

# Annual Meeting of Timmins Football Club Lively One

**Large Attendance and Much Enthusiasm Shown. Discussions Were Warm at Times, but Differences Were Threshed Out. W. A. Field President for 1926. Big Season Assured. Much Interest in Visit of English Team.**

The annual meeting of the Timmins Football Club was held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, and proved very highly successful and promising. There was a large attendance and the keenest interest throughout. Every year that has seen a lively annual meeting has had a successful season. The Football Club has the gift of threshing out differences of opinion and then all getting in together to assure success. There were some lively times at Monday's meeting but those who have followed the history of football here know that all this but argues more than the ordinary interest and success for the ensuing season.

Mr. Roy Dunbar, President of the club for 1925, occupied the chair and conducted proceedings with efficiency and tact. In his annual address President Dunbar reviewed the activities of the Timmins Football Club in 1925 and showed the success that had been achieved despite handicaps and difficulties of many kinds.

The report of the Secretary, W. A. Field was a lengthy one and touched on many of the points reviewed in the President's address. Last season the Timmins team had played 18 matches. Of these, 13 were wins, three were drawn games, one was won by default, while the final game (in the Ontario Cup) was lost, as the Secretary phrased it, "to an inferior team." "But the Timmins team still kept their reputation as good sportsmen," said the Secretary, "especially regarding the fact that the venom from an infinitesimal in your own town preceded your team to the Hamilton club, who availed themselves of the information sent them and added the extra string necessary to rob the Timmins boys of the victory they so richly deserved. However, the finish to the yellow foolscap is not yet."

"Your team," said the report, "won the King cup, the Dickson cup, the Gallagher cup (Northern Ontario championship), the Goodyear cup, and have yet to re-play the Foster cup final here at Timmins. In the 18 game played your team scored 64 goals, with only a total of 7 scored against them. This is without doubt the most remarkable record for football in the North so far. Besides this, one of your teams, the Hollinger won the P.D.F.L. shield with the accompanying gold medals donated by our old friend, Mr. E. H. Bridger, this team going through the schedule of 14 games without a loss, dropping

only two points of the possible total. Another one of your teams, the Town A., won the runners-up medals donated by the League, this team dropping only five points of the possible. I cannot pass without remarking on the harmony created and kept up last season between our different teams."

The Secretary referred to a movement on foot to have a second senior team, and urged strongly against it. He felt sure that two teams could not carry on successfully, and football would be injured by any attempt to put this scheme in force. The plan, he suggested, was largely engineered by those unable to co-operate with the club, or who had been dropped by the club.

"I am pleased to inform you," said the report, "that this season we are entering on a new phase for football in this district, as the Ontario Cup competition will be the preliminary round for the Dominion championship. It will be necessary to get an early start as the whole of Northern Ontario must be decided by June 12th, and the winner of the Ontario Cup declared by July 7th. We have our last season's team intact, except one man, and there is some new blood from which to draw or build up the weak spots, and with all pulling for Timmins it augurs well for this, the coming season not only bringing the coat of arms of Ontario, but the blue ribbon of Canada.

The Secretary made a number of recommendations and suggests in his report. Among these were:—That the old plan of no players on the executive be adopted; that an effort be made to raise considerable funds to help in the defraying of the expenses of one of the players in the hospital in Toronto since last year; that credit should be given to the trainer, Mr. W. Larmer, for the way he worked for the team, and that some token would be fitting to Mr. Larmer for his untiring work; that the Town B. team be not entered this year, the players to go to the Hollinger and Town A. teams if they wish; that membership tickets be fixed at \$3.00, same to give admission to all games held under the auspices of the club, and that only holders of tickets shall be entitled to vote at any meeting except the case of registered players; that the formation of a school league maintain our policy of looking with disfavour on the importation of football players, keeping strictly to our home brew policy which has proved a success so far."

Touching on the visit of the English F.A. team to Timmins, the secretary's report said:—"Since the annual meeting of the Ontario Football Association in Toronto in January efforts have been made with the purpose of getting the touring English F.A. team here this coming summer, and I am pleased to be able to announce that owing to the reputation that your team has built up and maintained these past few years, Timmins has been finally chosen for one out of four games to play in Ontario. Two more will be played in Toronto, and the other one in either Ottawa, Hamilton or Windsor. If this game here materializes it will without doubt be a red letter day for this camp and I ask everyone of you to make this event possible by doing just a little more than asked by the N.O.F.A. in the correspondence that will be placed before you later."

The Secretary also called attention to the special support given either morally or financially to the club by the Town, the Hollinger, the Timmins Citizens' Band, The Porcupine Advance and the public in general.

Regarding his financial report as secretary-treasurer, Mr. Field said: "Although my treasurer's report is not as healthy as we would wish it, I think you will all agree that last season was a very strenuous one financially. We had to purchase four

# South Porcupine Curlers Compete for Fine Trophy

**B. L. Pillsworth Memorial Trophy One of Finest in North. Archdeacon Woodall Gives Very Interesting Address to Y.P.S. at South End. J. T. Bridges new Bandmaster at South Porcupine. Thirteen Patients at New Hospital in Two Weeks.**

South Porcupine, March 9th, 1926. Special to The Advance.

Mr. E. Kimberley, formerly with Knight Bros. and McKinnon, Timmins, but now of Beamsville, Ont., was in town this week the guest of Mrs. A. E. Starling.

Mr. V. Laffin is home from the hospital and will soon be out and around the same as usual.

Mrs. E. Jamieson and four children, of Owen Sound, arrived on Friday evening and are now the guests of Mr. Jamieson's sister, Mrs. W. Honer, Dome Mines, until they can get a suitable home in town.

In the Police Court, Wednesday, March 3rd, there were five drunks who pleaded guilty, paying the usual \$10 and costs. A number of people charged with gambling were remanded

for a week. A Schumacher woman was sued for wages amounting to \$29. Judgment was given against her. A local wood-dealer was sued for \$26.00 wages and judgment was given for \$20.75.

The play entitled, "Aunt Susan's Visit," being put on by the Ladies' Guild on March 8th, in the Majestic Theatre is a laugh-provoking comedy from start to finish. Ye Olde Tyme people in Ye Olde Tyme garb will give us an idea of how fun was made in the days of real sport. In the closing act, a varied concert of ancient melodies will be a part of the play. Don't Miss It.

The first baby born at the new hospital arrived on Monday, March 1st. He is the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Carriere, of South Porcupine.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Pauline Belanger entertained at bridge in honour of her mother, Mrs. O. Belanger, of Elk Lake, who is visiting her at present. There were four tables, Mrs. A. Kincaid being the winner of first honours, Mrs. J. Herman also winning a prize. Miss Jacqueline Belanger, another daughter, of Schumacher, and a son, J. M. Belanger, of Timmins, were also present and assisted Miss Belanger in looking after the comfort of the guests. A delicious lunch was served and a very happy time enjoyed by all. Mrs. Belangers has been her daughter's guest here before and has made many friends in the Camp.

The Home and School Association will meet on Wednesday, March 24th, when the pupils of Miss Shaw's Class IV. will compete in public speaking. There will be community singing at the close. The executive changed the date from the 17th to the 24th, owing to the 17th being St. Patrick's Day. Mrs. S. J. Wright has offered a very fine painting done by her daughter, Miss Frances, who is a student in art at St. Joseph's Academy, Toronto, to be used for raising funds for the children's playground. Views of the High School, the Public School and the Teachers' Residence are to be sold and the party who buys the view having the proper number on it will receive as a donation, a painting done by this rising young artist, whose work has been the admiration of those who have seen it at the Porcupine Fair and elsewhere.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Wm. McIntosh entertained a number of her friends at a skating party at the rink. The ice was perfect and a generally good time enjoyed by all, also a wonderful appetite worked up, which was fully regaled by the bounteous and appetizing spread put before them at the home of their hostess.

Mr. Austin McVeigh, a Haileyburian from Le Pas, Manitoba, was in town this week. He has just come from the Red Lake district and reports things looking very good indeed in that country.

Mr. Dominic Ig'iori is out of the new hospital having been one of their first patients there, undergoing an operation successfully which had to be undergone owing to trouble caused by a wound he had received during the World War.

During the two weeks the hospital has been in operation they have had thirteen patients treated in their wards. Pictures are being taken of the interior of the hospital this week and these are to be used as lantern slides for the Women's Missionary Society.

It was decided to have the fee for membership tickets three dollars, the tickets to be good for all matches under the auspices of the Club, except the coming English F. A. team match.

Correspondence was read from the N. O. F. A. regarding the English F.A. team's visit. The proposal was that a picked team from the district clubs play the visitors at Timmins, the date to be likely July 7th. A guarantee of \$1500.00 was necessary and to assure this, each club was asked to guarantee a certain number of tickets at \$1.00 each. The amount apportioned to the T.F.C. was \$300.00; to Cornish and Lancashire F.C.'s, \$200.00 each, and so on. Some thought the smaller clubs could not handle the guarantee; others suggested the Timmins Club take over the game; others thought the T.F.C. could assume more of the guarantee. Eventually the following resolution was passed unanimously: "Moved by B. C. Lamble, seconded by P. Larmer, that the Timmins Football Club take on the obligation as per the N.O.F.A. resolution of \$300.00 re the visit of the English F.A. team, with a rider that should the N.O.F.A. feel they cannot undertake the burden, that the T.F.A. undertake the offer on their own, and a committee of the T. F.C. be formed to approach the various bodies in town in regard to the raising of the \$1500.00."

In case the N.O.F.A. or the T.F.C. bring the English team here, the association concerned will share in the profits, if any, of the tour of Canada, on a proportion basis.

On Monday evening, Archdeacon Woodall gave an illustrated lecture to the Young People's Social and Dramatic Club on his experiences in the James and Hudson Bay districts. This lecture was most interesting throughout and some splendid views of the North were shown, among them being one of an especially majestic iceberg, taken in the moonlight, another being one of the Midnight Sun. In 1902 Archdeacon Woodall left England in June and did not reach his mission station till the latter part of September. He showed views of trips taken from 100 to 150 miles into the interior, whither he had gone among the Indians. He carried his tent with him, preaching to them each night and, in places where he remained long enough, teaching the children during the day so that they could read and write. He told of how the Indians on New Year's Eve show their appreciation of the Missionary. They get what powder they can from the Hudson Bay Stores, then bring their musical instruments of various kinds and dance around his residence, explode the powder, then dance some more, after which they are served with hot coffee and cake. A vote of thanks was moved by Miss Synder and seconded by Mrs. Bain to be given to Archdeacon Woodall for his very instructive and interesting talk.

Mr. J. T. Bridges, of Timmins, has been engaged as the new bandmaster by the Porcupine Goldfields Band. It is his intention to move his family here from Timmins and become a regular resident. We are lucky to have this talented musician coming to our midst, for Mr. Bridges besides being a very capable leader of a band, is also an efficient teacher of both string and band instruments. We wish Mr. Bridges all success and extend to him and his family a hearty welcome to our town.

Mr. Jas. Alexander challenged Mr. Sylvester Kennedy to a curling game, the losers to supply a chicken dinner to the winning rink. Mr. Alexander picked his rink consisting of M. Donovan, J. Burns, J. Alexander and M. Legate, skip; then with characteristic Scotch shrewdness, Kennedy's rink was limited to certain players. It consisted of Dr. Harper, D. McLellan, M. Wilson and S. Kennedy, skip. Thus it developed into a battle between the Druggists and the Government. We are told that the Government side, not wanting to be hard with the Drug Clerks, kindly allowed them seven points, keeping fourteen for themselves and that they greatly enjoyed the chicken supper provided by said clerks after the game. We understand that the next time the challenge is to be for an ostrich supper.

Little Miss Dorothy Farrell is much improved and hopes are now entertained that she will soon be fully recovered from her recent severe illness.

The Girls' Baseball team held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Wilson Raynor on Monday evening. It is thought there will be two Girls' Baseball teams here this summer. Any girls who are interested and would wish to play, please communicate with Mrs. W. Raynor. There will be a meeting the latter part of the month to elect officers for the club.

Mrs. J. Sharpe, of New Liskeard, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Ringsleben, of Timmins, was the guest of Mrs. W. C. Sharpe over the week-end.

The B. L. Pillsworth Memorial Trophy is now on exhibition at the Pillsworth Estate Drug Store. This trophy is in the form of a silver cup, mounted on an ebony pedestal, the height from tip to tip measuring 26. The diameter of the cup is 7.7 and it is surmounted by a figure of a curler about to throw his stone. This cup is to perpetuate the memory of the

late Bruce L. Pillsworth and when won is to remain in the possession of the skip of the winning rink for one year. A small silver shield attached to the pedestal will have engraved on it the year and the names of the winning rink. Besides, each individual of the winning rink will have presented to him a small ebony shield on which is mounted a silver medal with a silver scroll above bearing his name. Curlers say this is one of the finest trophies that has ever been offered for competition in the North and contests for its possession will be keen.

It is no advantage to be near the light if the eyes are closed—St. Augustine.

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