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NOREMBEGA MAN FOUND DEAD WITH GUN NEARBY

The Cochrane News last week says: "I. Deleglise, aged 46, was found dead on Friday morning last in T. Mercier's store at Norembega, a twenty-two revolver bullet lodged in his head. The deceased was Mr. Mercier's store Manager and had been a greatly trusted employee for the past eight years. He had apparently opened the store while partly dressed, waited on a customer and made the necessary record of the transaction. Some fifteen minutes later, he was found sitting in a chair in the store dead, with the gun, a twenty-two skeleton stock revolver lying on the floor in front of him. Coroner Tucker, accompanied by Inspector Constable, went from Cochrane to Norembega on a speeder, and pronounced the case to be one of suicide. As the deceased had expected to go on a protracted vacation the following day and all his accounts were in good condition, his friends and relatives were disinclined to accept the verdict, as there appeared to be no motive for suicide. The brother and brother-in-law of the deceased, who came to take the body to Montreal, did not arrive in Cochrane till Saturday night, and the body was taken away on Monday's National.

NEW WAY OF BEATING THE DOOR TO GET IN TO DANCE

Fire Chief Borland discovered a new game at the Timmins Fire Department annual ball last Friday evening. He discovered a couple of hats and coats left outside the hall, and investigation led to the theory, practically proven, that this was a new scheme to get in to the best dance of the season without the required expenditure of two dollars for a ticket. The two young men whose hats and coats were found outside, apparently walked in through the door without the formality of a ticket, the door-keeper naturally thinking that as they were without hat or coat they were among the dancers who had just stepped outside for a breath of cool air. It was a new trick and an amusing one in a way, but the Fire Chief says it will not work again, as the Firemen, now that the dodge is known, will counteract it with another scheme that will beat it seven ways.

RYLAND WANTS A CHURCH OR ELSE SOME MINISTERS

There was resident near Timmins some years ago a man who lived in many settlements of the North and also in other countries that were being pioneered. Once, he said: "Well, the churches are getting too plentiful in this district, and I guess I'll have to move, again. That's the way it goes. First, the preachers come in; then they have to send in police; and then I get discouraged and move somewhere else." That was one way of looking at it. The Ryland correspondent of The Cochrane News looks at it exactly otherwise. That correspondent wrote last week: "There are eight Protestant families in our community, none of which have been to church or been visited by a minister since last summer. People sit back and fold their hands and wonder at the lawlessness of Ryland. There are other communities however who have the best of spiritual advice and still are noticeably tainted by the crime wave."

WEATHER HAS HELD BACK FARMING OPERATIONS

Still Much Ploughing Has Been Done in District. Ground Too Cold for Seeding.

The weather has held back farming operations in this district. Still much has been accomplished in getting ready for the season. If the weather turns warm soon, everything will be all right for this is a land of very rapid growth. There has been considerable ploughing done by local farmers, together with discing, harrowing, etc. While the land has been thus prepared for the crops, it has been too cold to do seeding. The frost is out of the ground, but the earth has not yet warmed up enough to make seeding practical. The settlers have had to be content with preparing the land and waiting for more favourable weather for the sowing of the seed.

It is noted that considerable more land is under cultivation than in previous years. While little new bush was cut down during the past season, much burned-over area and partly-cleared land has been cleaned-up. Burned-over sections, where there had grown up a lot of underbrush have been cleared off and made ready for crop. With favourable conditions considerable more land will be under cultivation this year.

Naturally, the unseasonable weather has held back the farming operations to a greater or less extent. However, in this land of rapid growth, all this may be overcome if the weather will only behave from now on. The settlers are not discouraged or excited over the weather, unseasonable and unreasonable as it may be. They have instead the old faith, courage and humour that make the true pioneer. Last week one of the settlers up the river insisted to The Advance that summer was really here at last. "Why," he said "it sure is summer now because this morning I had my first row with a river driver over blocking the river."

SPRUCE FALLS MILL TO BE BUILT AT KAPUSKASING.

Last week announcement was made that negotiations had been concluded between the Government and the Spruce Falls Power and Paper Co., whereby it was decided that the 550-ton mill of the company should be located at Kapuskasing. There has been talk of locating at it Smoky Falls where a "closed town" could be built similar to Iroquois Falls. This would have been a serious matter to Kapuskasing. It is said that Mr. J. H. Black, manager of the company, favoured Kapuskasing. At any rate Kapuskasing has been eventually decided upon as the place and it will mean progress and prosperity for Kapuskasing.

PROSPECTS AT NORTH POLE REVIEWED IN MINE TERMS

Captain Amundsen's "discovery" of the North Pole was thus related in a recent issue of The Market Despatch in Wall Street terms, this kind of bull not being hard to bear. The Market Despatch says: "The North Pole was formally knocked down, this week to Captain Amundsen, who looked it over a bit and then took possession in the name of Norway. The visibility was low at the time he visited the property, but he evidently decided to take a chance on letting his grub-stakers in Norway fight it out with the League of Nations later. Commander Byrd, U.S.N., who inspected the acreage earlier in the week, probably agreed with the original prospector Commander Peary, in the opinion that the expense of developing the prospect would be more than his principals—the United States—would feel justified in paying. Amundsen is reported to have expressed the intention of returning later, and will then, no doubt, sink a couple of diamond drills on "location." Meanwhile, Norway has staked the claim—and we would like to see them get a "bid" quotation for it."

ORIGIN OF THROWING SHOES AFTER THE BRIDE

June, the marriage month, is almost here, and it may be of interest to consider one of the marriage day customs that has had a wide vogue for many years—the custom of throwing shoes after the bride and groom. A Glasgow man in town the other day was giving the origin of the custom. He said he read it in The Scotsman (a bible to many Scots) and so was sure it was authentic. Throwing a shoe after the bride, he said, is an Eastern custom. The shoe was used in Eastern countries as a method of correction, just as the famous slipper of childhood was used by wise parents to impress life's lessons. In the East there was an ancient custom by which the bride's father presented a shoe to the bridegroom as a token that the parental authority was yielded up to the husband who, in future would carry out what correction was necessary. There may be bridegrooms who will believe this explanation and believe that with the shoe they receive the right to correct the bride. Let them try it! The more cautious grooms, however, will wisely maintain that the shoes thrown on a wedding day mean nothing more than an expression of good luck, as is the common belief.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MOOSENEE DIOCESE W. A.

Nineteenth Annual Meeting Held at Iroquois Falls on Wednesday of Last Week.

The following report of the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Moosonee is from this week's issue of The Broke Hustler, of Iroquois Falls.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Moosonee was opened by a celebration of Holy Communion in St. Mark's church, Iroquois Falls, on Wednesday.

At the morning session held in the Parish Hall thirty-seven ladies registered representing Hornpynne, Nakina, Kapuskasing, Cochrane, Porquus Junction, Iroquois Falls, Monteith and Chapleau; all branches being represented except Gogama.

The reports of the different officers showed a decided progress in all departments of the work.

Cash receipts for the year were \$2277.09, against receipts of \$1904.25 in 1925.

Nine children in Chapleau Indian Boarding school were provided for by the W. A.

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Archdeacon Woodall addressed the meeting at noon, stressing the value of faithful service prompted by a spirit of love.

On Thursday the Diocesan Board opened its meeting at 10.30 a.m. An excellent paper on Basil Matthew's book "Clash of Colour" prepared by Mrs. G. Collinson, Chapleau, was read and enjoyed by all.

The following is a list of officers for 1926.

Hon. Pres.—Mrs. J. G. Anderson, Cochrane; Hon. vice-pres., Mrs. J. E. Woodall, Porquus Jct.; president, Mrs. G. B. Nicholson, Chapleau; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Frank K. Ebbitt, Iroquois Falls; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. R. Hopper, Chapleau; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. H. Leigh, Cochrane; recording secretary, Mrs. L. Nolan, Chapleau; treasurer, Mrs. U. T. Chapple, Chapleau; Doreas secretary-treasurer, Mrs. C. McKnight, Chapleau; Thank-offering secretary, Mrs. Fairhurst, Porquus Junction; junior secretary, Mrs. E. P. Barker, Chapleau; Little Helpers' secretary, Mrs. W. H. Pritchard, Timmins; secretary-treasurer, of Literature, Mrs. G. Collinson, Chapleau; secretary-treasurer of Living Message, Mrs. Cooke, Timmins; editor of Living Message, Mrs. W. Lyness, Chapleau; prayer partner secretary, Mrs. J. Gibson, Chapleau; girls' secretary, Mrs. W. P. Griffiths, Iroquois Falls.

Rev. H. G. Carledge, of Waswanipi gave a very interesting talk on his work among the Indians.

A report of the work by the branches was presented by the branch presidents and proved very instructive.

One of the best attended and most inspiring meetings was brought to a close by a short message from Rev. W. P. Griffiths, of Iroquois Falls, bidding us remember our Lord's words "Lo, I am with you always."

An Irishman in town says that a man can not live safely any more in this world without dying. It isn't safe to walk on the side, or ride a bicycle on the road, or drive an auto, or ride behind a horse. There have been tragic illustrations of these dangers. An Englehart boy broke his arm when his car turned turtle a week or so ago, and the same day an Englehart girl had her leg broken when she was thrown out a carriage in which she was going for a drive behind a spirited horse.



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