief difficulty is with children situated three or more miles from railroad and school alike, or prevented by lack of roads from having possible access to schools or railroad. However, there is no doubt but that the Premier has given the matter the most careful consideration, and has found sections of New Ontario where the "railway travelling school" will be of service. The North Land is a big country and conditions are not the same in all sections. The big thing is to know and feel that the Government is sincerely interested and active and ready to do all that can be done to assure every child a chance for education. That is a big thing, indeed!

KNOW OF THE GYPSUM DEPOSITS 17 YEARS AGO

Writing under the pen name of "Prospector," a reader of The Northern News of Cobalt last week sent the following note to that paper in regard to the gypsum deposits north of Cochrane:

"In an editorial in your last issue you refer to the northern gypsum deposits as 'presumably the china clay' deposits. Please permit me to correct this impression.

"There are several known deposits of gypsum in the country to the north of Cochrane. One, generally known as 'Gypsum Mountain,' is situated about 115 miles directly north from Cochrane and east of the junction of the Onakawana river with the Abitibi river. There are other deposits about 15 miles northeast from Gypsum Mountain.

"It is possibly to this locality that the Toronto interests are asking an extension of the T. & N. O. Railway. The writer, while in the country looking for coal some 17 years ago (1909), was aware of the existence of the gypsum at that time, also black lignite (soft coal) and china clay. But lack of railway transportation rendered the deposits valueless then."

Music-lovers will be interested in the event to be given in the Goldfields Theatre after the church services on Sunday evening, March 7th, the concert recently given at Schumacher by the Choral Society to be repeated here by request. The programme is one of outstanding interest and excellence.

PRESENTATION MADE TO MRS. MOFFAT LAST WEEK

Mrs. Moffat left last week for Rouyn where she is opening a new hospital for the service of that new gold camp. For many years Mrs. Moffat provided hospital accommodation for the general public in Timmins and district when there was no other similar service available. In the course of over 5 years over 800 cases were dealt with, and despite the fact that many of these cases were considered hopeless before being sent to the hospital, there were only twelve deaths during the five years. In recognition of the services given by Mrs. Moffat, she was presented with an address and a purse previous to leaving here. The address expressed appreciation of Mrs. Moffat and her hospital services, regret for her departure, and all good wishes to her in her new location. It was signed by many prominent citizens of the town, including several of the leading medical men.

PRESS COMMENTS ON HART HOUSE STRING QUARTET

There will no doubt be special interest here in the comments made in the press in regard to the Hart House String Quartet booked to be at the New Empire Theatre, Timmins, under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club on Tuesday evening, March 23rd. The Hart House String Quartet recently toured the east and here are some of the reviews, in part, as given in the daily newspapers:

Toronto Telegram—"Our only regret is that the concert was not available for thousands instead of hundreds who heard it. You forgot that four people were making the music you heard; it was definite as though coming from a single instrument. The players excelled themselves."

Toronto Star—"The Hart House players are now a superb family of players. High vitality, splendid singing quality, brilliance, warmth and perfect balance of parts."

Halifax Morning Chronicle—"The recital was undoubtedly the artistic event of the season."

Ottawa Morning Citizen—"Those in attendance enjoyed one of the richest musical treats we have had in Ottawa. The playing was highly finished, tonal blend was ideal, and throughout there was contrast in colour that was always refined and delicate in conception. The artistic performance will long linger in the memories of the audience."

"Musical Canada"—"They gripped the works with mastery—cast off feverish restraint and excitement and gave out the best that was in them."

Halifax Herald—"It was a sheer triumph in impeccable musicianship." Galt Reporter—"The programme was presented with rare technique and delicacy of expression which even surprised those who had expected so much from the Quartet."

The Hart House String Quartet will be at the New Empire Theatre, Tuesday evening, March 23rd.

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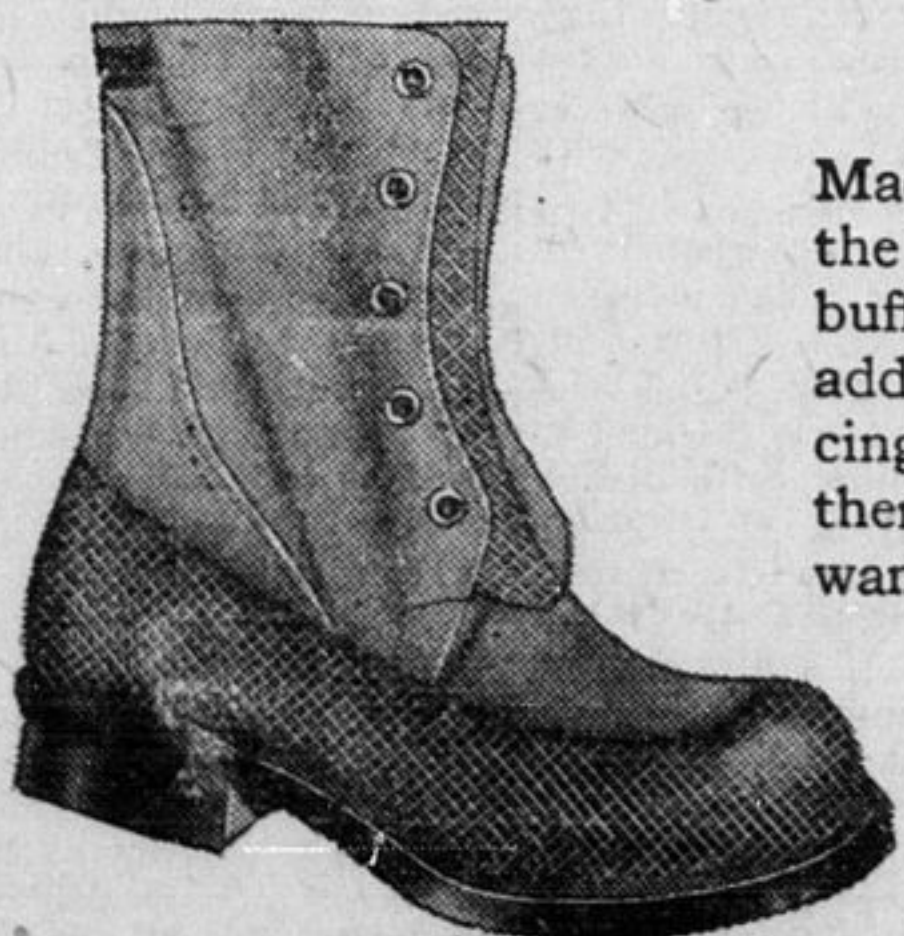
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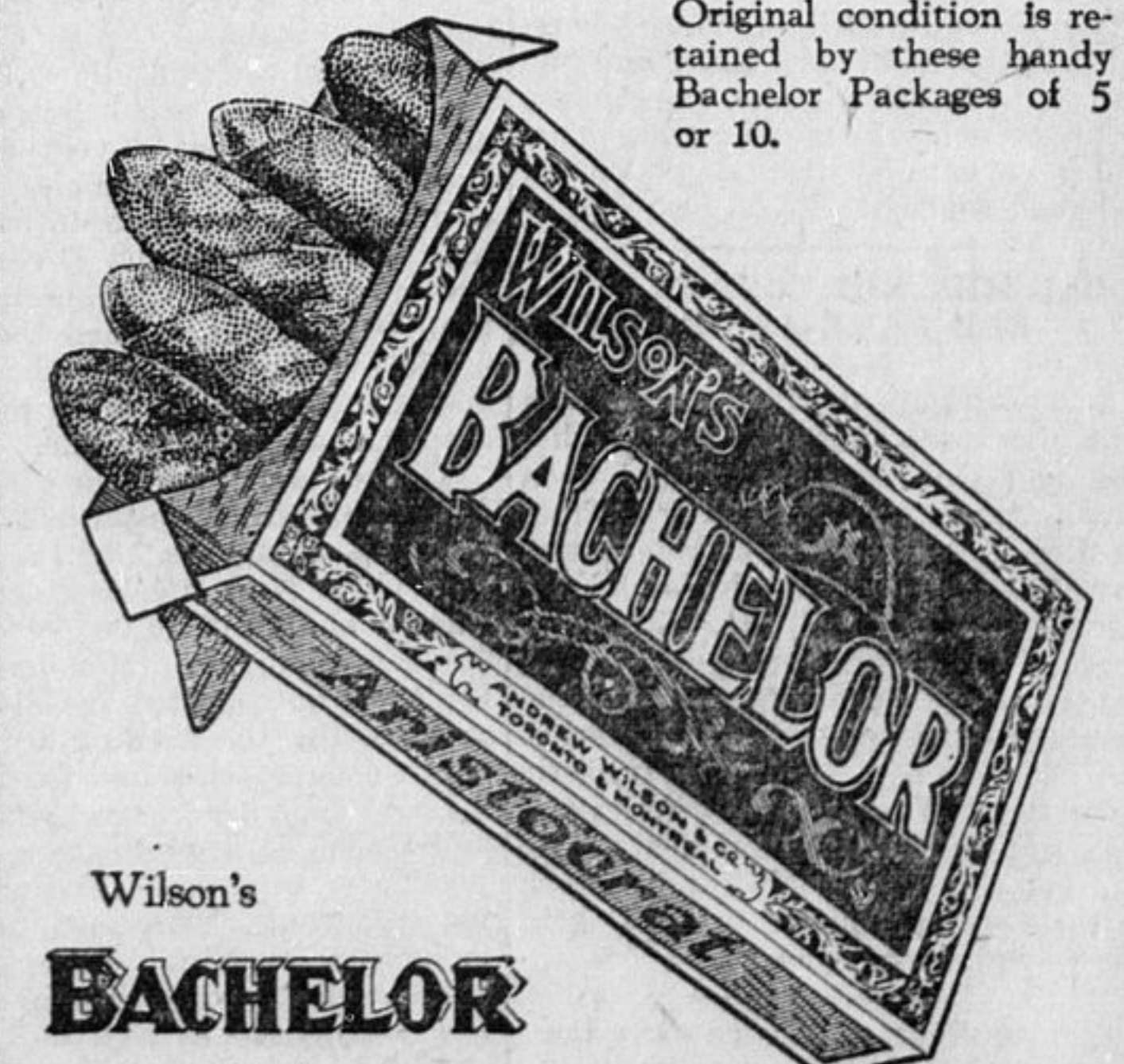


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